

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 08/25/05

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Mayor Wynn: GOOD MORNING. I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME FATHER DAVID FARNUM, THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CATHOLIC CENTER WHO WILL LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION, FATHER, PLEASE RISE. SHEPHERD OF SOULS, BE WITH US NOW AS WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME, YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR GLORY TO ALL NATIONS. GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, WISDOM AND JUSTICE, THROUGH YOUR AUTHORITY IS RIGHTLY ADMINISTERED, LAWS ARE ENACTED AND JUDGMENT IS DECREED. THE LIGHT OF YOUR DIVINE WISDOM SHINE FORTH IN ALL OF THE COUNCIL'S READINGS, LAWS, STATUTES AND DECREES. MAY THEY SEEK TO PRESERVE PEACE, PROMOTE CIVIC HAPPINESS AND CONTINUE TO BRING US THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AND EQUALITY. WE PRAY FOR THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY, FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO GUARD OUR POLITICAL WELFARE. MAY THEY BE ENABLED TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES WITH HONESTY AND ABILITY BY YOUR POWERFUL PROTECTION. WE LIKEWISE COMMEND TO YOUR UNBOUNDED MERCY ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THAT WE MAY BE BLESSED IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SANCTIFIED IN THE PRESERVANCE OF YOUR HOLY LAW. AFTER ENJOYING THE BLESSING OF THIS LIFE, BE ADMITTED TO THOSE WHICH ARE ETERNAL. WE PRAY TO YOU OUR LORD AND GOD, FOREVER AND EVERY, AMEN. GOD BLESS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FATHER. FATHER FARNUM IS

STARTING HIS SECOND YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CATHOLIC CENTER, WHERE HE LEADS THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OVER 13,000 CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT IS -- WHAT IS TODAY? THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2005, WE ARE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE CITY HALL, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, APPROXIMATELY 12 MINUTES AFTER 10:00 IN THE MORNING. WE HAVE A FEW CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. THAT I WILL GO THROUGH NOW. ITEM NO. 31. WHICH WAS -- WHICH WAS A DISCUSSION OF LEGAL ISSUES WILL BE POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. ITEM NO. 33, WHICH -- WE SHOULD STRIKE THE PHRASE AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND INSERT A PROVEN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE. THESE ARE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION. ON ITEM NO. 34 AND 35, THE SAME CORRECTION, THAT IS STRIKE THE PHRASE AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND INSERT APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE. ITEM 34 IS -- IS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, ITEM 35 ARE -- ARE REFUNDING BONDS. ITEM NO. 45, WHICH IS OUR ADDENDUM, WE NEED TO STRIKE THE PHRASE AN ORDINANCE AND INSERT A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR AND THEN ALSO NOTE THAT THIS WILL NOW BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. ON ZONING CASE Z-4, WE SHOULD CORRECT THE [INDISCERNIBLE] ON THE ZONING CATEGORIES, STRIKING THE PHRASE COMMERCIAL LIQUOR SALES, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, C.S. 1 CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING, AND INSERTING IN ITS PLACE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL GR, DISTRICT ZONING. AND THEN LIKEWISE, THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, SHOULD BE CHANGED, STRIKING THE PHRASE DENY COMMERCIAL LIQUOR SALES, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY C.S. 1 CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING, AND INSERT GRANT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY GR-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. ITEM Z-4, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP SOMETIME AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON ITEM Z-5 UNDER THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, WE SHOULD STRIKE THE PHRASE TO BE CONSIDERED ON AUGUST 16th, 2005. AND INSERT THE ACTUAL RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO GRANT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, GR-CO

COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING, ITEM Z-5. OUR TIME CERTAINS TODAY AT NOON, WE WILL HAVE OUR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, AT 2:00, WE HAVE BOTH BOND SALES, THE AGENDA ITEMS I READ EARLIER, 33, 34, 35, ALSO AT 2:00, WE WILL HAVE -- WE WILL HAVE OUR BUDGET BRIEFING AS WELL AS ITEM 36 THE DOWNTOWN RETAIL STRATEGY BRIEFING. SO WE WILL NOTE THAT THAT IS GOING TO BE POSTPONED TO ACCIDENT -- SOMETIME IN OCTOBER 2005. SO THE ONLY BRIEFING THAT WE WILL HAVE AT 2:00 WILL IN FACT BE OUR - - OUR PROPOSED BUDGET BRIEFING. AT 4:00 WE BREAK FOR ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, THOSE SHOW TODAY AS ITEMS 38 THROUGH 40. AND ZONING PUBLIC -- PUBLIC HEARING CASES, Z-1 THROUGH Z-10. WE WILL ANNOUNCE NOW THAT THE STAFF IS REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENTS TO ITEM 39, THE HYDE PARK NORTH NCCD, POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. ON ITEM Z-2, AND Z-3 -- Z-2 BEING THE NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND Z-3 BEING THE [INDISCERNIBLE] CASE BOTH TO BE POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 6th, 2005. ITEM Z-8, THE ADDRESS 11,601 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD TO BE POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005 AND ITEM Z-10, THE H 2 O CAR WASH FOR AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. 5:30 P.M. LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, 6:00 P.M., PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 41 THROUGH 44 AND DURING THAT TIME WE WILL BE RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED '05-'06 CITY BUDGET. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA, COUNCIL. LET'S SEE. ITEM NO. 7, WHICH IS A -- WHICH IS A -- A CONTRACT RELATED TO THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, THAT'S BEEN PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. ITEM 16, WHICH IS ANOTHER CONTRACT RELATED TO FATIGUE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, BEEN PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND ITEM NO. 27, AN ITEM FROM COUNCIL REGARDING EMINENT DOMAIN HAS BEEN PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. IT'S LIKELY WE MAY TAKE THAT UP IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER OUR POSTED HEADING OF -- OF ISSUES REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. SO COUNCIL ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA OR ADDED BACK? HEARING NOW, I WILL READ THE CONSENT AGENDA NUMERICALLY. CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING WILL BE ITEM NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, ITEM NO. 26 ARE OUR BOARD ECONOMICS -- BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS THAT I WOULD READ INTO THE RECORD. TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD, ARRESTMAND GILANI AND ALSO MARY GAY MAXWELL AS COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY'S REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, THE LATIN ARTS COMMUNITY REPRESENT WILL BE IS SAYISADORA LOPEZ. CONTINUING ON WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA, ITEM 28, -- FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

Alvarez: MOVE APPROVAL, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COMMENTS -- LET ME CHECK MY -- I CAN'T QUITE GET TO MY SIGNUP SHEET. ANY CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS? THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, JUST A HANDFUL OF DISCUSSION ITEMS. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ IF YOU ARE READY, WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 7, WHICH WAS THE BGH CARVER CONTRACT REGARDING THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. AND I SEE MR. CHRIS LIPPE IS HERE, AS WELL AS SONDRY CRAYTON FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

Alvarez: ACTUALLY, MAYOR, I WAS WONDERING, I STILL HAVE SOME ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH STAFF. IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO HAPPEN ON THE DAIS. BUT -- SO IF WE COULD JUST TABLE THAT FOR -- FOR A LITTLE LATER IN THE WEEK.

YOU BET.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. SO WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 7 LATER IN THE DAY AS A DISCUSSION ITEM. ITEM 16 WAS A -- WAS A CONTRACT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FATIGUE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, NOT RELATED TO THE

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, I TRUST. PULLED BY
COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I JUST HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF
THIS WORK, WHAT THE OBJECTIVES ARE. CAN YOU KIND OF
LAY THEM OUT JUST BROADLY FOR ME, PLEASE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M RUDY GARZA, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER -- FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. I'M GOING TO ASK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS THOSE COMMENTS
SPECIFICALLY.

THANK YOU.

HELLO, MY NAME IS GORDON BERG. I'M PART OF A -- OF A
TEAM MADE UP OF MANAGEMENT AND UNION IN WHICH WE
HAVE BEEN TRYING TO WRESTLE WITH HOW WE MANAGE
FATIGUE WITHIN THE WORKFORCE. WITHIN THE PAST EIGHT
MONTHS WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE OF ANYWHERE
BETWEEN 12 AND 20% IN THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES. NOW,
IN OUR URBAN CORRIDOR STATIONS THAT TRANSLATES TO
ACTIVITIES IN WHICH PARAMEDICS MAY COME IN AT 7:00
A.M., BEGIN THEIR SHIFT, THEY MAY NOT GET BACK TO THE
STATION UNTIL 5:00 A.M. THAT BECOMES UNTENABLE OVER
A PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE IT'S A CUMULATIVE EFFECT ON
FATIGUE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE RECOGNIZED AS WE
WRESTLED WITH HOW WE APPROACH FATIGUE IS THERE'S A
SERIES OF POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES AND SCHEDULING
CONFIGURATIONS, BUT WE -- WE DIDN'T HAVE THE
EXPERTISE TO LOOK AT FATIGUE SCIENTIFICALLY IN TERMS
OF WHAT ARE THE -- WHAT ARE THE FATIGUE INDICATORS.
HOW DO WE DESIGN PROGRAMS WHEN WE REACH A
CERTAIN BENCHMARK THAT SAYS THAT WE HAVE REACHED
THE MAXIMUM IN WORKLOAD FOR A PARTICULAR
PARAMEDIC. HOW DO WE OPTIMIZE SCHEDULES TO -- TO
ASSURE THAT THEY STAY WITHIN A SAFE WORK
ENVIRONMENT AND THEY DON'T EXCEED THAT SAFE WORK
ENVIRONMENT. BECAUSE WHEN THEY -- WHEN THEY ARE
WORKING WITHIN THAT ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THERE ARE
-- IN WHICH THEY ARE OVERLY FATIGUED, THEY ARE OPEN
FOR MISTAKES IN JUDGMENT, WHICH CAN BE TRANSLATED
INTO ACCIDENTS, INJURY, CERTAINLY YOU CAN SEE IT IN
THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS. IT -- IT OPENS THE DOOR

FOR ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF RISK, NOT ONLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL BUT FOR THE CITY. SO -- SO OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING IN A CONTENT EXPERT AND HAVE THEM LOOK AT OUR HISTORY OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS IN TERMS OF WORKLOAD. AND IN TERMS OF OUR SCHEDULING CONFIGURATIONS AND IN TERMS OF FATIGUE IN GENERAL. THAT WOULD INCLUDE BRINGING IN DEVICES TO ACTUALLY MEASURE PHYSIOLOGY OF THE PARAMEDICS WHERE THEY ARE CARRYING SPECIAL MEASURING DEVICES ON THEM TO -
- TO MEASURE HOW MUCH ACTIVITY THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN, HOW MUCH AWAKE ACTIVITY COMPARED TO REST ACTIVITY THAT THEY ARE INVOLVE IN, IN A 24 HOUR PERIOD. TO REALLY GIVE US A HANDLE ON WHAT THOSE INDICATORS ARE. THAT TRANSLATES INTO PREDICTIVE TOOLS THAT WE CAN USE TO COME BACK TO YOU FOR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WHEN TRULY THEY ARE INDICATED BECAUSE OF THE DEMANDS ON WORK, ET CETERA. DOES THAT HELP?

Kim: YEAH, YOU MENTIONED 24 HOWEVER WORK SHIFTS, THOUGH. IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET WE WERE TALKING ABOUT MOVING TO 12 HOUR WORK SHIFTS. SO I WANT TO KNOW IS THIS A DUPLICATION OR ENHANCEMENT. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT SCHEDULING SHIFTS, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HOW WOULD WE ORGANIZE THE 12 HOUR SHIFTS TO GO TO THAT?

CORRECT. THE QUESTION IS WHAT STATIONS ARE BEST SERVED BY 12 HOUR SHIFTS, WHAT STATIONS ARE BETTER SERVED BY A DIFFERENT SHIFT IN CONFIGURATION OF 24. WE KNOW IN SUBURBAN AND RURAL STATIONS THEY CAN EASILY MANAGE A 24 HOUR SHIFT. AND FOR THE PARAMEDIC THAT'S CONSIDERED A JOB -- A BENEFIT, EXCUSE ME.
[PAGER GOING OFF]

IN A SUBURBAN OR RURAL ENVIRONMENT THERE MAY BE ANYWHERE FROM THREE TO EIGHT CALLS. IN URBAN ENVIRONMENT THEY MAY BE RESPONDING 18 TO 22 CALLS. FOR THAT TYPE OF CALL DEMAND, YOU REALLY ARE SAFER TO PUT THEM ON A 12-HOUR SHIFT. SUBURBAN AND RURAL STATIONS THEY CAN EASILY HANDLE 24. BUT WE NEED SOME EXPERTISE AND HOW WE CAN FIGURE THAT

OPTIMIZATION SCHEDULE.

BASICALLY IT'S AN OPTIMIZATION PROJECT?

YES. IT GIVES YOU A SERIES OF STRATEGIC TOOLS, ALSO, FOR PREDICTIVE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. THAT WE THINK IS VERY ESSENTIAL.

WELL, I'M FAMILIAR WITH OPTIMIZATIONS OR OPERATIONS RESEARCH, SO NOW I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THIS IS, OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBERS FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEM NO. 16? IF NOT I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO APPROVE ITEM 16 AS POSTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, WE HAVE TABLED DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 7. THE ONLY OTHER PULLED ITEM WAS REGARDING THE IMMENSE DOMAIN ITEM FROM COUNCIL. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS JUST A BRIEF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. PERHAPS. SO WITH THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE NOW HAVE NO MORE DISCUSSION ITEMS TO TAKE UP THIS MORNING. WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. TO DISCUSS POTENTIALLY AGENDA ITEM NO. 29 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS, 30 RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND 32 RELATED TO DRAINAGE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PLEASANT VALLEY AND HE ELMONT DRIVE. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION, I ANTICIPATED US BEING IN CLOSED SESSION UNTIL THE NOON GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION TIME CERTAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, WE TOOK UP ITEMS 32 AND 30. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. VE HAVE NOT

TAKEN UP ITEM NUMBER 29 YET IN CLOSED SESSION. WE'RE NOW BACK FOR OUR NOON GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS JENNIFER GALE. WELCOME, JENNIFER. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. HI, AUSTIN, TEXAS. TEXAS NEEDS A GOVERNOR LIKE JENNIFER GALE PROVIDING LEADERSHIP. WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR 150 REPRESENTATIVES AND 31 SENATORS AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. I'M LOOKING FOR A GOOD LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. I'M RUNNING IN MEMORY OF BOB BULLOCK, A GENTLEMAN THAT LOOKED TO BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE IN A PARTISAN MANNER. TWO YEARS AGO ON AUGUST 14TH, 2003, I ANNOUNCED FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS. BEFORE THIS CITY COUNCIL. AS GOVERNOR I WILL TRAVEL THE STATE OF TEXAS WEEKLY MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS TO FIND OUT WHAT MATTERS TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS. THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE US IN AGRICULTURE, TO MAKING SMALL BUSINESSES WORK, DEVELOPING A REGIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT'S IN CONCERT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND TOWNS. WE NEED TO WORK HARD TO KEEP OUR DEVELOPERS FROM DEVELOPING AND BULLDOZING OUR CULTURE AND HISTORY, PUTTING NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST. OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS OUR HEALTH. FOR YEARS WE HAVE LACKED DENTAL CARE AND NURSES. LET'S BUILT A UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH IN EACH OF OUR MAJOR CITIES LIKE I HAVE ADVOCATED AT MUELLER AIRPORT, WHICH NOW MAY BE COMING TO FRUITION. LET'S HAVE THE KIND OF HEALTH CARE THAT LOOKS AFTER OUR NUTRITION AND OUR WELL-BEING. THAT LOOKS AFTER OUR PHYSICAL NEED FOR EXERCISING DAILY. WE NEED TO HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE WELL EDUCATED, THAT HAVE SECONDARY EDUCATION, THAT PUTS THEM INTO COLLEGE. LET'S FUND THEIR COLLEGE, BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT? CHRIS BELL, MY OPPONENT WHO HAS AGREED TO DEBATE ME IN FORUM, SUGGESTS WE TAKE 10 YEARS. OUR CHILDREN TONIGHT HAVE TEP YEARS. -- 10 YEARS. WE CONTINUE TO PUT OUR CHILDREN IN PRISON WITH A LAGGING. IF THEY DON'T MAKE IT IN PRISON, THEY WON'T WHEN THEY GET OUT. LET'S EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN IN PRISON. LET'S MAKE SURE WE'RE LOOKING AFTER ALL TEXANS, DEMOCRAT,

REPUBLICAN, LIBERTARIAN, SOCIALIST, REFORM, EVERYONE. AS YOUR CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, I WANT TO BRING ALL TEXANS TOGETHER. WE ARE ALL TEXANS WORKING TOGETHER, AND I'LL WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU BECAUSE WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM. [BUZZER SOUNDS] THANK YOU, TEXAS. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR CITIZENS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. BEFORE WE GO BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION, EARLIER ITEM NUMBER 27, THE ITEM FROM COUNCIL REGARDING EMINENT DOMAIN, HAD BEEN PULLED, AND PURSUANT TO OUR APPROPRIATE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING LEGISLATION, THAT ITEM WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND I BELIEVE BEFORE US, COUNCIL, ON THE DAIS IS AN AMENDED ITEM NUMBER 27 ORDINANCE REGARDING EMINENT DOMAIN. I'LL RECOGNIZE COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: WELL, THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS AN ITEM BROUGHT FORWARD BY MYSELF AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL THAT SEEKS TO PUT INTO LAW IN AUSTIN A SIMPLE PROPOSITION. THAT IS THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO TAKE SOMEONE'S HOME OR THEIR SMALL BUSINESS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT NEEDS TO OPERATE BY THE SAME RULES THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOES, WHICH MEANS YOU NEED A WILLING SELLER. THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS HELD THAT A CITY CAN TAKE PEOPLE'S HOMES OR SMALL BUSINESSES WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WHETHER THAT'S A RIGHT YOU HAVE OR NOT, IT'S A RIGHT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE AND NEVER SHOULD USE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, SO WE ARE ACTING TODAY TO PROVIDE SOME LEGAL PROTECTION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH IS PROTECTION I REALLY BELIEVE WE WOULD NEVER NEED, BUT WE'RE JUST MAKING IT OFFICIAL. THANKS, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. SO I'LL RECOGNIZE THAT AS A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 27, THE AMENDED ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE US ON THE DAIS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: IS THIS FOR FIRST READING OR ALL THREE READINGS?

McCracken: ALL THREE.

Kim: CAN WE HAVE IT JUST ON FIRST READING SO GIVE THE PUBLIC SOME TIME TO LOOK IT OVER AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONS OR ANY COMMENTS? JUST MAKE THE LANGUAGE AVAILABLE?

McCracken: SURE.

Kim: IS THAT OKAY? FIRST READING?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, AS THE SECOND, FIRST READING ONLY. SO WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE, ITEM FROM COUNCIL NUMBER 27. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: WAS THERE LANGUAGE ADDED TO SECTION C ON THE PUBLIC PURPOSE? IS LOOKS LIKE IT. THAT'S THE REVISED LANGUAGE? THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: YES, THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO ON FIRST READING ONLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: WE'RE READY ON 7 TOO IF THAT'S OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD TIME.

Alvarez: I HAD MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED, SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND MOVE APPROVAL OF THAT ITEM.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 7 AS POSTED NOW THAT HIS QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. SECONDED BY THE

MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE,
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL OF OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR US TO TAKE UP PRIOR TO OUR 2:00 O'CLOCK TIME CERTAINS, THE BUDGET BRIEFING. SO AT THIS TIME WITHOUT OBJECTION WE'LL GO BACK INTO CLOSED SECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 29 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS. I ANTICIPATE THAT DISCUSSION AND OUR LUNCH TAKING US THROUGH 2:00 O'CLOCK, AND WE SHOULD BE BACK SHORTLY AFTER 2:00 P.M. WE'RE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL BACK TO ORDER IS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE BEEN IN RECESS SINCE AROUND APPROXIMATELY 12:30 THIS AFTERNOON. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS I NOTICED WAS SHOWN ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN. WE NOW GO TO THE 2:00 TIME CERTAIN. THE FIRST ISSUE ARE BOND SALES, THREE POSTED BOND SALES, ITEMS 33, 34, 35. WE WILL RECOGNIZE MR. BILL NEWMAN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M BILL NEWMAN WITH PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, SERVICE FINANCIAL ADVISOR OF THE CITY. GOING TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT ITEMS NUMBER 33, 34, 35, THE SALE OF SOME 19,535,000 IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BOND SERIES 201, 7,185,000 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, 14,940,000 IN PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE OBLIGATIONS. CHRIS IS GIVING OUT A LITTLE BOOK I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH VERY QUICKLY IF YOU DON'T MIND. ON PAGE 3 WE JUST TOUCH UPON THE SIZE OF THE ISSUES, PLAYERS IN THE GROUP, I WOULD RECOGNIZE IF I COULD, JEFF [INDISCERNIBLE] IS HERE. YOUR BOND COUNSEL. BRIEFLY ON PAGE 4 WE TALK -- THERE'S A BLURB THERE ABOUT THE MARKET, WHAT IT SAYS IS THE MARKET IS FLAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME AS FAR AS THE BOND MARKET IS CONCERNED. THERE'S STILL SOME

CONCERN ABOUT RAISING RATES, THE FEDS RAISING RATES AND CONTROLLING INFLATION, SO FORTH, THAT HAS PRETTY MUCH KEPT THE BOND MARKET PUSHED DOWN. YOU CAN SEE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THAT ON PAGE 5 WHERE YOU LOOK AT A FLOW CHART FOR THE 20 YEAR TREASURY AND THE 20 YEAR G.O., GOING BACK TO AUGUST OF '04. 20 YEAR TREASURY AT 437 TODAY ACTUALLY AND THE G.O. AT 427. PAGE 6 YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THE MARKET TODAY, THAT'S TO OUR FAVOR GIVEN THE LOW VOLUME BUSINESS. WE DID GET A LOT OF BIDS, I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT IN JUST A SECOND. OVERALL PAGE 7 THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE THREE SALES. EXCUSE ME, WE GOT A TOTAL OF NINE BIDS ON THE 19 MILLION DOLLAR DEAL. NINE BIDS ON THE SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR DEAL, 10 BIDS ON THE 14 MILLION DOLLAR TRANSACTION. THIS AGAIN WAS DONE ELECTRONICALLY, THAT IS A VERY, VERY STRONG SHOWING OF INTEREST IN YOUR BONDS. IT'S NOT A RECORD. I THINK THE MOST THAT YOU HAVE EVER GOT WAS 32, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. BUT 28 IS A LOT OF BIDS. LET ME MENTION IF I COULD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, YOU SEE THE BOND RATINGS, MOODY SELECTED ON THIS OCCASION TO GIVE US A SLIGHT UPGRADE. WHENEVER YOU ARE LOOKING AT A RATING, WE ARE RATED A 2, WE ARE STILL RATED A 2, BUT UNDERNEATH THAT IS AN OUTLOOK FOR YOUR RATINGS. THE LOWER PART IS NEGATIVE, THEN STABLE, THEN POSITIVE. USUALLY WHEN YOU GOT TO THE HIGHEST PART OF THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO MOVE FORWARD INTO A HIGHER BRACKET. IN THIS CASE THEY TOOK THE CITY FROM STABLE TO A POSITIVE OUTLOOK. THAT'S A BIG DEAL COMING FROM MOODY'S, WHOSE EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE. I WOULD CITE TWO THINGS IF I COULD OUT OF THE RATING REPORT. THE RATING AFFIRMATION AND CHANGE IN OUTLOOK REFLECT THE CITY'S FAVORABLE TRENDS FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF HIGH TECH SOFTNESS, PRUDENT FINANCIAL PRACTICES ... MANAGEABLE DEPOSITION ... DESPITE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN 2002, 2003, MANAGEMENT PERFORMED A COMMENDABLE JOB OF MAINTAINING RESERVES, LIMITING DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES. THAT'S A NICE, POSITIVE STATEMENT FROM A RATING AGENCY LIKE THAT. I'M VERY PROUD OF IT, I'M SURE THAT YOU ARE AS WELL. LASTLY, I WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR TREASURER, ART

[INDISCERNIBLE] IS CERTAINLY ALWAYS A GREAT DEAL OF HELP TO US IN PREPARING THESE THINGS, WE ESSENTIAL APPRECIATE IT, WE WOULD -- CERTAINLY APPRECIATE IT, WE WOULD RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

THANK YOU, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? EVERY TIME WE DO THIS, THIS LOOKS AND IS A LOT OF MONEY, WE HAVE VERY STRUCTURED PARAMETERS IN WHICH OUR STOVE STAFF AND ADVISORS BRING IT FORWARD TO US, THEY MEET OUR PREAGREED TO PARAMETERS. VERY POSITIVE ASPECTS FOR THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD ON THESE CO'S, REFUNDING AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS. COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: CAN YOU TELL US SOME OF THE BENEFITS THE BOND MEMBERS GET FROM HAVING SUCH A HIGH RATING.

BE HAPPY TO. IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE, YOU ARE REALLY AT DOUBLE A, DOUBLE A 2, DOUBLE A PLUS IN ALL CASES. FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, GIVEN THE GOOD, POSITIVE RECOGNITION THAT THE CITY HAS IN THE MARKET, POSITIVE HISTORY, YOU SELL LIKE A TRIPLE A RATED BOND. YOU HAVE ALWAYS ON YOUR GENERAL ON OBLIGATION BONDS SOLD IN A TRIPLE A LEVEL. WHICH SAYS THAT YOU ARE GETTING THE LOWEST POSSIBLE INTEREST RATE THAT YOU CAN GET ON YOUR BONDS. THAT LOWEST INTEREST RATE TRANSLATES INTO LOWER TAX RATES. ON YOUR CITIZENS. SO THAT'S WHERE THE BENEFIT COMES IN.

McCracken: THANKS. I THINK MANAGEMENT DESERVES CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND PRUDENT FISCAL POLICIES THAT WE HAVE HAD IN PLACE OVER THE LAST TOUGH FOUR YEARS. WE ARE SEEING A CONTINUED PAYOFF TO TAXPAYERS IN THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF -- OF WHAT A FINE JOB WE DID IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO MANAGE OUR FINANCES IN THIS TOUGH PERIOD. THANKS.

NO QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: WE WILL CONSIDER THAT A MOTION TO -- TO MOVE, COMBINED MOTION TO APPROVE THESE THREE BOND SALES ITEMS 33, 34, 35, BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.
COMMENTS?

Leffingwell: WELL, I HAD ONE QUESTION, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION AT HAND OR NOT. HOW DO OUR RATINGS COMPARE WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN TEXAS.

I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE OTHER CITIES. IS DALLAS -- DALLAS IS A DOUBLE A PLUS. THEY WERE TRIPLE A AT ONE POINT IN TIME. YOU ARE STILL AT THE PEAK OF ALL OF THE OTHER CITIES IN THE STATE.

Leffingwell: THANK YOU.

YES, SIR. [MICROPHONE FEEDBACK]

Futrell: WE DID THAT FOR SOUND EFFECTS.

THAT SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE COMBINED BOND SALES, 33, 34, 35, FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. - OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AFTER THE DAIS.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. NEWMAN. SO, COUNCIL, THAT TAKE US TO ITEM 37, WHICH IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 BUDGET, INCLUDING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. I WILL RECOGNIZE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFFMAN. [AUDIO PROBLEMS, PLEASE STAND BY]

DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BEFORE WE DIVE INTO THE DETAILS OF THESE BUDGETS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE THAT THIS SET OF DEPARTMENTS GIVES US INTO THE ECONOMIC CYCLE THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING HERE IN AUSTIN RIGHT NOW. AS YOUR PLANNING DEPARTMENTS, AS YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS, YOUR PLANNING REVIEW DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS, THIS SET GIVES YOU AN INTERESTING GLIMPSE INTO THE ECONOMY OF AUSTIN. WHAT WE ALL KNOW IS THAT OVER THE DOWNTURN, AUSTIN WAS HIT FAST AND WENT HARDER THAN MOST OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTRY. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST MANY MONTHS THAT IS THAT WE ARE ON THE RECOVERY. AND WE ARE SEEING SIGNS OF THIS RECOVERY POP UP IN ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, WE ARE SEEING THEM IN THE FORM OF GOOD NEWS, FOR EXAMPLE, TOURISM IS ON THE REBOUND IN AUSTIN. THAT MEANS THAT OUR HOTEL-MOTEL TAX COLLECTIONS ARE UP. WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE IN THIS BUDGET IS THAT AS A RESULT LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE 15% INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING. WE ALSO CLOSED THIS YEAR ON THREE MAJOR INCENTIVE PACKAGES BETWEEN SEMATECH, FREESCALE AND SAMSUNG. IF ALL THREE OF THOSE PACKAGES DO THEIR PROJECTS IN AUSTIN AND PERFORM ON THE AGREEMENTS, WE ARE GOING TO SEE 1500 NEW JOBS, AN INVESTMENT OF \$4.7 MILLION IN THE AUSTIN ECONOMY AND A DIRECT CITY BENEFIT OF \$525 MILLION. ALSO SIGNS OF A GOOD ECONOMIC RECOVERY. IN OUR FISCAL DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE SEEING SIGNIFICANT GROWTH. FOR EXAMPLE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS WE HAVE SEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. PHYSICAL GROWTH. UP 40% OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THOUGH NOT AS AGGRESSIVELY GROWING, ALSO IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMERCIAL GROWTH AT 5.4%. AND WHILE THIS ACTIVITY IS GOOD AND GIVES US A SIGNAL THAT THE ECONOMY IS ON THE REBOUND, IT DOES NOT COME WITHOUT CHALLENGES. THE ONE STOP SHOP WAS ONE OF THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS HIT THE HARDEST DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, WE ARE SEEING THE IMPACTS, THE COMBINED IMPACT OF THE INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AND THOSE

CUTS. AND FOR THAT REASON YOU ARE GOING TO SEE THAT WE WILL BE RECOMMENDING SOME ADD-BACKS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. FROM A PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, THE COUNCIL IS PROVIDING US WITH VERY STRONG POLICY GUIDANCE IN THIS AREA OF HOW WE WANT TO SEE OUR BUILT COMMUNITY LOOK. YOU HAVE APPROVED NEW COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS, TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE. WE ARE EMPHASIZING NOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRANSPORTATION AND BUILDINGS AND WE ARE SEEING THAT IN YOUR POLICY DIRECTION. IN OTHER WORDS WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS WE ARE RAISING THE BAR FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AUSTIN, THAT IS ALSO GOOD NEWS AS WE MOVE INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CYCLE. FINALLY, RECOGNIZING THAT TRAFFIC IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS THAT EVERY CITIZEN IN AUSTIN SHARES, PUBLIC WORKS IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH PATTERN. GROWTH OBVIOUSLY MEANS PEOPLE, THAT MEANS MORE TRAFFIC AND THAT PRODUCES CONGESTION. OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS WORKING HARD TO MANAGE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN AUSTIN AS WE MOVE INTO A GROWTH PATTERN. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, COMBINED THIS SET OF DEPARTMENTS HAS A BUDGET OF \$128.7 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A 9.3 INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WHO WILL PRESENT TO YOU IN JUST A MOMENT, HAS A BUDGET OF 5.6 MILLION. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW HAS A BUDGET OF 64.7 MILLION. AND I'LL JUST REMIND YOU THAT OF THAT ONLY 19% IS GENERAL FUND, THE REMAINDER IS DRAINAGE UTILITY. NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING IS PROPOSED AT 4.2 MILLION. AND PUBLIC WORKS IS PROPOSED AT \$54.2 MILLION. A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE F.T.E.'S, IN THIS SET OF DEPARTMENTS YOU ARE GOING TO SEE THAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING SOME STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS OF PERSONNEL. WE ARE PROPOSING TO CONVERT A TEMPORARY STAFF MEMBER TO A PERMANENT STAFF MEMBER IN OUR BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER. THIS IS THE PERSON THAT GREETES SMALL BUSINESSES AS THEY COME INTO THE ONE STOP SHOP TO HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS PLANNING, ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE PLAN ROOM AND THE MANY TRAINING SESSIONS THAT WE OFFER TO OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AND SO THIS PERSON IS

THE FACE OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS ONE STOP. AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING, WE ARE PROPOSING FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES. WE ARE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES HERE TO HELP US WITH THE MANY LONG-RANGE PLANNING INITIATIVES THAT WE HAVE UNDERWAY, INCLUDING STATION AREA PLANS, THE CODE REWRITE, DESIGN STANDARDS, SALTILLO AND THE MANY URBAN DESIGN AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE UNDERWAY. AND ONE STOP SHOP, AGAIN, THIS IS A GROUP THAT WAS HIT PARTICULARLY HARD IN SOME AREAS WE CUT AS MUCH AS 40% OF THE RESOURCES IN THIS DEPARTMENT. WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD STAFF IN AREAS WHERE WE HAVE SEEN A STRONG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AND IN THOSE AREAS THAT WERE PARTICULARLY HIT DURING THE BUDGET CUTS. SO YOU ARE GOING TO SEE US FOCUSING IN ZONING REVIEW, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS, AND THE PERMIT CENTER. IN WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION, WHERE WE DO DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY, YOU ARE GOING TO SEE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OF 20 AND A QUARTER F.T.E.'S OR EMPLOYEES. HERE, COUNCIL, YOU HAVE MAINTAINED A COMMITMENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF RAISING THE FEES AND THE DRAINAGE UTILITY AND AS A RESULT OF THAT COMMITMENT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUALLY MOVE MORE MONEY INTO THE C.I.P. FOR THE DRAINAGE PROJECTS. AS A REMINDER, WHEN WE DID OUR MASTER PLAN AND DRAINAGE WE IDENTIFIED \$800 MILLION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS JUST TO CATCH UP IN THE DRAINAGE UTILITY AREA. THAT MASTER PLAN ALSO, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZED THAT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ANY GOOD UTILITY. FOR THAT REASON WE ARE RECOMMENDING A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN O AND M SO WE CAN BETTER MANAGE OUR UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE. LIKE CITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THE UNDERGROUND STRUCTURE IS IN NEED OF BOTH REPAIRS AND UPGRADES. YOU WILL SEE JOE PANTALION TALK ABOUT EMPLOYEES THAT WILL HELP US BETTER MAINTAIN STORM DRAINS, SOLVE EROSION PROBLEMS AND MAINTAIN OUR FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM THAT HELPS US PROTECT OUR CITIZENS WHEN FLOODING DOES OCCUR IN AUSTIN. IN PUBLIC WORKS, YOU ARE GOING TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL

FOUR EMPLOYEES THAT WILL HELP US MANAGE THE MANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY. AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS, WE ARE GOING TO GO IN THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE. WE ARE FIRST GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE CITIZEN SURVEY. FOR EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, WE SURVEY CITIZENS EVERY YEAR AND ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES THEY ARE BEING PROVIDED. WE WILL THEN GIVE YOU A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET. TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE CRITICAL ONE-TIME ADD-BACKS. TALK TO YOU ABOUT STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS, IN THIS CASE ABOUT PERSONNEL, FINALLY WE WILL TALK YOU THROUGH THE F.T.E.'S FOR EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. WE WILL ALSO, AS PART OF THE FIRST DEPARTMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY GARY FARMER AND KIRK WATSON FROM OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND THE CHAMBER AND THEY WILL BE GIVING YOU AT THE END OF THIS BUDGET PRESENTATION A QUICK UPDATE ON OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN. SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE INTO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES. CLEARLY A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS BEEN BUSY OVER THE LAST YEAR. SUE EDWARDS AS YOU KNOW LEADS THIS DEPARTMENT. WE ASKED TWO QUESTIONS OF OUR CITIZENS THAT RELATE DIRECTLY TO THIS DEPARTMENT. THE FIRST IS WE ASK CITIZENS ABOUT THE VITALITY OF OUR DOWNTOWN AND AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THESE STATISTICS, AT 82.2% SATISFACTION, OUR CITIZENS ARE RELATIVELY SATISFIED WITH OUR DOWNTOWN. THIS IS A -- AN 8.5% OVER LAST YEAR AND AN OVERALL 10% INCREASE FROM 2003. WE THINK THAT WHAT THIS REFLECTS IS THE MANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INITIATIVES DOWNTOWN TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN. THERE ARE A LOT OF EXCITING PROJECTS HAPPENING IN EACH RSO, SUE IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON, WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE IN THE COMING YEAR. THE SECOND QUESTION WE ASK IS ABOUT THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, OVERALL SATISFACTION RATINGS THERE AT 66.3% AND AN INCREASE OF 2.3 OVER LAST YEAR. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CITIZENS UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE BALANCED BETWEEN A FOCUS

ON SMALL BUSINESSES, CULTURAL ARTS AND TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WE THINK THAT PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THESE IMPROVED SATISFACTION LEVEL IS THAT OUR CITIZENS ARE SAYING THAT THERE'S A BALANCED APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO OUTREACH TO SMALL BEES AND THE -- BUSINESSES CULTURAL ARTS BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE A GOOD BUSINESS CASE WHEN WE DO BRING INCENTIVE PACKAGES FORWARD TO THE CITY COUNCIL. WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO SUE EDWARDS.

THANK YOU, LAWYER, MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, SUE EDWARDS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT. AS YOU ARE AWARE, I AM HERE TODAY TO PRESENT THE OFFICES 2005-2006 EXPENDTURE BUDGET. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENTATION AS LAURA HAS MENTIONED WE HAVE INVITED THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A STATUS REPORT ON OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN. THE RECRUITMENT AND JOB RETENTION PROGRAM THAT IS CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH SEVERAL OF OUR DEPARTMENTAL GOALS. I WILL BE INTRODUCING THE CHAMBER AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR IS APPROXIMATELY \$5.9 MILLION, A 6.3% DECREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. IN KEEPING WITH OUR FOCUS ON SMALL BUSINESS AND THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WE ARE REQUESTING ONE F.T.E. AS LAURA MENTIONED THAT WILL REPLACE AN EXISTING TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER. BECAUSE THIS IS A CONVERSION FROM A TEMPORARY TO A PERMANENT POSITION, THERE IS NO MONETARY IMPACT ON THE BUDGET. WITH THAT -- WITH THIS ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 37 F.T.E.'S. UNLIKE MOST CITIES, WE LOOK AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I THINK FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, BEFORE MANY OTHER CITIES, YOU THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THE FINITE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY AND YOU ACTED ON THAT BY DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO

CREATE A DEPARTMENT THAT INTEGRATED WHAT TO SOME APPEARED TO BE DISPARITY FUNCTIONS. FROM EXPERIENCE WE KNOW NOW THAT EACH OF THESE AREAS AND THE SUCCESS OF EACH IS INTIMATELY RELATED. EGRSO IS COMPRISED OF THREE MAJOR DIVISIONS, ECONOMIC GROWTH, SMALL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL ARTS. AT 45% OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, ECONOMIC GROWTH INCLUDES FUNCTIONS SUCH AS LINKING WITH THE DIFFERENT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, NEGOTIATING WITH PRIMARY EMPLOYERS AND WORKING WITH DEVELOPERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, BOTH IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND OUTSIDE THE DOWNTOWN AREA. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE, THE DOWNTOWN AND SIXTH STREET PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND ACT AS A LIAISON TO CAPITAL METRO AND THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR BUS AND RAIL IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. YOU HAVE HEARD MANY TIMES NOW THAT SMALL BUSINESS IS THE CORE OF OUR ECONOMY. THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROMISE WAS SPECIFICALLY CREATE -- PROGRAM WAS SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNER LOOKING FOR SUCCESS. THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LOCATED AT ONE TEXAS CENTER COMBINES A BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER DESIGNED EXPRESSLY FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND REPRENEURS AND ONLINE PC LAB FOR CLASSROOM TRAINING AND A PLAN ROOM THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS STATE-WIDE. WE MARKET THESE SERVICES TO THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WEBSITE, THROUGH PLACING BOOTHS AT EVENT LIKE THE ANNUAL BUSINESS GROWTH CONFERENCE AND EXPO, THROUGH PRESENTATIONS TO SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING GROUPS, THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION AND THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS' ALLIANCE, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES. WE HOST AN INDUSTRY SPECIFIC CONFERENCE AND A MEET THE LENDER EVENT EACH YEAR. THIS YEAR THE INDUSTRY SPECIFIC CONFERENCE WAS ON HOW TO START A RETAIL BUSINESS AND THE -- THE MEET THE LENDER WAS REALLY AN EXCEPTIONAL KIND OF

PHENOMENON FOR US. LAST YEAR WE ANTICIPATED THAT WE WOULD HAVE 100 PARTICIPANTS. WE ENDED UP HAVING 360 PARTICIPANTS. THIS YEAR, JUST THIS MONTH, WE HAD ANOTHER MEET THE LENDER CONFERENCE. WE HAD OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS AND IT INCLUDED EXHIBITS BY 16 BANKS AND 10 COMMUNITY LENDERS. THIS DIVISION MAKES UP 23% OF THE BUDGET. CULTURAL ART IS 19%, INCLUDING CONTRACTING, ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES, MUSIC AND FLAME AND THE INTERNATIONAL AND SISTER CITIES PROGRAMS. THE FUNDING FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS CONTRACTS FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX IS IN ADDITION TO THE DOLLARS THAT YOU SEE HERE. AND THEY APPEAR IN THE BUDGET DOCUMENT AS A CULTURAL ARTS FUND. IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 MILLION THIS YEAR, ABOUT A 5% INCREASE IN HOTEL MOTEL TAX OVER THE CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE AND A 15.2% OVERALL INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR CULTURAL CONTRACTS. SUPPORT SERVICES, OF COURSE, INCLUDE SUPPORT STAFF, ASSISTANCE FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSION, ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AT 13%. THE NEXT SLIDE DEPICTS A FEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MANY PERFORMANCE MEASURES. AS LAURA DISCUSSED WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE AN IMPROVING ECONOMY AND ITS IMPACT ON DOWNTOWN VITALITY. CURRENTLY THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 2900 RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN THE AREA. WITH MORE COMING ONLINE NEXT YEAR. WITH THE ADDITION OF WHOLE FOODS, THE CONVENTION CENTER GARAGE AND CITY HALL AMONG OTHERS, AUSTIN GAINED ABOUT 104,000 SQUARE FEET OF NEW DOWNTOWN RETAIL THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THIS, WE ARE ANTICIPATING A MINIMAL INCREASE IN RETAIL NEXT YEAR. A MEASURE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CULTURAL ARTS CONTRACTS FUNDED THROUGH THE CITY IS THE 2.8 MILLION INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE UP THE AUDIENCES FOR THESE VENUES. THE BUSINESS SOLUTION CENTER HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE JUNE OF THIS YEAR. AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN THE JUNE OPENING AND THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL WIN TRTS THAT TOTAL \$2.5 MILLION. NEXT YEAR OPERATING A FULL 12 MONTHS, THE ESTIMATE IS \$10 MILLION. IN 2006, THE NUMBER OF NEWLY CREATED JOBS ATTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE BUSINESS SOLUTION CENTER IS ESTIMATED TO BE 100. WE HAVE BEEN

ASKED TO TALK ABOUT GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR. THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT TO MENTION HERE. EACH GRISO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF NEW AND ONGOING PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SEAHOLM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE COMPLETION OF THE SALE OF LOT 21, INCLUDING THE REQUIRED PERFORMANCE CRITERIA, MONITORING THE COMPLETION OF THE AVAILABLE LEASES FOR THE SECOND STREET RETAIL DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN LONG-TERM ONGOING PROJECTS SUCH AS THE CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE MUELLER PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THIS NEXT YEAR THE FINAL CLOSURE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION. SEVERAL TAKE DOWNS BY CATELLUS, THE OPENING OF THE VISITORS CENTER, THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR HOUSING, REGIONAL RETAIL, OFFICE BUILDINGS AND RELATED PARKS. WE WILL ALSO 10 DISCUSSIONS WITH UTMB ON THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF A MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY AT MUELLER. FUNDING FOR DEMOLITION OF THE INTEL BUILDING IS SLATED FOR THIS YEAR WITH DEMOLITION AS EARLY AS 2006. AMLI IS EXPECTED TO BREAK GROWN IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF '06. SIMON PROPERTIES REACHED AN AGREEMENT FOR CHILLED WATER SERVICES WITH AUSTIN ENERGY FOR THE DOMAIN PROJECT THAT WILL SEE AN OPENING OF NEIMAN-MARCUS IN 2007. OCCUPANCY IN THE TRIANGLE RESIDENTIAL UNITS BEGAN IN JULY THIS YEAR. THEIR 47th STREET RETAIL OPENING AND COMPLETION OF THE PARK FACILITIES IS ANTICIPATED TO OCCUR IN NOVEMBER. THE FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ROBERTSON HILL PROJECT LOCATED BETWEEN 7th AND 11th STREET EAST OF I-35 WILL BEGIN THIS FALL. IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, EGRSO WILL IMPLEMENT THE NEW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION ZONE. THIS DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE IDENTIFYING AND INVENTORYING AREA BUSINESSES, CONDUCTING A NEED SURVEY, ASSISTING IN SHOWCASING BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND DEVELOPING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING INCENTIVES. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE POSITION PAPER OUTLINED AS ONE OF ITS ISSUES ACCESS TO BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION VIA THE CITY'S WEBSITE. INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, LENDING PROGRAMS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED LINKS. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN ENTRY POINTS FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS THROUGH WEBSITES. ONE OF EGRSO'S GOALS IS UPDATING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION AND LINKS ON AND TO ITS WEBSITE. THE I.R.S. ESTIMATES THAT NEARLY 14,000 FAMILIES IN TRAVIS COUNTY DO NOT CLAIM THEIR EARNED INCOME CREDIT WHEN FILING TAXES. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES \$50,000 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTER PROGRAM THAT WILL BRING INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES AND WILL BRING IN APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION A YEAR INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND HOUSEHOLDS OF THESE FAMILIES. THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE SEVERAL SITES ON LOCATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, ALSO. THE WORLD CONGRESS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS THE REAL MERE FORUM OF THE -- PREMIERE FORUM, A CONSORTIUM OF OVER 67 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING OVER 10% OF THE WORLD I.T. MARKET. AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, AUSTIN WAS SELECTED AS A HOST FOR THE 15th WORLD CONGRESS THAT HAS BEEN IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR THREE YEARS, WILL BE HELD IN MAY OF 2006. AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO BRING \$44 MILLION INTO THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA. NOT A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, 2,000 DELEGATES FROM 80 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING 1400 FORTUNE 500 EXECUTIVES, 400 GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTERS AND 200 LEADING I.T. RESEARCHERS. SPEAKERS INCLUDE CEO'S OF MICROSOFT, INTEL, MCI, XEROX AND A.M.D. THIS EVENT, I WOULD SAY, IS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTICIPATION WITH FUNDING FROM THE PRIVATE SIDE, FROM THE PUBLIC SIDE, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL -- THE FEDS, THE STATE, THE COUNTY, AND THE CITY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WHERE THE DAA ON PHASE 2 OF THE RETAIL MARKET STUDY, WHICH WILL NOW FOCUS ON DEVELOPING AND MARKING QUALITY RETAIL SPACE ALONG CONGRESS AVENUE FROM THE CAPITOL TO TOWN LAKE. IN CULTURAL ARTS WE WILL BEGIN WORK ON THE DOWNTOWN

COMPREHENSIVE ART PLAN, FINALIZE THE FUNDING POLICY AND PROGRAM AND WORK TO INCREASE THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION. \$20,000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE IN THIS BUDGET TO SUPPORT COUNCIL DIRECTED AND APPROVED FIRST NIGHT EVENT OCCURRING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUSTIN THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE. AS I'VE MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, AS PART OF THIS PRESENTATION, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH IS TRULY A PARTNER WITH THE CITY WORKING ON NUMEROUS ISSUES THAT FOCUS ON CLEAN ENERGY, RECRUITING COMPANIES AND CREATING JOBS. THE CITY CONTRIBUTES \$350,000 A YEAR TO THE CHAMBER. \$100,000 IS EARMARKED FOR CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS AND \$250,000 FOR OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN TO ASSIST IN NATIONAL ADVERTISING, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. IF YOU ATTENDED THE CHAMBER EVENT LAST NIGHT, IT WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT HOW COMMITTED AND INVESTED THE CHAMBER IS IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT WAS TRULY A PARTNERSHIP. AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR FORMER MAYOR, KIRK WATSON, WHO SHARE CHAIRS THE CHAMBER WHO IS GOING TO INTRODUCE GARY FARMER WHO IS THE REAL POWER BEHIND OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME BACK, MR. MAYOR.

GOOD TO BE HERE. I THINK IT'S FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY ON THE HEELS OF HAVING BEEN HERE JUST ONE WEEK AGO. WHEN THIS COUNCIL TOOK ACTION ON AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE THAT HOPEFULLY IS GOING TO RESULT IN A MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS REGION. I THINK IT'S FITTING AND PROPER BECAUSE I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR US TO BE HERE TO SAY THANK YOU. AS YOU LOOK AROUND THIS COUNTRY, THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, THOSE PLACES THAT ARE PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS ARE THOSE PLACES WHERE GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ARE BLENDING TOGETHER TO WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SO I WANTED TO COME DOWN AS CHAIR OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY TO SAY NOT ONLY THANK YOU, BUT THAT I BELIEVE THIS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS

ONE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE ON BEHALF OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THIS OPPORTUNITY -- IN THIS COMMUNITY. TO INTRODUCE, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE WHAT SUE JUST SAID, TO INTRODUCE GARY FARMER, WHO EVERYONE KNOWS HAS PUT HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO THE OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN PROGRAM. HE'S VICE CHAIR FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HE CHAIRS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD WHICH IS SO INVOLVED IN HOW WE'RE IMPLEMENTING OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND TAKING THOSE DOLLARS THAT THE CITY HAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. HE IS SOMEONE WHO HAS GONE BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY AND SO I'M PLEASED TO HAVE HIM REPORT TO YOU TODAY AND INVITE GARY FARMER UP TO THE PODIUM, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING US HERE.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. FARMER.

MAYOR. I'M WELL PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER FUTRELL. I APPRECIATE SUE'S NICE COMMENT. IT'S BEEN TEAMWORK ALL THE WAY, BUT I'M VERY PLEASED THAT SHE USED THE WORD REAL POWER AND NOT THE REAL WEIGHT BEHIND THE PROGRAM. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT TO YOU THAT CHAMBER OF CHAMBER STAFF PREPARED TALKING POINTS FOR ME TO BE ON POINT, ON TIME. THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON WITH OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN, SO MANY EXCITING INITIATIVES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF US IN THIS REGION THAT I COULD TALK ABOUT THIS FOR -- FOR WELL BEYOND THE TIME THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN PERHAPS. IN A THAT REGARD LET ME SAY ANY TIME ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH ME, I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL, BE GLAD TO COME AND SHARE WITH YOU WHAT'S GOING ON ON A MORE COMPREHENSIVE BASIS. AS YOU KNOW, OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN IS A FIVE YEAR PROGRAM. IT IS REGIONAL IN NATURE. WE ARE -- WE ARE FOCUSED ON TRAVIS, WILLIAMSON, HAYS, BASTROP AND CALDWELL COUNTIES. WE HAVE SOME AUDIO DISH OALS, 75,000 NEW JOBS. IF WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL, WE BELIEVE WE WILL KATHY 2.9 BILLION OF NEW WAGE. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THAT, THAT WILL TRANSLATE INTO \$13.997 BILLION WORTH OF

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN THIS REGION. WE HOPE TO RENEW, RESTRUCTURE AND REVITALIZE OUR ECONOMY. THIS IS AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, A REGIONAL EFFORT. WE HAVE HAD SIX COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION. GEORGETOWN, ROUND ROCK, CEDAR PARK, PFLUGERVILLE, TAYLOR, AND BASTROP. ALL OF WHICH HAVE JOINED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY TO HELP FUND THIS PROGRAM. AND I THINK THAT IS HISTORIC IN OUR REGION. FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE EVER COME TOGETHER AND I THINK THAT IT'S A VERY EXCITING AND WONDERFUL THING. THERE ARE CERTAIN DRIVERS IN OUR ECONOMY, HISTORIC DRIVERS, WE WILL NEVER FORESAKE THOSE LIKE SEMICONDUCTOR SOFTWARE AND COMPUTERS. BUT WE ARE PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON A NUMBER OF TARGET INDUSTRIES BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL ALLOW US OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE NEW INDUSTRIES IN THIS REGION, CREATE GREAT WEALTH FOR THE CITIZENS THAT LIVE HERE. WE HAVE SOME VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES AND WE ARE TRYING TO PURSUE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS. WIRELESS. CLEAN ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS. AND DIGITAL MEDIA JUST TO NAME A FEW. SPEAKING OF THE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS, YOU ARE WELL AWARE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ATTRACTED ONE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIER. ULTIMATELY THEY LOCATED IN GEORGETOWN. THEY WILL INVEST ABOUT \$15 MILLION IN THEIR FACILITY AND CREATE 150 JOBS. THAT'S GOING TO BENEFIT AUSTIN AND ALL OF THE OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION. SO WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THAT FIRST VICTORY AND WE ARE WORKING ON OTHERS EVEN AS WE SPEAK. EVERYTHING WE DO HAS METRICS ASSOCIATED, WE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO GRID OUR OWN PAPER, SOME 280 INVESTORS TO BE ABLE TO GRADE OUR PAPER. THAT INCLUDES THE CITY COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO GO OVER VERY QUICKLY OUR 2004 RESULTS. REREACHED -- WE REACHED OUTLINE OF OUR GOALS. I KNOW COUNCIL KNOWS THIS, BUT WE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROGRAM ON JANUARY 1st, 2004. WE ARE ABOUT 19 MONTHS INTO THIS 60 MONTH PROGRAM. WE LAUNCHED THE IMPLEMENTATION WHILE WE WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY TRYING TO RAISE THE FUNDS. SO WE WERE DOING DOUBLE DUTY. WE ACCOMPLISHED OUR

FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR AND BEYOND WE WILL BE FOCUSED SOLELY ON IMPLEMENTATION. WE HAD A GOAL OF 6600 NEW JOBS. 16,200 NEW JOBS WERE CREATED IN 2004. I DON'T NEED TO REMIND COUNCIL THAT WE HAD A CUMULATIVE NET LOSS OF JOBS IN 2001, 2002, 2003 OF APPROXIMATELY 35,000. I THINK 2004 REPRESENTS A WATERSHED YEAR IN OUR TURN AROUND. WE HAD HOPED TO INCREASE PAYROLL. BY 241 MILLION, WE ACHIEVED 249 MILLION. WE WANTED TO HAVE 20 RELOCATIONS, WE HAD 31. 75 BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS. WE BELIEVE APPROXIMATELY 80% OF THE NEW JOBS CREATED WILL BE CREATED FROM COMPANIES WHO ALREADY ARE HERE. WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THEIR ISSUES AND ACCOMMODATING THEIR GROWTH. SO THAT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF OUR PROGRAM. WE FEEL A LITTLE -- WE FELT A LITTLE SHORT IN THAT REGARD, THAT RELATES TO THE FUNDING ISSUE. WE DID NOT LAUNCH THE RETENTION EXPANSION PROGRAM UNTIL LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST, SO WE DID QUICK DUTY TO HAVE 55 RETENTION VISITS, WE UPPED THE GOAL FOR 2005 AND BEYOND AND I'LL COME TO THAT IN A MINUTE. WE HOPE HAVE TO OUT OF REGION VISITS, COMPANIES FROM OUT OF THE REGION BE HERE. WE HOPED TO HAVE 100. WE HAD 144. A THOUSAND SERIOUS RELOCATION INQUIRIES, WE HAD 1041. WE HOPE TO HAVE 50 PROSPECT VISITS. WE HAD 51, SO WE WILL CALL THAT A VICTORY. STAFFING. TWO, TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO THE CHAMBER REALLY HAVE ONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERSON ON STAFF. TODAY WE HAVE 11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS. EACH OF WHOM ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB. 2005 RESULTS, I WON'T GO THROUGH AND YOU OF THE NUMBERS, I WILL JUST ASK YOU TO REVIEW THOSE. YOU CAN SEE, I BELIEVE, WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO ACHIEVING EACH OF THOSE METRICS. I FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT THE PROGRESS THAT WE ARE MAKING. WE WILL KNOW FOR SURE ON OUR JOB AND PAYROLL NUMBERS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF '06. WE USE TEXAS WORKFORCE NUMBERS SO THAT NO ONE CAN ACCUSE OF TRYING TO -- TO FUDGE THE NUMBERS. WE USE INDEPENDENT NUMBERS TO MEASURE OUR SUCCESS. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE BY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT THE CITY OF AUSTIN CONTRIBUTION, THE \$250,000 PIECE OF THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION IS USED FOR ADVERTISING AND

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT. SOME MAY WONDER WHY IN THE WORLD ARE WE ADVERTISING? OUR RESEARCH SHOWED THAT AROUND THIS COUNTRY, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AUSTIN IS NOT VERY WELL KNOWN. OR PEOPLE ARE ILL INFORMED ABOUT US. TO SOME EXTENT WE ARE TRYING ON OVERCOME A WRONG PERCEPTION THAT AUSTIN IS NOT BUSINESS FRIENDLY. WE WANT TO DISAVOW PEOPLE OF THAT IDEA. WE ARE IN EIGHT DIFFERENT PUBLICATIONS, YOU CAN SEE THE VARIOUS CIRCULATION NUMBERS AND REALLY THEY ARE VERY CLEVER AND CREATIVE ADS. I'M QUITE PROUD OF THEM. I KNOW THE CHAMBER STAFF IS AS WELL. WE ARE IN -- PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS AREA DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS A MAJOR CORPORATE REAL ESTATE PUBLICATION, WE ARE IN WIRELESS WEEK BECAUSE AGAIN WE THINK WIRELESS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US. ONE OF MY FAVORITES IS THE AUSTIN CLASSIFIED AD, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO READ THE TEXT FOR YOU. IT SAYS: WANTED, FORWARD THINKING, FUN LOVING COMPANIES SEEKING NEW HOME, MUST DESIRE GREAT ECONOMIC CLIMATE WITH VIBRANT AND SKILLED WORKFORCE. APPRECIATION FOR LAKES, ROLLING HILLS AND LIVE MUSIC A DEFINITE PLUS. MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH INVENTIVE, EDUCATED, AFFORDABLE, ROCKING ENVIRONMENT. CALL THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE HAVE GOTTEN REALLY GOOD FEEDBACK ON THESE ADS. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER EXAMPLES THAT GAVE WILL SHOW YOU. I THINK THEY ARE ALL VERY WELL DONE. WITH REGARD TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN AND THE CHAMBER IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AUSTIN PARTNERS IN EDUCATION, PROVIDING MENTORING, TUTORING AND JOB SHADOWING TO OUR MOST AT RISK STUDENTS. YOU HAVE HEARD ME USE THE WORD REGIONAL SEVERAL TIMES. THIS IS THE ONE PIECE OF OUR PROGRAM THAT IS NOT REGIONAL. IT IS SPECIFIC FOCUSED ON AUSTIN AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS INCREASE THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF AT RISK STUDENTS TO KEEP THEM IN SCHOOL AND GET THEM GRADUATED. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THAT. SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR ADVANTAGE WITH REGARD TO WORKFORCE. THE CITY ALSO INVESTS, AUSTIN ENERGY VESTS 100,000, THAT MONEY AS SUE MENTIONED EARLIER IS DEDICATED

SOLELY TOWARDS CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVES. WE BELIEVE THAT AUSTIN SHOULD BE KNOWN AND CAN BE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN ENERGY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. AND THAT'S NOT JUST WITH REGARD TO CONSUMPTION OF CLEAN POWER. WE WANT TO BRING COMPANIES HERE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF CLEAN POWER. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. WE HAVE CREATED A CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL, WE HAVE 18 MEMBERS THAT SERVED ON THAT COUNCIL. THEY ARE WORKING TO HELP US IMPLEMENT THE PLAN. AS AN EXAMPLE, AN EARLY IDEA INCLUDES THE CREATION OF A CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS PARK, A CAMPUS SETTING THAT WOULD HOUSE CLEAN ENERGY COMPANIES. WE THINK THAT COULD BE A VERY MERITORIOUS IDEA. MARKETING BROCHURES, 29 COMPANIES IN OUR METRO AREA THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS, WE ARE ENGAGING WITH THEM. WE HIRED STAFF IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR TO HEAD UP THE PROGRAM. SHE IS DEDICATED TO THAT EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND WE BELIEVE WILL HAVE GREAT SUCCESS. IN FACT RIGHT NOW WE'RE WORKING WITH SEVEN INQUIRIES FROM CLEAN ENERGY COMPANIES FROM VARIOUS PLACES IN THE COUNTRY. SO THAT'S A VERY QUICK OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE CITY'S INVESTMENT IN THE PROGRAM. 280 INVESTOR COMPANIES AND OTHER CITIES APPRECIATE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP. AND BEFORE I LEAVE, I WANT TO REALLY COMPLIMENT THE STAFF. THEY HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY EXCELLENT, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I MUST TELL YOU, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO GO OUT AND BRAG ABOUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT YOU ARE TAKING IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE BEWILDERED BY THAT THOUGHT SO IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EDUCATE THEM ABOUT WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS I MIGHT ANSWER I WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO. OTHERWISE I THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU, MR. FARMER. QUESTIONS OF OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN, COUNCIL. WE APPLAUD THE EFFORT FROM THE SERVICE. >

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

WELCOME BACK, MS. HUFFMAN. I BELIEVE WE ARE READY TO MOVE ON TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. WE ASKED TWO QUESTION, TWO DIFFERENT WAYS, FIRST WE ASKED CITIZENS HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT ZONING WHEN IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING. WE ASKED THE QUESTION THAT WAY -- DO WE HAVE THE SLIDE, THE SATISFACTION IS 64.1%, UP 2.5% FROM LAST YEAR. THIS IS HOW CITIZENS FEEL ABOUT ZONING WHEN IT'S A PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING. WHEN WE ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT ZONING, IT'S STAND ALONE, OWNER INITIATED, SATISFACTION DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY. THIS YEAR 45.4%, THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR, THAT'S 13% OVER LAST YEAR, BUT WHAT THIS TELLS US IS THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, BECAUSE IT'S INCLUSIVE, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS CITIZENS TO SHAPE A VISION FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, HELPS PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR INDIVIDUAL LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS. SO WE THINK THIS IS POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT A BIG PART OF WHAT THIS DEPARTMENT DOES, WHICH IS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING. AS YOU ALL KNOW, ALICE GLASGO IS THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING. SHE HAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST ENERGETIC STAFFS IN THIS ORGANIZATION. IF YOU WANT TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT A PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER, THIS IS A GROUP THAT ENJOY THEIR JOB, THEY WORK WITH OUR CITIZENS DAY IN, DAY OUT AT THE BLOCK LEVEL. AND WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO ALICE GLASGO.

JUST FOR THAT, ALICE WORE PINK.

Glasgo: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER, THANK, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR INTRODUCING ME. I'M ALICE GLASGO, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. MY BUDGET PRESENTATION IS AS FOLLOWS: THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING, \$212,732,000 OF REVENUE. \$4.2 MILLION OF EXPENDITURES AND THAT IS ALL FROM THE GENERAL FUND. ONE MILLION IN THE -- THAT COVERS THE CAPITAL MET

FUNDING, CAPITAL PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY \$5.2 MILLION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS A TOTAL OF 62.5 POSITIONS BUDGETED FOR NEXT YEAR, WITH FOUR NEW POSITIONS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR, TOO. OUR ONE-TIME CRITICAL ITEMS TOTAL \$64,245 FOR THE SERVICE INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROJECTED REVENUE OF \$212,732 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING: LICENSES, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS FEES. EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THESE FEES ARE ZONING APPLICATIONS, NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENTS, REVIEW OF PERMITS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASPECTS, AND PROCESS ASSESSMENTS. OTHER INCOME, FINALLY CHARGES AND SERVICES, AND DUES. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES EXPENDITURES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, \$1.6 MILLION, CURRENT PLANNING 1.2, URBAN DESIGN, [INDISCERNIBLE], CAMPO, 836 THOWNLDZ, ONE STOP SHOP, \$55,000, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, AT \$707,000. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS TOTALING \$275,751 FOR FOUR FULL-TIME POSITIONS WHICH INCLUDE 2 PLANNERS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TO ASSIST WITH STATION AREA PLANS, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND UPDATES TO ADOPTED PLANS. ONE PLANNER TO ASSIST WITH THE CREATION OF LOCAL, HISTORIC DISTRICTS. THE PROCESSING OF HISTORIC ZONING CASES AND THE REVIEW OF DEMOLITION, RELOCATION AND BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS IN THE CITY'S 15 NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS. IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH THREE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS. CLARKSVILLE WILL HAVE A POTENTIAL OF 115 BUILDINGS TO BE ASSESSED. OLD WEST AUSTIN ON HARTMAN STREET, WE EXPECT 15 POTENTIAL BUILDINGS TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT. SAN BERNARD STREET IN EAST AUSTIN, 20 BUILDINGS TO BE REVIEWED AND EVALUATED FOR THIS LOCAL DISTRICT FOR A TOTAL OF 150 BUILDINGS FOR THE NEXT YEAR TO BE ALTHOUGHED AT FOR POSSIBILITY OF INCLUSION IN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS. IN ADDITION, STAFF IS WORKING WITH NEIGHBORHOODS IN OLD WEST WEST AUSTIN TO ESTABLISH HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN ENFIELD AND PEMBERTON HEIGHTS. WE PROPOSE TO INCLUDE ONE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TO ASSIST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN

STANDARDS, WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE FOR YOU TO ADOPT FAIRLY SOON. TO IMPLEMENT UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD AND GREEN STREETS OVERLAYS, WHICH YOU ADOPTED AND WE ARE CRAFTING THE STANDARDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. AND ASSIST IN THE ONE-STOP SHOP WITH REVIEWS THAT ARE COVERED IN THIS AREA. THE DESIGN ELEMENTS THAT ARE CALLED FOR IN THE RAINEY STREET OVERLAY, THE UNIVERSITY OVERLAY AND OF -- OBVIOUSLY THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS REQUIRES SOMEONE WITH EXPERTISE IN LANDSCAPE REVIEW TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE ONE STOP SHOP WITH -- TAKES WHAT WE WILL BE USING THIS PARTICULAR POSITION TO ASSIST IN ALL OF THOSE REVIEWS. THE PROPOSED BUDGET ALSO PROVIDES CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE GREAT STREETS, STREET SCAPE PROGRAM. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF 30% OF PARKING METER REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO GREAT STREET, STREET SCAPE PROJECTS. \$400,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION THIS YEAR IN THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. TYPICALLY, THE REVENUE IS USED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, LANDSCAPING, STREET LIGHTS AND BREAD STRENGTH AMENITIES. \$1.5 MILLION WILL BE ADDED TO THE GUADALUPE STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND UTILITY RELOCATION, WHICH WERE NOT ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS PART OF THE SCOPE OF WORK AND WILL PROVIDE FOR GEOTECHNICAL AND OTHER ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT'S KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES ARE AS FOLLOWS: BY THE END OF THE -- OF THIS FISCAL YEAR '05, EIGHT PLANTS WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH THE REZONINGS. HOWEVER, ONLY FIVE PLANS AND REZONINGS WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION. NOT THE 8 THAT ARE SHOWN IN THE CHART IN THE BUDGET DOCUMENT. THIS IS DUE TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF 3 PLANS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON AUGUST 9th, TO OCTOBER 11th OF THIS YEAR. IN FISCAL YEAR '06, OUR GOAL IS TO COMPLETE NINE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND ASSOCIATED REZONINGS. THE

LAST KEY INDICATOR MEASURES CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. IN OCTOBER OF 2002, THE DEPARTMENT BEGAN COLLECTING CUSTOMER SATISFACTION DATA FOR ALL PLANNING AREAS. THE CALCULATION IS BASED ON RETURN SURVEYS WITH THE RESPONSES OF SATISFIED OR VERY SATISFIED. FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED SATISFACTION RATE FOR FY '05 IS 70%, COMPARED TO 76% IN F WEATHER -- FY '04. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SATISFACTION RATES BETWEEN DIFFERENT PLANNING AREAS TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PLANNING PROCESS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. IN FY '06 BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES ACHIEVING 70% SATISFACTION FROM PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THERE ARE NO NATIONAL BENCHMARKS WITH WHICH TO COMPARE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING ACTIVITIES. THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING GOALS. WE INTEND OR HOPE TO COMPLETE NINE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS THAT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREAS. SOUTH LAMAR, GALINDO, UNIVERSITY HILL, OAK HILL EAST, OAK HILL WEST, DOWNTOWN. WE ALSO INTEND TO INITIATE SIX STATION AREA PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSIT ORIENTED -- ORDINANCE THAT YOU ADOPTED EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE ALSO INTEND TO UPDATE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, INITIATE THE ZONING CODE REWRITE, IMPLEMENT THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE, CREATE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS, COORDINATE THE S.H. 130 LAND USE PLANNING EFFORTS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU A MACHINE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA SO YOU CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH OF THE URBAN CORE WE HAVE PLANNED, HOW MUCH WE WILL BE -- ENCOMPASSING NEXT YEAR IN OUR REVIEW PROCESS. THE AREAS THAT ARE IN PINK INDICATE THE NINE PLANNING AREAS THAT WE WILL BE EMBARKING ON NEXT YEAR. THE AREAS IN BURNT ORANGE ARE THE AREAS THAT WE ARE CONCLUDING THIS YEAR THAT WE WILL COME TO YOU IN THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO BRING THE FINAL PLANS TO YOU FOR ADOPTION. AND THE OTHER COLORS THAT ARE SHOWN ON THIS MAP, THE VIBRANT COLORS REALLY INDICATE OUR BOUNDARIES OF OUR URBAN CORE. THE LIGHT YELLOW AREA SHOWS THE REST OF THE CITY THAT WE WILL HAVE TO PLAN IN THE

FUTURE. THIS IS OUR PLANNING AREA MAP. I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU THE AREAS THAT WE WILL BE EMBARKING ON IN FY '06. COUNCILMEMBERS, THAT CONCLUSION MY PRESENTATION, I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY AT THIS POINT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO, QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: YOU SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE THREE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS WITH THAT BUDGET THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO ESTABLISH, RIGHT?

YES, THOSE ARE THE THREE THAT WE KNOW OF RIGHT NOW THAT WE WILL BE USING THE ADDITIONAL POSITION WE ARE ASKING FOR TO START IN NEXT YEAR.

Kim: WHAT DOES THAT ENTAIL OR THE STAFF ACTIVITY. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE PROPERTIES, CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT?

Glasgo: TYPICALLY, WE WILL LOOK AT THE STRUCTURES, LOOK AT WHAT'S CONTRIBUTING, OBVIOUSLY LOOK AT THE AGE. WE WILL HAVE TO DO RESEARCH WITH EACH INSTRUCT STRUCTURE TO FIND OUT BASIC INFORMATION, DETERMINE WHEN IT WAS BUILT, THE STYLE, DOCUMENT ALL OF THAT, THAT WILL BRING THAT THROUGH THE PROCESS, THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION WILL LOOK AT THE DISTRICT, THEN IT WILL BE CREATED. WHAT THAT DOES IS PROVIDES REVIEW ELEMENTS WHEN REZONINGS OCCUR YOU HAVE THE CRITERIA THAT HELP ESTABLISH WHETHER A STRUCTURE IS PART OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT AND IT HELPS WITH THE ZONING CASES THAT COME FORWARD TO YOU EACH TIME THAT THERE IS -- THAT THERE IS A REQUEST TO DEMOLISH A STRUCTURE.

Kim: MAYOR, I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY BECAUSE SHE HELPED ESTABLISH I GUESS THE HISTORIC ZONING OR TASK FORCE. CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT HOW THIS IS CONSIST ARE CONSISTENT WITH THAT. WE ARE DOING THIS, WE HAVE THIS TASK FORCE, I JUST WANTED TO GET YOUR OPINION.

Dunkerly: I THINK IT'S VERY CONSISTENT. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES DEALING WITH OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY. WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE F.T.E. IN THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK ON ALL ELEMENTS OF IT. SO WHEN THE TASK FORCE CAME FORWARD, S THE LAST TIME, THEY INCLUDED IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE ADOPTED IT, LOCAL DISTRICTS, AND THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT PROCESS. SO IF WE HAVE ONE OTHER PERSON THAT COULD HELP MOVE THAT PROCESS ALONG, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AND I'M NOT SURE IF I HEARD YOUR QUESTION, BUT I GOT TO AT LEAST PUT A PLUG IN FOR THAT POSITION, IF THAT WASN'T THE RIGHT QUESTION. IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE ASKING?

Kim: YES. A LITTLE BIT. I'M JUST -- I GUESS THAT I WILL JUST HAVE TO TALK TO STAFF AND YOU ABOUT HOW -- WHAT'S THE OUTCOME FROM THE TASK FORCE GIVEN THAT WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH, YOU KNOW, DESIGNATING THESE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS. ING.

WELL, IF I COULD ADD ONE THING, THAT ONE STAFF PERSON HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE WE PASSED THE ORDINANCE, DEVELOPING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND FOR LOCAL DISTRICTSMENT AND RIGHT NOW IT'S UNDER REVIEW. THE TASK FORCE THAT WILL COME BACK IN PLACE WILL ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT SOME OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. SO WE VERY DESPERATELY NEED AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON IN THAT ARENA.

Kim: OKAY. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

SO YES, THE NUMBER OF CASES HAVE INCREASED SIMPLY DUE TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMY. AS THE ECONOMY IMPROVES, YOU HAVE DESIRE FOR DEMOLITIONS AND THEREFORE THAT WORK LOAD IS ABSORBED BY THIS ONE PERSON.

IN THE HEYDAY OF AUSTIN WE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THIS UNIT AND THIS IS AUSTIN OF THE AREAS WE CUT FAIRLY DRAMATICALLY. WE HAPPENED TO HAVE ATTRITION IN THIS AREA AND WE NEVER FILLED THOSE POSITIONS IN

ORDER TO HELP BALANCE THE BUDGET IN THE DOWNTURN. NOW AS THE CASELOAD HAS BEGUN TO DRA MATT LICKTY INCREASE, WE LITERALLY HAVE ONE PERSON LEFT TRYING TO IMPLEMENT ALL OF THIS, PLUS THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. I THINK THAT'S THE REASON WE RECOMMENDED THIS.

Dunkerley: ONE OTHER COMMENT ON THE LOCAL DISTRICTS JUST TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK AS YOU'VE POINTED OUT. EACH HOUSE HAS TO BE LOOKED AT. HE HAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL DISTRICT OR NOT CONTRIBUTING. SO THERE'S A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESEARCH AS YOU SAID. SOMETIMES THE NEIGHBORHOODS CAN HELP WITH THAT, BUT THAT STAFF PERSON STILL HAS TO DO THAT. ONCE THEY'VE GOTTEN AN IDEA OF WHAT'S IN THE DISTRICT AND THEY ACTUALLY BECOME A DISTRICT, YOU ALSO HAVE TO HAVE A VOTE OF EVERYBODY IN THAT AREA. AND 51% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE LOCAL DISTRICT. THAT IN ITSELF IS A TREMENDOUS COORDINATION AND WORK LOAD. SO I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU MORE ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT AS PART OF -- THE HISTORIC STRUCTURE OF OUR CITY IS VERY SIGNIFICANT FROM A TOURIST PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS JUST THE LOCAL FLAVOR THAT IT BRINGS. BUT THERE ARE JUST A LOT OF ISSUES RIGHT NOW THAT WE AS A COUNCIL, THE TASKFORCE AND ALL OF THE OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE WORKING ON THIS NEED SOME HELP WITH.

I AGREE THAT WE NEED MORE THAN JUST ONE PERSON BECAUSE WE ARE SEEING A LOT OF CASES. AND AS YOU SAID, THERE ARE A LOT THAT DON'T EVEN COME TO THE COUNCIL THAT STAFF HAS TO REVIEW. AND I THINK IT'S A VERY CHALLENGING WORK LOAD THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECAUSE WE DID PASS A RESOLUTION FOR RECONVENING THE HISTORICAL TASKFORCE ON HOW THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THIS EFFORT. I'LL GET MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL?
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: MS. GLASGO, IN TERMS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

PLANS WE MIGHT BE TARGETING FOR PLANNING OR THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE MIGHT BE TARGETING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE I KNOW THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WE STARTED DOING SOME WORK IN THE OAK HILL AREA, AND LAST YEAR FROM WHAT I RECALL, WE WERE ABLE TO KIND OF SELECT THAT AREA AS AN AREA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, BUT IT WAS SUCH A LARGE WARY THAT WE HAD DIVIDED IT UP INTO TWO PRETTY LARGE SECTIONS. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD, HAVE WE MOVED FORWARD -- IS THERE A NEED TO KIND OF FINISH OR BRING IN THE OTHER PARTS OF THE OAK HILL AREA OR HAVE WE PROVIDED START -- HAVE WE PROCEEDED WITH SORT OF BOTH OF THOSE LARGE TRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN OUTLINED DURING OUR LAST BUDGET DELIBERATION?

COUNCIL COUNCILMEMBER, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT WE ACTUALLY BEGIN PLANNING THE OAK HILL AREA AT ALL. SO THE AREA WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR. WE'RE BRINGING THE TWO, THE EAST AND WEST. AND THEN THE SOUTHERN PART STILL WILL NOT BE PART OF THIS INITIAL PLANNING. IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS AREA FOR A WHILE. I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT IT LAST YEAR AND THERE WAS ALWAYS A DESIRE EXPRESSED TO LOOK AT IT STARTING THIS YEAR. SO THERE WILL BE THE FIRST TIME TO INITIATE THAT EFFORT.

Alvarez: BUT AT LEAST WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS, SOME GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID ALREADY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS.

YES, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR OWN AND STAFF ASSISTING THEM IN GATHERING DATA AND THAT WAS IN ANTICIPATION OF COMMENCING THE PROCESS THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. SO THEY DO HAVE SOME WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY.

Alvarez: IF YOU COULD SHARE THAT MAP WITH US WHICH SHOWS WHICH PARTS WOULD BE INCLUDED FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND WHAT OTHER REMAINING AREA WOULD COME LATER. AND ALSO JUST WHAT OTHER ANTICIPATED PLANS MAY BE IN THE WORKS FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR.

WE'LL SEND A MAP TO YOU AND THE MAP TAKES US ALL THE WAY TO 2008. IT GIVES YOU A GENERAL IDEA OF WHERE WE INTEND TO BEGIN OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. WE'LL SEND THAT TO EVERY OFFICE.

Alvarez: OKAY. AND I KNOW THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT COMES UP OFTEN, BUT TRAFFIC CALMING, IS THERE ANY FUNDING FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN THIS BUDGET? IT'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PINPOINT OR HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ASK ABOUT SPECIFICALLY, BUT I THINK THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET IS IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PART OF THIS PRESENTATION AND SHE WILL BE TOUCHING UPON THAT SHORTLY

THE SHORT ANSWER RIGHT NOW IS THERE'S \$400,000 IN TRAFFIC CALMING MONEY PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ACTUALLY IN A LONG TIME WE'VE HAD MONEY TO PUT INTO THAT PROGRAM.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I HAD A QUESTION ON THE PERCENTAGE OF PARKING METER FEES FOR GREAT STREETS. REMIND ME WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE THAT WE DO DEDICATE TO GREAT STREETS?

30% OF THE REVENUE FROM THE JUST DOWNTOWN AREA. WE GET 30% AND THE REST OF IT IS USED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

McCracken: HOW MUCH OF THE GREAT STREETS IMPROVEMENT ARE WE ABLE TO FUND PER YEAR WITH THE FUNDS WE ARE DEDICATING TO THE GREAT STREETS PROGRAM?

PER YEAR WE TEND TO FUND PROBABLY ABOUT TWO OR THREE PROJECTS, AND EACH PROJECT, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE, LIKE A WHOLE FOOD SIZE WHERE YOU HAVE A HUGE BLOCK LIKE THAT, IT'S TIPLY AROUND \$300,000 FOR A BLOCK LIKE THAT WITH ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS. SO JUST

DEPENDING ON HOW MANY PROJECTS COME IN, IT TURNS ONE PROJECT, \$300,000 TO MEET ALL THE COMPLIANCE ELEMENTS.

McCracken: AND HOW MUCH -- SO IT COST ABOUT \$300,000 PER FOUR SIDED BLOCK?

FOUR SIDED BLOCK.

McCracken: SO YOU BASICALLY GET TWO 276-FOOT STRETCHES OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$300,000. IS THAT ANOTHER WAY TO SAY IT?

CORRECT.

McCracken: AND HOW MUCH ARE WE PROJECTING TO DEDICATE TO THE GREAT STREETS PROGRAM IN THIS YEAR'S COMING BUDGET? >>

Futrell: IS THAT IN YEARS, ALICE?

I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE --

Futrell: IT MIGHT BE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION, WHICH IS UPCOMING. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, COUNCILMEMBER, WE ALSO HAVE JUST RECENTLY GOTTEN AN INVENTORY FROM THE DAA OF SIDEWALKS THAT NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND GAPS FILLED IN, AN INVENTORY OF ALL OF DOWNTOWN. AND HAVE WORKED WITH THEM ON A PLAN TO GET ALL OF THAT DONE THROUGH ADDITIONAL OTHER SIDEWALK MONEY. AND THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED A SERIES OF ALLEYS ALL THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AND WE HAVE A PLAN TO DO FOUR OF THOSE THIS UPCOMING YEAR AND A PLAN TO FINISH THE REST OF THOSE WITH SOME ADDITIONAL OTHER MONEY. AND MAYBE WE'LL ASK SONDRAL WHEN SHE COMES UP TO WALK YOU THROUGH WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

McCracken: YEAH. I GUESS WE CAN TAKE IT MORE BY GREAT STREETS. I JUST ASKED BECAUSE IT WAS MENTION UNDERSTAND YOUR PRESENTATION. IS IT BETTER TO TALK MORE ABOUT THIS IN PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION OR --

WELL, THE FUNDS ARE COLLECTED BY PUBLIC WORKS AND ALLOCATED TO US AND WE JUST GET 30% OF THE REVENUE, OF THE TOTAL REVENUE FOR DOWNTOWN. AND WE APPLY IT TO PROJECTS THAT COME IN BECAUSE IT'S VOLUNTARY. WE OBVIOUSLY GET THOSE REQUESTS IN A VOLUNTARY MANNER AND THEN WE ALLOCATE THE FUNDS DEPENDING ON HOW MANY PROJECTS COME IN. THIS YEAR WE HAVE STILL \$40,000 APPROPRIATED. WE'VE HAD THE BANK, CONIAL BANK THAT YOU'VE SEEN ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE BANK THAT IS ON WEST AVENUE, SO IT'S A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AND AS PROJECTS COME IN, THEN WE ALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS ACCORDINGLY.

McCracken: DO WE HAVE ANY PROACTIVE PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENTS DOWNTOWN BEYOND -- IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM AND THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF IT. AND MY CONCERN IS IT SEEMS A LITTLE PASSIVE TO WAIT FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO DO THIS. AND I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE FOR US TO BE MORE PROACTIVE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE A MORE PROACTIVE PLAN IN PLACE.

AS PROACTIVE AS WE CAN GET IS REALLY TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPERS TO COME THROUGH AND WE OBVIOUSLY HELP EXPEDITE THEIR PERMITTING PROCESS, WHICH REQUIRES TO GET A LICENSE AGREEMENT. BUT I THINK WE'LL BEGIN TO SEE MORE OF THAT AS DOWNTOWN BEGINS TO REDEVELOP IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. AS YOU CAN TELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL PROJECTS COMING FORWARD, AND WE'LL BEGIN TO PARTNER WITH THOSE DEVELOPERS IN THOSE PARTICULAR CASES.

BUT THOSE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN ADDITION TO THAT. AND IN ADDITION TO YOUR GREAT STREETS MONEY, WHICH WAS OUR WAY TO TRY TO ACCELERATE THE WORK, WE MADE SOME CHANGES TO OUR CODE THAT HELPED US IN CHANGING HOW WE DO SIDEWALKS DOWNTOWN. BUT WE ALSO HAVE SOME MAJOR PROJECTS THAT INCORPORATE GREAT STREETS THAT ARE BEING FUNDED NOT OUT OF GREAT STREETS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A PRESENTATION THAT YOU ALL ASKED FOR NEXT WEEK ON CESAR CHAVEZ, AND IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THAT

PROJECT, WE'VE INCORPORATED A GREAT STREETS COMPONENT THAT'S OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. I THINK IT'S ABOUT A MILLION-TWO, MILLION-FIVE ON CESAR CHAVEZ THAT INCORPORATES GREAT GREAT STREETS ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT. THAT TAKES IN ONE OF THE MAJOR STREETS DOWNTOWN IS DONE ALL IN ONE FELL SWOOP. AS WE LOOK AT HOW THE LANCE ARMSTRONG BIKEWAY WILL GET COMPLETED DOWNTOWN AS WELL AS ON EITHER THIRD OR FOURTH STREET, ALL OF THOSE WILL GIVE US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A STREET AT A TIME THROUGH DOWNTOWN. SO THAT'S ANOTHER WAY WE CAN LOOK AT ACCELERATING IT STREETLY STREET.

McCracken: AND I KNOW THAT THAT IS -- THESE KIND OF BLEED INTO EACH OTHER WITH PLANNING AND ZONING AND PUBLIC WORKS, BUT AN AREA THAT I KNOW THAT WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT AND IS HOW TO INTEGRATE STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENTS WITH UTILITIES, WHICH IS AN AREA WHERE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS, BUT WHICH WE'RE STILL KIND OF BEHIND THE NATIONAL CURVE FOR CITIES OF OUR SIZE. I KNOW WE HAVE ASKED FOR A NATIONAL CONSULTANT TO GIVE US ADVICE ON HOW TO DO A BEST STANDARD ON THINGS LIKE STREET TREES AND UTILITY RELOCATIONS, SIDEWALKS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO I THINK WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON THAT, AND I GUESS I'M JUST IMPATIENT. I DO THINK IT IS ALSO A GOOD MOVE THAT WE HAVE THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PUT BACK IN THE BUDGET BECAUSE WE DO HAVE -- WE DO HAVE A REAL LACK OF SHADE ON OUR URBAN STREETS, WHICH AS WE NOW GET TO GO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN OTHER CITIES AGAIN, WE SEE THAT WE'RE BEHIND OTHER CITIES IN THIS AREA. THIS WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WILL REALLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN AUSTIN. I WANT TO ALSO ON THE STATION AREA PLANS THAT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NEXT WEEK WE WILL HAVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BROUGHT FORWARD ON THE STATION AREA PLANS BECAUSE THE LAND USE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED ADDING DOWNTOWN OAK HILL TO THE STATION AREA PLAN ORDINANCE OR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED WITHIN THE OAK HILL

AREA. IT IS ALSO AN INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE IT WOULD INVOLVE A CLUSTERING PROJECT, SOMETHING WE'VE TALKED ABOUT DOING IN THIS CITY FOR A WHILE, AND IT WOULD OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PILOT PROGRAM ON A CLUSTERING PROJECT IN OAK HILL. WE AMAZINGLY IN THIS CITY DO NOT HAVE VILLAGE CENTER TYPE AREAS. IT TENDS TO BE JUST AN AREA WHERE THERE'S GROCERY STORES AND POST OFFICE AND PARKING LOTS. WE DO NOT HAVE TRUE VILLAGE CENTERS IN THIS CITY. AND THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT SOME GOOD URBAN PLANNING IN THAT AREA. I HAVE A QUESTION ON -- I KNOW WE HAD OUR URBAN DESIGN OFFICER GET TAKEN FROM US FROM RMMA DESIGN GROUP THIS YEAR. IS THAT POSITION GOING TO BE FILLED OR WHAT IS THE PLAN THERE?

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FILLING THAT POSITION, SO WE WILL BE HIRING AN URBAN DESIGN OFFICER TO PROVIDE THAT.

Futrell: WE'RE ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT STORMING RMMA AND TAKING HER BACK. [LAUGHTER]

McCracken: AND Y'ALL, BY THE WAY, ARE BEING TOO MODEST ON THE INITIATIVES YOU HAVE IN PLACE. I WAS LOOKING AT THIS BECAUSE YOU ALSO HAVE THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT REDEVELOPMENT, THE ELECTRIC SUBSTATION SCALE BACK THAT WILL BE COMING FORWARD AS WELL AS REMOVING THE AUSTIN ENERGY BUILDING. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF ENERGY ABOUT PLANNING CROSS TOWN RAIL. AND I THINK I'M FORGETTING A VIEW, BUT Y'ALL HAVE A TON OF IRONS IN THE FIRE. AND I HAVE HAD THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF OF GETTING TO DO A LOT OF WORK WITH THIS OFFICE THROUGH COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS. AND YOU ALL ARE FANTASTIC GROUP AND YOU WORK VERY HARD AND YOU'RE EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE. SO I SANT SAY ENOUGH GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE WORK YOU DO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ENJOY OUR WORK.

PINK WAS THE RIGHT COLOR. [LAUGHTER] >>

FUTRELL: I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A NOTE OF THIS, LAURA.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO.

MAYOR, I THINK WE'RE READY TO MOVE ON TO THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SECTION. THE FIRST QUESTION WE HAVE HAS TO DO WITH THE QUALITY OF OUR LAKES AND STREAMS AND FLOOD CONTROL EFFORTS. IN BOTH THESE EFFORTS YOU SEE RELATIVELY HIGH CITIZEN SATISFACTION. IT IS UP OVER THREE PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND WITH FLOOD CONTROL EFFORTS, 86.4% SATISFACTION UP JUST UNDER TWO PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS YOU ALL KNOW, AUSTIN DOES HAVE A TENDENCY TO FLOOD. WE'RE PART OF FLASH FLOOD ALLEY. SO THE CONFIDENCE IN OUR CITIZENS IS IMPORTANT FROM A SAFETY PERSPECTIVE. THE NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS THAT WE ASK HAS TO DO WITH OUR ONE TOP STOP. AS A REMINDER THIS DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF A DRAINAGE SECTION, A WATER QUALITY SECTION AND A ONE TOP SECTION WHICH MOVES THE DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH THE REVIEW PROCESS. WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THESE FIVE QUESTIONS IS TWO THINGS. ON BALANCE THERE IS STILL RELATIVELY LOW SATISFACTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES. BUT WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION IS THAT WE'RE SEEING MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN HOW OUR CUSTOMERS VIEW THESE SERVICES. WE THINK THAT THIS IMPROVEMENT SPEAKS HIGHLY FOR THE ONE STOP SHOP EFFORTS, WHICH BY THE WAY, WE JUST HAD THE RIBBON PUT CUTTING A FEW MONTHS AGO, SO WE ARE JUST NOW CO-LOCATE UNDERSTAND A SINGLE BUILDING. WITHBUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA. ONE THING I WILL SAY IS WE HAVE ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THAT FUNCTION NOW EVALUATING HOW THEY DO THEIR JOBS, WORKING DIRECTLY WITH CUSTOMERS ON MAKING TWEAKS ON THEIR JOBS AND I'LL TALK TO YOU MORE ABOUT HOW WE'RE GETTING EVEN MORE INFORMATION FROM OUR CUSTOMERS. BUT THE SPECIFIC SATISFACTION RATINGS ARE THIS. IN BUILDING RATINGS IT IS UP FROM 6.7% FROM LAST YEAR AND REVIEW

SERVICES FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 52%, WHICH IS UP 13% FROM LAST YEAR. AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLAN REVIEW, SATISFACTION LEVELS OF 48.4%, WHICH IS UP 4.6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND IN REVIEW SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PLANS WE HAVE SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 50.7%, WHICH IS UP 12% FROM LAST YEAR. AND FINALLY AN INSPECTION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS WE HAVE SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 62%, BUT IN THIS AREA WE'VE SEEN A DECLINE FROM LAST YEAR OF 7.9%. AND FOR THIS REASON YOU'RE GOING TO SEE US RECOMMEND SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WE WENT ABOUT GETTING CUSTOMER FEEDBACK A SECOND WAY IN THIS DEPARTMENT, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AND PART OF THE REASON WE DID THIS IS BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE FOR ALL OF US. AUSTIN HAS A LONG-STANDING REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DEVELOP ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES AND ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES WAS TO CHANGE THAT, TO CHANGE THAT AT THE SERVICE DELIVERY LEVEL. AND WHEN WE CALL CITIZENS IN OUR CITIZENS SURVEY, WE KNOW THEY'VE USED THE SERVICES, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY LAST USED DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. SO WE WENT IN AND CONDUCTED A SERIES OF FOCUS GROUPS THIS SUMMER IN JUNE AND JULY AND WE WORKED WITH PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN THROUGH THE ONE TOP SHOP INSIDE OF THE LAST NINE MONTHS. SO THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THE SERVICES AS WE RESTRUCTURED THEM. AND I WANT TO SHARE JUST OUR PRELIMINARY RESULTS THAT WE'RE GETTING FROM THESE DETAILED CONVERSATIONS. INTERESTINGLY, WE HAD ALMOST 100% PARTICIPATION AND WE SIMPLY RANDOMLY SELECTED CUSTOMERS FROM EACH DIVISION. AND WE HAD VERY POSITIVE FEEDBACK. PEOPLE CHANGED THEIR SCHEDULES IN ORDER TO SHOW UP AT THE ONE STOP SHOP AND TALK TO US ABOUT WHAT GOING WELL AND WHERE WE NEEDED TO FOCUS OUR EFFORTS. WHAT WE FOUND WAS OVERRULE CITIZENS HAVE NOTICED -- THE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THE ONE STOP SHOP HAVE NOTICED A DIFFERENCE. THEY'RE SEEING AN IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES, THEY ARE -- OVERALL THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE. THEY FIND STAFF TO BE FRIENDLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PROCESSES.

THEY'VE ALSO GIVEN US SOME FEEDBACK. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SORT OF THE GENERIC FEEDBACK, BUT I WILL TELL YOU THEY GAVE US SOME VERY SPECIFIC FEEDBACK, SOME OF WHICH IS RELATIVELY EASY TO IMPLEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY ASKED FOR BETTER SIGNAGE IN THE BUILDING SO THEY COULD DETERMINE WHICH FLOOR TO GO TO FOR WHICH SERVICE, WHICH IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO DO. THEY ASKED FOR BETTER WEB ACCESS. AND LATER THIS YEAR WHEN WE BRING AMANDA, THE NEW SOFTWARE ONLINE, PEOPLE WILL GET JUST EXACTLY THAT, WHICH IS BETTER WEB ACCESS TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND HOW THEIR APPLICATION IS MOVING THROUGH THE PROCESSES. THEY ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NEW CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IF YOU'VE ABOUT BEEN OVER THERE YOU KNOW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR. SO AS YOU WALK INTO THE BUILDING THAT'S WHERE YOU WOULD FIRST GO. PEOPLE WANT EVEN MORE INFORMATION IF THEY HAVEN'T USED THE SERVICE BEFORE. ONE NICE THING ABOUT DOING FOCUS GROUPS IS WE HAD EVERYTHING FROM 20 20 YEAR SEASONED DEVELOPMENT AGENTS TO PEOPLE WHO USED THE SERVICE ONE TIME FOR RENOVATION AND THEY WON'T EVER BE BACK UNLESS THEY DO ANOTHER RENOVATION TO THEIR HOME. SO WE HAD A REAL MIX OF CUSTOMER TYPES. AND THE NEWER CUSTOMERS WANTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO THEY KNEW HOW TO WIND THEIR WAY THROUGH THE PROCESSES. AND FINALLY, THEY ASKED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL OFFICE HOURS IN SOME AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE RESIDENTIAL REVIEW SECTION, WHEREAS I SAID EARLIER WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF GROWTH, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR EXPANDED HOURS. SO THIS FEEDBACK WE'RE USING TO REFINE THE SERVICES AT A REAL FINE GRAIN LEVEL. AND SOME OF THE FEEDBACK WAS SPECIFIC ENOUGH FOR US TO DO THAT. AND I WILL SAY I THINK IT SENT A POSITIVE SIGNAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE WILLING TO GO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO JUST CAME THROUGH THE PROCESS AND ASKED THEM HOW DID IT WORK, WHAT WORKED WELL AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO WORK ON? WITH THAT DONE, MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE IT TURN IT OVER TO JOE PANTAGLION.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. IN THIS BUDGET, TWO MAJOR INITIATIVES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT. THE ONE STOP SHOP FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE WATERSHED PROTECTION MASTER PLAN. AS LAURA MENTIONED, OUR CUSTOMERS ARE PLEASED WITH THE PROJECT MADE IN THE ONE STOP SHOP WHERE WE REORGANIZED AROUND THE CUSTOMER, INTEGRATED THE WORK OF 13 CITY DEPARTMENTS AND STREAMLINED THE PERMITTING PROCESS. TWO MONTHS AGO WE DID CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR SNU ONE STOP SHOP OFFICES RIGHT ACROSS THE RIVER IN ONE TEXAS CENTER. ON THE WATERSHED SIDE, THE CITY'S FLOOD EROSION AND WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS ARE CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZED AMONG THE TOP IN THE NATION. IN FACT, YOUR STAFF WILL BE THE KEY FEATURE AND A CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING THIS FALL ON GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH THEY DID WHILE PROTECTING AUSTIN'S CREEKS. WHETHER THEY'RE PROTECTING THE PUBLIC FROM FLOODS OR UNSAFE BUILDING PRACTICES OR PRESERVING AUSTIN'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL OR CODE REVIEW PROGRAMS, YOUR STAFF IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND THEY DESERVE OUR RECOGNITION. THIS SLIDE SHOWS DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM. OUR LARGEST PROGRAMS INCLUDE 16.7 MILLION FOR THE ONE STOP SHOP, THREE MILLION FOR FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION. 6.2 MILLION FOR WATER QUALITY. OUR GROUND FILLS PROGRAM IS A TRANSFER FROM SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND HELPS PROPERTY OWNERS REDEVELOP LAND THAT IS REAL OR PERCEIVED CONTAMINATION ISSUE. 9.7 MILLION IS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION FUND, SUSTAINABILITY FUND, THE BCP, COMPUTER HARDWARE SUPPORT, FEE BILLING AND CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. 16.5 MILLION WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CIP FUND FOR FLOOD EROSION AND WATER QUALITY PROJECTS. THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUE FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS \$11.6 MILLION. PROPOSED EXPENDITURES ARE BUDGETED AT 12.5 MILLION. SIX NEW F.T.E.'S ARE PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET TO KEEP PACE WITH AUSTIN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY WHICH CONTINUES TO TREND UP. ANOTHER THREE F.T.E.'S ARE BEING

TRANSFERRED IN THE BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENTS WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED AS PART OF A BUDGET CLEANUP ITEM. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUE IS 11.67 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 1.6 MILLION. 10.7 MILLION OR MOST OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE, COMES FROM FEES CHARGED FOR REVIEWS, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS. CHARGES FOR SERVICES AT 677,000 IS DERIVED PRIMARILY FROM UTILITY CUT INSPECTION FEES AND STREET CLOSURE FEES. ANOTHER 190,000 COMES FROM LICENSE AGREEMENT FEES. THE PROCEEDED BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES MINOR CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH REINSPECTION, AFTER HOUR FEES AND A NEW TEMPORARY CO FEE. PROPOSED ADD BACKS AMOUNT TO JUST OVER \$300,000. AND AS LAURA MENTIONED, SOME OF OUR WORK GROUPS TWO YEARS AGO WERE PRETTY HARD HIT IN THE BUDGET REDUCTIONS. SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS WERE CUT BY UP TO 40%, WITH A THIRD OF THEIR STAFF ELIMINATED. AND WE THOUGHT REAL LONG AND HARD ABOUT WHICH STRATEGIC ADD BACKS TO MAKE PREPARED TO THE DEMAND AND THE BUSINESS WE'RE SEEING COME IN. TWO POSITIONS WERE POSED FOR THE PERMIT CENTER WHERE PERMITS ISSUED HAVE DOUBLED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. THREE INSPECTION POSITIONS PROPOSED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASE IN BUILDING INSPECTION REQUESTS AND FINALLY ONE ADDITIONAL ZONING REVIEWER IS PROPOSED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASE IN THE NEW CONSTRUCTION PLIKSZ AND A FOUR PERCENT INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FOR REMODELS AND ADDITIONS. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PIEG \$18,000 OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT FOR INSPECTIONS AND BUDGETING 163,000 FOR SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS -- SERVICE INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENTS. THE PROPOSED REVENUE FOR THE DRAINAGE UTILITY IS \$49.9 MILLION. THE WATERSHED PROTECTION MASTER PLAN THAT WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL IN 2001 IDENTIFIED OVER \$800 MILLION IN PROJECT AND STAFFING NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE WIDESPREAD FLOODING, EROSION AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOLLOWING THIS ROAD MAP FOR INCREASED SERVICES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, ADDITIONAL REVENUE HAS BEEN INVESTED WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST. CAPITAL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE STAFF. THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE UTILITY BUDGET IS 52.2

MILLION AND INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF 20 AND A QUARTER F.T.E.'S TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE MASTER PLAN. TWO POSITIONS FOR EMOTION AND DRAINAGE FIELD MAINTENANCE. FIVE POSITIONS FOR THE FLOOD PROGRAM, ONE TO SUPPORT THE EROSION FIELD CREWS. THREE SUPPORT POSITIONS, INCLUDING A GIS TECHNICIAN, A SAFETY COORDINATOR AND CONVERTING A TEMPORARY FEE ADMINISTRATOR TO PERMANENT STATUS. >

THE COST OF THE SERVICE STUDY APPROVED BY COUNCIL IN 2001, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF A DRAINAGE RATE INCREASE. RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE FEES ARE PROPOSED TO INCREASE 41 CENTS PER MONTH FROM \$6.74 TO \$7.15 ARE, AN INCREASE OF 6.1%. COMMERCIAL DRAINAGE FEES ARE PROPOSED TO INCREASE \$28.74 FOR IMPERVIOUS ACRE, AN INCREASE OF 19.4%. THE INCREASES ARE EXPECTED TO GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL 5.5 MILLION IN REVENUE TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE MASTER PLAN. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES A PROPOSED NEW FEE, A 500-DOLLAR FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE FEE THO THOSE REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING. THE DRAINAGE FEE PROVIDES 97% OF THE DRAINAGE UTILITIES REVENUE. OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE DRAINAGE UTILITY INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT FEES AT 552 THOWZ, STORM SEWER AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PERMITS AT 210,000 AND INTEREST AT 884,000. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE NEW REVENUE HAS ALLOWED THE CIP TRANSFER TO INCREASE BY \$14 MILLION OR ALMOST 600%. FROM 2.4 MILLION IN 2001 TO 16.5 MILLION IN 2006. AGAIN, OUR CIP TRANSFER OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS HAS INCREASED BY 600 PERCENT. WHILE BOND FUNDS ARE GOING TO MAKE A DENT IN THE BACKLOG LIST, THE CIP TRANSFER WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE, EROSION AND WATER QUALITY PROJECTS FOR SEVERAL HIGH NEED WATERSHEDS. THIS SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT. WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE POSITIONS IN BUILDING INSPECTIONS, WE ANTICIPATE IMPROVING OUR ANNUAL AVERAGE OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED IN 24 HOURS TO 95%. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'RE SEEING RECORD INSPECTION NUMBERS, PARTICULARLY FOR RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS. IN FACT, WE ARE, I BELIEVE, 11%

HIGHER RIGHT NOW THAN THE LAST OF THE BOOM YEARS, BEING THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR. THE% OF ON TIME SITE AND SUBDIVISION REVIEWS TRACKS THE RESPONSIVENESS OF STAFF IN COMPLETING INITIAL REVIEWS WITHIN CODE MANDATED TIME OF 28 DAYS. SUCCESS IN THIS AREA SHORTSHORTENS THE CYCLE TIME OF PLAN APPROVALS THROUGH OUR PROCESS. THIS YEAR WE ARE BEATING THE GOAL OF 90%, BUT WE WILL KEEP IT AS THE GOAL FOR NEXT YEAR IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT INCREASE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY. THE ZONING REVIEW RESULTS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY TWO MAJOR FACTORS. THERE HAS BEEN A 26% INCREASE IN NEW CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS, SO THE WORK LOAD HAS GONE UP. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS GROUP HAS ACTUALLY BECOME A VICTIM OF THE SUCCESS OF THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM. INSTEAD OF A NORMAL SEVEN-DAY TURNAROUND TIME, SMART HOUSING APPLICATION VZ A TWO-DAY TURNAROUND TIME. THESE APPLICATIONS HAVE ALSO INCREASED BY 80% FROM LAST YEAR. COUNCIL, WE ARE PROPOSING TO ADD A POSITION IN THIS GROUP TO ADDRESS THESE DEMANDS, WITH THE TOTAL VOLUME OF PERMITS HAS INCREASED AND THE BAR HAS BEEN LOWERED FOR HOW FAST THEY HAVE TO TURN THEM AROUND. WE SIMPLY NEED MORE STAFF HERE. THREE POND MAINTENANCE CREWS ARE NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL, LEADING TO AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY FROM 50% IN FY 2004. WE ARE MAINTAINING AND REHABING 94% OF ALL THE PONDS IN AUSTIN. AND THE NUMBER OF IN-HOUSE EROSION PROJECTS COMPLETED BY OUR FIELD CREWS WILL INCREASE SLIGHTLY WHEN THE PROPOSED SECOND CREW COMES ON LATE NEXT YEAR AN INCREASE TO 24 FOR FY 2007. THIS MEASURE COMPARES THE COMPARISON OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED ON TIME IN FY 2004. AT 91%, WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS WE ARE OFF OUR AVERAGE OF 96 TO 97% LEVEL ACHIEVED BEFORE THE PRETTY DRASTIC STAFFING REDUCTIONS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. AND ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING THAT I NEED TO MENTION AT THIS POINT IS THAT THESE ARE ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBERS AND THEY'RE THE AVERAGE OF OUR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS. WHILE OUR COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS CONTINUE TO PERFORM AT ABOUT THE 95% LEVEL, A RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS ARE

LAGGING JUST DUE TO THE DEMAND HAVING A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW RESIDENTIAL PERMITS AND BUILDING INSPECTION REQUESTS. SO HAD WHEN YOU LOOK AT AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 91% BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL, WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SEEING, ESPECIALLY IN THESE LAST TWO OR THREE MONTHS WHERE YOU HAVE THE SUMMER SPIKE IS THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS ON THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE HAS PROBABLY BEEN AROUND 50 TO 60%. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ARE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE AT 97% ACROSS THE ENTIRE YEAR, OUR RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDERS IN THAT COMMUNITY IS REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT LEVEL OF SERVICE HERE. THAT'S ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL INSPECTORS SO THAT EVEN DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE CAN GET THIS BACK UP HOPEFULLY TO 95% IF THE VOLUMES DON'T CONTINUE TO INCREASE NEXT YEAR. AND FINALLY, THIS MEASURE COMPARES THE NUMBER OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS PER ONE THOUSAND POPULATION AT 305 AUSTIN FALLS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE MEDIAN. AND WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: COULD YOU GIVE US SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANS FOR IMPROVED AND INCREASED WEB ACCESS?

I WISH SOMEONE FROM CTM WAS HERE, BUT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING A NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS CALLED AMANDA. AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT ONLINE BY LATE THIS YEAR, EARLY NEXT YEAR. AND MANY OF THE SAME FUNCTIONS, WEB FUNCTIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, LIKE MANAGING ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, WILL BE ON AMANDA. AND WE ARE ALSO ADDING SOME NEW FEATURES IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO FILL OUT APPLICATIONS AND SIMPLY JUST COME DOWN TO OUR OFFICE TO SIGN IT. SO WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO PUSH

THE ENVELOPE HERE, IT'S NOT ONLY A BENEFIT FOR THE CUSTOMERS, BUT A BENEFIT FOR THE STAFF IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PERMITS THAT COME IN ON A WEEKLY BASIS. SO WE'RE VERY AGGRESSIVELY PUSHING THAT ARENA.

McCracken: WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS BEING IMPLEMENTED?

WE'RE LOOKING AT LATE WINTER TO HAVE A FULL IMPLEMENTATION. AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS NOW, WE'VE ALREADY DONE JUST A VERY GENERIC OVERVIEW FOR THE WORKFORCE AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS CREATE SUPER USERS IN EACH AREA SO YOU HAVE SOME ON THE GROUND EXPERTS AND MOVE THROUGH THAT WHOLE DEPARTMENT AND TRAIN PEOPLE BEFORE WE MOVE THAT -- BEFORE WE GO LIVE WITH THAT. THE OTHER THING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, AND WE'VE ALREADY BEEN OUT IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WORKING WITH THE ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO START TALKING TO THEM ABOUT HOW THE SOFTWARE WORKS. THE OTHER REALLY NEAT THING ABOUT THE SOFTWARE IS IT MAKES IT A WHOLE LOT EASIER TO TRACK UNIQUE FEATURES OF A DEVELOPMENT. THEY FIT IN A FOLDER SO WHEN SOMEONE IS ISSUING A PERMIT, IF THERE'S SOMETHING THEY NEED TO KNOW, SOMETHING HAS BEEN FLAGGED, THEY'RE NOT RELYING ON A PAPER FILE TO FIND IT. THERE'S A FOLDER WHERE THEY CAN PICK UP THE NOTES FROM THE REVIEW SECTION, MAKE SURE THEY'RE CLEARED. WE ALSO THINK THAT THIS WILL HELP CLEAR COMMENTS SOONER. AS MULTIPLE REVIEWERS CAN SEE EACH OTHER'S COMMENTS, WE THINK IT WILL HELP WITH CONFLICTING COMMENTS AND CLEARING COMMENTS FASTER. SO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT SOME OF THE VERY SPECIFIC FEATURES THAT THE SOFTWARE WILL HAVE.

ESPECIALLY INTEGRATING 13 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THAT ONE SYSTEM.

McCracken: DO YOU ALL HAVE ANY PLANS OR FORECASTS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO INTEGRATE THE COMMERCIAL

DESIGN STANDARDS INTO THAT AS WELL?

I BELIEVE THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND SO IT WILL JUST BECOME A FUNCTION OF THE REVIEW. AND TO THE DEGREE THAT PERMITS WOULD COME INTO THE SYSTEM AND BE REVIEWED AGAINST THAT, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SOME TOGGLE SWITCHES TO SAY WHICH ONES HAD TO COMPLY AND JUST FLAGS TO ESTABLISH THAT. BUT AGAIN, AT THIS TIME I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT HAS BEEN BUILT IN, BUT CERTAINLY THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A DYNAMIC PROCESS. WE'VE JUST HAD A SITUATION WHERE THIS PAST YEAR THE LEGISLATURE CHANGED THE PROCESS, SO IT'S GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR SYSTEM. SO WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS THROUGH THE YEARS.

BUT ONE THING THAT WILL HELP US IN THE DESIGN AND REVIEW IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET IS ALSO GOING TO HELP BECAUSE IN ADDITION TO THE DESIGN STANDARDS WE HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND WHEN LARGE PUDS AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS COME THROUGH, ALL THOSE REPRESENT DIFFERENT KINDS OF DEVELOPMENT FRZ A REVIEW PERSPECTIVE. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE DONE IS EVERY TIME WE ARE WORKING ON ONE OF THOSE DEALS, AND FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE DESIGN STANDARDS, WE INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM THE ONE STOP SHOP BECAUSE THEY WILL BE REVIEWING THE PLANS WHEN THOSE CHANGE. SO WE WILL BE PULLING THE STAFF MEMBERS IN ON THE FRONT END. THEY SIT IN ON THE CODE REWRITE TEAM AND HELPED WRITE THAT RFQ. THEY SAT ON THE DESIGN STANDARDS TEAM. EVEN IN THE CODE REWRITE WE HAVE A SPECIFIC TRAINING COMPONENT IN THAT RFQ SO WE DON'T GET A PRODUCT AND EVERYBODY HAS TO INTERPRET A NEW CODE. WELCOME THROUGH AND TRAIN ALL OF OUR STAFF. WE'VE RECOGNIZED THAT SOME OF THE PLANNING INITIATIVES IS THEY'RE DATING COMPLEXITIES ON THE REVIEW SIDE AND WE'RE TRYING TO PLAN FOR THAT.

McCracken: I'M GLAD WE'RE THINKING ON THOSE THINGS. THE ABILITY TO DO ALL OF THIS STUFF ON THE WEB IS GOING TO BE A GREAT ASSET FOR EVERYBODY, BUT I THINK THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AN AREA THAT WE'RE VERY MINDFUL OF

ON THE DESIGN STANDARDS, WHICH IS COMING, WHICH IS A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT REWRITE OF A LOT OF AREAS OF URBAN PLANNING IN THIS CITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL GETS INCIDENT GATE GRATED IN AS WELL. IT'S PRETTY SEAMLESS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME UP EARLIER DURING SUE'S PRESENTATION, LAURA, BUT IT WAS ABOUT THE GENERAL WEBSITE REDESIGNING THE CITY. COULD SHE GIVE ME -- I THOUGHT WHEN I SAW JOE TALKING ABOUT THE WEB ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT'S IN THE WORKS FOR THE WEBSITE REDESIGN?

SUE IS CREATING A WEBSITE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SO YOU WILL GET TO THAT THROUGH THE CITY'S WEBSITE. AND SHE IS GOING TO -- WE'LL DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS. WE'LL PUT IN OUR APPLICATION FOR INCENTIVES ON THAT. WE'LL PUT ALL OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS ON THAT, THE CULTURAL ARTS FUNDING. AND OVER TIME WE'LL BE ABLE TO PULL THE CULTURAL ARS FUNDOGTHAT WEBSITE SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO ACCESS THOSE PROGRAMS CAN DO IT ONLINE.

McCracken: ON THE ECONOMIC GROWTH WEBSITE, IT'S NOT A CITY WEBSITE?

IT'S NOT A CITYWIDE WEBSITE.

THE CITYWIDE WEBSITE IS HANDLED OUT OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN ORDER WITH PETE'S SHOP, CTM. THERE IS SOME WORK THAT WE ARE ALSO DOING CITYWIDE ON TRYING TO MAKE OUR WEBSITE FASTER, FRIENDLIER AND SOME STREAMLINING THERE. WE'RE DOING SOME WORK BOTH ON YOU INDIVIDUAL SITES LIKE CODE ENFORCEMENT AS AN EXAMPLE IN CODE ENFORCEMENT WE RECENTLY HAD A NEIGHBORHOOD OFFER US A SUGGESTION FROM ANOTHER CITY THAT WE'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THE CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION, THE PORTION OF THE CODE, AND THEN PICTURES OF WHAT THE CODE VIOLATION LOOKS LIKE. FLAG BY FLAG BY FLAG. SO THEY'RE BOTH SITE CHANGES THAT ARE HAPPENING IN CERTAIN AREAS AND THEN AN OVERALL LOOK AT THE WEBSITE THAT ARE HAPPENING OUT OF A WHOLE DIFFERENT AREA. >>

MCCRACKEN: THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU HEAR SOME FEEDBACK ABOUT A LITTLE MORE FREQUENCY THESE DAYS, AND THAT IS IT'S A WEBSITE THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM EVERY OTHER CITY'S WEBSITE WHEN IT CAME OUT AND IT'S USEFUL TO RETHINK THE THINGS FROM TIME TO TIME. I THINK WE'RE LAGGING A LITTLE BIT IN E-COMMERCE FUNCTIONS THAT ARE INTEGRATED INTO OUR WEB APPLICATIONS ON THE WEBSITE. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT SOME OF THESE ARE ALREADY BEING DONE. SO TO THE EXTENT -- I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS ON THE SEARCH FEATURE, AND I THINK IF WE COULD DO MORE ON THE SEARCH FEATURE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. IT'S STILL KIND OF A HARD WEBSITE TO FIND STUFF ON.

AND YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY JUST RECENTLY DID MAJOR CITIES ALL THROUGH THE COUNTRY, AND ASSESSED US IN TERMS OF WHERE WE ARE ON E-GOVMENT INITIATIVES, AND -- E-GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND IT IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW AREAS WE'RE NOT RIGHT AT THE TOP. WE'RE AVERAGE COMPARED ON WHAT CITIES ARE DOING. PETE IS ASSESSING THAT RIGHT NOW. WE ALWAYS HATE IT WHEN WE GET AN AVERAGE GRADE ON EVERYTHING. >>

MAYOR WYNN: HOW WAS SAN ANTONIO, THOUGH?

SAN ANTONIO WAS BELOW US. THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT WE ARE NOT DOING WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING FOR A HIGH-TECH CITY AND WHERE WE SHOULD BE IN E-GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS, FOR EXAMPLE, OUR CRIME WEB VIEWER FOR POLICE WHERE PEOPLE CAN PULL UP THE CRIME REPORTS AND STATS FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD IS A WONDERFUL PIECE OF SOFTWARE. IT'S A WONDERFUL FEATURE TO HAVE, BUT IT'S VERY SLOW AND HARD TO USE. SO PETE'S ASSESSING THAT RIGHT NOW AND WE'LL BE COMING BACK THROUGH THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ULTIMATELY THROUGH THE COUNCIL TO OFFER YOU SOME IDEAS ON THAT.

McCracken: AND TO GO FROM AN AREA WHERE WE'RE AVERAGE TO THE AREA THAT I DON'T THINK WE CAN CONGRATULATE JOE AND TOBY AND ALL OF YOU ENOUGH ON WHAT HAS BEEN KIND OF ROBIN HOOD OF LOCAL POLITICS, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY RUNS FOR

STATE LEGISLATURE SAYS I'M GOING TO FIX THAT ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL FINANCE DEAL RIGHT AND FOR A GENERATION COUNCIL CANDIDATES SAID I'M GOING TO BE FIXING THAT DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SITUATION. SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GRIPE ABOUT NOW? YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. IT'S A HUGE ORGANIZATIONAL RENOVATION. THOSE ARE HARD TO DO ANYWHERE. AND WE'RE ALL HEARING GREAT FEEDBACK. I KNOW IT'S A BIG JOB SO I GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT. GOOD JOB.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

Dunkerley: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I WANT TO ECHO THAT. I THINK A LOT OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS DO THEIR OWN SURVEYS BY LOOKING AT THEIR E-MAILS, SOY CAN ECHO WHAT -- SO I CAN EK SO WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN SAID AND YOUR SURVEY THAT HELPED YOU PRESENT IT. I GUESS PROBABLY SIX MONTHS OR SO AGO I STARTED GETTING POSITIVE E-MAILS, PARTICULARLY FROM SMALL BUSINESS, THAT ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO COME TO THE ONE STOP SHOP AND BE SERVED VERY QUICKLY. SO YOU DIDN'T REALLY HAVE TO DO THE PUBLIC SURVEY FOR ME, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'LL ACCEPT THAT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW STAFF WHO PUT IN A LOT OF WORK ON THAT, A LOT OF HARD THINKING. AND A LOT OF OUT OF THE BOX THINKING. I'LL PASS THAT ON.

Dunkerley: THANKS.

Kim: MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I KNOW WE HAVE THE AMANDA SYSTEM AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO FOR US. I'VE JUST BEEN HEARING LITTLE BITS HERE AND THERE. ARE YOU

GOING TO DO PRESENTATIONS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC LETTING PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT HOW TO GET A MERMENT, HOW THEY CAN DO THIS WITHOUT HAVING TO HIRE AN AGENT? MAYBE TIPS AND TRICKS? WHAT DO WE DO TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE?

THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE ROLLED OUT SCHEDULE WHERE FIRST WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE HAVING A VERY INTENSE ROLLOUT FOR STAFF, BUT AT THAT POINT IN TIME WE'LL BE GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY TO THE INDUSTRY AND THE TRADE, THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE USING THE AMANDA SYSTEM AND GIVING THEM AN OVERVIEW AND SOME HOW-TO PRESENTATIONS. SO WE WILL BE DOING THAT.

Kim: OKAY.

ALTHOUGH I LIKE THAT TAG, TIPS AND TRICKS.

Kim: HOW TO GET SOMETHING DONE IN THE CITY WITHOUT HAVING TO HIRE AN AGENT. ALL RIGHT. THANKS.

Leffingwell: MAYOR? THE LINE ITEM YOU HAVE HERE FOR MASTER PLANNING, IS THAT THE WATERSHED MASTER PLAN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ON PAGE 42, \$167,000?

THAT IS THE STAFF THAT SUPPORTS THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS THAT TRIES TO KEEP UP TO DATE ALL THE MASTER PLAN INFORMATION, PLUS COORDINATES A LOT OF THE WORK THAT WE DO FROM AN INTEGRATION STANDPOINT, INTEGRATING THE MISSIONS AS WE PREPARE A CIP PLAN, BUT ALSO HELPS LOOK AT ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS RECOMMENDED IN THE MASTER PLAN, INCLUDING PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND SOME OF OUR REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT FIVE YEARS AGO. >>

LEFFINGWELL: IS THERE A PLAN TO EXPAND THE EXISTING MASTER PLAN TO INCLUDE MORE OF THE URBAN AND SUBURBAN WATERSHEDS?

IN PHASE ONE IN 2001, WE MASTER PLANNED ALL OF THE URBAN WATERSHEDS, ALL 12 OF THE URBAN WATERSHEDS.

WE ALSO MASTER PLANNED FIVE SUBURBAN WATERSHEDS, BULL, BARTON, WALNUT, COUNTRY CLUB AND WILLIAMSON CREEK. THAT'S 17 WATERSHEDS. WE WILL ALSO BE EXPANDING THE MASTER PLAN, NOT NECESSARILY BY BIG CHUNKS AND PHASES, BUT AS WE GO OUT TO A HARRIS BRANCH OR CARSON CREEK, ONE THAT WAS NOT MASTER PLANNED, AND WE DO A MODEL OF THE WATERSHED, WE WILL INCORPORATE OUR FINDINGS INTO THE MASTER PLAN. SO WE'RE KIND OF PIECE MEELG INFORMATION AS WE CAN PAY FOR IT, AS WE CAN GET THAT INTO OUR SYSTEM.

Leffingwell: OKAY. IS THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE MASTER PLAN, IS THAT STILL ACTIVE AND MEETING?

YES, IT IS. THEY ACTUALLY HAD A MEETING, I BELIEVE LAST NIGHT. YES, THEY HAVE. AND WE'LL BE CERTAIN TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THOSE MEETINGS ARE HELD WE GET THAT UP EITHER ON THE WEBSITE OR MAKE IT KNOWN THAT THOSE MEETINGS ARE HAPPENING.

Leffingwell: OKAY. ANOTHER QUESTION, SAME PAGE, TRANSFER TO CIP FOR FLOOD EROSION WATER QUALITY, 16 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. I BELIEVE THAT THE BIG PLAN, WHEN THE MASTER PLAN FIRST CAME OUT, CALLED FOR A TOTAL OF \$800 MILLION IN REPAIRS THAT WERE NECESSARY I BELIEVE IN 2001. AND SO THE TARGET WAS THREE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR 40 YEARS TO MAKE UP THAT.

RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT WE COULD TOLERATE AS FAR AS THE ULTIMATE FEE INCREASE, MAYBE GETTING IT UP TO \$20 MILLION.

Leffingwell: YEAH. SO I NOTICED THAT -- OF COURSE THAT'S FUNDED BY THE DRAINAGE FEE. AND LATER ON IN YOUR PRESENTATION IT SHOWS THAT THE -- WE'RE IN THE FIFTH YEAR, THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF THOSE INCREASES AND WE'RE AT 16 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. ARE YOU STILL REACHING FOR THAT \$20 MILLION A YEAR AGO?

I THINK A LOT OF THAT IS GOING TO BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE BONDS. AT 20 \$20 MILLION A YEAR, THAT'S A DROP IN THE BUCKET WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST AN 800-MILLION-

DOLLAR NEED. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL GET A GOOD CHUNK OF MONEY FROM THE BOND ISSUE, HOPEFULLY 198 MILLION, AT LEAST 1 FIST MILLION TO PUT TOWARDS THAT NEED AND REALLY CUT THAT 800-MILLION-DOLLAR NUMBER DOWN.

Leffingwell: I HOPE SO TOO, BUT \$20 MILLION A YEAR WAS THE FIGUREHEAD, AND SO NOW IT APPEARS THAT WE'RE KIND OF STUCK AT 16 AND A HALF MILLION, IF I READ YOU CORRECTLY.

WITHOUT ANOTHER FEE INCREASE. I WOULD ALSO MENTION THAT OUR CIP PROGRAM IS ALSO COMPRISED OF TWO OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FUNDS, ONE BEING THE URBAN WATERSHED'S FUND AND THE OTHER BEING THE RSMP. AND I BELIEVE EVEN IN YEAR AS WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE FUND IN OUR OVERALL CIP PROGRAM, WE'RE ACTUALLY UP TO 18.8 MILLION.

Leffingwell: OKAY. AND FINALLY, TOTALLY DIFFERENT SUBJECT, FINES AND PENALTIES FOR INSPECTION FAILURES, SO FORTH, HOW IS THAT MONEY ACCOUNTED FOR? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT OR IS THAT STRAIGHT OUT OF THE COURT INTO A GENERAL FUND?

ANY PAYMENT OF THOSE ITEMS GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND, SO WE DON'T CAPTURE THAT. IT'S A MATTER OF JUST BEING CAPTURED BY THE GENERAL FUND.

Leffingwell: SO YOU DON'T HAVE A FEEL AT ALL FOR WHETHER THAT SORT OF PAYS FOR ITSELF OR NOT?

I COULD NOT GIVE YOU JUST AN OFF THE CUFF ANSWER, NO.

Leffingwell: THANK YOU.

LAURA, DO YOU HAVE THE SLIDE WITH YOU OR DID WE BRING IT ON HOW THE DRAINAGE FUND IS BEING BROKEN OUT? IS THAT QUICKLY AVAILABLE OR NOT?

VERY LAST.

IT'S THE STACKED BAR GRAPH. WE'RE GOING TO CONCLUDE

OUR PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION HERE. THERE YOU GO.

THAT'S IT, GO BACK.

THIS MIGHT BE HELPFUL JUST TO SEE -- WE WANT TO WALK THROUGH THAT? I JUST WANT TO PREVIEW THIS ALL FOR YOU. ALL RIGHT.

KEEP GOING.

THERE YOU GO.

ALL RIGHT. AND WHAT THIS SLIDE SHOWS IS A STACK BAR GRAPH OF WHERE OUR EXPENDITURES HAVE GONE WITH THE INCREASE OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE BOTTOM TWO BARS, THE BLUE BAR BEING OUR TRANSFER TO CIP, YOU'VE SEEN THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND ALL OF THE VERY ☐☐ SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM FEE INCREASES GOING DIRECTLY TO CAPITAL PROJECTS, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PROVIDE REAL SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS.

AROUND I CAN GET YOU ALL A COPY OF THIS GRAPH. THAT'S ONE WAY TO SHOW HOW THE MONEY HAS COME IN AND HOW IT'S BEEN USED AND HOW WE'VE GROWN THOSE CATEGORIES UPON MAINTENANCE?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE CIP PROJECTS AND WE HAVE ABOUT HALF A MILLION YEAR FOR CREEK EROSION MITIGATION. AND WE SAY THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO CIP FOR PROJECTS IN SEVERAL WATERSHED, AND I GUESS ABOUT 10 -- 12 WATERSHED. CAN YOU TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE?

THE LINE ITEMS THAT SAY FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION IS REALLY OUR OPERATING FUNDS. IT PAYS FOR OUR ENGINEERS AND SERVICES THAT WE MAY GET FROM OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS TO ACTUALLY DO THE PLANNING, THE ENGINEERING AND THE FIELD TESTING. AND THEN THE ACTUAL TRANSFER TO CIP PAYS FOR THE ACTUAL CAPITAL PROJECT, THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. SO

THAT'S WHY YOU SEE THE TRANSFER TO CIP AS BEING SUCH A LARGE NUMBER. AND WITHIN THAT CATEGORY, YOU WOULD GET EROSION PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED.

Kim: HOW MANY DID WE DO IN 2004?

IN TERMS OF THE CURRENT ONGOING EROSION CAPITAL PROJECTS? I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC NUMBER FOR YOU RIGHT NOW. WE DEAL WITH A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL BUYOUTS THAT WE ALSO COUNT AS PROJECTS. BUT I CAN GET YOU THAT INFORMATION.

Kim: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR, I BELIEVE THAT BRINGS US TO OUR LAST DEPARTMENT FOR TODAY'S BUDGET PRESENTATIONS WITH PUBLIC WORKS. HERE WE ASKED A WHOLE SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS THAT OCCUR IN PUBLIC WORKS. YOU WILL SEE SOME MIXED RESULTS HERE. IN THE TOP FOUR MOBILITY RELATED MEASURES, YOU SEE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALL CITIZEN SATISFACTION WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY AREAS, WE HAVE OVERALL SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 65%, UP JUST UNDER THREE PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUDING THE SIDEWALK SYSTEM NETWORK, WE HAVE SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 60%, UP THREE AND A HALF PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. AND BECAUSE I WANT SONDRAL TO HAVE SOME VERY GOOD NEWS TO PRESENT TO YOU TODAY, THIS IS AN AREA WHERE WE'VE MADE SOME REMARKABLE PROGRESS. BICYCLE ACCESSIBILITY HAS OVERALL SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 61%, UP TWO PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND THEN WE MOVE INTO THE NEXT FOUR ISSUES, WHICH ARE REALLY ABOUT TRANSPORTATION. THE FIRST OF THOSE HAS TO DO WITH ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION. AND HERE WE HAVE OVERALL SATISFACTION RATINGS OF 56.2%. IN THE AREAS OF TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WE HAVE VERY LOW SATISFACTION RATINGS. AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL, WE KNOW, LIKE YOU KNOW, THAT IF YOU ASK AUSTIN CITIZENS ABOUT AREAS OF CONCERN, TRAFFIC WILL

SHIFT TO THE TOP VERY QUICKLY WHENEVER YOU ARE, AND THESE SCORES REFLECT THOSE CONCERNS. EQUALLY OF CONCERN IS THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF CITY STREETS. TOBY TALKED IN HER BUDGET BRIEFING, SHE NOTED THAT THE CITIZENS TRAFFIC FLOW AND SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IS ON THE OTHER HAND THE FOURTH MOST IMPORTANT SERVICE WE PROVIDE JUST BEHIND PUBLIC SAFETY. AUSTIN IS RANKED NUMBER ONE IN DELAYS PER TRAVELLER FOR A CITY OUR SIZE. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF ROADWAY CAPACITY. CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MOST CONGESTED AREAS COMBINED WITH CONTINUED INVESTMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION COULD ENHANCE AND SHOULD ENHANCE OVERALL MOBILITY AND LEAD TO HIGHER SATISFACTION RIGHTINGS AMONG OUR CITIZENS. AND WHILE SATISFACTION WITH SIGNAL TIMING HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST YEARS, THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH OF THE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED WITH SIGNAL TIMING WITHOUT ADDING CAPACITY. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE CITY DOESN'T OWN ALL OF THE ROADS OR ALL OF THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION IN AUSTIN, WE UNDERSTAND THE SEAR SERIOUS CONCERNS THAT OUR CITIZENS EXPRESS IN THIS AREA AND ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS TO RESOLVE ISSUES IN THIS AREA. AND LED BY SONDRY CRYSTON, THE CREW IN PUBLIC WORKS HAS MADE A GREAT EFFORT EVEN IN YEARS WITH BUDGET CUTS TO APPROACH PROJECTS DIFFERENTLY AND TO LOOK AT PROJECTS WHERE WE GET BANG FOR OUR BUCK LIKE BUILDING SIDEWALKS AND TO MAKE PROGRESS WHERE IT MATTERS THE MOST TO OUR CITIZENS. WITH THAT I TURN IT OVER TO SONDRY.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'D LIKE TO JUST START OUT BY THANKING MY BUDGET STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET STAFF AND IN PARTICULAR RUSTY COBURN FOR THEIR HELP IN PUTTING OUR BUDGET TOGETHER. I'LL START BY COVERING OUR PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET. THERE ARE THREE FUNDS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE TWO PRIMARY SOURCES OF REVENUE ARE THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROGRAM FUNDS. WE ALSO MANAGE THE CHILD SAFETY FUND. ABOUT \$20 MILLION OF THE REVENUE PROJECTED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION FUND COMES FROM TRANSPORTATION USER FEES. ABOUT \$17.6 MILLION IS NEEDED TO COVER DELIVERY OF SERVICES FOR CIP PROJECTS. THERE ARE NO FEE CHANGES PROPOSED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE; HOWEVER, WE DO PROPOSE A 7% INCREASE FOR STREET CUT REPAIRS IN ORDER TO COVER COSTS AND MATERIAL INCREASES. OUR PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET IS \$59 MILLION. THE BUDGET SUPPORTS 537 FULL TIME POSITIONS AND INCLUDES FOUR NEW POSITIONS. TWO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND TWO OTHER POSITIONS WILL SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S CLAIMS DIVISION AND THE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT DIVISION. THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES OVER \$400,000 FOR THE PROPOSED TWO PERCENT SERVICE INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENT. NOW I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAIL ON THE VARIOUS PROGRAM AREAS WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPORTATION FUND. THE LARGEST PORTION OF OUR EXPENDITURES COVERS STREET MAINTENANCE AND STREET REPAIRS. THOSE ACTIVITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10 MILLION AND \$17.4 MILLION RESPECTIVELY MAKE UP CLOSE TO 30% OF OUR EXPENDITURES. THE TRAFFIC CONTROLS PROGRAM, WHICH HAS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES OF \$5.6 MILLION SUPPORTS TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AND SIGNS AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES. THE PARKING SPACE MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING AND TAXI CAB MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES MAKE UP THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. AND THE REMAINDER IS MADE UP BY CONCRETE REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION, BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND ONE STOP SHOP SUPPORT. ABOUT 25% OR \$13.9 MILLION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES COVER CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM FUNDS PROJECT MANAGEMENT, INSPECTION, ENGINEERING DESIGN, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE CIP PROJECTS. NEXT YEAR THIS GROUP WILL MANAGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$670 MILLION. THIS AREA ALSO FUNDS LEASING AND

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE CITY AS WELL AS REGULATION STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION IS NEEDED FOR THE CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES A SAFE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ENVIRONMENT FOR AUSTIN STUDENTS IN ROUTE TO AND FROM SCHOOL. THE PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES TRANSFERS WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS TOTALING \$11.2 MILLION OR 320% OF OUR BUDGET, AND THOSE TRANSFERS INCLUDE CORPORATE SUPPORT TRANSFERS FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE, COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS, TRANSFERS TO CIP FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT OF GREAT STREETS, WORKER'S COMP TRANSFERS AND STREET MAINTENANCE. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO COVER SOME OF OUR KEY PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AREA. OUR GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN 10% OF OUR ROADWAY NETWORK ANNUALLY. HOWEVER, FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS OUR BUDGETS HAVE ONLY SUPPORTED MAINTENANCE ON EIGHT% ON OUR STRAIGHT INVENTORY. THIS FUNDING LEVEL WILL SUPPORT 65 LANE MILES OF OVERLAY, 110 LANE MILES OF CRACK SEAL AND 375 LANE MILES OF SEAL COAT. AND I'D LIKE TO JUST EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES. IN OVERLAY SIMPLY INVOLVES PLACING TWO OR THREE INCHES OF ASPHALT OVER THE ENTIRE ROAD SURFACE. A SEAL COAT INVOLVES PLACING A THIN LAYER OF ASPHALT EMULSION ON THE ROAD AND THEN ROLLING IN SEAL COAT ROCK. AND CRACK SEAL SIMPLY REMEMBERS SEALING THE CRACKS WITH A MATERIAL. I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. MAINTENANCE ON A ROAD IS SIMILAR TO MAINTENANCE ON YOUR HOUSE. IF YOU WAIT TOO LONG TO REROOF YOUR HOUSE AND IT STARTS LEAKING, YOU WILL REPLACE THE ROOF SHINL ELSE AND ALSO PART OF THE ROOF STRUCTURE. IF YOU WAIT TOO LONG TO PUT ON A SEAL COAT OVERLAY, THE ROAD DETERIORATES TO THE EXTENT THAT RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE THE ONLY REMEDY. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE RECONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD COSTS ABOUT ONLY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS A LANE MILE AS COMPARED TO \$7,000 A LANE MILE FOR A SEAL COAT. IN ADDITION, RECONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD OF COURSE TAKES MUCH

LONGER AND RESULTS IN SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC DELAYS WHICH ALSO ADDS TO FUEL EMISSIONS. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS A CONDITION OF THE ROAD NETWORK. WE RANK OUR STREETS, A, B, C, D AND F, WITH A BEING AN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND F BEING VERY POOR. OUR AGENDA IS TO -- OUR GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN 70% OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN FAIR TO EXCELLENT CONDITION. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE'VE MANAGED TO EXCEED THAT GOAL. AND WE CAN ATTRIBUTE THIS TO THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT OF THE '98 BOND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. NONETHELESS, WE STILL HAVE 27% OF OUR ROAD NETWORK IN POOR TO VERY POOR OPINION, AND WE DON'T EXPECT THAT TO CHANGE MUCH IN THE NEXT YEAR DUE TO LIMITED FUNDING. I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$650 MILLION TO COMPLETELY RECONSTRUCT THOSE ROADS THAT ARE IN POOR AND VERY POOR CONDITION. OBVIOUSLY WE CAN'T FORWARD THAT EXPENSE AND WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ALL AT ONE TIME. HOWEVER, THE CITY MANAGER DID INCLUDE \$150 MILLION FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN HER 2006 BOND NEEDS ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION. THIS IS THE RATING OF AUSTIN STREETS COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES. THE DIFFERENCES IN REPORTING AND MEASURING USED IN OTHER CITIES IS NOT READILY APPARENT HOW TO INTERPRET THESE RESULTS. OTHER FACTORS COME INTO PLAY AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE HIGHER RATINGS FROM THE DESERT CITIES HAVE MORE TO DO WITH SOIL CONDITIONS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE HIGH PIPING SOIL CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE ON THE CITY OF AUSTIN COST A LOT MORE TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR. THIS IS THE NUMBERS IN THE CAPITAL DELIVERY PROJECTS AREA. DELIVERY OF PROJECTS ON TIME. AND I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE'VE SEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN DELIVERING PROJECTS ON TIME, AND I ATTRIBUTE THAT TO THE DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE ON THE SLIDE THAT WE DID COMPLETE THIS YEAR. THAT'S ARE PROJECTS THAT PUBLIC WORKS MANAGED. TWO PROJECTS ARE THE SOUTHEAST AUSTIN E.M.S. STATION AND THE CARVER

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY. THE CITY RECEIVED THE LEAD GOLD AWARD FOR THE E.M.S. STATION FROM THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL. LEAD STANDS FOR LEADERSHIP AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN, AND WE CONSIDER THIS A GREAT HONOR, AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE CITY HAS RECEIVED THE GOLD AWARD. I THINK YOU WILL BE VERY PLEASED WITH THE PURCHASANCE MEASURES SHOWN ON THIS NEXT SLIDE. THREE CHANGES OCCURRED TO PROMOTE THE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION. FIRST YOU MAY RECALL THAT LAST YEAR YOU APPROVED THE ADDITION OF A NEW SIDEWALK CREW. SECOND, THE STAFF INVOLVED IN THE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM WERE REORGDZED INTO ONE -- REORGANIZED INTO ONE TEAM. THIS TEAM WAS EMPOWERED TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO DELIVER SIDEWALKS AND BIKE LANES TO THE PUBLIC EXPEDITIOUSLY AT THE LOWEST COST AND WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY. THE TEAM INCLUDED A PLANNER, PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION EXPERT AND DESIGNER. AND THE TEAM HAD A NEW WAY FOR PROJECTS TO BE BID FASTER AND AT A LOWER COST. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE'VE ADDED MORE SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS THIS YEAR THAN IN THE PAST THREE YEARS COMBINED. AND THAT'S THANKS TO THE ADDED SIDEWALK CREW AND THE CHING IN OUR -- CHANGE IN OUR PLANNING AND CONTRACTING APPROACH. LAST WEEK THE CITY MANAGER PRESENTED AN ACE AWARDS FOR THIS GROUP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. YOU CAN SEE THAT NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE WON'T BE BUILDING AS MANY SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS AND THE SIMPLE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THIS YEAR WE HAD A LOT OF UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS, WE'VE SPENT THOSE DOWN AND NEXT YEAR WE WON'T HAVE THE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS SITTING THERE. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS WITH FUNDING BEING PROVIDED FROM THE 2000 BONDS. THE NEXT SLIDE LISTS THE NEW APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, STREET IMPROVEMENTS, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, STREET RECONSTRUCTION, TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS, REPLACEMENT OF PARKING METERS, TRAFFIC CALMING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

MAINTENANCE. THESE LAST TWO SLIDES LIST THE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AS A RESULT OF OUR SUCCESS DURING THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WITH ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION STRATEGIES, WE'VE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL NEW PROJECTS AS CANDIDATES FOR SIMILAR METHODS. THESE PROJECTS ARE DESIGNATED WITH THE WINGED FOOT ICON. YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THIS FISCAL YEAR WE COMPLETED THE 38TH STREET TSM, WHICH IS AN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, USING THIS ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY. THIS SAVED OVER HALF THE USUAL CONSTRUCTION TIME WITH A COST INCREASE OF ONLY FIVE PERCENT. WE'RE CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING 45TH STREET USING THE SAME ACCELERATED APPROACH, AND I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT IT'S AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME. BY BUILDING ROADS MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY WE CAN LESSEN TRAVEL TIME DELAYS AND THE RESULTANT FUEL EMISSIONS. MY LAST SLIDE SHOWS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THE NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE FOUR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ALONG WITH FOUR PROJECTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE CAPACITY. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY RECALL THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION LAST SUMMER DIRECTING STAFF TO FIND THE BEST OPTION FOR CONVERTING CESAR CHAVEZ BACK TO TWO-WAY STREET. NEXT WEEK WE'LL BE RETURNING TO BRIEF YOU ON THE BEST OPTION. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION AND I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: HI. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. ONE OF THEM HAS TO DO WITH CONVERTING LANES TO INBOUND AND OUTBOUND IN THE MORNING, SOMETHING THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN AS I'VE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THAT. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT? ARE WE LOOKING AT SOME MAJOR ROADWAYS WHERE WE COULD DO THAT, CONVERTING LIKE THREE LANES INBOUND IN THE MORNING AND THREE LANES OUTBOUND IN THE EVENING?

ACTUALLY, WE DID COME TO COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSAL TO

LOOK AT REVERSIBLE LANES; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NOT AN INTEREST AT THE TIME IN LOOKING AT THOSE. WE CAN REVISIT IT.

Kim: YES, I'D LIKE TO REVISIT THAT. IS THERE -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE IN THIS BUDGET, BUT DO YOU HAVE I GUESS THE FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE THAT IN YOUR WORK PLAN?

I BELIEVE THE FUNDS WERE REALLOCATED, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY RELOOK AT THAT AND SEE HOW WE WANT TO FIND MAYBE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDING TO DO THAT.

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, I THINK WE WERE USING MAYBE QUARTER-CENT MONEY, SOME CAP METRO FOR THE STUDY AT THE TIME. >>

Kim: ALSO, JUST LOOKING AT THE LIST OF THESE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS OR ACTUALLY THE FIRST ONE, THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, I NOTICE THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED WHICH ONES ARE FOR ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION, AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM CONGRESS AVENUE, SOUTH FIRST STREET AND OLTORF TO SOUTH FIRST STREET, ARE THESE GOING TO BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY OR IS IT ONE AFTER ANOTHER? I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT BLOCKING BOTH OF THOSE ARTERIALS?

RIVERSIDE DRIVE IS COMING UP FOR COUNCIL AWARD NEXT WEEK AND THAT WILL BE DONE BEFORE THE OLTORF PROJECT. THE OLTORF PROJECT WILL NOT START UNTIL THAT ONE IS COMPLETED.

SO TALK ABOUT HOW YOU DO THAT BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE ASK THAT QUESTION. HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE MAJOR ARTERIALS AT THE SAME TIME UNDER RECONSTRUCTION?

WE HAVE A TRAFFIC COORDINATION TASKFORCE THAT OUR ASSISTANT DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, JOE CANALES FORMED, AND IT'S A TASKFORCE THAT MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THEY LOOK AT ALL THE PROJZ THAT ARE PLAN -- ALL THE PROJECTS THAT ARE PLANNED AND THEY MAKE A

DETERMINATION ON WHAT THE BEST SEQUENCING IS.

Kim: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH. THE FIRST ONE I WANTED TO COMMENT ON SOMETHING THAT IT'S A COMMENT WE HEAR A LOT IN THIS CITY, THAT AUSTIN HAS THE NUMBER ONE MOST CONGESTED MID SIZED AMERICAN CITY, WHICH I'VE USED MYSELF IN THE PAST TOO UNTIL I ACTUALLY LOOKED AT THE UNDERLYING DATA. AND IT TURNS OUT THAT AUSTIN IS ACTUALLY NOT A MID SIZED CITY, WE ARE RANKED AS SMALLER THAN OKLAHOMA CITY, BUFFALO, PITTSBURGH BY THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE. THEY DO THAT BY USING A DIFFERENT DEFINITION OF AUSTIN THAN OUR STATISTICAL METROPOLITAN AREA AND WE'RE THE ONLY CITY THAT A&M DOES THIS FOR. SO WE REALLY SHOULD BE RANKED IN THE LARGE AMERICAN CITIES SINCE WE'RE 1.5 MILLION, IT ONLY MAKES SENSE. SO FIRST OFF, WE'RE NOT A MID SIZED AMERICAN CITY, AND THEY'RE HAVING TO KIND OF COOK THE NUMBERS TO GET US THERE. AND SECONDLY, A&M DOES ABOUT 15 DIFFERENT MEASURES OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION. AUSTIN IS EVEN AMONG THE MID SIZED AMERICAN CITIES, THE NUMBER ONE MOST CONGESTED IN ONLY A FEW OF THOSE MEASURES. AND IN FACT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE MEASURES OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION, THERE IS ONE COMMON DID HE DOMINATOR, CITIES WITH GOOD COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ HAVE MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, CITIES WITH BAD COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, DON'T. SO THAT SAID, I'D RATHER BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS IN THIS CASE IT'S CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, RALEIGH, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA AND SALT LAKE CITY ARE THE TOP THREE IN THE MID SIZE CATEGORY, ALL DYNAMIC, WELL EDUCATED, PROSPEROUS AREAS. AND FINALLY, THE THIRD POINT IS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE UNDERLYING DATA, ABOUT WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF US HAVING BAD TRAFFIC, HERE'S WHAT IT SAYS, WILLIAM CANNON AT MOPAC, POND POND SPRINGS AT 183, 1325 AT I-35. MOST OF THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION HOT SPOTS ARE ON 183 AND AREAS THAT WERE DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF THE 183 CONSTRUCTION, EVERYBODY WAS BEING DIVERTED

TO THE FEEDER ROAD. SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE AREAS OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND A&M'S UNDERLYING DATA, MOST OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN FIXED EXCEPT FOR ONE ROAD THAT HASN'T BEEN FIXED, AND THAT'S I-35, WHICH IS NOT EVEN ON THE DRAWING BOARD TO BE FIXED. SO IT'S A STORY THAT'S IMBEDDED ITSELF INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT I THINK IS LIKE WE HEARD EARLIER, THAT WE'RE WORKING TO CORRECT THE MISS CONMISCONCEPTION THAT AUSTIN IS A BAD PLACE TO DO BUSINESS WITH. I'VE LIVED IN MANY PLACES AND THIS AREA HAS NOTHING COMPARED TO THOSE CITIES, AND IN FACT IT HAS NOTHING EVEN BASED ON THE DATA THEY'RE USING TO BEAT UP ON OURSELVES. SO THAT SAID, I ALSO WANT TO JUST GIVE PLUGS, I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN SAY ENOUGH GREAT THINGS ABOUT WHAT THE JOB SONDRAND AND EVERYBODY DID ON LAMAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION, AND ALSO I'VE GOTTEN A CHANCE TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ON SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK PROJECTS, WHICH EVERY TIME PEOPLE COME INTO THE FIRST MEETING AND GO MAN, YOU'RE GOING TO RUIN MY YARD, IT'S GOING TO BE CHAOS AND THEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS LATER THEY SAY, THIS IS GREAT, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN. SO ALL OF THIS THAT WE'RE HEARING TODAY IS PROBABLY -- MIGHT BE AN ALARMING TREND FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO BEAT UP ON US THAT WE HAVE -- WE HAVE THE BEST BOND RATING IN THE STATE AND NOW WE HAVE ON DEPARTMENT AFTER DEPARTMENT A RECORD OF EXCELLENT SERVICE, VERY COMPETENT GOVERNMENT AND TOP FISCAL MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE. SO PEOPLE MAY KIND OF WANT TO RETHINK A LOT OF THE PRECONCEPTIONS THEY HAVE BECAUSE OF THE GREAT JOB THAT YOU'RE DOING. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL, HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH A&M? [LAUGHTER] JUST KIDDING.

McCracken: MAYOR, IT IS OCCURCURIOUS THAT A&M IS BEHIND THE EFFORT TO MAKE AUSTIN HAVE WORSE TRAFFIC THAN IT REALLY DOES.

Mayor Wynn: PURELY COINCIDENTAL. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I NOTICED YOU HIGHLIGHTED SOME PROJECTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND I DIDN'T SEE TOO MANY EAST OF I-35. SO IF YOU COULD PROVIDE AN EXAWTIVE LIST -- EXHAUSTIVE LIST AND LET US KNOW WHAT THE PLANS ARE AND MAYBE WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DOLLARS OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS.

WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MAP HERE THAT SHOWS WHERE WE INVESTED THE '98 BOND RECONSTRUCTION.

LET'S SEE HOW WE DO ABOUT THAT -- SEE IF HE CAN GET THAT. FEEL NO PRESSURE. [LAUGHTER] >>

ALVAREZ: AND THEN I DID HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION THAT'S MORE OF A QUESTION AND NOT PROJECT RELATED. PAGE 58, I THINK, WHERE IT REFERENCES CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGEMENT FUND, AND IT SAYS CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY, WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?

THE CAPITAL --

Alvarez: THAT'S NOT THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS? OR DOES THAT ACTUAL THE CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS?

THAT'S NOT THE CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS. THAT GOES TO FUND ALL OF THE STAFF INVOLVED IN DELIVERING THE PROJECTS, THE PROJECT MANAGERS, THE ENGINEERS, THE INSPECTORS, THE REAL ESTATE STAFF AND OF COURSE THE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT STAFF AND ALL THE SUPPORT. WE OPERATE AS AN INTERNAL SERVICES FUND. WE ACTUALLY DO A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE SPONSORING DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY WANT US TO MANAGE A PROJECT OR INSPECT IT. AND WE SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THEN THAT MONEY COMES OUT OF THEIR CIP.

Alvarez: BUT THAT'S BASICALLY JUST THE PERSONNEL? THAT'S WHAT IT IS ESSENTIALLY?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

Alvarez: ALL RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S IT. I DON'T KNOW IF

WE'RE READY WITH THE GRAPHICS.

OKAY. I THINK YOU CAN SEE ON THE SLIDE UP THERE THAT GIVES YOU A DISTRIBUTION OF WHERE THE '98 BOND PROJECTS WERE. AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU FIRST LOOK AT IT, YOU THINK, WELL, THAT'S NOT A LOT OF PROJECTS FOR A \$73 MILLION, BUT I THINK WHAT IT POINTS TO IS JUST HOW EXPENSIVE IT IS WHEN YOU ALLOW THE NETWORK TO DECLINE TO THE POINT WHERE YOU HAVE TO COMPLETELY RECONSTRUCT THE ROAD, THAT'S WHAT YOU CAN GET FOR ABOUT \$73 MILLION. THAT'S THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND THAT YOU'RE ADEQUATELY FUNDING IT. AND AS I POINTED OUT BEFORE, THE FUNDING HAS GONE FROM 10% MAINTENANCE OF THE NETWORK TO EIGHT PERCENT, AND IT'S VERY CONCERNING. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

GUADALUPE 21st TO 24th IS THE DRAG PROJECT THAT ACTUALLY INCLUDES A LOT OF STREET SCAPING ELEMENTS IN IT. AND THAT AGAIN -- BECAUSE IT HAS THAT WINGED FOOT SYMBOL WE'LL BE USING ACCELERATED STRATEGIES FOR THAT, SO WE WILL BE TRYING TO CONSTRUCT THAT, JUST GET IN REALLY FAST, GET OUT. WE WILL BE HAVING THE CONTRACTOR WORK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 12 HOURS A DAY MINIMUM. SO THAT WE DON'T DISRUPT TRAFFIC VERY LONG. AND WE USUALLY LOOK AT APPLYING THOSE STRATEGIES ON THE MAJOR ARTERIALS. IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE, SO WE DON'T APPLY IT TO ALL OF OUR PROJECTS. IN THE MIDDLE OF IT, YOU HAVE A LITTLE CIRCLE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THERE?

THAT WILL BE A COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD AND IT WILL INCLUDE SIDEWALKS IF THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS OR FILLING IN GAPS, A.D.A. RAMPS, REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATED WATER AND WASTEWATER LINES AS WELL.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM.

Futrell: I MIGHT MENTION COUNCIL THAT THE GUADALUPE PROJECT ON 65 IS THAT VERY LONG AWAITED PROJECT THAT IS -- SURROUNDS THE DRAG BASICALLY ON

GUADALUPE.

THAT'S RIGHT. RECENTLY WE DID GET A REQUEST TO POSTPONEMENT IT BECAUSE THERE'S A LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GOING ON. AND THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO FINISH THAT AND IT WON'T BE FINISHED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, UNTIL NEXT SUMMER. SO WE DID PLAN ON BIDDING THIS IN DECEMBER, BUT NOW WE ARE BEING ASKED TO POSTPONE THAT A BIT FURTHER. SO WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UNIVERSITY AREA PARTNERS TO DECIDE WHAT EXACTLY THEY WANT TO DO THERE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. CRAYTON. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? MAISHZ APPRECIATE THIS. OF COURSE SOMETIME AFTER 6:00 P.M., WE WILL HOLD PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO GET FEEDBACK NOT ONLY ON THIS PART OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET BUT THE ENTIRE PLAN. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME COUNCIL WE WILL GO TO THE 4:00 ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. WELCOME BACK, MS. ALICE GLASGO. THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, OUR ZONING CASES FOR TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS: WE WILL START OFF WITH THE ITEMS WHERE YOU HAVE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU SIMPLY ARE APPROVING THE ORDINANCES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE CASES. WE START OFF WITH ITEM NO. 38, CASE C14-05-65 SH, HARRIS BRANCH APARTMENTS. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 12317 DESSAU ROAD. THE EXISTING ZONING IS INTERIM RURAL DISTRICT. THE CHANGE IS TO M.F. 2 CO WHICH STANDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOW DENSITY WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. THIS IS READY FOR APPROVAL ON SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. ITEM NO. 39, SO YOU HAVE SO YOU HAVE 0196, HYDE PARK NORTH CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT, STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER THE 1st FOR THIS REMAINING TRACT. ITEM NO. 40, C 814-88-001.8. THE GABLES AT WESTLAKE, 2100 THROUGH 3320 NORTH CAPITAL OF TEXAS HIGHWAY. TO APPROVE THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CHANGE IN ZONING. THE ORDINANCE IS BEING PASSED OUT TO YOU, WHICH IS READY FOR APPROVAL. WE ONLY NOTE ONE CHANGE REGARDING TRIP LIMITS. THERE'S BEEN A NUMBER ADJUSTED TO 1,302 THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS APPROVED LAST WEEK. SO

THAT'S JUST THE ONLY NEW CHANGE IN THIS ORDINANCE AND ALL PARTIES AGREE TO IT. SO WE ARE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL ON ITEM NO. 40, GABLES AT WESTLAKE WITH THAT CHANGE IN THE TRIP LIMITATION OF 21302. MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS UNDER THIS SEGMENT OF THE ZONING AGENDA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. SO, COUNCIL, THE CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING ITEM NO. 38, POSTPONE ITEM NO. 39 TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 40 ON SECOND AND THIRD READINGS WITH THE AMENDMENTS AS READ INTO THE RECORD BY MS. GLASGO. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

Dunkerly: SO MOVE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken 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 7-0.

Glasgo: MAYOR, NOW WE PROCEED TO PART 2 OF OUR ZONING HEARINGS AND THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING SEGMENT WHERE YOU ARE HEARING THE CASES FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE WILL START OFF WITH ITEM NO. Z-1 A CONSENT ITEM, THIS IS CASE C 814-88-0001, THIS IS THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GABLES AT WESTLAKE. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REFLECTS THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT, YOU HAVE TWO VERSIONS IN FRONT OF YOU. ONE IS THE AGREEMENT VERSION AND ONE IS THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION VERSION. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS IS READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL. ITEM NO. Z-2, CASE NPA-05-0007, THE NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION PLAN AMENDMENT. STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT OR THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO OCTOBER THE 6th. THIS IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST REQUEST.

ON ITEM NO. Z-3, WHICH IS THE ASSOCIATED ZONING CASE TO Z-2, THE APPLICANT IS ALSO REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO OCTOBER THE 6th. ITEM NO. Z-4, C14-05-64, THIS CASE IS LOCATED AT 12,509 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD. THE EXISTING ZONING IS GR-CO, WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, THE APPLICANT HAS AMENDED THE APPLICATION TO REFLECT THAT ZONING CHANGE. THE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY THAT ALLOWS FOR USE WITH A TRIP LIMITATION OF 2,880 TRIPS. THIS CASE IS READY ON FIRST READING ONLY. ITEM NO. Z-5, C14-05-C14-05-88, LOCATED AT 7212 STATE HIGHWAY 71 WEST, EXISTING ZONING IS RURAL RESIDENCE. THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST IS C.S. HOWEVER, THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT GR-CO. WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THIS CASE HE IS READY FOR FIRST READING. ITEM NO. Z-6, C14-05-48, PALM HARBOR IN ROUND ROCK, THE CASE IS LOCATED AT 15996 NORTH I-35 NORTH. THE EXISTING ZONING IS SINGLE FAMILY 2. THE APPLICANT IS ASKING C.S. ZONING TO WHICH THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THE CASE IS READY FOR FIRST READING. ITEM NO. Z-7 IS A DISCUSSION ITEM. ITEM NO. Z-8, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO POSTPONE THIS CASE TO SEPTEMBER THE 29th 29th. THIS IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST REQUEST. WE RECOMMEND THE POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. ITEM NO. Z-9 WILL BE A DISCUSSION ITEM. Z-10 THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT INDEFINITELY, HOWEVER, YOUR POSTPONEMENT ORDINANCE REALLY ALLOWS YOU TO POSTPONE A CASE FOR NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS, BUT COUNCIL CAN AMEND THAT. THE REASON THAT THE POSTPONEMENT ORDINANCE INCLUDES A 60 DAYTIME FRAME. HISTORICALLY CASES GOT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY, DIDN'T GIVE ANYBODY AN INDICATION OF WHEN IT MIGHT COME BACK. STAFF TYPICALLY RECOMMENDS 60 DAYS, AT 60 DAYS WE ASSESS WHERE THE CASE IS AND THEN CONSIDER FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. SO OUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE NOT INDEFINITE,LY AT LEAST 60 DAYS IF COUNCIL IS WILLING TO CONSIDER THAT. MAYOR THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION ON THE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCIL, THE
CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS ZONING
CASES WILL BE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THOSE
THAT WE APPROVE; AND TO -- ON CASE Z-1 TO APPROVE THE
RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AMENDMENT. TO POSTPONE
CASES Z-2 AND Z-3 TO OCTOBER 6th, 2005. TO APPROVE ON
FIRST READING ONLY CASES Z-4, Z-5, AND Z-6. AND TO -- TO
POSTPONE CASE Z-8 TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005. AND TO
ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON A 60 DAY
POSTPONEMENT OF CASE Z-10, WHICH WOULD PUT THEM AT
OCTOBER 27th, 2005. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: WOULD YOU REPEAT THE Z-7 THROUGH Z-10 IF YOU
DON'T MIND.

Z-7 DISCUSSION, Z-8 POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29th, Z-9
DISCUSSION, Z-10 POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 27th, 2005.

Alvarez: THANK YOU. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY
COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
AGENDA AS READ. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
LEFFINGWELL. FURTHER COMMENTS?

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: ON Z-5, THE MAYBE YOU ALREADY MENTIONED IT,
WHAT DID THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND AGAIN.

Glasgo: THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS GR-CO AND IT'S
LIMITED TO 2,000 VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY.

Alvarez: INSTEAD OF C.S.?

Glasgo: CORRECT, THE SITE HAS AN EXISTING USE. IT WILL
REMAIN A LEGALLY NON-CONFORMING USE, BUT GR ZONING
WAS THE ZONING THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Glasgo: THERE'S AN OFFICE IN THE FRONTS, WAREHOUSE IN THE BACK. THE WAREHOUSE WOULD REQUIRE C.S. IT'S ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, OVER TIME THIS DEVELOPMENT OCCURS, THOUGH -- [MULTIPLE VOICES]

Alvarez: NON-CONFORMING.

Glasgo: IT CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS IT HAS BEEN. AND IT'S SITE IS ALL IN THE FLOODPLAIN, TOO.

Alvarez: CURRENTLY BEING USED AS AN OFFICE BUT IT WAS ZONED RR.

Glasgo: CORRECT. THIS IS PART OF THE OAK HILL AREA. WHILE WE CONDUCTED AN OAK HILL STUDY IN THE MID-80s AND ALSO APPROVED ZONING, SOME OF THE TRACTS DID NOT GET TO CONCLUDE THEIR REZONING BECAUSE THEY HAD CONDITIONS TO COMPLY WITH. AT SOME POINT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE, BUT SIMPLY JUST TERMINATED ALL OF THOSE CASES THAT HAD NOT BEEN CONCLUDED BY A CERTAIN DATE. EVERY NOW AND THEN YOU HAVE SOME CASES LIKE THIS ONE COME IN WITH THE INTERIM ZONING, RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING.

Alvarez: OKAY. THIS IS -- I GUESS IT'S ALREADY BUILT OUT, BUT -- AND WHAT IS THE CURRENT -- DO WE KNOW THE IMPERVIOUS COVER ON --

Glasgo: NO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CURRENT IMPERVIOUS COVER IS.

Alvarez: BUT IT WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED?

Glasgo: CORRECT. THAT WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED, TOO.

Alvarez: IN TERMS OF WHATEVER EXISTED.

Glasgo: EXACTLY.

Alvarez: OKAY, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER THAT SIGNED UP ON THE

CONSENT AGENDA. LET'S SEE. CASE NUMBER Z-6. AND IF MR. EDWARD MOORE IS HERE, WELCOME, MR. MOORE. STEP UP, YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES. Z-6 SET TO BE APPROVED ON FIRST READING ONLY.

Glasgo: HE'S IN FAVOR, NOT OPPOSED.

Mayor Wynn: JUST TO CLARIFY THEN ON Z-1, THIS IS THE -- WE ARE APPROVING THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AMENDMENT, THIS IS THE PARTY'S AGREEMENT TO THE AMENDMENT NOT THAT WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY ZAP.

Glasgo: THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS HERE. I WAS HANDED TWO VERSIONS, I'M NOT CLEAR WHY, I'M GOING TO LET STAFF EXPLAIN WHY THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS IN FRONT OF YOU.

GREG GUERNSEY. TWO VERSIONS ON THE DAIS, SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS ITEM HAS COME BEFORE YOU, WE PROVIDED YOU THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND THEN ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THAT DOCUMENT IS ACTUALLY THE AGREEMENT VERSION WHICH WOULD RUN PARALLEL TO THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU JUST APPROVED. AND AS THE-- IS THE VERSION THAT REFLECTS THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAINT STEPHEN'S AND STAFF HAS NO OBJECTION. I THINK THE PARTIES, THE VERSION THAT WOULD MATCH THE VERSION APPROVED BY ORDINANCE WOULD BE THE AGREEMENT VERSION AS LISTED AT THE TOP.

Mayor Wynn: YOU WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS THE PARTY'S AGREEMENT VERSION.

THAT WAS MY MOTION WAS FOR THE PARTY'S AGREEMENT.

Mayor Wynn: YES. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CLOSE THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE APPROVED CASES AND 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 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. MAYOR THIS WILL TAKE US TO Z-7, OUR FIRST DISCUSSION ITEM. I'M JUST GOING TO GET MY MAPS ALL READY HERE. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, ITEM NO. Z-7 IS CASE C 148220 COLONIAL TRAILS, LOCATED AT 400 THROUGH 810 COLONIAL PARK BOULEVARD AND 1 AND 701, 817 SHERATON AVENUE AND 0 SHELBY LANE. THIS IS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TERMINATION REQUEST. WE RECENTLY HAD A SUBDIVISION APPROVED FOR SMART HOUSING AND THE SUBDIVISION THAT WAS APPROVED IS INCONSISTENT WITH A 1982 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT PROVIDED LANGUAGE AS TO HOW THE STREET CONNECTIVITY WOULD OCCUR WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION. SINCE THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE SUBDIVISION PLAT, THEN THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT NEEDS TO BE TERMINATED IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBDIVISION TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE MANNER THAT THE PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED. SO I HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU TWO OF THE MAPS. THE -- THE MAP TO THE LEFT SHOWS YOU THE LAYOUT OF THE SUBDIVISION AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE 1982 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. THE COVENANT SIMPLY INDICATED THAT THE AREA THAT THE LEFT MAP THAT IS IN YELLOW SHOULD BE THE STREET CONNECTION WITH A CUL DE SAC. THE ORANGE MARK THAT YOU SEE ON THE LEFT MAP IS THE AREA OF CONCERN OF ISSUE. THE AREA TO THE MAP TO THE RIGHT SHOWS YOU WHAT HAS BEEN APPROVED, THE AREA IN ORANGE IS THE EXTENSION THAT WAS NOT APPROVED OR RECOMMENDED IN THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. SO BASICALLY THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT -- THAT IS IN PLACE THAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING TERMINATION OF, SIMPLY INDICATES THAT -- THAT STREET CONNECTION WOULD TERMINATE AS SHOWN ON THE LEFT MAP, NOT AS SHOWN ON THE RIGHT MAP. SO THE RIGHT PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED IF YOU TERMINATE THE COVENANT IT WOULD THEN ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION TO BE APPROVED WITH THE CONNECTIVITY ON TO THE STREET THAT IS SHOWN IN ORANGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE ONLY EXTENSION THAT THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ALLOWS IS FOR THE JURY IN BLUE ON THE RIGHT MAP, SO THIS JUST SHOWS YOU THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO DOCUMENTS, HENCE THE REASON FOR THE TERMINATION. I WILL PAUSE HERE AND LET YOU HEAR FROM

SPEAKERS AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND THE STREET LAYOUT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO.

GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I'M CHRIS CASPER, HERE ON BEHALF OF ONE OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY THAT'S HERE BEFORE YOU.

[INDISCERNIBLE] I THINK THAT MY EXHIBIT MIGHT BE A LITTLE LARGE.

Mayor Wynn: EXCUSE ME, COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL COUNT THIS TECHNICALLY THE LIFTING OF A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, LET'S CHARACTERIZE THIS AS A ZONING CASE, WE WILL GIVE THE APPLICANT A FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION, WE WILL HEAR FROM FOLKS WHO ARE IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST AND THOSE IN OPPOSITION AND THEN THE APPLICANT AND HIS AGENT WILL HAVE A THREE MINUTE REBUTTAL. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ONCE AGAIN I'M CHRIS CASPER HERE ON BEHALF OF COLONIAL TRAILS THE OWNER OF A PORTION OF THE TRACT BEFORE YOU. MAIN STREET HOMES, WHO WE DID NOT REPRESENT, OWNS THE SUBDIVIDED PORTION CURRENTLY. LET ME FLAG THOSE.

THE CASE IS ACTUALLY RELATIVELY SIMPLE FROM MOST PERSPECTIVES. THERE ARE TWO RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROPERTY IF I CAN FLAG THOSE.

LAST WEEK IN THE COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IT WAS ZONED C.S. THIS IS THE TEXT OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. PROVISION ONE STATES THERE SHALL BE NO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES PERMITTED ON TRACT 5. THAT WAS TAKEN CARE OF LAST WEEK THROUGH THE C.S. ZONING. THERE CAN NO LONGER BE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES. PROVISION TWO REGULATES APARTMENT DENSITY ON THE TRACT AS WELL. ONCE AGAIN THIS IS ONLY ON THE COLONIAL TRAILS PROPERTY. THAT WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE C.S. ZONINGS, THEY CAN NO LONGER DO APARTMENTS. THE BIG ISSUE I THINK IS THE THIRD PROVISION WHICH IS THE STREET LAYOUT. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT HAS A STREET LAYOUT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SMALL

PORTION OF [INDISCERNIBLE] THE PLATS WERE, THERE'S A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT BOTH APPROVED, THE PROPERTY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS OF RIGHT NOW. THERE'S A DISCREPANCY OBVIOUSLY BETWEEN THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND THE PLAT. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, LOOKING BACK AT THE HISTORY, STAFF ACTUALLY REQUESTED THAT PORTION OF [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR CONNECTIVITY ISSUE, OTHERWISE MOST OF THE STREETS THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD ENDS. THAT'S KIND OF A BRIEF HISTORY AS FAR AS I KNOW IT. ONCE AGAIN THAT'S ON THE MAIN STREET PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I'M AVAILABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Thomas: SINCE WE HEARD FROM THE APPLICANT, WE WILL START WITH THE ONES THAT ARE FOR. AND THAT WOULD BE CHRIS CASPER HERE.

THAT WAS ME.

THAT WAS YOU, OKAY. HOW ABOUT KEN BAKER? THANK YOU MR. BAKER, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTE.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL. MY NAME IS KEN BAKER, HERE REPRESENTING THE MAIN STREET HOMES. WE ARE NOT THE APPLICANT, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO JOIN IN ON THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, WE ARE THE ONES THAT BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY, WE SUBSEQUENTLY FILED PLAT AND CONSTRUCTED IT, WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION RIGHT NOW ON THE PROPERTY. IF THERE'S ANY OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT I CAN HELP PROVIDE, I'M -
- REMOVING A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT SO THAT EVERYTHING LINES UP, THANK YOU.

Thomas: IF THERE'S ANY QUESTION, WE WILL ASK YOU SOME LATER ON. OKAY, WE WILL GO TO THE ONES THAT ARE AGAINST. MICHAEL KELLY HERE? MR. KELLY IS CEDAR SEXTON HERE. YOU HAVE SIX MINUTES THEN, SIR. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE STAFF, I'M MICHAELLY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREEN WOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, WE ABUT THE SUBDIVISION IN QUESTION HERE. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF GREEN WOOD HILLS IN OPPOSITION TO THE TERMINATION OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. THE ISSUE AT HAND IS

TWOFOLD AS WE SEE IT. FIRST, IS HOW DO WE DEFINE THE VALUE AND THE INTEGRITY OF A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. NUMBER TWO, HOW DO WE DEFINE EQUITY IN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING? I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THOSE TWO POINTS. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ARE A POWERFUL TOOL IN GOVERNING LAND USE WHEN ORDINANCE AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA DO NOT SUFFICE. THE CITY STAFF HAD THE FORESIGHT TO ENACT THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS LIMITED ROADWAY CONNECTIONS FROM THE SUBDIVISION TO THE EXISTING GREENWOOD HILLS. THE MAIN STREET HOMES TRACT WAS THE ONLY BUFFER BETWEEN I-35 AND THE MOTOR MILE AND OUR SINGLE FAMILY SUBDIVISION IN BOTH BATTLE BEND AND GREEN WOOD HILLS. BATTLE BEND IS OUR SISTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RIGHT NEXT TO US. DURING THE PLATTING AND SITE APPROVAL PROCESS STAFF WAS UNAWARE OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN THE -- AND THE DEVELOPER WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE THE ROAD CONNECTION IN QUESTION. WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING THE ORIGINAL MAPS BACK UP SHOWING THE TWO CASES? THANK YOU. THOSE TWO, THAT WOULD BE GREAT, THANK YOU. THIS WAS EVEN THOUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAD CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT ADDITIONAL CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IS NOW THE ONLY TOOL AVAILABLE TO THE CITY AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT, AS YOU ALL KNOW, TO GET ANY OTHER KINDS OF MITIGATION LIKE TRAFFIC CALMING, SIDEWALKS, OR MORE POLICE PATROLS. THESE ARE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES THAT THE CITY HAS A DIFFICULT TIME APPROVING. WE NOW HAVE A TOOL STILL IN PLACE THAT WE THINK CAN HELP WITH THIS, MAINLY THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. IT WILL HELP IN A SMALL WAY TO AMELIORATE THE PROBLEMS WITH MORE CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM I-35, RIGHT ADJACENT THE I-35 FEEDER ROAD CONNECTS TO COLONIAL TRAILS WHICH WOULD CUT THROUGH AND WIND LEDGE WOULD PROVIDE A DIRECT AVENUE INTO THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT CORRECTING THE ORIGINAL OVERSIGHT BY ENFORCING THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WOULD BE THE REASONABLE AND EQUITABLE COURSE OF

ACTION. WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE SECOND ISSUE AT HAND, THAT OF EQUITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING. JUST LAST WEEK, YOU APPROVED ZONING CHANGES FOR THE SOUTH CONGRESS COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. GREENWOOD HILLS AND BATTLE BEND HAS BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCESS. ONE OF THE ZONING CHANGES THAT YOU APPROVED WAS FOR THE APPLICANT COLONIAL TRAILS TO UP ZONE ALL OF THEIR PROPERTY TO COMMERCIAL. A LARGE BENEFIT TO THE DEVELOPER. COLONIAL TRAILS WANTS THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REMOVED SO THAT THEIR TITLE IS FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY ENCUMBRANCES. BUT THEY ARE TIED TO MAIN STREET HOMES AS WAS INDICATED WHICH HAS THE SAME RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. IT'S NOW ALSO COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MAIN STREET HOMES HAS FILED AN APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A VURNS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO DECREASE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. MORE DEPOSITION COMMUNITY THAN WAS ALLOWED DURING PLATTING. SO WE HAVE A CASE WHERE RECENTLY COMPLETED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IS BEING APPROVED. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS VERY REASONABLE IN AGREEING TO SUPPORT ZONING CHANGES WHERE IT APPEARED APPROPRIATE. OTHER HIGH OUR HIGHEST CONCERNS HAVE BEEN A VIBRANT SOUTH CONGRESS CORRIDOR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. UNFORTUNATELY THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS DOES NOT HAVE MANY TOOLS TO RETROFIT A NEIGHBORHOOD FOR TRAFFIC OR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. WE MAY GET A SECTION OF SIDEWALK BY THE PARK OUT OF THIS DEAL, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY ABOUT IT. BUT, MAYBE THIS IS JUST COINCIDENTAL TIMING, BOTH DEVELOPERS OF THE TRACTS THAT ABUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ARE RECEIVING AND SEEKING SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NAMELY, HIGHER ZONING, INCREASED DENSITY AND MORE STREET CONNECTIONS THAN ARE CURRENTLY ALLOW. THIS IS NOT EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN OUR OPINION. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE BALANCE BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE DEVELOPERS, WE REQUEST THAT YOU MAINTAIN THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT OR AT LEAST THE PORTION THAT PROHIBITS THE

STREET CONNECTION IN QUESTION. WE REQUEST THAT YOU INSTRUCT STAFF TO ENFORCE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, AS A SUGGESTION, WE -- WE SUGGEST THAT AN APPROPRIATE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO ALLOW THE STREET AS IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO REMAIN. WHILE RETAINING AN EXISTING BARRICADE THAT IS THERE CURRENTLY, WHICH WOULD PREVENT ONE OUT OF FIVE POINTS OF VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM THE MAIN STREET SUBDIVISION TO THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD. THAT WOULD STILL LEAVE FOUR REMAINING INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD, THE MAIN STREET SUBDIVISION. THIS SOLUTION RESULTS IN NO PHYSICAL DISRUPTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, YET IT PREVENTS THE DIRECT ROADWAY CONNECTION FROM THE I-35 CORRIDOR TO THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. IF IT DOES COME TO PASS THAT YOU VOTE TO TERMINATE THIS COVENANT, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD STATE THE REASONS WHY. AND THAT'S BECAUSE SO FAR IN THIS PROCESS WE HAVE BEEN PUZZLED AS TO WHY BOTH STAFF AND -- PUZZLED AS TO WHY BOTH STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE RECOMMENDED TERMINATION WHEN THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A REAL LOGICAL REASON OTHER THAN TO BASICALLY FIX A MISTAKE SO WHAT'S BEING PUT ON THE GROUND MATCHES WHAT WAS ON THE PLANS. IF WE ARE MISSING SOME SALIENT POINTS HERE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SO THAT IN OUR FURTHER WORK WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THE CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. KELLY. DON ANDROTTI. SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. AND LET'S SEE IS JOE HERRERA HERE? HELLO, JOE. DAWN UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: YOU PROBABLY NEED TO PULL THE MICROPHONE DOWN TO YOU A LITTLE BIT.

GOOD EVENING, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS

DAWN ANDROTTI. MY HUSBAND RAY AND I LIVE IN THE GREENWOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR PROPERTY IS ADJACENT TO THE TRACT OF LAND IN QUESTION. WE PURCHASED OUR PROPERTY IN 1970S AND ARE THE ORIGINAL HOMEOWNERS. WE DO A POLICY -- WE DO OPPOSE THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. LET ME PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME HISTORY OF THE TRACT OF LAND THAT IS IDENTIFIED AT COLONIAL PARK. WHILE THE TRACT OF LAND IS IDEAL DUE TO THE LOCATION, THERE ARE FACTORS THAT MAKE DEVELOPMENT A CHALLENGE. ONE OF THE FACTORS IS A SIGNIFICANT NATURAL GAS LINE WHICH RUNS ALONG THE EAST-NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE PROPERTY. IN THE LATE 1970S BE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS PROPOSED AND BROUGHT TO THE CITY FOR APPROVAL. FOR THE ENTIRE TRACT OF LAND. THIS WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN SINGLE AND/OR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS TO BE PLACED DIRECTLY OVER THE NATURAL GAS LINE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE OWNERS, MR. MORRIS AND MR. SHAPIRO BROUGHT THIS TO THE DEVELOPER'S ATTENTION THAT THEY RECONSIDERED THEIR PROPOSAL. I REMEMBER THE MEETING WITH MR. MORRIS AND MR. SHAPIRO, THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY APPALLED THAT ANYBODY WOULD CONSIDER PUTTING HOMES OVER A NATURAL GAS LINE. AT THE TIME WE WERE TOLD THAT THE SIZE OF THE LINE IS 8 INCHES, WHICH MAKES IT SIGNIFICANT GAS LINE. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WAS FORGED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS, MR. MORRIS, MR. SHAPIRO AND THE CITY STAFF. YOU WILL NOTE IT CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE NATURAL GAS LINE SAFETY CONCERNS AS WELL AS THE TRAFFIC CONCERNS FOR THE EXISTING SUBDIVISION. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND AT THE TIME OF THE AGREEMENT IN 1982 OR 1983, THE EXTENSION OF COLONIAL PARK TO I-35 HAD NOT YET BEEN BUILT, YET THE TRAFFIC THROUGH GREENWOOD HIMSELF NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ALREADY A CONCERN. WHEN COLONIAL DRIVE WAS EXTENDED TO I-35 THIS ONLY INCREASED THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC. SO AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PARTIES OF THE 1983 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT HAD THE FORESIGHT TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE WLANDLAND EAST OF GREENWOOD HILLS AND TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PROTECT THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT LENT ITS

ACCESS TO THE -- LIMITS ACCESS TO 33 COLONIAL TRAILS HOUSEHOLD, ELIMINATING IT WILL ENABLE AT A MINIMUM ACCESS BY 104 COLONIAL TRAIL HOUSEHOLDS OR A MINIMUM OF 208 VEHICLES. THIS DOES NOT INCREASE -- INCLUDE THE DIMINISHED LOT SIZE THAT THE DEVELOPER PROPOSED. IT ALSO DOES NOT INCLUDE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC FROM THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC FROM DRIVERS THAT USE THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS A SHORTCUT OR DETOUR FROM I-35. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO NUMEROUS AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS ON THE I-35 ACCESS ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS THE MOTOR MILES. PERSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS AS WELL AS EMPLOYEES FROM THE DEALERSHIPS USE THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO TEST DRIVE VEHICLES. IN 2000 THE COLONIAL PARK DEVELOPERS PRESENTED A PLAN AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AT THAT TIME SEVERAL RESIDENTS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESENTED CONCERNS TO THE COMMISSION OVER THE DEVELOPMENT. THE CONCERNS INCLUDING TRAFFIC, STREET DESIGN AND DRAINAGE. I KNOW I WAS THERE. THE DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMISSION WAS FOR THE CITY STAFF AND THE DEVELOPERS TO MEET WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO RESOLVE THE CONCERN. THIS NEVER HAPPENED. AS I SAID, I WAS THERE, I KNOW. OBLIVIOUS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS AND THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER PLAN WAS APPARENTLY ACCEPTED. IN APRIL, THE APRIL 19th, 2005 LETTER THAT ACCOMPANIED THE REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IS DREF CONVENIENT BY THE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE COMMERCIAL TRACT OF LAND. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE REQUEST OF THE IMPACT TO THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. IN FACT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AS POINTED OUT BY MICHAELLY. IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS CITY STAFF CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS THEY DID WHAT AMOUNTED TO INCOMPLETE STAFF WORK WHEN APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE TRACT OF LAND. THEY ALLOWED A STREET DESIGN THAT VIOLATED THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. ALTHOUGH NUMERALROUS EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY CITY STAFF IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THE PLAIN AND SIMPLE FACT THAT THEY GOOFED. AND THEY DON'T WANT TO

RESCIND THE INCORRECT AGREEMENT. THE QUANDARY THAT THE CITY IS IN AT THIS POINT IS THEY HAVE TWO COMMITMENTS WHICH ARE CONFLICTING AND YOU CAN'T UPHOLD BOTH. THE SECOND COMMITMENT WAS ENTERED INTO 2000 AS A RESULT OF INCOMPLETE STAFF WORK AND TOTALLY DISREGARDED NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT. THE FIRST COMMITMENT WAS MADE WITH THE GREEN-WOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD AND LANDOWNERS IN 1984. YOUR VOTE TO RESCIND THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IS SAYING THAT YOU APPROVE OF INCOMPLETE STAFF WORK AND ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERRORS. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOUR VOTE TO RETAIN THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IS SAYING THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERRORS AND VALUE LONG STANDING AGREEMENTS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. ANDROTTI. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION. WE HAD CANDACE SULLIVAN SIGNED UP FOR, HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF NEED BE. SO WITH THAT WE CAN HAVE A REBUTTAL FROM THE APPLICANT'S AGENT.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ONCE AGAIN CHRIS CASPER HERE ON BEHALF OF COLONIAL TRAILS THE APPLICANT. A COUPLE OF POINTS I WANTED TO MAKE. ONE THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IS ENFORCEABLE BY THE CITY. IT'S BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS. THE CITY HAS THE ENFORCEMENT RIGHTS ON THIS. SECONDLY THE CITY DID APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLAT BACK IN 1998, FINAL PLATTED IN 2005 AND CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. STAFF RECOMMENDED THE EXTENSION OF WITH WIND LEDGE AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL. THOSE ARE THE MAIN ISSUES. THERE'S SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER RESTRICTIVE COVENANT BUT THAT IS NOT BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY. THERE'S NO RESTRICTIVE COVENANT FROM 1984 THAT YOU ARE HERE TO DETERMINE, YOU ARE ONLY LOOKING AT THE COVENANT FROM 1982, ONCE AGAIN THE RESTRICTIONS ON THAT ARE EFFECTIVELY TAKEN CARE OF BY THE ZONING CASE FROM LAST WEEK. THERE'S THE ISSUE HERE BEFORE YOU OF THE ROADWAY CONFIGURATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, SIR. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: WHAT WAS THE VOTE IN THE PLANNING
COMMISSION?

6-1.

Mayor Wynn: MS. GLASGO, COULD YOU BRIEFLY OUTLINE THE
STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THIS AS WELL.

THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON THE RESTRICTIVE
COVENANT IS TO TERMINATE THE COVENANT. THE
SUBDIVISION PROCESS IS HANDLED THROUGH THE
WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
DEPARTMENT WHICH LOOKS AT THE ZONING AND APPROVES
THE SUBDIVISION AND THEN WE GET TO BRING THE
AMENDMENTS TO YOU AS THEY ARISE. THE SUBDIVISIONS
AS APPROVED, WERE DISCOVERED LATER THAT THEY WERE
INCONSISTENT WITH A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT. WHICH IS IN
FRONT OF YOU WHICH SHOWS THE COVENANT SHOWED THE
MAP ON THE LEFT, THE STREETS SHOULD NOT CONNECT AS
SHOWN ON THE SUBDIVISION. SO THE OBVIOUSLY THE
SOLUTION TO CORRECT A DOCUMENT THAT WAS EARLIER
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMENDED
THE EXTENSION THAT MADE SENSE. THE SOLUTION WAS TO
CONSIDER TERMINATING THE COVENANT AS OPPOSED TO
RESCINDING THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION WHICH IS
ALREADY RECORDED AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THAT'S
WHAT'S BEFORE YOU TO TERMINATE THE COVENANT IN
ORDER TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION TO CONTINUE AS
APPROVED. MR. JOE ZAPALAC FROM TRANSPORTATION
REVIEW WILL BE GLAD TO EXPLAIN THE LOGISTIC OF
PROPOSING THE STREET CONNECTION AS APPROVED AS
OPPOSED TO WHAT WAS CONTEMPLATED IN THE
RESTRICTIVE COVENANT.

Mayor Wynn: I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WELCOME,
SIR.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE CITY'S SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE
SETS LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG A BLOCK CAN BE AND HOW
MANY CONNECTIONS SHOULD BE MADE, BETWEEN

DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SUBDIVISION AND IN THIS CASE THERE WAS A STREET THAT WAS STUBBED OUT FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTY. THE ORIGINAL COVENANT SHOWED THAT IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED UP AND CONNECTED THERE. THIS WOULD BASICALLY SEPARATE THE COLONIAL TRAILS DEVELOPMENT INTO TWO SEPARATE PIECES WITH NO CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEM. THE COVENANT DID ALLOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTENSION OF SHERATON LANE THROUGH TO COLONIAL TRAILS. IN STAFF'S OPINION THIS -- THIS WOULD BE LESS DESIRABLE THAN THE EXTENSION OF WIND LEDGE BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW FOR A FAIRLY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN CONGRESS AVENUE TO THE WEST HERE AND I-35, TRAFFIC WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL DOWN SHERATON, JOG OVER TO COLONIAL TRAILS AND GET ON TO SHELBY LANE AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE I-35 FRONTAGE ROAD AND VICE VERSA, TRAFFIC FROM THE FRONTAGE ROAD COULD CUT THROUGH TO CONGRESS AVENUE. FROM STAFF'S STANDPOINT, IT'S MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE THE WIND LEDGE CONNECTION BECAUSE ANY TRAFFIC THAT DID ATTEMPT TO FILTER THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD HAVE TO SLOW DOWN, MAKE MORE TURNS, THAT A CONNECTION WOULD NOT BE AS DIRECT, IT WOULD TEND TO DISCOURAGE THE CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC.

THANK YOU, MR. ZAPALAC. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: ONE OF THE WITNESSES TESTIFIED THAT THIS WOULD -- AS I RECALL -- THIS CUT THROUGH, THIS EXTENSION IN THE STREET WOULD CONNECT TO INTERSTATE 35, THAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE CASE. I MAY HAVE MISHEARD THE WITNESS. THE IMPRESSION THAT I WAS LEFT WITH, THIS WAS GOING TO CONNECT TO I-35. I DON'T SEE THAT AS THE CASE, IS THAT RIGHT, MR. ZAPALAC.

THAT WOULD BE AN INDIRECT CONNECTION. MAYBE I CAN PUT THIS OTHER SHEET. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THIS CONNECTION IN PLACE FOR SOMEONE TO TRAVEL TO CONGRESS AVENUE THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION OVER TO COLONIAL TRAILS AND DOWN TO I-35. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DO THAT, ALSO FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE THE REVERSE MOVEMENT. BUT IT WOULD BE A BIT MORE

CIRCUITOUS, A COUPLE OF TURNS INVOLVED, AND SO WE DON'T FEEL THAT IT WOULD ENCOURAGE TRAFFIC TO DO THAT. SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA PROBABLY WOULD MAKE THAT MOVE, BUT WE DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A FREQUENT THING.

LOOKING AT THE MAP, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A LITTLE BIT SOUTH OF BEN WHITE, WHICH WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY AND HOPEFULLY BE A FASTER WAY TO GET FROM CONGRESS AVENUE TO THE INTERSTATE 35 THAN GOING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, RIGHT.

RIGHT, ALSO ST. ELMO IS JUST TO THE NORTH, SOMEONE COULD COME ALONG ST. ELMO AND FOLLOW THIS ROUTE OVER HERE, MAKE THE SAME MANEUVER.

FROM AN URBAN PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS A GOOD PROPOSAL. WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE SHORTER BLOCKS, MORE CONNECTIVITY. THE FOUR OF US ARE ON CAMPO, OVERSEE BRIEFINGS THAT THE MODEL OF LOTS OF CUL DE SACS WITHOUT INTERCONNECTIVITY CAUSES WORSE TRAFFIC, IT'S -- BOTH CAMPO AND ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT WE GET AWAY FROM THE TYPE OF STREET NETWORKS THAT ARE -- THAT ARE HEAVILY FOCUSED ON DEAD ENDS AND LACK OF CONNECTIVITY. SO THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT FITS IN, REALLY IN EVERY RESPECT WITH THE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE WE ARE GETTING ABOUT -- ABOUT WHAT'S A GOOD TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND GOOD PLANNING FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD PERSPECTIVE. IT FITS IN WITH WHAT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GET INTO MORE INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOOD STREET NETWORKS AND MORE GRID STYLE SYSTEM.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER, I WILL CONSIDER THAT A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TERMINATION. I WILL SECOND THAT. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANKS. I THINK IT WAS MR. ZAPALAC WHO WAS UP THERE? WHEN YOU WERE SPEAKING ABOUT A CONNECTION TO OR THE POCKET OF SOMEONE GETTING ALL THE WAY TO

CONGRESS AVENUE, WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT -- AT LEAST ON THE MOP THAT WE HAVE -- ON THE MAP THAT WE HAVE IN THE BACKUP IT'S HARD TO TELL, EXCEPT MAYBE FROM ST. ELMO ROAD, HOW ONE WOULD GET TO CONGRESS AVENUE? IS THERE SOME OTHER WAY THEY COULD GET TO CONGRESS AVENUE OR --

THIS MAP MAY SHOW IT BETTER. THIS IS CONGRESS AVENUE HERE, THIS IS I-35. ST. ELMO IS -- IS LOCATED HERE, JUST NORTH OF THE SUBDIVISION. AND IT PROVIDES A FAIRLY DIRECT ROUTE, ALTHOUGH YOU DO HAVE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF TURNS TO GET THROUGH TO I-35. ALSO, INDUSTRIAL NORTH OF ST. ELMO, RUNS PARALLEL TO BEN WHITE AND CONNECTS OVER TO I-35. THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION -- THE SUBDIVISION AS APPROVED, CONGRESS AVENUE IS A LITTLE BIT OFF THE MAP HERE. IT WOULD ALLOW TRAFFIC TO COME DOWN SHERATON AND SOMEWHAT MEANDER THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION, TRAVEL ALONG WIND LEDGE, COLONIAL TRAILS, ALONG I-35, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THAT MANEUVER, BUT BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER ROUTES AVAILABLE WE DON'T FEEL THAT THERE WOULD BE A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD DO THAT ALONG WIND LEDGE.

Alvarez: SEEMS IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING EAST FROM CONGRESS, YOUR MOST DIRECT ACCESS TO 35 WILL BE THROUGH SHELBY LANE. ST. ELMO HAS THAT JOG, THEN YOU HIT SHELBY LANE. THEN IF -- SAME THING IF YOU ARE ON THE -- IF YOU ARE ON THE ACCESS ROAD COMING SOUTH, IF YOU WANT TO GET TO CONGRESS AVENUE, YOU MAY HAVE -- AND YOU DIDN'T ALREADY DECIDE THAT YOU WERE GOING TO USE BEN WHITE, SEEMS LIKE SHELBY LANE WOULD BE THE MOST DIRECT CONNECTION TO CONGRESS AVENUE THAT YOU WOULDN'T NECESSARILY CUT THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR SUBDIVISION THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING HERE. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE LARGER PICTURE BECAUSE I JUST WAS -- IT DOES SEEM THAT -- THAT IT WOULD BE VERY FEW REASONS FOR SOMEONE TO TRY TO, YOU KNOW, SORT OF CUT THROUGH THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU KNOW, TO TRY TO GO ALL THE WAY TO CONGRESS AVENUE. I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE LARGER MAP. I APPRECIATE IT. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TERMINATION. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. THAT TAKES US TO ITEM Z-9, COUNCIL.

Alvarez: MAYOR, A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. I THINK THIS IS OUR FIRST READING WHERE WE HAVE SOME COFFEE AND SOME SNACKS I GUESS, MAYBE SOME SANDWICHES IN THE CONCESSION AREA. I THINK IT'S AUSTIN COFFEE TRADERS IS THE PROVIDER. AND SO THERE ARE FOLKS WAITING HERE FOR ZONING CASES OR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE YOU GET TO COME AND GET YOUR THREE MINUTES, YOU MAY WISH TO GO AND VISIT THEM. ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE FIRST FLOOR HERE AT THE CITY HALL. WE DO WANT TO THANK THEM FOR BEING HERE ON SITE. THEY JUST STARTED THIS WEEK ON MONDAY AND THEY WILL BE HEARING EVENINGS, AT LEAST ON THURSDAY, MAYBE ON TUESDAYS FOR THE COMMISSION MEETINGS. I THINK IT'S WELCOME NEWS FOR A LOT OF FOLKS, JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE THANK THEM FOR BEING HERE, THANKS, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.

Glasgo: MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, BACK AGAIN TO CONTINUE WITH ZONING ITEMS. WE ARE NOW ON Z-9, C14-05-0025, FOR TWO PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1706 AND 1708 WEST SIXTH STREET. THIS IS PART OF THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. IN 2002, THE OLD WEST AUSTIN PLAN WAS ADOPTED. IT'S ONE OF SIX PLANS THAT WAS ADOPTED UNDER THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE REVISED THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS WHERE THE PLAN AND THE REZONINGS ARE -- OCCUR CONCURRENTLY. THE OLD WEST AUSTIN PLAN, BEING ONE OF THE EARLIER PLANS THAT WERE APPROVED, THE -- THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED AND THEN THE REZONINGS OCCURRED IN 2002. AT THE 2002 PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 1706 AND

1708 APPEARED AT THE CITY COUNCIL HEARING AND ASKED IF THEY COULD BE REZONED OR AT LEAST OPPOSED THE PLANNED REZONINGS AT THAT TIME. THESE TWO TRACTS WERE NOT ZONED. THIS PARTICULAR PLAN INDICATES IN THE TEXT AS TO HOW PLANS IN THE FUTURE ARE TO BE ZONED THAT WERE INTENDED TO BE COMMERCIAL, FOR PROPERTIES ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF SIXTH STREET, IT INDICATES THAT THEY WERE APPROPRIATE FOR OFFICE ZONING, OFFICE, MO, MU, CO WITH SOME CONDITIONS. THIS PARTICULAR TWO TRACTS, THE PLAN INDICATED THAT AT A CERTAIN TIME IN THE FUTURE, WHEN ACCESS WAS SAWGHTD ON HT ON TO SIXTH STREET, THEN COULD BE REZONED TO OFFICE IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL ACCESS. IN 2002 NOT ALL OF THE TRACTS IN THIS PLANNING AREA WERE ZONED, ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAD CONDITIONS THAT HAD TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE ANY COMMERCIAL ZONING COULD OCCUR. THE CITY COUNCIL, HOWEVER, DIRECTED STAFF TO INITIATE THE ZONING CHANGE ON THESE TWO TRACTS. THE REASON IT'S TAKEN US THIS LONG IS THAT ONCE WE [INDISCERNIBLE] THE DOCUMENT ITSELF, THE PLAN THAT WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, IT HAD STIPULATIONS THAT REQUIRED DIRECT ACCESS TO SIXTH STREET FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OR ZONING TO OCCUR. AND ALSO LIMITED SOME TRIPS TO THIS TRACT. THERE IS NO PLAN AMENDMENT OFFERED WITH THIS PARTICULAR TRACT, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE PLAN RECOMMENDS THAT ZONING CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL COULD BE SOUGHT BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR INITIATED BY CITY STAFF ONCE THAT WAS EXPRESSED AS AN INTEREST. AND THEN ONCE THE COMPLAINS WERE ALSO SATISFIED. SO THE APPLICANTS CAME IN AND APPLIED FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE EXISTING ZONING, WHICH IS RESIDENTIAL. THE DRIVEWAY PERMIT WAS ISSUED. WE THEN FILED A ZONING CHANGE TO OFFICE ZONING. SINCE THEN, THE -- THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE ZONING CHALLENGE TO OFFICE AND, NO-MU-CO-NP WITH ACCESS. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS INGRESS AND EGRESS ONLY FROM THE ALLEY AND ALSO DIRECTED STAFF TO LOOK AT WHETHER ON STREET PARKING CAN BE ALLOWED ON SIXTH STREET. THE PARKS -- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS LOOKED AT THAT AND DOES NOT RECOMMEND PARKING ALONG SIXTH STREET. THE MAP IN

FRONT OF YOU SHOWS THE SUBJECT TRACTS. WHEN YOU ARE WESTBOUND ON WEST SIXTH, THIS IS JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO THE SPLIT INTERCHANGE THAT TAKES YOU TO MOPAC AND THAT THE ONE THAT TAKES YOU TO LAKE AUSTIN BOULEVARD. AS YOU CAN TELL, TRAFFIC GOES THROUGH THERE PRETTY FAST. THE PROPOSED DRIVEWAY THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS IS IN THE REAR OF THE TRACT WHICH IS THE ALLEYWAY AND NOT THROUGH SIXTH STREET SIMPLY BECAUSE OF TOPOGRAPHY AND THE FACT THAT THE SAFETY CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED ALLEY ACCESS AS OPPOSED TO THE SIXTH STREET ACCESS. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE BRIEF HISTORY AS TO WHY THIS PARTICULAR PLAN IS BEFORE YOU, RATHER THE ZONING CHANGE. I WANTED TO STRESS THE POINT THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR A PLAN AMENDMENT BECAUSE THE PLAN VERY CLEARLY STIPULATES WHAT ARE TO OCCUR IN ORDER TO PURSUE THE ZONING CHANGE. I WILL PAUSE HERE AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AFTER YOU HEARD FROM THE -- FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND FROM THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. FOLKS IN THE AREA. THERE IS A VALID PETITION. AGAINST THE CHANGE IN ZONING. THIS WOULD REQUIRE SIX VOTES OF COUNCIL BEFORE THIRD READING. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. AT THIS TIME WE WILL HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT OR AGENT. OWN ARE IN OR --

Glasgo: WELL, THE AGENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNER INFORMS ME BOTH THE PROPERTY OWNER AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE A POSTPONEMENT FOR TWO WEEKS SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: WELL, COUNCIL WE HAVE --

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I MOVE TO POSTPONE ITEM Z-9 FOR ONE WEEK?

I THINK THEY SAID TWO WEEKS. THAT -- WELL, WE DON'T HAVE A MEETING IN TWO WEEKS. THE NEXT MEETING IS

SEPTEMBER THE 29th.

Leffingwell: SEPTEMBER THE 29th.

Glasgo: IT'S EITHER THE 1st OR THE 29th. I SEE MR. SUTTLE
STANDING UP.

ONE WEEK OR FOUR.

Glasgo: THAT'S RIGHT. THEY ARE DISCUSSING THAT.

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY ONE WEEK OR FIVE WEEKS.

Leffingwell: I WAS JUST THINKING THAT, YEAH.

Glasgo: SEPTEMBER HAS FIVE -- FIVE THURSDAYS? I HEAR
ONE WEEK. SEPTEMBER 1st.

Leffingwell: IF IT'S IN ORDER, I WILL AMEND MY MOTION TO
SAY POSTPONE IT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1st.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER
LEFFINGWELL TO POSTPONE CASE Z-9 FOR ONE WEEK TO
SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
MCCRACKEN. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH
THE MAYOR PRO TEM OFF THE DAIS. 7-0. [LAUGHTER] THANK
YOU VERY MUCH.

Glasgo: WELL, MAYOR THAT CONCLUDES OUR ZONING CASES
FOR TODAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCIL, WE NOW
DON'T HAVE ANY DISCUSSION ITEMS TO TAKE UP BEFORE
OUR 6:00 TIME CERTAIN. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME
PUBLIC HEARINGS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WILL BE THE
CITIZEN INPUT FOR OUR PROPOSED '05-'06 CITY BUDGET. WE
CAN'T TAKE IT UP UNTIL 6:00 P.M. OF COURSE WE BREAK AT
5:30 FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS ANYWAY. WE

COULD GO INTO -- AT THIS TIME, HAVING NO DISCUSSION ITEMS TO TAKE UP BEFORE OUR 6:00 TIME CERTAIN AND KNOWING THAT WE WILL BREAK AT 5:30 FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, AT THIS TIME WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS POTENTIALLY AGENDA ITEM RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS. AND BUT I ANTICIPATE IF THAT DISCUSSION DOES TAKE UP, THAT WE WILL END THAT DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION TO COME OUT AT 6:00 TO TAKE AS MUCH CITIZEN FEEDBACK AS WE CAN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. SO WITH THAT, WE ARE IN CLOSED SESSION. STAY TUNED FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, AT 6:00 BEGINNING OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. >> >>

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Mayor Wynn: NEXT MONTH THEY WILL CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF THEIR THIRD ALBUM IN THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING TEYE AND BELEN. [APPLAUSE] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] NO CARRIERRINGCONNECT 57600 [PHONE RINGING] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WOW. SO TELL US WHERE DOES ONE SEE TEYE AND BELEN AND DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE THAT YOU CAN BUY SOME CD'S? WHERE DO WE SEE YOU AGAIN?

WE ARE HAPPY AND PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEW CD THAT WE'VE MADE IS GOING TO BE OUT IN THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY IN OCTOBER. AND WE'RE VERY HAPPY WITH THAT. WE'RE GOING TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF TOURING ON THE EAST AND WEST AND THEN COME BACK TO AUSTIN. AND TALKING ABOUT TOURING AND ABOUT SEEING US, IF YOU HAVE TIME TONIGHT, WE PLAY AT THE RED FEST, WHICH IS NEXT DOOR TO ANTONE'S ON SIXTH STREET, WEST -- PARDON ME, WEST FIFTH. SATURDAY NIGHT WE ARE AT DONA EMILIO RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE FOUR SEASONS ON CESAR CHAVEZ. AND THEN SEPTEMBER 16TH, WHICH IS MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE SPANISH SINGER ACTUALLY WHO IS GOING TO JOIN US FOR THAT SHOW SAID,

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THAT? BECAUSE YOU KNOW MY WIFE, WHO IS SPANISH ACTUALLY, NOW SHE IS SPANISH-AMERICAN. ABOUT FOUR HOURS AGO SHE SWORE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG. [APPLAUSE] LONG AND HARD ROAD WITH A NICE FLOWER AT THE END. SO WHAT CAN I SAY? SEPTEMBER 16TH WE ARE AT CENTRAL MARKET NORTH ON NORTH LAMAR. SO THAT SHOULD BE THREE GOOD SHOWS TO COME CATCH. AND YES, WE DO HAVE CD'S. YOU CAN ALREADY GET A SNEAK PREVIEW COPY AT ONE OF OUR GIGS. DON'T LET THE RECORD COMPANY HEAR THIS. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: SOME GREAT LOCAL VENUES IN WHICH TO SEE YOU ALL. CONGRATULATIONS. BE SURE TO REGISTER TO VOTE NOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN. [LAUGHTER] BEFORE YOU GET AWAY, WE HAVE A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION THAT READS, BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WHEREAS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S STATUS AS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITOL OF THE WORLD, NOW THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HERE BY PROCLAIM TODAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2005, AS TEYE AND BELEN DAY IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THIS GREAT TALENT IN OUR MIDST. CHAP CLAP[APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: FOR OUR FIRST PROCLAMATION I'M GOING TO BE JOINED BY RANDALL STOCKTON AND RODNEY AHART. AND I'M GOING TO ASK TEYE AND BELEN TO JOIN US OVER HERE. THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING AUSTIN'S NIGHT LIFE AND THE VENUES. AND IN FACT WE JUST HEARD HOW TEYE AND BELEN WILL BE AT SEVERAL OF OUR JUST GREAT LIVE MUSIC VENUES. AND IN FACT, ONE CAN LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC AND SEE FLAMENCO DANCE AT A GROCERY STORE IN THIS TOWN. YOU CAN GO TO ANY NUMBER OF PLACES AND HAVE LIVE MUSIC, INCLUDING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, HAVE LIVE MUSIC INCORPORATED INTO JUST OUR DAILY ROUTINES. THE FUNDAMENTAL PART OF WHAT DEFINES US AS THIS GREAT AMERICAN CITY. AND SO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, WE'RE GOING TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 2005 AS SUPPORT AUSTIN NIGHT LIFE MONTH.

MANY OF YOU ALL ARE AWARE THAT THERE'S A NEW ORDINANCE THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER FIRST, AND SO MANY OF THE VENUES, LIVE MUSIC OR OTHERWISE, JUST NIGHT SPOTS IN THIS TOWN, WILL BE UNDER SOME DIFFERENT RULES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1 1 1 1st. SO WE'RE REMINDING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO STILL GO OUT AND ENJOY THE NIGHT SPOTS, PARTICULARLY THE ONES THAT CATER TO LIVE MUSIC. MOST OF THE VENUES, NIGHT LIFE BE BUSINESSES, ARE MICROBUSINESSES. THEY'RE VERY SMALL MOM AND POP SHOPS FOR THE MOST PART AND WE'RE HERE TO REMIND FOLKS HOW EASY IT IS TO GET OUT AND SUPPORT THEM. SO THE PROCLAMATION READS, BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS AUSTIN IS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITOL OF THE WORLD AND HAS BECOME HOME TO MORE THAN A THOUSAND NIGHT STOPS WITH MORE THAN 150 LIVE MUSIC VENUES. AND WHEREAS AUSTIN'S NIGHT LIFE HAS BEEN FEATURED IN PRINT AND TELEVISION STORIES NATIONWIDE AND AUSTIN'S MUSIC SCENE GENERATES MORE THAN \$600 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. AND WHEREAS AUSTIN'S NIGHT LIFE BRINGS TOGETHER SMALL BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE OUR MUSIC AND OUR CREATIVE AND DIVERSE CULTURE. NOW THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HERE BY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2005 AS SUPPORT AUSTIN NIGHT LIFE MONTH, AND IF I COULD, I WOULD LIKE RANDALL AND/OR RODNEY TO STEP UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHY IT IS WE WANT TO DO THIS AND REMIND PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT GREAT ICONIC, MOSTLY SMALL BUSINESSES THESE NIGHT LIFE SPOTS AND LIVE MUSIC VENUES ARE. RANDALL, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. AS A LOCAL MUSICIAN MYSELF AND THE OWNER OF A LIVE MUSIC VENUE HERE IN TOWN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE MAYOR FOR MAKING THIS PROCLAMATION. WE HAVE A TRULY OUTSTANDING, VIBRANT AND DIVERSE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY HERE IN AUSTIN, AND THERE'S A LOT TO OFFER TO EVERYONE. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT TO OFFER TO EVERYONE, AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A LOT TO OFFER TO EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN. WE HAVE FANTASTIC MUSIC VENUES AND OTHER BARS AND PLACES THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AND SOCIALIZE, AND I THINK

THAT IT WOULD BEHOOVE ALL OF US TO GET OUT THERE AND ENJOY EVERYTHING THAT THIS WONDERFUL CITY HAS TO OFFER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN, AND THE CITY. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ECHO RANDALL'S COMMENTS THAT AUSTIN IS AN OUTSTANDING CITY AND THERE ARE MUSIC VENUES, THERE ARE BARS, EVERY PLACE IN THIS CITY THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AS FAR AS BRINGING OUT YOUR FAMILIES. YOU KNOW, IT'S GREAT THAT STARTING SEPTEMBER 1 WE ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDING SMOKE-FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO THIS ENTIRE CITY, WHICH MEANS THAT IT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH. I THINK THAT WE ALL HAVE SEEN RECENTLY IN NATIONAL NEWS THE IMPACTS THAT TOBACCO USE HAS HAD ON PEOPLE WITH THE DEATH OF PETER JENNINGS AND THE RECENT DIAGNOSIS OF DANA REEVES. SO THIS TRULY IS A MILESTONE FOR THIS COMMUNITY. WE JUST ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET OUT AND GET INTO AUSTIN. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. WE HAVE A THEME GOING HERE. THIS PROCLAMATION IS ABOUT THE THIRD ANNUAL KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD 5K AND LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT WILL BE THIS SATURDAY. I'M GOING TO BE RUNNING IN IT -- I THINK THE RACE STARTS AT 5:00. IT'S A GREAT EVENT. THE RACE STARTS AT AUDITORIUM SHORES, STARTS AND ENDS THERE, ROUTES THROUGH SOME CLASSIC SOUTH AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS, PAST SOME GREAT SOUTH AUSTIN VENUES, AND IT'S A SERIOUS RACE FOR SOME SERIOUS RUNNERS, BUT MOSTLY A LOT OF FUN FOR FOLKS WHO AREN'T SERIOUS RUNNERS. AND THEN MELISSA IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT GOES ON THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT'S ACTUALLY PHENOMENAL LIVE MUSIC SET UP FOR REALLY THE ENTIRE FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, A BUNCH OF KID ACTIVITIES AND THEN THE RACE IN THE AFTERNOON. THE PROCLAMATION READS, BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS LOCAL AUSTIN BUSINESSES THAT KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD ARE SAYING THANK YOU TO AUSTINITES WHO SUPPORT THEM BY SPONSORING SATURDAY'S 5K RUN BENEFITTING THE AUSTIN

INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ALLIANCE. AND WHEREAS THE 5K IS AN EVENING RUN ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY LATER TO ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, FOOD AND DRINK AS WELL AS A GREAT NUMBER OF CONTESTS, INCLUDING AUSTIN'S WEIRDEST PERSON. AND WHEREAS WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE PART IN THE 5K TO ROCK SOME OF AUSTIN'S BEST MUSICIANS, INCLUDING DELL CASS TEALIO, VEJELLO, GRADY, THE ROCKHOUNDS AND TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT CITY WE LIVE IN. I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF CITY OF AUSTIN, DO HERE BY PROCLAIM AUGUST 27TH TO BE THE KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD DAY. MELISSA MILLER WILL HAVE MORE ON THE EVENT.

WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR, AND CITY OF AUSTIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS GREAT EVENT. IT CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY OF OUR GREAT TOWN, OUR GREAT CITY, BOTH ITS PEOPLE AND ITS LOCAL BUSINESSES, MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS. THIS YEAR THE EVENT BENEFITS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES LOCAL BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWN, THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ALLIANCE, OR COMMONLY KNOWN AS AIBA. AIBA PROVIDES ADVOCACY, MARKETING, NETWORKING AND PROGRAMMING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES. AND VIA OUR NEW WEBSITE, WHICH IS IBUYAUSTIN.COM, YOU CAN FIND OUT WHO IS LOCAL AND CHOOSE TO SPEND YOUR DOLLARS LOCALLY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. SO COME OUT TO THE KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD 5K AND FUN RUN. AND I WILL SAY IT'S A FUN RUN, WHICH MEANS ANYBODY CAN PARTICIPATE. IT'S THROUGH CONGRESS AVENUE, LIVE OAK AND SOUTH FIRST. THERE'S LOTS OF FUN STOPS AND REFRESHMENTS ALONG THE WAY SO YOU WILL NOT GET OVERHEATED. AND IT'S A FULL DAY OF FUN AT AUDITORIUM SHORES AND CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES AUSTIN, AUSTIN. AND TO ECHO SOME WORDS THAT WERE SAID EARLIER TONIGHT, GET INTO AUSTIN. SO SOUNDS GREAT. AND IF YOU NEED SOME MORE INFORMATION, GO TO KEEPAUSTINWEIRD5K.COM. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WE'LL SEE YOU THERE. I WILL BE THERE SATURDAY.

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING THE AUSTIN CITY SISTER'S MONTH, A NUMBER OF EVENTS WILL BE HAPPENING THAT I'M SURE WE'LL HEAR FROM,

INCLUDING GREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th IN THE MORNING. BUT THE PROCLAMATION READS, BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE AUSTIN SISTER CITY COMMITTEE WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN SOTO WHO ARE INFECTED WITH HIV OR SUFFERING FROM THE FULL BLOWN AIDS EPIDEMIC. AND WHEREAS WE ARE SPONSORING THE FOURTH ANNUAL SISTER CITIES ANNUAL TOURNAMENT, THE SUPPORTS WILL GO TO SUPPORT HIV AIDS PROGRAMS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT OR TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE BENEFITTING A CITY IN WHICH WE'VE SHARED A RELATIONSHIP NOW SINCE 1978 AND WHEREAS WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A GREAT TOWNOUT AT THE TOURNAMENT ON THE MORRIS WILLIAMS SHOTGUN ON SEPTEMBER 10th. SHOTGUN START AT EIGHT OAK IN THE MORNING. NOW I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF CITY OF AUSTIN, DO HERE BY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2005 AS AUSTIN'S SISTER CITY MONTH IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON OUR FOUNDING COMMITTEE CARE, MS. BERTHA MEANS TO TALK ABOUT THE COMMITTEE WORK AND PERHAPS HER GRANDSON TO TALK ABOUT THE COMMITTEE WORK.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR WYNN. I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR MAYOR NOT ONLY JUMPS INTO THE RIVER, BUT HE IS ALSO A GOOD GOLFER. AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE APPRECIATED HIS SUPPORT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOME OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE AUSTIN CHAPTER OF THE LINKS INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES COMMITTEE. (INDISCERNIBLE). SIERRA GIBBINS WHO HAS BEEN A BEGINNING MEMBER OF OUR COMMITTEE. COTO KABELLI. I'M GOING TO LET HIM SPEND NOT MORE THAN TWO MINUTES TO TALK ABOUT THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE]

GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL HERE IN AUSTIN, MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. AND ALSO SERVE ON THE AUSTIN SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE. AND I SPENT THE FIRST 12 YEARS OF MY LIFE THERE, AND I SPENT THE REST OF MY TIME HERE IN AUSTIN, AND I LOVE AUSTIN. I CONSIDER

AUSTIN MY HOME, BUT I'LL NEVER LOSE MY CONNECTION. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH VERY PEACEFUL PEOPLE. IT IS A MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY, GOT SNOW CAPPED MOUNTAINS AND COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, THE COUNTRY OF SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, BUT IT IS AMAZINGLY BEAUTIFUL. I GREW UP IN THE CAPITOL CITY, WHICH HAD A POPULATION OF ABOUT 100,000 AT THE TIME. AND IT ONLY HAD ONE POLICE CAR IN THE WHOLE CITY. AND IF YOU GOT ROBBED OR SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED, YOU WOULD HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE AND THEY WOULD SAY, HEY, CAN YOU COME PICK US UP? [LAUGHTER] SO EVEN THOUGH THAT HAPPENED, WE COULD KEEP THE DOORS UNLOCKED ALL DAY. IT WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL PLACE TO GROW UP. SO IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, CHAIR BERTHA MEANS AND I VISITED THERE. I TOOK DONATED WINTER CLOTHES. WINTER CLOTHES DONATED BY PEOPLE OF THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY TO CHILDREN IN THE MOUNTAINS WHERE IT GETS VERY COLD. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE AND THE PEOPLE WERE SO HONORED AND SO GRACIOUS, AND I FELT VERY HUMBLER AND IT WAS A LIFE CHANGING EVENT FOR ME. MRS. MEANS WAS THROWN THE RED CARPET. SHE WAS GREETED BY HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE HIV AIDS TASKFORCE MEMBERS. AND THE PEOPLE THERE REALLY THANK THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOR ALL THAT THEY'RE DOING TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ALSO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE. AND I HAVE A MESSAGE, A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN FROM THE AMBASSADOR, AND SHE SAYS, QUOTE, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING FOR US AND THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR LAST PROCLAMATION IS ACTUALLY A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. THESE ARE BOTH SORT OF BITTERSWEET AWARDS THAT WE GIVE OUT, JUST IN THE TWO AND A HALF YEARS OR SO THAT I'VE BEEN MAYOR WE HAVE GIVEN OUT DOZENS AND DOZENS OF THESE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS TO CITY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE SERVED DECADES FOR THIS COMMUNITY. 20, 30, 40 YEAR EMPLOYEES. AND WE'RE HERE TO ISSUE A

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AND THEIR CUSTOMERS. LAURA B. WILEY IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. SHE HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AND THE CUSTOMERS OF THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY CITY OF AUSTIN WITH EXCEPTIONAL DEVOTION, PRIDE AND PERSONAL DARE. WE JOIN HER FELLOW EMPLOYEES AT AWU IN THANKING LAURA FOR DEMONSTRATING A SPIRIT OF PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH OUR CAREER AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN. PRESENTED THIS DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, SIGNED BY ME, WILL WYNN, AND SIGNED BY THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL. BEFORE WE ASK LAURA TO SAY A FEW WORDS, I WOULD LIKE TO GET CHRIS LIPPY, THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO STEP UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD ON BEHALF OF LAURA WILEY. CHRIS?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. LAURA WILEY HAS BEEN WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR 26 YEARS. FOR 21 OF THOSE YEARS SHE'S BEEN WITH THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AND SHE HAS PROVIDED HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTORS AND SHE'S MANAGED THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR. MANAGED NUMEROUS ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. IT'S GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE LAURA, BUT LAURA, WE WISH YOU THE BEST AND CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

I JUST WANT TO SAY IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL 26 YEARS, AND I HAVE TRULY ENJOYED HELPING THE CUSTOMERS. AND NOW I WILL BECOME A CUSTOMER. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE I GET THE SAME GOOD SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDED. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: IF YOU BEAR WITH ME, AS SOON AS I GET THE COUNCIL OUT OF A CLOSED SESSION, WELCOME BACK AND TAKE UP THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, BECAUSE WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FEEDBACK, PARTICULARLY SEEING SO MANY CITY EMPLOYEES TONIGHT. THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO GET A LOT OF GOOD CITIZEN AND EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK ON WHAT IT IS THAT IS IN THE PROPOSED '05-'06 BUDGET AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. SO PATIENCE AND

I'LL GET THE COUNCIL OUT AND WE'LL START OUR PUBLIC HEARING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM NUMBER 29 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE HAVE ENDED CLOSED SESSION FOR THE EVENING. WE'RE BACK NOW IN OPEN SESSION. I PATIENT EVERYBODY'S PATIENCE. WE'RE RUNNING AN HOUR BEHIND. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR 6:00 O'CLOCK PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE HAVE ONE THAT I'M TOLD CAN TAKE LESS THAN 75 SECONDS, SO WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 44, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY MR. MIKE McHONE. AND WE'LL HAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION BY MR. STEVE SADOWSKY.

EVENING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, STEVE SADOWSKY CAN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE. THIS CASE COMES TO YOU AS AN APPEAL FROM THE DENIAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS BY THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION TO MOVE THE NELSON AND TEXANNA DAVIS HOUSE FROM 1621 WEST 12TH STREET TO 1817 WEST 10th STREET. THE HOUSE IS THE SUBJECT OF AN HISTORIC ZONING CASE, SO A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE THE HOUSE. AND THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT WHERE THE HOUSE CAN BE MOVED TO WEST 10th STREET. THE CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS UNDERTAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REHABILITATING THE HOUSE, RENTING IT OUT AS AFFORD BLE HOUSING. THE BIG PLUS HERE IS THE HOUSE REMAINS IN CLARKSVILLE AS PART OF ITS HISTORICAL CONTEXT. STAFF RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WE'VE PREPARED, AND PLACED ON THE DAIS FOR YOU. AND THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE PROPERTY OWNER, JOHN ARMSTRONG, HAS COMMITTED TO DONATING MONEY TO THE CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO COVER THE COST OF MOVING THE HOUSE TO 1817 WEST 10th, TO CONSTRUCT A FENCE AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AND TO DONATE MONEY TOWARDS THE RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE

HOUSE. HE'S GOING TO DONATE THIS MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHO WILL THEN HAVE THEIR CONTRACTORS TO REHAB THE HOUSE. STAFF SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL AS IT DOES KEEP THE HOUSE IN ITS HISTORIC CONTEXT IN CLARKSVILLE. IT SEEMS LIKE A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYBODY. >>

Mayor Wynn: AGREED. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. MR. McHONE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT?

YES, I'LL DEFER. WE AGREE WITH THE CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH SET FORTH AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. COUNCIL, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE FINALLY GOT TO AN AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE, SO I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE APPEAL -- GRANT THE APPEAL OF THE DENIAL, ITEM NUMBER 44, AS OUTLINED WITH THE RESTRICTIONS BY STAFF. >>

LEFFINGWELL: MAYOR, SO MOVE. I MOVE TO GRANT THE APPEAL AS WRITTEN WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A AND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL THAT I'LL SECOND. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. OKAY. THANK YOU ALL IN THE AUDIENCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE. SO COUNCIL, NOW LET'S GO BACK TO OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS RELATED TO BOTH THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE, ITEM 41, AND THE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED 2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET. BEFORE WE TAKE UPSET 17 COMMUNICATION, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL FOR A FEW

OPENING COMMENTS. CITY MANAGER? >>

FUTRELL: I KNOW THERE WERE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT COUNCIL HAD THAT WE'RE PREPARED TO ANSWER, BUT OBVIOUSLY I THINK ONE OF OUR ISSUES TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS RUN THROUGH THE PACKAGE THAT IS ON THE TABLE FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SO THAT WE START WITH THAT FRAME OF REFERENCE. WE'LL START WITH WHAT'S LOADED RIGHT NOW IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. FOR PAY FOR PERFORMANCE WE HAVE THREE AND A HALF PERCENT IN BASE. WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IS TO START NOT IN JANUARY, AND YOU REMEMBER THAT AS THE DOWNTURN HIT, IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE BUDGET WE HAD MOVED THE PAY RAISES BACK THE FIRST QUARTER. THE AMOUNT WE HAVE BUDGETED IS \$11.4 MILLION CITYWIDE FOR A 3.5% AVERAGE PAY FOR PERFORMANCE INCREASE TO BASE. WE HAVE REWARDED EXPECTATION FOR EX-SEEDS EXPECTATION, A LITTLE UNDER \$800,000 THAT'S LOADED IN THE BUDGET FOR REWARD AND RECOGNITION FOR EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE A CONTINUATION OF THE EXACT SCHEDULE THAT WE'VE HAD IN PLACE FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS ON SERVICE INCENTIVE PAY. THAT IS A LUMP SUM AMOUNT. THAT COMES AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE YEAR. THE SERVICE INCENTIVE PAY IS AT FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE UP TO \$500. SEVEN OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE \$1,000. 15 MORE YEARS OF SERVICE \$1,500. AND THEN FOR THIS YEAR WE ARE BEGINNING AN ADDITIONAL TWO PERCENT LUMP SUM FOR ALL NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY PREMIUM. WE HAVE THAT MONEY SLATED TO BEGIN AT THE SAME TIME ALL THE SERVICE INCENTIVE PAY IS GIVEN IN LUMP SUM. THE TOTAL BUDGETD FOR THAT AMOUNT IS A LITTLE UNDER \$8 MILLION CITYWIDE. WE ALSO HAVE FOR THE ENTIRE NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKFORCE 50% OF THE WORKFORCE SLATED FOR MARKET REVIEW. WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON THIS OCCURRING OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, SO A THIRD OF THE WORKFORCE, A THIRD OF THE WORKFORCE, A THIRD OF THE WORKFORCE, '06-'07, '08. WE'VE CONDENSED THAT, COMPRESSED IT SO THAT 50% OF THE WORKFORCE WILL GET A MARKET REVIEW IN THE FIRST

QUARTER OF THIS UPCOMING YEAR WITH THE PAY IN THERE FOR THOSE WHO GET A MARKET ADJUSTMENT OUT OF THAT REVIEW, THAT PAY HAPPENING AT THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER. THAT MARKET ADJUSTMENT INCLUDES BRINGING OUR LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEES UP TO THE LIVING WAGE, WHICH IN AUSTIN IS 10.90. IT INCLUDES A LOOK AT INTERNAL EQUITY, SPREADING PEOPLE ALONG THE PAY RANGE, SOMETHING THAT HAD GONE AMISS IN OUR PAY SYSTEM AS OUR EMPLOYEES DID NOT GET PAY INCREASES, AND STAYED STATIC IN THE PAY RANGE, CREATING INTERNAL EQUITY ISSUES IN PAY RANGES. SO IT HAS A COMPRESSION FIX, AN INTERNAL EQUITY FIX, AND A MARKET REVIEW LOADED IN TO THESE REVIEWS. SO 50% OF THE WORKFORCE, IT AFFECTS ABOUT 200 JOB TITLES, AN ESTIMATED 3,500 EMPLOYEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR. THE AMOUNT THAT WE'VE GOT LOADED IS ABOUT \$7.2 MILLION FOR THAT FIX. ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS, WE HAVE NO INCREASE BEING PASSED ALONG TO EMPLOYEES FOR ANY INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS, SO WE'RE NOT PASSING ALONG ANY COST IN THIS UPCOMING YEAR. THE CITY CONTINUES TO PAY 100% OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND OVER 50% OF DEPENDENT COVERAGE. NO CUTS IN BENEFITS AND SOME ENHANCEMENTS TO BENEFITS. FOR THE AVERAGE EMPLOYEE, WHICH WE COVER 100%, THE CITY SPENDS ABOUT \$3,300 A YEAR ON THAT COVERAGE. FOR AN EMPLOYEE WITH FAMILY COVERAGE, WE'LL SPEND ABOUT \$7,600 A YEAR ON THE CITY'S SIDE OF THAT COVERAGE. ALL TOTAL THE CITY WILL SPEND ABOUT \$177 MILLION IN HEALTH BENEFIT COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENT FAMILY AND SPOUSE COVERAGE. ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE IS THE HEALTH OF THE CITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM. THERE ARE THREE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS IN THE CITY, POLICE, FIRE AND E.M.S. IT IS THE NON-CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN STRUGGLING. THE COUNCIL PASSED IN MAY OF '05 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING US TO PUT IN BEGINNING IN '07 AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT IN ADDITION TO THE EIGHT PERCENT THE EMPLOYER, THE CITY, IS PUTTING IN NOW. SO BEGINNING, DEPENDING ON SEPTEMBER CRITERIA AND MARKERS, BEGINNING IN '07, '08, '09 AND '10, GOING FROM EIGHT PERCENT TO AN AMOUNT

EQUAL TO 12 PERCENT AND KEEPING IT THERE UNTIL THE CITY'S EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM IS FULLY FUNDED. THAT'S A VERY, VERY SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AT THE POINT THE CITY IS AT 12% INVESTMENT, THE CITY WILL BE PUTTING IN ABOUT \$29.2 MILLION A YEAR INTO THE PENSION PLAN. THIS IS A MORE COMPLICATED FORMULA. IT DOES INVOLVE HOW MANY INVESTMENTS ARE GOING EACH YEAR. IT'S ASSESSED EACH YEAR. WE HAVE PUT OUT A LOT OF INFORMATION IN THE HR BULLETIN ON THIS, BUT THE PRIMARY FACTS ARE THAT THE CITY WILL GO FROM EIGHT TO 12 IN OUR CONTRIBUTION AND EMPLOYEE PERCENT DOES NOT INCREASE. IT REMAINS THE SAME. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] WE HAVE WORKED WITH JOHN STEINER, THE CITY'S INTEGRITY OFFICER AND HAVE DEVELOPED A WAY WE CAN DO THAT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. SO THERE IS NOW A WEBSITE ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE THAT LISTS ALL OF THE DIFFERENT BUSINESSES IN TOWN THAT OFFER DISCOUNTED SERVICES AND PRODUCTS TO CITY EMPLOYEES. ONCE AGAIN, YOU ACCESS IT WITH YOUR CITY I.D. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ADD TO THAT LIST, FOR YOU TO SEE. SO THAT'S A SUMMARY OF WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE NOW. AS A STARTING PLACE AND THEN I'LL -- THEN I'LL HOLD ON HOW THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE US TO HANDLE QUESTIONS, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU ALL, WHERE YOU WANT TO PUT THAT IN THE PROCESS. THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, GO AHEAD.

IS JOHN [INDISCERNIBLE]

JOHN. ARE YOU READY TO PUT UP THE INFORMATION I BELIEVE ON TAX RATE. OKAY.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH, BUT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING IS ON WHAT THE TAX RATE SHOULD BE. I WOULD ASK FOR A QUESTION TO COMPARE, IF YOU HAVE A \$100,000 HOUSE, A \$150,000 HOUSE OR A \$200,000 IN AUSTIN, HOUSTON, DALLAS, FORT WORTH, SAN ANTONIO, WHAT'S YOUR ACTUAL TAX -- PER CITY PROPERTY TAX BILL IS, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT FOUND OUT.

SURE, COUNCILMEMBER, CAN WE GO TO THE THIRD SLIDE HERE? BACK UP, PLEASE. RIGHT THERE. WE HAVE NOW THE PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR ALL OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006. SO IT SHOWS YOU IF YOU LOOK ACROSS THE CHART THERE, IT SHOWS YOU THE TAX RATE THAT EACH OF THOSE CITIES HAS PROPOSED THEIR BUDGETS AT, AT THIS POINT AUSTIN'S BUDGET, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN PROPOSED AT 4395, YOU SEE THE OTHER TAX RATES FOR THE MAJOR CITIES THERE GOING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO FORT WORTH WHICH IS 86 AND A HALF CENTS. THEN LOOKING ACROSS, AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF -- OF APPRAISED VALUE FOR A HOME STARTING AT 100,000, GOING UP TO 200,000, YOU SEE WHAT THE TAX BILL WOULD BE ON THOSE HOMES AT THAT APPRAISED VALUE IN THOSE MAJOR CITIES. STARTING WITH THE FIRST ONE, A \$100,000 HOME IN AUSTIN, YOUR TOTAL TAX BILL FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN 2006 AT THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD BE \$440 A YEAR. AND IT WOULD BE THEN THE AMOUNTS THAT YOU SEE FOR THE OTHER MAJOR TEXAS CITIES. IN HOUSTON AT THAT SAME APPRAISED VALUE IT WOULD BE 524, SAN ANTONIO 579, DALLAS 597 AND FORT WORTH, 692. SO THAT'S THE WAY THAT IT SIMPLY WORKS, ALL THE WAY ACROSS THERE. GOING ACROSS TO THE 200,000 COLUMN, IF YOU HAVE A -- IF YOU HAVE A \$200,000 HOUSE, APPRAISED AT THAT VALUE, AND EACH ONE OF THOSE MAJOR CITIES, THAT IS GOING TO BE YOUR TAX BILL AT THE PROPOSED RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.

I THINK WHAT I WOULD ALSO LOOK FOR IS IF WE KEEP THE TAX RATE WHERE IT CURRENTLY IS, IF WE KEEP IT, DO WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION? NO, I'M SORRY, IT'S GOING TO BE, FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT 400 -- ANOTHER 17, \$18, ADDED TO THAT. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A LOT MORE THAN WHAT YOU SEE FOR THE \$100,000 APPRAISED VALUE.

I THINK THIS WAS ACTUALLY ANSWERED IN ANOTHER QUESTION. WHAT WE CAN DO IS COMPARE IT FOR SLIDES THAT COMPARE IT AT DIFFERENT RATES.

McCracken: IT WAS ANSWERED FOR US IN QUESTIONS?

Futrell: IN A BUDGET Q AND A ALREADY?

McCracken: YEAH, IN FACT LET'S SAY IF WE KEEP THE CURRENT TAX RATE, IF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS 43.95, WHICH WOULD BE A CUT IN TAX RATE, IF WE KEEP THE CURRENT TAX RATE, THAT WOULD REPRESENT THREE EXTRA DOLLARS FOR A \$100,000 HOME FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. AND IT WOULD REPRESENT SIX EXTRA DOLLARS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR FOR 150,000 HOME AND IT WOULD REPRESENT SEVEN EXTRA DOLLARS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, FOR A \$200,000 HOME. BUT IN ALL CATEGORIES, WE WOULD STILL HAVE -- SOMEONE WHO OWNS A \$200,000 HOME, 150,000, \$100,000, YOU GET THE LOWEST TAX BILL OF ANY OF THE BIG CITIES IN THE STATE IN AUSTIN OF ANY CITY. AND IN FACT WHAT WE SEE, EARLIER WE WERE TRYING TO REMEMBER FORT WORTH'S TAX RATE WAS 20 CENTS HIGHER. PEOPLE SAY IT'S CRAZY. THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S 42 CENTS HIGHER THAN OURS. IT'S DOUBLE ESSENTIALLY. WE HAVE NOT ONLY THE LOWEST TAX RATE, WHENEVER YOUR HOUSE IS APPRAISED IT APPRAISED YOU ARE PAYING A LOWER TAX BILL IN AUSTIN THAN OTHER TEXAS CITIES. SOMETHING WE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE, IT'S HELPFUL FOR US IN JUDGING WHERE WE ARE.

THAT'S RIGHT, COUNCILMEMBER.

THANK YOU, MR. STEPHENS. WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP TECHNICALLY ON THIS ITEM, ITEM NO. 41. AND SO -- WE WILL GO THROUGH THOSE REAL QUICKLY, JUST CONTINUE ON WITH OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE LARGER BUDGET ISSUE. OUR FIRST SIGNED UP SPEAKER FOR ITEM NO. 41 IS MR. KARL TEPPER. WELCOME, IS PAUL SILVER HERE. RIGHT. HELLO, PAUL. BUT THE RULE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE. SO KARL PAUL IS OFFERING YOU HIS THREE MINUTES. UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, I HOPE THAT I DON'T NEED IT. MY NAME IS KARL TEPPER, WITH THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN. WE HAVE 400 MEMBERS, WE REPRESENT I THINK ABOUT 62 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT TAXES. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT RATES, IT'S

VERY IMPORTANT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY IS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL TAXING DISTRICTS. BUT I HAVE TO IMPLORE YOU AND TELL YOU THAT OUR APPRAISALS, ON MY SUBURBAN BUILDINGS, I MANAGE SEVEN BUILDINGS, MY COMPANY HAS 14 ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. OUR APPRAISALS HAVE RISEN 40 TO -- 40 -- 30 TO 40% IN THE SUBURBAN AREAS AND 60% TO A DOLLAR, TO I'M SORRY, TO ALMOST, YES 60% IN DOWNTOWN. THIS HAS EQUATED TO 50 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT UP TO A DOLLAR PER SQUARE FOOT. FOR THESE SMALL BUSINESSES WHO LEASE OUR SPACE, THIS IS GOING TO MEAN A RECONCILIATION THIS NEXT SPRING OF -- FOR A 2,000 SQUARE FOOT SPACE FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,000. OUR OCCUPANCIES HAVE RISEN IN OUR CLASS A BUILDINGS. BUT THEY HAVE NOT RISEN SUBSTANTIALLY. I KNOW MINE, I CAN SPEAK FROM ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE HAVE NOT RISEN IN THE CLASS B BUILDINGS WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE THE SMALLER INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES WHO ARE TRYING TO START UP. WE'VE HAD QUITE A FEW CANCELLATIONS OF EXPANSIONS AND NEW LEASES. SO -- I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO NEED MY TIME. I DO NEED TO IMPLORE YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE LOWER RATES. WE ARE GETTING HIT WITH THESE HIGHER APPRAISALS, SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER APPRAISALS, I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE ALL DAY WITH DOWNTOWN PROPERTY MANAGERS. WE HAVE BEEN HIT WITH HIGHER FUEL CONSUMPTION, WHICH MEANS ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE IMPLEMENTING HIGHER SERVICE FEES FOR FUEL CHARGES, WE ARE BEING HIT WITH HIGHER INTEREST RATES, JUST WHEN WE WERE, I'M GOING TO SAY COME OUT OF A REAL DOLDROMS IN THE ECONOMY, WE ARE QUICKLY SLIDING INTO IT AGAIN. I SEE IT FROM MY BROKERS, IT'S THE END OF THE SUMMER, WE EXPECT IT TO SLOW DOWN ANYWAY, BUT IT'S SLOWING DOWN ALMOST TO A DEAD STOP. I IMPLORE YOU TO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN WE ARE CONSIDERING THESE NEW RATES BECAUSE WE NEED TO PROTECT THESE BUSINESSES THAT WE HOLD SO VALUABLE. WHO DO ULTIMATELY PAY THESE BILLS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, ALONG WITH THE OWNERS. SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. TEPPER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GRIFFIN SMITH. GRIFFIN SMITH, WELCOME, SIR, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY MARY GUERRERA

MCCONNELL.

HELLO, THANK YOU. I'M GRIFFIN SMITH. I'M A GRADUATE STUDENT AT U.T. AND I'VE BEEN HERE FOR FIVE YEARS. PROPERTY TAXES HAVE CAUSED MY REPRESENT FOR THE YEAR TO INCREASE \$120. VALUATION FOR THE BUILDING WHERE I LIVE IS UP 30% THIS YEAR. PROPERTY TAXES EFFECTS NEGATIVELY NOT ONLY THE OWNERS OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES, BUT EVERYONE WHO RENTS, WORKS OR SHOPS IN THE AREA. THEY AFFECT EVERYONE WHO CONSIDERS MOVING THE RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS TO THE AREA OR CONSIDERS LEAVING THE AREA. AND I'M GRADUATING NEXT YEAR, IT AFFECTS WHERE I'M GOING TO LIVE. I WOULD RATHER SEE A BARE MINIMUM OF SERVICES FUNDED THROUGH TAXES OF ANY KIND AND OTHER PROGRAMS SHOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH FEES COLLECTED DIRECTLY FROM THE USERS OF THOSE PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF FORCING ALL RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THEM. FINALLY, THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WORKING TO KEEP PROPERTY TAXES LOW.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GRIFFIN. MARY GUERRERO McDONALD. WELCOME, MARY, YOU WILLVY THREE MINUTES. FOLLOWED BY ROBERT MORROW, FOLLOWED BY CHRIS BAKER.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN AND COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER KIM FOR MAKING SURE THAT OUR RATE STAYS AS LOW AS IT CAN BE POSSIBLE, AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR. I KNOW THAT SERVICES WERE SUSPENDED BASED ON SEVERAL YEARS OF DEFICIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT. I -- I COMMEND THE CITY MANAGER FOR DOING THE BEST SHE COULD WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE WERE IN. I DO BELIEVE THAT SOME SERVICES OUGHT TO BE PUT BACK, BUT BASIC SERVICES NEED TO BE PUT BACK UNTIL WE GET BACK ON OUR FEET AND SO THE LOWER THE TAX, THE BETTER. EVEN THOUGH THE APPRAISALS HAVE GONE UP A LITTLE HIGHER, WE FEEL CERTAIN AND SALES TAX IS UP, THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WITHIN THAT. I ALSO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A MORALE ISSUE ON EMPLOYEES. I KNOW, I UNDERSTAND. HOWEVER, IT -- IT'S ALSO ON THE BACKS OF THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

BUSINESSES AND WE ARE CONCERNED. THE TAXES HAVE BEEN SO DIFFICULT AND THE INCREASES THAT WE ARE SEEING ARE ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE. IT MAKES US NERVOUS BECAUSE THE WATER AND WASTEWATER IS ALSO GOING TO HAVE AN INCREASE. HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT US? AND YOU ALL NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THOSE BUILDING OWNERS PASS THAT ON. IT'S TRIPLE. WE PASS IT ON. EVENTUALLY SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THIS. PEOPLE KEEP SAYING IS IT AFFORDABLE, IS IT AFFORDABLE HOUSING? IT IS NOT AFFORDABLE. NOT FOR MOST. AND IT'S DIFFICULT. I NEED YOU TO CONSIDER THAT WHEN YOU ARE CONSIDERING THIS RATE. AND WE UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF SERVICES. BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT YOU TO CUT BACK ON SERVICES. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT LIBRARIES AND OTHER THINGS THAT REALLY I DON'T SEE THOSE TYPES OF SERVICES AREN'T AS IMPORTANT AS BASIC SERVICES, FIRE, E.M.S., ALL OF THOSE I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY. AND THEY SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. BUT LET'S HOPE THAT WE DON'T ADD A WHOLE BUNCH OF FAT TO THIS DEAL, ONLY BECAUSE WE CAN AFFORD IT AND ALLOW US TO GET BACK ON OUR FEET. SO THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN, THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER KIM FOR TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE BUSINESSES CAN STAY IN BUSINESS AND STILL AFFORD OUR BASIC SERVICES. WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THAT IN THIS GO ROUND AND WE'LL SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 1st, IF WE HAVE TO. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GUERRERO McDONALD. ROBERT MORROW. WE WILL, THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY CHRIS BAKER.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS ROBERT MORE MORROW. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR AUSTIN FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS. I THINK IT'S THE BEST TOWN IN THE COUNTRY. OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T BE HERE. MY PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW IS I THINK THAT GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS SHOULD BE MINIMALIST AND I THINK THAT WE PAY TOO MUCH TAXES IN AMERICA AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, THE STATE LEVEL, THE COUNTY LEVEL, THE CITY LEVEL AND PROBABLY MY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION LEVEL. I THINK THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN -- GETTING TO KEEP THE MONEY THEY HAVE AND SPEND IT IN PURSUIT OF WHAT

THEY THINK MAKES THEIR LIFE THE BEST, RATHER THAN HAVING OTHER PEOPLE TAKE IT AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEM. SO FROM A GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW LOCALLY, I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT POLICE AND FIRE AND FIXING BASIC SERVICES LIKE A BROKEN WATER MAIN THAN I AM ON DISHING IT OUT TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR CULTURAL PARADES OR ART WORK OR [APPLAUSE] -- OR THE AUSTIN MUSIC CHANNEL, WHICH, YOU KNOW, I ONLY WATCH WHEN I'M -- IT'S LIKE I'M VERY SICK AND I'M TOO DEHYDRATED TO EVEN CHANGE THE CHANNEL. [APPLAUSE] BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I TRULY BELIEVE THAT AUSTIN IS THE BEST TOWN IN THE COUNTRY. I'M VERY GLAD TO LIVE HERE. I JUST WANT YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THAT I THINK THAT FEWER TAXES ARE BETTER AND THAT CHART THAT SHOWS THAT WE TAX LESS IN OUR CITY LESS THAN OTHER CITIES, I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL. AND CAN WE POP IT DOWN A FEW MORE POINTS? THAT'S ALL. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MORROW. CHRIS BAKER, WELCOME, CHRIS. THREE MINUTES.

OH, ROB IS SUCH A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. I MEAN, I HAVE LIVED HERE LESS THAN A YEAR. I LOVE THIS CITY! IT IS MY HOME. AND I LOOKED AND LOOKED AND THOUGHT ABOUT MOVING DIFFERENT PLACES, OF COURSE I -- I WANTED TO MOVE TO A STATE WHERE I COULD HAVE 100-DEGREE DAYS IN THE SUMMER, YES, I LOVE IT. AND I JUST LOVE GETTING IN MY CAR WHEN IT'S WARM OUT. I SAW THOSE NUMBERS AND I WAS INSPIRED. WHEN I CAME TO AUSTIN, I -- LOWER PROPERTY TAXES, THAN ALL OF THOSE MAJOR CITIES IN TEXAS. I MEAN DEFINITELY IT'S -- IT'S SOMETHING THAT AUSTIN SHOULD TRY TO KEEP. I MEAN, IF THE OTHER CITIES SEE US GO LOWER, THEY WILL BE MORE INSPIRED TO LOWER THEIR TAXES, TOO AND I'M -- I WOULD BE ALL FOR IT. IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT -- THAT AUSTIN CAN -- CAN ACCOMPLISH AND AUSTIN HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I LOVE THIS CITY, WHETHER IT BE MUSICALS, MUSICIANS OR THE MOVIE SCENE OR JUST SO MANY OF THE INNOVATIVE BUSINESS PEOPLE THAT EXIST IN THIS CITY. I MEAN, I HAVE GOTTEN TO MEET SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE. THOSE BUSINESSES MAKE AUSTIN THEIR OWN BECAUSE -- BECAUSE

OF THE CREATIVE -- CREATIVITY IN THIS CITY, BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE CREATIVE MINDS THAT EXIST IN THIS CITY. IF TAXES ARE HIGHER THE BUSINESSES WILL GO ELSEWHERE. LIKE DELL MOVING TO ROUND ROCK. CERTAINLY PLENTY OF PEOPLE LIVE IN AUSTIN AND WORK AT DELL. IN FACT THAT'S WHERE I'M WORKING RIGHT NOW. THAT'S WHAT MAKES AUSTIN WHAT IT IS. IT'S NOT THE HIGH TAXES BUT THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE, WHO MAKE AUSTIN A GREAT CITY. AUSTIN IS A MOMENT. I'M FROM A STATE THAT HAS BEEN RUN INTO THE GROUND BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WEST VIRGINIA WHERE THEY HAVE PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES. THEY ALSO HAD THE FIRST SALES TAX. SUCH GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MY VIEW, YES, THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE RUN THEMSELVES INTO THE GROUND. AUSTIN IS A GREAT CITY, AUSTIN HAS A LOT OF HEART AND I LOVE AUSTIN. I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN TO KEEP AUSTIN THE WAY IT IS AND TO KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD AND I OWE JENNIFER KIM AN APOLOGY FOR NOT VOTING FOR HER IN THE ELECTION BUT I WISH THAT I HAD RIGHT NOW SO THANK YOU [LAUGHTER] AND THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY. HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BAKER. COUNCIL, TECHNICALLY THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 41. MOST FOLKS ARE HERE ACTUALLY TO TALK ABOUT THE LARGER BUDGET ITEM NO. 42, VERY MUCH RELATED OF COURSE TO OUR -- [APPLAUSE] -- TAX RATE. WITH THAT I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEM NO. 41. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken. SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEM NO. 41. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

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OPPOSED? PASSES ON A VOTE OF ABOUT 50 TO ZERO. THIS TIME WE WILL NOW TAKE UP ITEM NO. 42, TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CITY MANAGER'S '05-'06 FISCAL YEAR CITY OF AUSTIN BUDGET. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S GO THROUGH THE FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. A NUMBER OF FOLKS ARE DONATING TIME TO THEIR COLLEAGUES, WHICH IS VERY APPROPRIATE. OUR FIRST

SPEAKER WILL BE KEITH WEBBER. KEITH, ARE YOU HERE? [APPLAUSE] HOLD ON, KEITH, LET'S SEE, ERIC MOCHIA HERE. HOW ABOUT KEVIN BROOKS? I HAVE TO CONFIRM IF YOU ARE IN HERE, YOU CAN DONATE YOUR TIME. KEVIN IS HERE, HOW ABOUT IRVIN ALLEN? IRVIN ALLEN. HOW DID CEDRIC FRANKLIN. CEDRIC HERE? HUM. ALL RIGHT. KEITH, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR. I WILL DO MY BEST, I HAVE NO PREPARED SPEECH, I DON'T THINK THAT I WILL NEED NINE MINUTES. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER, IT'S PRETTY UNIQUE TO BE HERE AS A CITIZEN EMPLOYEE. SPEAKING TO YOU. IN FACT FOR ME IT'S A FIRST. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO -- I HAD SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT. CITIZEN EMPLOYEES. CITIZEN EMPLOYEE LIVES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WORKING FOR AUSTIN, WELL, HE SUPPORTS AUSTIN WITH THE TAX THAT HE PAYS ON HIS DWELLING AND SUPPORTS AUSTIN WITH THE FEES THAT ARE CHARGED AND OF COURSE BY THE WORK. AND THEN IF HE'S A NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, IT APPEARS THAT A NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE ALSO SUPPORTS THAT CITY BY HAVING MUCH LOWER WAGES. AND IF YOU CONTINUE ON THAT THOUGHT, IF YOU WORK FOR A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, WHICH MY DEPARTMENT IS, AND AS WE GENERATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY AND THEY GET TAKEN OFF TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO BE USED, WELL THEN WE SUPPORT THE CITY AGAIN A THIRD TIME. WITH THAT ACTION. SO SOME OF US ARE HERE SUPPORTING YOU GUYS JUST OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THAT RETURNED. [APPLAUSE] [CHEERS & APPLAUSE] I WORK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE A TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM DOWN TO THE GUYS IN THE TRENCHES. [APPLAUSE] WE ARE WORKING HARD. AND WHEN I HEAR THAT THERE ARE LIFE SAFETY ISSUES WITH THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE HONOR THEM, THEIR WORK IS VERY HONORABLE. THE SWEAT ON THEIR BROW IS HONORABLE. SO IS THE SWEAT IN THE WORK THAT WE DO IT'S HONORABLE, TOO. I THINK IT'S EQUAL. [CHEERS & APPLAUSE] SO WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM THEM. THEY DESERVE THAT. BUT SO DO WE. [APPLAUSE] WE HAVE

FOLKS THAT WORK, WHETHER THEY BE AUSTIN ENERGY OR MYSELF, IT'S A 100-DEGREE DAY TODAY, THIS IS PART OF MY PPE, THIS IS A FIRE RETARDANT SHIRT. WHEN I AM WORKING 600-VOLTS I HAVE TO HAVE THIS ON TO PROTECT ME FROM ANY ARC FLASHES THAT MIGHT OCCUR. WHEN AUSTIN ENERGY OR FOLKS LIKE MYSELF ARE WORKING ABOVE 600 600-VOLTS, WE HAVE A SUIT THAT WE HAVE TO PUT ON, A THICK WOOL SUIT, BIB OVERALLS, A COAT THAT GOES ON, A HOOD, A SHIELD, RUNNING AROUND WITH THESE HEAVY GLOVES LOOKING LIKE THE PENTIUM MAN TRYING TO GET OUR STUFF DONE. AND THE REASON WHY WE WEAR THAT IS WHEN WE ARE WORKING IN AN ENCLOSED CABINET, THERE COULD BE AN ARC FALL, IF AN ARC FALL OCCURS, THEY GENERATE TEMPERATURES FROM 5,000 TO 15,000 DEGREES. COPPER MELTS AT A LITTLE UNDER 2,000-DEGREES AND VAPORIZES. IF YOU GET OUT AND LOOK AT SOME OF THE PLANTS SOMETIMES, THESE CABINETS ARE BOLTED SHUT. IF THIS OCCUR WHEN THE CABINET IS BOLTED SHUT, IT WILL BLOW THE DOORS OFF, THAT DOOR WILL TRAVEL ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE ROOM. THAT'S A SAFETY HAZARD THAT A LOT OF EMPLOYEES DEAL WITH EVERY DAY. WE GET IT DONE. THERE ARE FOLKS IN THE WATER UTILITY, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ELSEWHERE, THAT HAVE TO DEAL WITH POISON GAS. BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THE DISINFECTANT PROCESS. THEY HAVE TO PUT ON THEIR SCUBA GEAR, SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS, WORK IN THAT. NEW TECHNOLOGIES COMING ON, ULTRA VIOLENT DISINFECTION, YOU DON'T HANDLE THAT THE RIGHT WAY, YOU ARE GOING BLIND. STREET AND BRIDGE OUT THERE IN THE TRAFFIC. WE ALL KNOW HOW AUSTIN CITIZENS DRIVE. THEIR LIVES ARE MAYBE AT MORE RISK THAN MY OWN. I JUST -- YOU NEED TO CONSIDER THESE THINGS. YOU KNOW, WE SUPPORT THEM. WE SUPPORT YOU. WE JUST WANT YOU TO RETURN IT. AND I THINK I'M DONE. [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, ALL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, KEITH. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JENNIFER MCPHAIL. AND JENNIFER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JOSEPH FLEMMING. WELCOME, JENNIFER. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

I'M JENNIFER MCPHAIL WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS, SPARKEY AND I ARE HERE TONIGHT TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC WORKS SIDEWALK A.D.A. IMPROVEMENTS. I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH ON A FEW POINTS, LET Y'ALL KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, JAMES TEMPLETON WAS HIT BY A CAR RECENTLY. AND LAST NIGHT WAS RUSHED INTO EMERGENCY SURGERY. WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS IN THE AREA OF SIDEWALK ACCESS. AND WE HAVE GOTTEN A LOT FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT THIS YEAR THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN PAST YEAR, BUT IT WASN'T FAST ENOUGH AND IT WASN'T EFFICIENT ENOUGH TO KEEP J.T. FROM BEING HIT BY A CAR. WHEN WE PLAN FOR THESE PROJECTS, WE NEED TO DO A COMBINATION OF REPAIR AND SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION SO THAT WE CAN IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN SIDEWALKS. AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY CAN USE IT AND NOT HAVE TO GET INTO THE STREET. AT ANY TIME. WE ARE FAR FROM THAT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THERE'S STILL THOUSANDS OF MILES OF SIDEWALK THAT DO NOT CONNECT SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO GET OUT INTO TRAFFIC. I HAVE BEEN HIT BY A CAR ONCE. SPARKEY HAS BEEN HIT BY A CAR SEVERAL TIMES. HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO WE GET HIT? HOW LUCKY ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO BE? THE NEXT ONE MAY NOT BE LUCKY ENOUGH. J.T. GOT HIT BY THE CAR, AND HIS CHAIR ROLLED OVER HIS BODY. HE BROKE HIS ELBOW AND HIS SHOULDER. AND THAT WAS DURING A TIME OF VERY GREAT SUPPORT FOR SIDEWALK ACCESS. SO WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU? AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, I DO WANT TO SEE REPAIRS DONE TO SIDEWALKS. BUT I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SUFFER UNDER THE DELUSION THAT DOWNTOWN IS ALL THERE IS. I SERIOUSLY DOUBT WHEN J.T. GOT HIT BY THAT CAR THAT HE WAS THINKING TO HIMSELF, GEE, THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE TREES DOWNTOWN. IF I COULD JUST HAVE MORE SHADE, I WOULD BE HAPPIER. THAT WAS NOT WHAT HE WAS THINKING. HE WAS THINKING, OH, MY GOD, I HOPE I DON'T DIE. BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT WHEN I GOT PINNED UNDERNEATH SOMEONE'S CAR. WE NEED TO START HONORING THE SACRIFICES THAT PEOPLE MAKE BY DOING A GREATER AMOUNT OF WORK TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S A CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE PROJECTS THAT WE DO AND

THAT PEOPLE CAN GET OUT OF THEIR HOUSE, GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS AND NOT HAVE TO RISK THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] OH, ONE MORE THING. I WILL BE WILLING TO PAY MORE MONEY IN TAXES SO THAT I COULD BE SAFE AND NOT BECOME ROAD KILL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSEPH FLEMMING. WELCOME, JOSEPH. HANG ON FOR A SECOND. IS ROBERT BYROM IN THE ROOM? HOW ABOUT MICHAEL LEONARD? THANK YOU, MICHAEL, WELCOME. HOW ABOUT DANNY STEVENS? HELLO, DANNY. AND PHILLIP JONES? PHILLIP JONES IN THE ROOM? HI, PHILLIP. OKAY. SO JOSEPH YOU WILL HAVE UP TO -- 12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. MY NAME IS JEFF FLEMMING. I STARTED WORKING WITH THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AS IT'S CALLED BACK THEN 22 YEARS AGO. I STARRED OFF AS A PUBLIC SERVICE WORKER MAKING ABOUT 2.83 AN HOUR AS A VALVE TURNER. IN DECEMBER THERE WAS A FIERCE BLUE NORTHER THAT CAME DOWN, THE CITY WAS BELOW 32 DEGREES FOR TWO WEEKS. I WAS ABLE TO WORK FROM 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON, 18, 20 HOURS, DURING THOSE TWO WEEKS, TURNING OFF THE WATER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE THAT HAD BROKEN PIPES. ALTHOUGH MY OVERTIME WAS 3.5 LESS THAN THE FOLKS THAT DID THAT JOB REGULARLY DURING THE DAY, I WAS HUNGRY AND I APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. THE NEXT TWO YEARS FOR THE CITY WAS PRETTY GOOD. IT WAS BOOM TOWN. THE PROPERTY VALUES ROSE, EVERYTHING LOOKED GREAT. THE HOUSE OF CARDS FELL. GULTED THEGUTTED THE SAVINGS AND LOAN INSTITUTION AND SEVERELY HAMPERED THE CITY SERVICES. IN JUNE OF ABOUT '86, MIKE ATKOWITZ CAME. THE POOR GUY HAD TO GO TO THE DIFFERENT SERVICE CENTERS AND EXPLAIN THOSE CHARTS AND GRAPHS ABOUT HOW THIS AFFECTED US, WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LESSON WAS THAT THERE WAS A 10% GROWTH FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW AND THEREFORE THEY CONSIDERED THAT TO BE PART OF THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE BUST OCCURRED AND THE MISTAKES CAUSED OVER 200 POSITIONS TO BE

REMOVED FROM THE CITY. 77 WARM BODIES WERE TOLD THEY DIDN'T HAVE A JOB. THE NEXT YEAR, THERE WAS NO RAISES. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, ALL OF US I GUESS WE WOULD BE CALLED UNRULY BECAUSE WE ARE NON-CIVIL SERVANTS. WE WERE TOLD TO GIVE 10 HOURS BACK IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER LAYOFFS. THAT WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR YEARS WITHOUT ANY RAISES BEFORE THINGS STARTED TO SETTLE OUT. SO --

[INAUDIBLE]

NOW, DURING THAT TIME I WAS ON CALL ONCE, EVERY FOUR WEEKS FOR A FULL WEEK. SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER I WAS ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL, I GOT A DEGREE, AND I GOT HIRED ON AS AN INSTRUMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS TECH. THE LAST SEVEN YEARS I HAVE BEEN WORKING OVER AT ULRICH WATER TREATMENT PLANT. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE OPERATORS THERE USED TO WORK STRAIGHT 8 HOURS AND NOW THEY WORK 12 HOUR SHIFTS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT EVERY MONTH THEY HAVE TO GO FROM NIGHT TO DAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY WENT FROM BELOW A 60 MGD PLANT TO SOON A 167 MGD PLANT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY USED TO HAVE FOUR PEOPLE PER SHIFT, NOW THEY HAVE TO TO THREE PEOPLE A SHIFT, THAT PLANT STILL, OVER 90% OF THE TIME, PRODUCES THE WORLD'S BEST WATER. I'M VERY PROUD OF THOSE GUYS. [APPLAUSE] THEY ARE BY THE WAY SOME OF THE LOWEST PAID OPERATORS IN THE UTILITY. NOW I'M SURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THE GRAPH THAT WAS IN THE STATESMAN THAT SHOWS THE COMPARISON OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS OF THE -- OF THE ENGINEERING TECH 4 COMPARED TO A FIREMAN OR A POLICEMAN AND THE RAISES THEY HAVE GOTTEN. I HAVE AN LCRA POSITION THAT JUST CLOSED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. IT IS BASICALLY MY JOB DESCRIPTION. IT'S THE SAME SKILL LEVEL AND EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE. ALTHOUGH I HAVE A DEGREE AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THIS AREA FOR OVER 10 YEARS, I STILL DO NOT MAKE THE MAXIMUM IN MY FIELD. THIS JOB FOR A SMALLER PLANT, STARTS BETWEEN 2155 AND 3225 FOR THE VERY SAME JOB, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$6 AN HOUR MORE THAN MY TOP OUT PAY. AFTER 10 YEARS I'M NOT THERE. [APPLAUSE] SO ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, ANOTHER INSTRUMENT TECH, RECEIVED ONE OF THOSE CARDS FOR A REWARD FOR A JOB

WELL DONE. HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE GOTTEN THE H.E.B. CARD, BUT THERE WAS ONLY SO MANY CARDS PER VENDOR THEY WERE GONE. HE LIVED IN AN APARTMENT AND HE GOT A HOME DEPOT CARD. IMAGINE THE FACE THAT HE MADE WHEN HE FOUND OUT AND HE GOT HIS PAYCHECK THAT IT WAS \$17 LESS BECAUSE OF THE TAXES ON THAT CARD AND WHEN HE HAD TO CALL HIS DOCTOR AND SAY I'M SORRY, I CAN'T COME IN BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD THE CO-PAY. NOW, HARD WORK CAN BE ITS OWN REWARD. BUT ONE OUT OF FIVE YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE CITY OVER THE 22 YEARS, IT'S BEEN MY ONLY REWARD. YOU NEED TO SIT BACK AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO THE FUTURE. CORPORATE CULTURE IS A CURIOUS MIX BETWEEN WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW AND ITS HISTORY. AND WHETHER THESE FOLKS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN WORKING FOR THE CITY LONG ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THAT OR NOT, IT'S STILL PART THERE. HIDDEN WITHIN THE CULTURE. AND YOU GUYS ARE CREATING THE FUTURE. IT MATTERS A LOT IF WE ONLY GET 2% OR 4%. THE 7% IS NOT GOING TO MAKE ME CATCH UP WITH THESE GUYS.

THAT'S RIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

BUT THAT 7% -- BUT THAT 7% CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE PEOPLE'S LIVES. THE ONES THAT ARE REALLY TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE GOT TO SAY. THANK YOU. >> [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JOSEPH, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KENNETH PENSON. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. [APPLAUSE] THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY DONALD WILLIAMS, FOLLOWED BY JEFFREY [INAUDIBLE]

FIRST OF ALL, GOOD EVENING, WELCOME. THE FACES OF THE UNSEEN HEROES. [APPLAUSE] MY NAME IS KENNETH PENSON, AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I AM HERE TO EXPLAIN THE JUSTIFICATION IN INCREASING EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING INCREASED FROM 3.5 TO 5%. NUMBER ONE, INFLATION IN THE COST OF LIVING. GAS PRICES HAVE SKYROCKETED AND ARE EXPECTED TO GET TO \$3 PER GALLON BY DECEMBER. INCREASING GAS PRICES HAVE RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES.

NUMBER 2, MUCH OF THE CITY WORKFORCE IS LOWER TO THE MIDDLE INCOME. THIS MEANS THAT WE MAKE TOO MUCH TO GET ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, NOT ENOUGH TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES. [APPLAUSE] PROPERTY TAXES AND RENTAL FEES ARE INCREASING. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER THIS REQUEST. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT THINK THAT THINGS DON'T MATTER. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU, THAT THESE THINGS ARE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING US TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER AND THANKS TO ALL OF THE -- THE FACES OF THE UNKNOWN HEROES TODAY. [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, KENNETH. DONALD WITH WILLIAMS, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JEFFREY THORNTON.

GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY MANAGER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS DONALD WILLIAMS, I'M EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN AT SOLID WASTE SERVICES. I ENJOY AND APPRECIATE LIVING IN AUSTIN, ALSO WORKING FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND I APPRECIATE SERVING MY FELLOW CITIZENS DOING THE WORK THAT I DO IN SOLID WASTE SERVICES. I WORK WITH A BUNCH OF HARD WORKING DEDICATED GENTLEMEN WHO ALSO APPRECIATE SERVING THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AND WORKING FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I THINK MR. PENSON DID A GOOD JOB AND ENUMERATING THE -- THE THINGS IN THE COST OF LIVING AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN THAT WE ARE -- THAT WE HAVE TO -- SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRIBUTE TO MANY THINGS FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH OF AUSTIN, WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY OF AUSTIN, WE ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLEANLINESS OF AUSTIN. THROUGHOUT OUR PERFORMANCE WE ARE -- [APPLAUSE] -- THROUGHOUT OUR PERFORMANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF AUSTIN, WE SEE THE APPRECIATION OF THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. WE SEE THAT THEY APPRECIATE THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE FOR THEM. THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE IS NECESSARY, IT IS ALSO VERY, VERY LABORIOUS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS ON THE BOARD A MARKET

REVIEW, WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS WHERE SOLID WASTE SERVICE FALLS IN IN THAT MARKET REVIEW. BUT I THINK THE 50% SOLID WASTE SERVICE SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN THAT MARKET REVIEW BECAUSE WE ARE FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE LOWEST PAID DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I KNOW A LOT OF -- A LOT OF MY CO-WORKERS WHO ARE BASICALLY LIVING FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS, PAYING NECESSARY EXPENSES. I THINK THAT -- THAT RATHER THAN PROVIDING PAY FOR PERFORMANCES AND OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT, A FIVE TO SEVEN PERCENT PAY INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD WOULD SERVE THE -- THE EMPLOYEES OF SOLID WASTE AS WELL AS THE -- THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BETTER. IT WOULD HELP US TO COME UP TO THE LEVEL OF -- OF EARNINGS THAT -- COME CLOSER TO THE LEVEL OF EARNINGS THAT OUR EMPLOYMENT DESERVES. [APPLAUSE] I'VE SEEN A LARGE TURNOVER SINCE I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I'VE SEEN A LARGE TURNOVER OF EMPLOYEES IN SOLID WASTE. A LOT OF THAT TURNOVER IS BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITION THAT'S PAYING, THAT HAS BETTER PAY THAN WHAT WE ARE RECEIVING. I THINK THAT -- THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT THE CITY OF AUSTIN [BUZZER SOUNDING] IF WE ARE BROUGHT UP TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF PAY AND HELP TO RETAIN THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE LEAVING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A BETTER PAY. WAS THAT MY TIME?

Mayor Wynn: THAT WAS YOUR TIME, PLEASE -- TAKE A MINUTE AND CONCLUDE.

OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Futrell: DONALD, WHILE THE NEXT SPEAKER IS COMING UP, DONALD WE ARE STARTING WITH THE LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEES AND WE ARE STARTING WITH MARKET WHERE THE HIGHEST TURNOVER IS. SOLID WASTE DOES HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST TURNOVER RATES IN THE CITY. AND SO YOU WILL SEE SOME OF THE TITLES OF MARKET IN SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR THE MARKET REVIEW. ALL OF THOSE

TITLES WILL BE UP ON THE WEB PAGE BY OCTOBER 1st.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, JEFFREY. IS KENNETH GARDNER HERE? KENNETH. HOW ABOUT ROBERT ANDERSON. HELLO, JEFFREY UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING. I'M JEFFREY THORNTON, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES, COLLECTIONS, GARBAGE AND BASICALLY WHY I'M HERE IS TO SAY THAT THE 2% LUMP SUM THAT IS PROPOSED IS NOT ENOUGH.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I DIDN'T -- I DIDN'T -- I BEEN WITH THE CITY FIVE YEARS. TWO OF THOSE YEARS WE WERE WITHOUT RAISES, IT WAS HARD. WE HAD TO -- IT WAS EITHER PAY BILLS OR PAY FOR MEDICATION. WE HAD TO GO WITHOUT SOMETHING. YOU KNOW. IF WE -- [APPLAUSE] -- WE HAD TO HAVE, THOSE PRIORITIES ARE PAYING OUR BILLS AND MEDICATION. YOU KNOW, IN A WAY THAT THE ECONOMY IS GOING, WE UNDERSTAND THE ECONOMY IS DOWN, YOU KNOW. WE UNDERSTAND IT, BUT THE ECONOMY MAY BE DOWN DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PUT BACK INTO THE ECONOMY. IF COUNCILMEMBERS WOULD SAY YOU KNOW THE SEVEN PERCENT RAISE THAT WE ARE REQUESTING WILL GET UP BACK TO THAT WAGE WHERE WE CAN START SPENDING THE MONEY, MAYBE THE ECONOMY WILL START TO PICK UP. BUT WE, THE NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS ARE LIKE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE FEEL THAT IF WE NOT PART OF THE E.M.S. OR A.P.D. OR ANY ESSENTIAL AS YOU ALL PUT IT ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WITHOUT COLLECTIONS, WITHOUT WATER AND WASTEWATER, WITHOUT PUBLIC WORKS, THE CITY WOULD NOT FUNCTION. [APPLAUSE] IT WOULD NOT IF YOU THINK AT ALL. [APPLAUSE] AND WITH THE -- WITH THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES STATISTICS, WITH THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, THE HEALTH HAZARDS ARE THAT THERE'S NO SANITATION, WITHOUT SANITATION WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE WITH ALL KINDS OF DISEASEDISEASES. WE ARE RESPECTED BY THE PUBLIC. HIGHLY RESPECTED BY

THE PUBLIC. BUT OUR COUNCILMEMBERS SEEM TO NOT RESPECT US. WITH A 2% THAT THEY WANT TO GIVE US. IF THE COUNCIL REALLY RESPECTED THE WORK THAT THE NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES PROVIDE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THEY WOULD PAY US WHAT WE NEED TO BE PAID SO THAT WE CAN STAY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND NOT MOVE TO PFLUGERVILLE AND NOT MOVE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY. TO KEEP THE MONEY GOING IN THE CIRCLE.

AUDIENCE: THAT'S RIGHT, YEAH. [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

IN CLOSING, I LOVE MY JOB. WHEN I GET UP EVERY MORNING, I BUTT UP MY UNIFORM, PUT -- BUTTON UP MY UNIFORM, SAY TO MYSELF, I'M A CITY EMPLOYEES. THOSE TWO YEARS WAS HURTFUL. WITH ME BEING THE AT HOME I'M PAYING BILLS NOT COMPARED TO PEOPLE WITH MORTGAGES AND UTILITIES, I COULDN'T IMAGINE HOW THEY STRUGGLING. YOU KNOW, WITH THE GAS PRICES GOING UP. 2%, THAT'S PROBABLY JUST ENOUGH GAS TO PROBABLY GET ME TO AND FROM WORK FOR A MONTH. YOU KNOW, GIVE ME 7%. 8%. I WILL EVEN TAKE 10%, YOU KNOW? [APPLAUSE] YOU KNOW, JUST ALL -- THE REASON THAT ALL WE ARE ASKING FROM OUR COUNCILMEMBERS IS RESPECT.

AUDIENCE: RESPECT.

RESPECT. RESPECT. [APPLAUSE] AND JUST SHOW US, SHOW US THAT -- THAT WE ARE A PRIORITY TO THE CITY.

AUDIENCE: YEAH!

AND THAT WHEN IT COMES TO -- TO SHOWING YOUR EMPLOYEES THAT THEY ARE RESPECTED, THEY HAVE PEOPLE THAT'S GOING TO STAND BEHIND THEM, WHICH YOU ALL BEING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, YOU ALL OUGHT TO REWARD US FOR PUTTING YOU ALL IN THE POSITION THAT Y'ALL ARE IN TO MAKE DECISIONS. BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. [APPLAUSE] SO IN CLOSING, IN CLOSING, WE ALL, ALL MY HEROES OUT THERE, MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT FOR ALL OF THEM. SO WHAT WE WANT TO DO, WE WANT TO INVITE YOU ALL OUT TO WATER AND WASTEWATER, WE WANT YOU ALL TO LACE UP THOSE BOOTS, GET KNEE DEEP IN SEWAGE

WITH US.

AUDIENCE: YEAH! [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

WE WANT Y'ALL -- WE WANT Y'ALL TO LACE UP THOSE BOOTS AND GET ON THE BACK OF ONE OF THOSE TRASH TRUCKS WITH US IN THAT 100-DEGREE WEATHER, SWEAT, GET ALL SMELLY. YOU KNOW, WHAT I MEAN, GET SMELLY WITH US. THAT WAY, YOU KNOW, ON THE BACK OF ONE OF THOSE TRUCKS YOU HAVE TO FEND OFF SPIDERS, FEND OFF MOSQUITOES. WE HAVE AN OPEN INVITATION FOR YOU ALL TO COME ON DOWN AND GET DIRTY WITH US. [APPLAUSE]

AND THEN, AND THEN, AND THEN IF YOU CAN LOOK EVERY SINGLE EMPLOYEE IN THE EYE AND TELL THEM THAT 2% IS GREAT, SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG WITH OUR SYSTEM. YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [CHEERS & APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LEWIS MALFERO. I SAW HIM EARLIER, HE MAY HAVE HAD TO LEAVE, OKAY. HOW ABOUT TOM METERS. HANG ON, IS GLEN SMITH IN THE ROOM. TOM UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED I.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. MAYOR WYNN, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS TOM MEADERS, A CITY EMPLOYEE, ALSO A PROUD MEMBER OF ASFCME LOCAL 1624 FOR ALMOST 22 YEARS! [APPLAUSE]

FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK, DAY AFTER DAY, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE KEEPING THIS THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD! [APPLAUSE] AUSTIN AUSTIN AFGHANISTAN, RATULATE ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, JENNIFER KIM, I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL, I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL CARRY OUT THE LONG TRADITION IN PLACE 3 OF SUPPORTING OUR UNION AS DID YOUR PREDECESSOR AND BELOVED MAYOR PRO TEM JACKIE GOODMAN. SECONDLY, I'M A STRONG SUPPORTER OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION. I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE

VERY BEST POLICE FORCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OF ANY CITY, AND THEY SHOULD BE WELL COMPENSATED. HOWEVER, AFTER I READ THE ARTICLE IN THE STATESMAN, AS WE ALL DID, I WAS SHOCKED. SO I CALLED AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE, A FRIEND OF MINE THAT WORKED FOR THE CITY FOR 40 YEARS, FRANCIS BENOIT, WHO SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW AND REMEMBER. HE JUST TURNED 80 YEARS OLD, HE'S ON OUR RETIREMENT BOARD. HE WAS ACTUALLY INSTRUMENTAL, HELPED TO GET OUR UNION STARTED BACK IN THE EARLY '70S WITH MAYOR JEFF FREEDMAN AND OTHERS. THEY BELIEVED THAT THE CITY EMPLOYEES NEEDED A VOICE, AN ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT THEM. AND TO THIS DAY, THIS UNION IS STILL ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS CITY EMPLOYEES ON ALL FRONTS, STILL THE ONLY ORGANIZATION, AFSCME. I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD READ THE ARTICLE, WHAT HE THOUGHT. HE SAID HE DID, IT LOOKED LIKE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WERE LAGGING FAR BEHIND, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THAT. SO I CHOSE TO COME HERE TODAY WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO EXPRESS MY OPINION. [APPLAUSE] I JUST RECEIVED A NOTICE YESTERDAY FROM MY LANDLORD TO RAISE MY RENT ALMOST \$100. AND I DRIVE A PICKUP SO GAS IS KILLING ME. SO I'M GOING TO BE GETTING ON MY BICYCLE AND RIDING TO THE STORE NOW. SO I -- I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER A ACROSS THE BOARD ADJUSTMENT IN ADDITION TO THE PERFORMANCE BASED PAY. WE REALLY NEED IT TO BRING US UP TO -- TO CURRENT STANDARDS AND TO -- YOU KNOW, WE REALLY GOT TO GET SOMETHING ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OUT HERE. NON-CIVIL SERVICE, I BELIEVE IN FIRE, POLICE, THE BEST WE HAVE GOT. BUT BELIEVE IN US. WE ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY. [APPLAUSE] I WANT TO FINISH UP, THE LITTLE COMMENTS, BOB BATCHER WHO PASSED AWAY, HE MADE A SPEECH AT ONE TIME, THE END OF THE SPEECH HE SAID, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HE SAID, SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID NEVER HAVE SO MANY OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW. OF COURSE HE SAID THAT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE -- THE CITIZENS OF ENGLAND OWING SO MUCH TO A SMALL GROUP OF REF PILOTS THAT -- THAT FOUGHT OFF THE HILTER'S ONSLAUGHT

TRYING TO BOMB ENGLAND INTO DUST AT THAT TIME. THIS WAS A STATEMENT. THIS COULD APPLY TODAY TO THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CIVIL AND NON-CIVIL BOTH, BECAUSE WE PROVIDE SAFETY IN ALL'S SPECTS, THE POLICE AND FIRE DO A GREAT JOB. BUT THINK ABOUT IT: WHAT ABOUT OUR LIFE GIVING WATER THAT WE PROTECT IN LARGE VOLUMES AT OUR TREATMENT PLANTS? SUBJECT TO TERRORISM. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT THE NAZI'S ANYMORE, IT'S TERRORISM. ALL OF THESE THREATS. PEOPLE STANDING IN SEWAGE UP TO THEIR WASTE. SO -- SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT -- THAT WE HAVE A -- A RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE TO PROVIDE -- BECAUSE WE CAN MAKE ONE SEEMINGLY SMALL MISTAKE THAT CAN AFFECT THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS, TENSE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT ONE TIME. SO I CAN'T EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE TODAY. AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR UNION, OUR CIVIL SERVICE, NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE].

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, TO. FRANK LEE IS THE NEXT SPEAKER. FRANK LEE. DO YOU WANT TO COME ADDRESS US?

[INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

Mayor Wynn: UP TO THREE MINUTES. FOLLOWED BY CAROL GUTHRIE.

GOOD EVENING, HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING?

Mayor Wynn: VERY WELL, THANK YOU.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES HERE THAT YOU SEE THAT HUNG IN THERE. MOST OF THEM WENT HOME, SOME OF THEM. AND I THINK WE DESERVED A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN WE ARE GETTING HERE. YOU KNOW. WE PUT PEOPLE IN OFFICE HERE. AND WE ARE NOT GETTING ANYTHING FROM IT. BUT A WHOLE LOT OF, YOU KNOW, PAIN AND SUFFERING NOW. MOST OF US HAVE MORE THAN ONE JOB JUST TO MAKE IT. I

HAVE BEEN WITH THE CITY 24 YEARS, SEVEN YEARS I HAVE
MACED OUT ON A RAISE ON SEVEN YEARS. FIVE YEARS
STRAIGHT. NOT EVEN COST OF LIVING. PIPE NOWHERE NEAR
I SHOULD BE, A LOT OF PEOPLE PASSING ME UP ALREADY.
FEEL LIKE YOU ALL SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PAY FOR
PERFORMANCE, IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT RIGHT, IT'S NOT
WORKING. SFPR, KNOTS GOING TO CUTS IT. THEY ARE
GIVING IT TO PEOPLE THAT DISONTS DESERVE IT THAT
HAVEN'T BEEN THERE ANY TIME. MENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO
SAY ELECTIONS -- ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ELECTIONS
ARE WON AND LOST ON ONE OR TWO VOTES. THESE PEOPLE
OUT HERE, SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD MAKE A
DIFFERENCE NEXT GO AROUND. I'M ASKING THAT YOU TAKE
A LOOK AT IT AND RESPECT WHAT WE DO FOR THE CITY OF
AUSTIN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FRANK. CAROL GUTHRIE. I SAW HER
EARLIER. WELCOME, IS PAUL CHAMBLESS AND ALICE HERE,
WELCOME. CAROL, NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANKS.

YOU CAN CURRY A LOT OF FAVOR AND GIVE TIME BACK TO
THE COUNCIL, BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

I'M SURE THAT I CAN DO THAT. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR,
COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN YEARS
TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PAY RAISES.
IT'S BEEN VERY MOVING TO HEAR WHAT THESE CITY
EMPLOYEES HAVE HAD TO SAY. I THINK THAT THE NON-
SWORN EMPLOYEES ARE TRULY THE UNSUNG HEROES. I
WAS OUT AT THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT, WELL, AUSTIN
ENERGY, I GUESS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. AND THERE IS
A PICTURE THAT THEY HAVE UP IN THEIR SAFETY ROOM,
AND IT SHOWS THE LINEMEN UP ON TOP OF THE LINE
CLIMBING UP THERE, RISKING HIS LIFE, AND WHEN YOU
LOOK AT THE REST OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT PICTURE, YOU
SEE POLICE, FIRE, AND E.M.S. STANDING DOWN LOOKING UP.
BECAUSE THEY DON'T GO GET OUR GUYS IF SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO 'EM. SO WE -- [APPLAUSE] -- WHEN WE TALK
ABOUT SAFETY, SENSITIVE POSITIONS, ALL CITY OF AUSTIN
POSITIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SAFETY SENSITIVE
POSITIONS. [APPLAUSE] WE APPRECIATE THE LITTLE

MOVEMENT THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE BUDGET SO FAR. CONCERNING THE MARKET. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU. SO THAT WE CAN MOVE A LITTLE BIT FURTHER. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO GET PAID. THEY HAVE BEEN PATIENT. THEY HAVE HELD ON THROUGH ROUGH TIMES, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PAID, THEY WORK IN UNSAFE, UNCLEAR, POSITIONS. JOBS SOMETIMES. AND WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO MAKE THEM A PRIORITY. THEY SHOULD BE A PRIORITY. [APPLAUSE] SO WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL. THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO YOU ABOUT. WE WANT TO GET AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN STANDING BY PATIENTLY. PAY THEM NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A KIND OF COMPANY UNION WAS SET UP TO SOLICIT INPUT RATHER THAN GOING TO ASCFME AND ASKING THE WORKERS. THIS IS A BIT TROUBLING. IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PRIVATE COMPANY UNIONS ARE OUTLAWED AND THEY'RE OUTLAWED FOR A GOOD REASON BECAUSE THEY DON'T OFFER AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR WORKERS. IF WORKERS ARE GOING TO BE REALLY RESPECTED AND GET WHAT THEY'RE DUE, THEY NEED AN INDEPENDENT VOICE AND THAT INDEPENDENT VOICE IS ACSFME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. HARRY SAVIO, YOU'RE NEXT. YOU WILL

MY NAME IS HARRY SAVIO WITH THE GREATER HOME BUILDERS OF AUSTIN. WE REPRESENT THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN A FIVE COUNTY AREA. OUR BUILDERS BUILD 75% OF THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES BUILT IN THIS CITY. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF PRESSURES DEALING WITH THE BUDGET, A NEED FOR SALARY INCREASES, BALANCED BY THE DESIRE TO KEEP TAXES ALLOW. OR AT CURRENT RATES. I'VE WORKED IN AND AROUND BUDGETS FOR 30 YEARS, SO I CAN CERTAINLY SYMPATHIZE. SO I FIND MYSELF WONDERING WHY AM I HERE, BUT I'M HERE BECAUSE THERE'S AN AREA OF NEED THAT REMAINS, WHICH IS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL INSPECTORS.

OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS THERE'S AN A 30% INCREASE IN DEMAND. AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS A 20% REDUCTION IN STAFF. IT WOULD TAKE SIX NEW INSPECTORS JUST TO TAKE THAT DEPARTMENT BACK TO PARITY TO WHERE IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO. WHAT THE RESULTS HAS BEEN, THERE'S NOT BEEN -- AT TIMES YOU CAN ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENTS WITH EFFICIENCY, BUT THE -- THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED. THERE'S NOT BEEN ANY CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY. IT STILL TAKES A GUY WALKING BY A HOUSE AND WALKING THROUGH IT. TODAY AN INSPECTOR WILL CARRY A CASELOAD AS HIGH AS 40 INSPECTIONS PER DAY. THE RESPONSE RATE HAS DROPPED FROM 95%, IN SOME CASES 96, 97%, NEXT DAY INSPECTION IS DOWN TO 85%, AND I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THAT INCLUDES COMMERCIAL. RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS THAT NUMBER IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. IF YOU ALLOW FOR THE FACT FOR SMART HOUSING, WHERE SMART HOUSING IS GUARANTEED A NEXT DAY INSPECTION, THOSE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES THAT ARE FOR PAY -- AND DON'T GET ME WRONG, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM, BUT THE REST OF THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES MAY OR MAY NOT GET -- IN FACT, NORMALLY DO NOT GET THAT NEXT DAY INSPECTION. IN FACT, YOU ONLY GET IT OFTEN ENOUGH TO KIND OF SURPRISE YOU. IT'S WHEN YOU START TRYING TO ANTICIPATE IT. AND AGAIN, I ACKNOWLEDGE WHEN I CAME UP HERE THE BUDGET PRESSURES THAT YOU HAVE, BUT LET ME POINT OUT THAT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ASKING THAT IS NOT PAID FOR. WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE GENERAL FUND SUMMARY UNDER BUILDING INSPECTION REVENUES IT SHOWS SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUES, AND AGAIN, LET MOW NOTE THAT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE SMART HOUSING REVENUES THAT ARE WAIVED. THAT'S AS COMPARED TO INSPECTION COSTS FOR INSPECTORS -- SINGLE-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL INSPECTORS PLUS THE INTAKE STAFF OF \$3.7 MILLION IN COST. I WAS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE LAST SESSION ASKING FOR A BILL THAT DID NOT PASS THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT BE -- THAT THERE BE A REASONABLY BALANCED PORTION IN INSPECTION AND COST AS OPPOSED TO REVENUES. I'M NOT HERE TODAY ASKING THAT THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES BE REDUCED. [BUZZER SOUNDS] WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT THE -- THAT THERE BE A BALANCE

BETWEEN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR THOSE SERVICES THAT THEY BE PROVIDED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

HARRY, I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE AWARE AND MAYBE YOU ARE, THERE ARE THREE INSPECTOR PROVISIONS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ADD-BACKS. TRUST ME, EVERYONE OUT HERE KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED ON EVERY ONE OF THE CREWS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE STAFF. THEY DO WORK HARD. WELCOME, SPARKY. YOU WILL HAVE -- YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, AND APPRECIATE THE HELP, JENNIFER.

SURE, NO PROBLEM.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT SHORT AND SWEET. [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]. I WAS ON PLEASANT VALLEY AND IH-35. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SIDEWALK IS PRETTY MUCH OKAY. BUT ON THE NORTH SIDE -- DID YOU SAY WILLIAM CANNON AND PLEASANT VALLEY? THERE'S NO SIDEWALK. I ROLLED -- AND I'VE HAD TO ROLL DOWN BOTH SIDES. I LIKE THE SOUTH SIDE A LOT BETTER. BECAUSE I HAVE A SIDEWALK TO ROLL ON. THAT IS ALSO -- AND THAT'S ALSO WHERE A BUS STOP IS. TWO BUS STOPS. THE 27 AND THE 333. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SPARKY. [APPLAUSE]

Futrell: SPARKY, WHAT WE'LL DO -- I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT FALLS ON THE A.D.A. MASTER PLAN, THAT PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK, BUT WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY THERE THAT WOULD ALLOW OUR SIDEWALK CREW TO BE ABLE TO PUT IN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SIDEWALK, BUT WE'LL LOOK AT IT.

THERE'S ROOM BECAUSE I'VE BEEN BACK AND FORTH 100 TIMES.

Futrell: WELL, IF THERE'S ROOM, WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT IT

AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ON IT, OKAY?

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

Futrell: THERE MAY BE A WAY TO DO IT, SPARKY. WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT. ARE YOU ABOUT TO ASK FOR ANOTHER SIDEWALK? YOU ARE ABOUT TO, AREN'T YOU?

WE CAN PROBABLY OFF THE TOP OF OUR HEADS NAME QUITE A FEW.

Futrell: I KNOW YOU CAN, JENNIFER.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S WHY YOU'RE AHEAD. SPARKY.

BUT I THINK THAT GOOD TO EMPHASIZE THAT NOT ONLY REPAIRS NEED TO BE DONE, BUT ALSO FILLING OF THE GAPS BECAUSE THAT'S -- ESPECIALLY ON THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES. NOBODY REALLY WANTS TO HAVE TO GO DOWN SOUTH LAMAR AND PRAY TO GOD THAT THEY DON'T GET HIT. NOBODY REALLY WANTS TO GO DOWN TO WILLIAM CANNON AND DO THAT OR RUNDBERG OR RUI NET ROAD. -- BURNET ROAD. OR SOUTH CONGRESS. I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN FILLING IN THOSE GAPS AND THE REPAIRS. I THINK THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS DONE A GREAT JOB, WE NEED TO DO BETTER. IT'S NOT PERFECT. WHEN YOU -- WHEN CITIZENS HAVE TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO BE PART OF THE EVERYDAY FABRIC OF OUR CITY, THEN WE HAVE PROBLEMS THAT ARE GREATER THAN PUTTING UP MORE TREES IN DOWNTOWN OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. I THINK PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULD COME FIRST. AND SO DOES SPARKY AND SO DO A LOT OF THE EMPLOYERS FOR THE CITY. SO JUST SAYING IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN BEFORE IT GETS DONE. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU, JENNIFER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GERALD WATSON. WELCOME, GERALD. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY ELIZABETH COLVIN.

MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, I

APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY. ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS DEAL WITH SAFETY. EVERY ONE OF US ALTOGETHER MAKE A BODY JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE OTHER ONE. I MEAN, WE COULDN'T TAKE OUR HAND OFF OR THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN LOSING A FOOT OR ARM OR LEG OR ELBOW OR A KNEE. WE ALL NEED THAT, JUST LIKE WE NEED EVERY SINGLE DEPARTMENT HERE. AND THE DIFNS IN -- THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WE GET PAID NOW FROM WHAT WE GOT STARTED, AND I WANT TO USE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND US FOR AN EXAMPLE, THAT BIG DIFFERENCE REALLY COMES BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU DO YOUR BEST WITH ALL YOUR BUDGETING THAT YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER TO DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN FOR US, THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE A UNION THAT CAN REPRESENT THEM TO HEAR ANOTHER IMPORTANT -- NATURALLY GIVES A BETTER REPRESENTATION FOR THEM. AND WE NEED THAT FOR US. WE NEED OUR UNION TO BE ABLE TO COLLECTIVELY HELP IN MANAGING WHAT OUR BUDGETS ARE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THAT'S THE MAIN THING THAT I WANT TO SAY. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, GERALD. ELIZ GETH COLVIN, WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE TREE MINUTES.

I'M ELIZABETH COLVIN. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY TEXAS CENTER PROGRAM, WHICH IS A FOUNDATION OF PROGRAM COMMUNITIES. I'M HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS AS PART OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT BUDGET. AS A CITY MANAGER STATED, WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE PARTNERING WITH THE CITY TO PROVIDE FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION AT CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO MAKE LESS THAN \$40,000 A YEAR. THE FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS IS ESSENTIAL FOR HARD WORKING, LOW INCOME FAMILIES, AND IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND OUR ECONOMY. BECAUSE THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL GET ITS INVESTMENT BACK SEVERAL TIMES IN SALES TAX RECEIPTS. WITH YOUR SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS WILL SERVE 14,000 LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND BRING ALMOST \$20 MILLION INTO THE AUSTIN ECONOMY IN THE FIRST 12 WEEKS OF 2006. THANK YOU FOR YOUR

SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. GREG POWELL, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: HANG ON GREG. IS EDWARD MUCK HERE? WELCOME. HOW ABOUT MATT RAISON. DONALD (INDISCERNIBLE).

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: AND RAYMOND LOPEZ. IS RAYMOND IN THE ROOM? ALL RIGHT. GREG, SO YOU WILL HAVE 12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

VERY GOOD. MY NAME IS GREG POWELL AND I AM A UNION REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE-COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AND I AM ALSO SO PROUD TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR MEMBERS AND CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, MAYOR AND YOUR COUNCILMEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN US YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS. YOU COUNCILMEMBERS NEW TO THE COUNCIL WHO EXPRESSED YOUR SUPPORT AND GAVE US THE COMMITMENT TO HELP DO THE RIGHT THING IN THIS BUDGET YEAR AND TO MOVE THE AGENDA FOR CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES AND FOR THIS UNION FORWARD. AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO TONIGHT. THIS IS GOING TO BE THE YEAR WHEN WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES, AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO. [APPLAUSE] I WANT TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET. THE CITY MANAGER IS OFFERING A ONE-TIME BONUS OF TWO PERCENT. THIS TWO PERCENT BONUS DOES NOT GO TO THE EMPLOYEE'S BASE RATE. THIS DOES NOTHING FOR THEIR RETIREMENT, THIS DOES NOTHING LONG-TERM TO ASSIST THE EMPLOYEES TO HELP CLOSE THE BRIDGE AND START DEALING WITH THE COST OF LIVING. AND THIS TWO PERCENT AMOUNTS TO AN AVERAGE OF \$450 TAKE HOME PAY FOR THE AVERAGE CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEE. THAT'S IT! \$450 TO MAKE UP FOR TWO YEARS OF NO PAY RAISES, TWO YEARS OF HIRING FREEZES, TWO YEARS OF NO MARKET OR CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENTS, TWO YEARS OF

DOING MORE WITH LESS. \$450, WE'RE EVEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DON'T THINK SO AND I DON'T THINK YOU THINK SO EITHER. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] THE CITY MANAGER PROPOSES A THREE AND A HALF PERCENT PAY FOR PERFORMANCE INCREASE. WE PROPOSE A TWO PERCENT PAY FOR PERFORMANCE INCREASE. WHY? WHY WOULD WE DO THAT? FIRST OFF, THESE EMPLOYEES GAVE UP ON FAIR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS A LONG TIME AGO. THEY HAVE NO PART IN DEVELOPING THE STANDARDS IN WHICH THEY ARE JUDGED. THEY HAVE LITTLE PART IN THE FINAL OUTCOMES AND THIS THEY CAN EXCEED EXPECTATIONS ACROSS THE LINE AND STILL NEVER RECEIVE A DIME FOR THE HARD WORK THAT THEY DO.

AUDIENCE: YEAH! [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. A SOLID EXAMPLE. STREET AND BRIDGE CREWS LAST YEAR EXCEEDED EVERY DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATION FOR ROAD MILES PAVED, LANE MILES MAINTAINED AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND NOT BY A LITTLE, BY A LOT. AND DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES EXCEED AN EXPECTATIONS AWARD OR ANY MONEY ATTACHED TO THAT? NOT ONE. PAY FOR PERFORMANCE? NO WAY! OUR SECOND REASON FOR THE PAY FOR THE TWO PERCENT PAY FOR PERFORMANCE PROPOSAL IS THAT IT DRAMATICALLY DECREASES THE OVERALL COST OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. AS YOU KNOW, WHATEVER THESE EMPLOYEES GET FOR PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WILL GET THAT AUTOMATICALLY, PLUS A TWO PERCENT SAFETY PREMIUM. IT'S THIS RATCHETING EFFECT OF PAY FOR PERFORMANCE PLUS SAFETY PREMIUMS THAT ARE DRIVING THESE BUDGETS OUT, AND IT'S CREATING THIS ENORMOUS GAP THAT IS EXISTING BETWEEN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND THE REST OF THESE EMPLOYEES. AND OUR BUDGET PROPOSAL INTENDS TO CLOSE THAT GAP.

AUDIENCE: YEAH, YEAH! [APPLAUSE]

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MARKET ADJUSTMENTS. THE CITY MANAGER PROPOSES TO DO MARKET ADJUSTMENTS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. AND THAT'S FINE AND SOME OF YOU THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO FIX THINGS. IT

WILL FIX EVERYTHING. IT WON'T. I WANT TO TELL YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT MARKET STUDIES AND HOW THEY'RE DONE. WHEN THEY'RE DONE PROPERLY, WE'LL STUDY THE MARKET OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WILL COME UP WITH WHAT OUR COMPETITORS PAY FOR, LIKE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES, AND WE TRY TO PAY ACCORDING TO WHAT THAT MARKET SAYS. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A MARKET STUDY WENT FOR SOME FLEET MECHANICS SOME YEARS AGO. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE ADEQUATELY STUDIED, THAT A MARKET ADJUSTMENT WAS GOING TO BE DONE, AND WHEN THE RESULTS CAME BACK, THE EMPLOYEES WERE TOLD THE MARKET TELLS US THAT YOU'RE ADEQUATELY PAID. WE REQUESTED THAT MARKET STUDY, AND AFTER WRANGLING WITH THE CITY THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WE GOT IT AND WE GOT THEM TO BREAK THE CODE ON WHO THOSE EMPLOYEES WERE THAT THEY -- EMPLOYERS WERE THAT THEY SURVEYED. IT WASN'T PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS, IT WAS THE CITY OF HARLINGEN, THE CITY OF PRESAID DIDIO, THE CITY OF WACO, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THAT IS NOT OUR MARKET. AND THAT WAS DONE, AND THAT'S WHAT IT DONE AT MARKETS, THEY CAN BE MANIPULATED. IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU MARKET. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO STUDY THE PROPER MARKET. THEY'VE SAID SO AS REPORTED IN THE "AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN". THEY'RE GOING TO STUDY OTHER TEXAS CITIES LIKE PRESAIDIO AND HARLINGEN AND A LOT OF OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH AUSTIN. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

DON'T GO PICKING ON HARLINGEN NOW. [LAUGHTER]

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW THEY'RE DONE. THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTIVE TEAM RECEIVED A MARKET STUDY THIS YEAR. YOU KNOW THAT. AND ACROSS THE BOARD MARKET ADJUSTMENT THAT AVERAGING \$10,000 A YEAR FOR THE EXECUTIVE TEAM. THESE ARE THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SCRAPING BY ON \$100,000 A YEAR BECAUSE THEY DESERVED IT, BUT THEY DIDN'T. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. [

CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

THEN A TWO PERCENT SAFETY PREMIUM IS ARBITRARILY EXTENDED TO E.M.S. EMPLOYEES. THE RATIONALE BEING THEY'RE INVOLVED IN PUBLIC SAFETY WORK. PROBABLY SO, BUT IF YOU'RE IN THE BUSINESS, WE TOLD THE CITY MANAGER AT A PARTICULAR MEETING, IF YOU'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF HANDING OUT PUBLIC SAFETY PREMIUMS TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE JOBS IMPACT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THEN I'VE GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM RIGHT HERE. I'VE GOT AUSTIN ENERGY CREWS -- [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

AND WE TALKED AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE AUSTIN ENERGY DEPARTMENT CREWS THAT HANG FROM POWER LINES IN THE MIDDLE OF ELECTRICAL STORMS RESTORING OUR POWER. THAT'S PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. WE TALK ABOUT THE WATER AND WASTEWATER CREWS KNEE DEEP IN SEWAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT RESTORING THE FACILITIES. THAT'S PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. AND HOW ABOUT THE ROAD CREWS THAT ARE MAINTAINING THE ROADS THAT THESE FIRE TRUCKS AND POLICE CARS RUN ON IN ALL KINDS OF ADVERSE CONDITIONS. THAT'S PUBLIC SAFETY TOO, ISN'T IT? OUR NURSES AT THE HEALTH CLINIC, RISKING AIDS, TIEW BERK CLOA SIS, ALL KINDS OF THINGS ADMINISTERING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT'S PUBLIC SAFETY TOO, ISN'T IT? IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAND OUT PUBLIC SAFETY PREMIUMS, YOU BETTER BE PREPARED TO HAND THEM OUT TO A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE IN THIS CITY WHO DAMN WELL DESERVE IT.

AUDIENCE: YEAH, YEAH! [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

AND THAT'S WHEN THE BACK PEDALLING BEGAN. OH, IT WASN'T A PUBLIC SAFETY PREEDIMUM, IT WAS ACTUALLY A DOWN PAYMENT ON A MARKET ADJUSTMENT FOR E.M.S. EMPLOYEES BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY'RE LAGGING BEHIND THE MARKET AND WE WANTED TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING UP FRONT, LIKE A DOWN PAYMENT. OH. WELL, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAND OUT DOWN PAYMENTS ON MOORKT STUDIES, I'VE GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE THAT DESERVE A DOWN PAYMENT ON A MARKET STUDY. [CHEERS

AND APPLAUSE].

AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT A FIVE PERCENT DOWN PAYMENT ON THE MARKET STUDY THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS GOING TO DO. WE'LL TAKE THAT MONEY UP FRONT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

BUT, OF COURSE, WE'RE GOING TO BE TOLD BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT THAT YOU CAN'T DO THAT. THAT THAT IS A VIOLATION OF THE POLICE MEET AND CONFER CONTRACT. IT IS NOT. READ THE CONTRACT. IT IS SO CLEAR, IT'S CLEAR TO ANYBODY THAT READS THAT THAT WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING WITH THE PAY FOR PERFORMANCE INCREASE THAT THEY GET TO RECEIVE PLUS THEIR TWO PERCENT IN NO WAY VIOLATES THE CONTRACT. THAT'S A RED HERRING BEING THROWN TO YOU AND DON'T EAT IT. [APPLAUSE] IF YOU STOP AND DO THE MATH ON WHAT OUR PROPOSAL COSTS VERSUS THE CITY MANAGER'S, OUR PROPOSAL COSTS 34.3 -- \$4.3 MILLION LESS THAN WHAT THE CITY MANAGER PROPOSES. AND THERE IS AN IMPLICATION TO IT BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IN THAT TWO PERCENT BONUS THAT IT GETS ROLLED IN AND HELPS PAY FOR THIS MARKET ADJUSTMENT, THAT MEANS IT BECOMES AN ANALYZED COST THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY FROM HERE ON OUT. AND I'M SORRY, THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. IF WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, THEN YOU CAN'T JUST THROW CHUMP CHANGE AT THEM AND HOPE FOR BEST. YOU'VE GOT TO ACTUALLY DO THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HELP CLOSE THAT GAP. AND OUR MARKET STUDY DOES THAT!

AUDIENCE: YEAH! [APPLAUSE]

I WANT YOU TO JUST LOOK AT THESE EMPLOYEES AND YOU GIVE THEM THAT FIVE PERCENT, AND YOU GIVE THEM THEIR TWO PERCENT PAY FOR PERFORMANCE AND YOU RAISE THE LIVING WAGE TO \$11 AN HOUR AND YOU GIVE THEM THANKS FOR THE GREAT JOB THAT THEY HAVE DONE AND THE LOYALTY THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN THE CITY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] ANOTHER REASON WE'RE HERE TONIGHT, AND IT DOES TOUCH UPON BUDGET AND IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR PROPOSAL THAT THERE BE SOME FORMAL

RECOGNITION AND SOME CONSULTATION RIGHTS FOR THIS UNION SO WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES AND OUR MEMBERS. THE CITY MANAGER SAYS SHE PREFERS THE EXISTING SYSTEM. THE EXISTING SYSTEM IS THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE ON WORKPLACE ISSUES. THE NAME TELLS YOU WHO OWNS THE COMMITTEE. IT IS NOT A UNION.

AUDIENCE: YEAH, YEAH! [APPLAUSE]

OUR UNION HAS BEEN HERE AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR 36 YEARS. 36 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ALL CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES. NOW, CONVENIENTLY WE WILL BE LUMPED IN WITH ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TOLD. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING DIFFERENT FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST ONE OF MANY DIFFERENT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS. AND WE KNOW THOSE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS. OUR MEMBERS ARE PART OF THOSE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE NETWORK, ASIAN PACIFIC EMPLOYEES, HISPANIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE KNOW ABOUT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. THEY EXIST FOR A PURPOSE. THEIR PURPOSE IS FOR THOSE MEMBERS TO NETWORK AMONG THEMSELVES, TO DO CULTURAL EVENTS, TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO THEIR GROUP, BUT THEY ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF REPRESENTING CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES. THEY DO NOT WEIGH IN ON BUDGETS. THEY'RE NOT DOWN HERE AT BUDGET HEARINGS, THEY'RE NOT HERE AT PERSONNEL POLICY HEARINGS, THEY'RE NOT THE ONES HERE FIGHT FOR JUST CAUSE FOR PROTECTIONS. THAT'S NOT THEIR JOB, THAT'S OUR JOB AND THAT'S THE JOB THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR 36 YEARS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] YOU KNOW, IF YOU REMEMBER NOT SO LONG AGO, WE WERE PUT IN THE SAME POSITION THAT WE'RE IN NOW. THE CITY MANAGER ACTED, WE HAD TO REACT. THEY CAME UP WITH BUDGET PROPOSALS, WE WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH OUR OWN. WE WOULD MUSTER UP THE FORCES, COME DOWN TO CITY COUNCIL, MAKE ALL KINDS OF THEATER, AND WE WON SOME AND WE LOST SOME AND WE BURNED A LOT OF BRIDGES ALONG THE WAY. AND THEN WE DECIDED, YOU KNOW, PERHAPS THERE'S A BETTER WAY OF DOING BUSINESS AND WE HAD A MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND A CITY

MANAGER AT THAT TIME SAID YEAH, LET'S TRY SOMETHING, LET'S TRY A PARTNERSHIP WITH THIS UNION BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THIS UNION ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE. AND WE FORMED A PARTNERSHIP AND WE DID NEGOTIATE WITH THIS CITY. [BUZZER SOUNDS] BETTY WAS A PART OF THAT TEAM, JESUS GARZA. THE WHOLE CITY STAFF NEGOTIATED WITH THIS UNION ON PAY A RAISES, ON BENEFITS, AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT, IT WORKED. IT WORKED FOR ALL OF US AND IT CAN WORK AGAIN. GIVE US A CONSULTATION AND RECOGNITION RIGHTS THAT WE DESERVE, THAT WE HAVE EARNED BECAUSE THIS UNION IS HERE TO STAY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

AUDIENCE: YEAH, YEAH!

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. POWELL.

AUDIENCE: [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT BECAUSE OCCASIONALLY YOU WILL SEE A COUNCILMEMBER STEP OFF THE DAIS. BACKSTAGE HERE WHERE THE RESTROOMS ARE AND THE WATER FOUNTAINS ARE THERE'S AUDIO AND VIDEO. SO EVEN THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE ON ON THE DAIS, THE COUNCILMEMBERS ARE HEARING AND SEEING ALL THE TESTIMONY.

AUDIENCE: [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: LET'S GET THROUGH ALL THE SPEAKERS. A LOT OF FOLKS ARE WAITING TO SPEAK. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD CASERVES. RICHARD WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CRAIG DIETZ. IS MIKE CASPER STILL HERE? HOW ABOUT LEWIS CASS TEALIO. SO LEWIS, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN AUSTIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. BETTY, NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I'VE SEEN YOU ONCE IN OUR GARAGE AND IT'S FEW THAT WE GET TO SEE ANY OF YOU DOWN THERE. AS WE SAY, THE DOORS ARE OPEN. YOUR WELCOME INVITATION FOR Y'ALL TO COME DOWN THERE AND VISIT WITH US OR WORK ALONGSIDE WITH US. IT WOULD BE NICE

TO SEE A DIFFERENT FACE EVERY NOW AND THEN. THE UNION IS HERE, WHY? WHY ARE WE IN THE UNION? IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE BELIEVE IN. WE'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH IN SOMETHING. WE HAVE NAITH YOU AS WELL, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE FAITH IN A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE CHANGES. CHANGES ARE WHAT CHANGED THE WORLD. THAT'S WHAT THE UNITED STATES CAME ABOUT. RIGHT? THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THEY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES. MY FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES LOOKING FOR BETTER. I'M HERE TALKING FOR BETTER. THERE'S A LOT OF HAZARDS IN ALL THE JOBS THAT WE DO, EVEN YOUR JOBS. WE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THEM OR KNOW THEM. THERE'S A LOT OF HAZARD, A LOT OF STRESS IN YOUR JOB. STRESS A LOT OF TIMES THAT WE DON'T SEE WHAT HOURS YOU WORK, THE EVENTS THAT YOU DO. AS IT WE SEE IT PUBLICIZED WITH THE MAYOR, HE DOES A LOT OF PUBLICITY OUT THERE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR REPRESENTING AUSTIN OUT THERE. YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB THUS FAR. BASICALLY WHAT WE WANT IS WE WANT HELP. WE WANT HELP. WE ARE SOMEBODY. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS. SOMETIMES WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE A THIRD WORLD PERSON. AS YOU SAY, AN IMMIGRANT.

AUDIENCE: THAT'S RIGHT.

WE FEEL THAT WAY. SOMETIMES WE'RE LOOKED AT AS WE'RE NOBODY. WHEN WE HAD APPROXIMATE BETTY COME DOWN TO THE GARAGE AND EVEN SOME OF OUR DINNERS DOWN THERE, IT MADE US FEEL BETTER THAT SHE MADE HER TIME AND EFFORT TO COME SEE US. PEOPLE THAT VOTED FOR HER. WE ALL VOTED FOR HER. IF NOT ALL OF Y'ALL, SOME OF Y'ALL AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, WE DID. A LOT OF US LIVE HERE, A LOT OF US LIVE OUT OF TOWN FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. BUT WE WORK FOR THE CITY FOR ONE REASON, TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE. BUT WITH THE MONEY THAT'S COMING IN AND BEING TRANSFERRED HERE AND THERE, IT'S A PIECE OF THE PIE THAT EVERYBODY WANTS. WHERE IS THE FIRST PIECE GOING? WHERE DOES IT GO? WE WANT TO KNOW. WHO GETS THE BIGGEST PIECE? WHO'S THE MORE IMPORTANT ENTITY? WE ARE IMPORTANT, ALL OF US EQUAL. IF IT'S TRUE, WHERE'S THE EQUALITY? WHERE'S THE EQUALITY? 2001, I BELIEVE IN NOVEMBER, WE

HAD A STORM COME IN AND BLOW A LOT OF TREES DOWN. MY NEIGHBORHOOD WAS AFFECTED. I REMEMBER ONE, 2:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, WHO WAS OUT THERE? MY FELLOW CO-WORKERS. SOLID WASTE WAS OUT THERE. EVERYBODY WITH CHAIN SAWS. THEY WERE CUTTING UP TREES, CLEANING UP THE STREETS FOR THE NEXT MORNING FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO WORK. THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING. THEY HAD NOT ONLY THEM, BUT THEY HAD POLICE OFFICERS OUT THERE, FIRE DEPARTMENT, ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT, WATER DEPARTMENT, A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS DEPARTMENT R. OUT THERE WORKING TOGETHER. WE HAD THE EMERGENCY PEOPLE TO COME OUT THERE. WE APPRECIATE WHAT WE'RE SITTING HERE GIVING UP OFF OUR BACKS AND NOT GETTING ANYTHING BACK. WHAT ARE WE GETTING BACK? IN ALL HONESTY, THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER? WE DON'T SEE THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US. THAT'S AN OPEN FORUM. DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THE INFORMATION -- THE SURVEYS THAT GET SENT OUT TO THE SERVICE CENTERS FOR US AND THE EMPLOYEES, WE DON'T FEEL THAT IT GETS READ. WE DON'T FEEL THAT. SOMETIMES WE DON'T EVEN WANT TO FILL THEM OUT. WE DON'T SEE ANY CHANGES. I'VE BEEN WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR NINE YEARS, SEEN A LOT OF POLITICS AND A LOT OF UP AND DOWNS. I'VE GOT TO A POINT WHERE I DON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL I SEE IT NOW. IT'S FACTS. DON'T ASK IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW IS THE COMMENT MADE, RIGHT? IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW, DON'T ASK. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND EFFORT AND YOUR TIME YOU'RE GIVING US. BUT WE ARE HERE SPEAKING OUT FOR THE EMPLOYEE, THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AS WELL AS THE CITIZENS THAT LIVE OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, WHATEVER IT MAY BE. WE'RE HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF FOR MONEY. AND IF PEOPLE KNEW THEY WERE GETTING FREE MONEY, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE, AS WE'RE HERE TONIGHT. WE ARE HERE -- THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BASICALLY HERE FOR. WE'RE ALSO HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT A LOT OF WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO LOOK AT US. LOOK AT US. NOT AS A GRUNT, NOT AS A PEON, NOT AS A LOWER CLASS CITIZEN. I'VE BEEN IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY GOT TWO SETS, UPPER CLASS AND LOWER CLASS, NO MIDDLE CLASS. HERE IN AUSTIN, WE

HAVE ALL THREE. WE EVEN HAVE THE HOMELESS. THOUGH WE MAY NOT WANT THEM HERE, BUT WE HAVE THEM HERE AND WE STILL TRY TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. WE BUDGET FOR THAT, DON'T WE? WHERE'S OUR BUDGET? EVERYBODY HAS A HAZARD. I'M A FLEET MECHANIC FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT. I WORK WITH THE GARBAGE THEY WORK IN. GOI IN WHERE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO IN OR THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO IN. I WORK WITH SYRINGES POPPING OUT OF NOWHERES, LIVE ROUNDS ARE INSIDE THE TRASH TRUCKS. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU PUT IN YOUR GARBAGE. WE REALLY DON'T THINK ABOUT WHAT WE PUT IN OUR GARBAGE. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO WORK WITH. WE JUST HAD A FIGHT WITH OUR MANAGER ABOUT GLOVES. SIMPLE LITTLE RUBBER GLOVES TO PROTECT OUR HANDS. WE HAD TO FIGHT TOOTH AND NAIL FOR THAT, A SAFETY ISSUE OVER A LITTLE BUDGET ISSUE.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

YES, MA'AM. WE HAD TO FIGHT, ARGUE ABOUT IT.

DID YOU GET THEM?

WE GOT ONLY A HANDFUL. IF YOU WOULD COME DOWN TO OUR SHOP AND SEE THE CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE TO WORK IN. COME ON DOWN, CENTER CENTER 11, CITY OF AUSTIN. I'LL BE THERE. A LOT OF US ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP BECAUSE WE'RE AFRAID OF THE REACTIONS THAT WILL COME OUT OF IT. YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE GOT TO SPEAK UP BECAUSE I HAVE TO. I HAVE TO. BECAUSE IF NOT, YOU NEVER KNOW. YOU WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT'S ACTUALLY OUT THERE. I TELL YOU, I'VE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE, SEEN AUSTIN CHANGE, SEEN THE CHANGES THAT ARE COMING TOO AS WELL. AND I'M WILLING TO STAY HERE WITH AUSTIN AND WORK WITH AUSTIN AND WORK WITH Y'ALL. BUT WE HAVE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AS WELL. AND I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE GOT A BUDGET TO WORK WITH AND ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GIVE EVERYBODY. BUT WE WE'D LIKE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. LOOK AT US. WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN A SPOTLIGHT, WE DON'T WANT TO BE PRIMA DONNAS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF CREAMING AND HOLLERING. THAT WON'T GET YOU NOWHERES. BUT WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK UP FOR US, SPEAK UP FOR US.

AFSCME IS HERE TO HELP US OUT. WE BELIEVE IN THEM. THAT'S WHY WE PAY THE DUES AND THAT'S WHY WE JOIN THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HELP US OUT. BECAUSE WE'VE SPOKEN OUT BEFORE, HAVEN'T SEEN NO CHANGES. WE'RE SPEAKING OUT NOW. WE'RE HERE REPRESENTING. A LOT OF US COME STRAIGHT OFF THE JOBS. NONE OF US HAD TIME TO GO HOME TO EAT, SOME OF US HAVEN'T. SOME OF US ARE STILL IN OUR WORK UNIFORMS. IF YOU SEE ME, I'M DRESSED IN MY WORK UNIFORM, IT'S A CLEAN UNIFORM, NOT ONE YOU SEE ME IN AT WORK. I HAVE CO-WORKERS HERE, SOMETIMES THE UNIFORM CHANGES COLOR, LET ME PUT IT THAT WAY, AND WE HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF BEFORE WE GO HOME, IF NOT WE TAKE IT HOME TO OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY. THAT'S WHAT WE TAKE HOME. [APPLAUSE] TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY THAT WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER ENTITIES HERE OR OTHER PLACES HERE IN AUSTIN THAT PAY INTO AUSTIN, AND WHEN THEY GET SICK, WHO PAYS FOR THAT? WE PAY, YOU PAY. WE ALL PAY. IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, WE ALL PAY. AND YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH BUDGET, WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I'M OUT FOR THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, WHICH IS THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND I'M LOOKING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HERE. GIVE US A CHANCE. KEEP HEARING US OUT. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING US OUT AND FOR WHAT YOU'RE GIVING US A CHANCE TO SPEAK, BUT GIVE US A CHANCE ON THE BUDGET. HELP US OUT. WE'RE ASKING FOR HELP. WE'RE ASKING FOR HELP. BECAUSE WE BACK UP ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE BEING HELPED RIGHT NOW. EVEN WHEN WE WENT TWO YEARS WITHOUT PAY RAISES OR ANY BENEFITS AT ALL. APPRECIATE ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US THUS FAR. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP US OUT. WHAT MORE CAN I SAY? HELP US OUT. BECAUSE NOT ONLY US, IT'S OUR FAMILY THAT WE BACK UP, OUR FAMILY THAT WE SUPPORT. AUSTIN HAS BECOME A PLACE WHERE IT'S A TWO PERSON IN A HOUSEHOLD HAVE TO WORK IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. BASICALLY. I'VE KNOWN A LOT OF FRIENDS OF MINE IN SMALL AREAS WHERE ONE PERSON CAN WORK AND THE SPOUSE CAN STAY HOME. WHICH IS VERY NICE. IT'S AN OLD TRADITION, AN OLD WAY. WE'RE IN 2000, IN AUSTIN TWO PEOPLE HAVE TO WORK IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF THESE HOMES AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF THESE

COMMUNITY HOMES THAT ARE GOING UP IN THE EAST AUSTIN AREA, THEY'RE PUTTING A LOT OF THE OLD FAMILY OUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: CRAIG DIETZ, WELCOME. IS DAVID DETLESS HERE? IS DAVID HERE? OKAY. SO MR. DIETZ, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY ALBERT MCDONALD.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU LAST WEEK I DIDN'T IMAGINE THAT I WOULD BE BACK HERE AGAIN SPEAKING TO YOU TONIGHT. I'M PROBABLY A LITTLE LESS HOPEFUL THAN Y'ALL ARE THAT IT DOESN'T BECOME A HABIT. I'M HERE TONIGHT ON SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AFSCME LOCAL 1624. I INTRODUCED MYSELF LAST WEEK AS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, BUT ANOTHER LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT I'VE REPRESENTED FOR SOME 20 YEARS NOW IS AFSCME LOCAL 1624. AND THEY'VE ASKED ME TO APPEAR TONIGHT TO SPEAK TO YOU WITH REGARDS TO THE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAVE PROPOSED TO THE CITY. NOW, THE CONSULTATION ORDINANCE THAT THEY PROVIDED TO YOU PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT RIGHT TO THEM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES. IT GIVES THEM A VOICE AT THE TABLE SO WHEN THE CITY IS FORMULATING ITS IDEAS ABOUT PAY, BENEFITS AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF WORK THAT VITALLY AFFECT ALL OF YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES, THAT THEY HAVE A VOICE AT THE TABLE. NOW, THEY ASKED ME TO ASSIST AND I DID ASSIST IN DRAFTING THE ORDINANCE THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION. AND WHAT THEY ASKED ME TO DO WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT THAT THEY PROPOSED TO YOU WOULD NOT VIOLATE THE STATE LAW PROHIBITING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU TONIGHT THAT IT DOES NOT VIOLATE THE STATE PROHIBITION AGAINST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONSULTATION, WHICH IS WHAT THE UNION IS REQUESTING, AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING THAT HAS EXIST UNDERSTAND TEXAS CASE LAW FOR AT LEAST 20 YEARS SINCE AN ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION WAS ISSUED IN 1984

THAT CLEARLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN CONSULTATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IS A BILATERAL PROCESS IN WHICH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND THE LABOR UNION REPRESENTING ITS EMPLOYEES ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A BINDING AND ENFORCEABLE AGREEMENT. ONCE THE CITY HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO THAT AGREEMENT, IT CANNOT VIOLATE IT, IT CANNOT UNLATERALLY CHANGE IT. CONSULTATION IS MUCH DIFFERENT FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. WHAT THIS CONSULTATION ORDINANCE WOULD PROVIDE IF ADOPTED IS A SYSTEM WHEREBY THEY ARE ALLOWED TO CONSULT WITH YOU, THE UNION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES, THE UNION THAT WAS ELECTED BY THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD CONSULT WITH YOU WITH REGARDS TO THESE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND BENEFITS AT THE TIME THAT YOU'RE FORMULATING YOUR IDEAS. PROPOSALS WOULD COME OUT OF THAT THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WOULD THEN BE FULLY FREE TO ADOPT, REJECT OR MODIFY AS IT SAW FIT. IF YOU WILL LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE ORDINANCE AS IS PROPOSED, EVEN AFTER SUCH AN AGREEMENT MIGHT BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL RETAINS ITS UNLATERAL RIGHT TO ACCEPT, REJECT, MODIFY THE AGREEMENT. IN FACT, THE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO YOU SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AT ALL TIMES RETAINS THE UNLATERAL RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR ELIMINATE THE ENTIRE CONSULTATION PROCESS. [BUZZER SOUNDS] SO IT IS NOT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, AND I ASK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THIS CONSULTATION AGREEMENT. IT IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME. THESE EMPLOYEES, LIKE OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES, DESERVE A PLACE AT THE TABLE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. DIETZ. NEXT SPEAKER IS ALBERT MCDONALD. WELCOME, ALBERT. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JESSE BROWN.

ACTUALLY, CORRECTION, IT'S ROBERT MCDONALD.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY.

I OWN LOVING HANDS CONSTRUCTION, MCDONALD MARKETING AND THE AUSTIN HOMELESS PREVENTION FUND.

IT'S INSULTING AND DEHUMANIZING FOR YOU TO OFFER YOUR CIVIL SERVANTS A TWO PERCENT INCREASE IN A PAY RAISE WHEN YOU HAVE FROZEN THEIR PAY RAISE FOR SO MANY YEARS AND DEALT THEM SO MANY DEHUMANIZING STANDARDS THAT YOU SET UPON NOW. I THOUGHT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SIGNED THE EMANCIPATION ACT DOING AWAY WITH SLAVERY. A ROSE UNDER ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL A ROSE. AN AOMEBA UNDER ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL THAT. SLAVERY UNDER ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL SLAVERY. ECONOMIC SLAVERY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN A WORLD CLASS CITY. YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP PROMOTING THIS WORLD CLASS CITY CONCEPT, STEP OUT OF THE CRIMINAL THINKING PATTERNS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SETTING UP AND START THINKING HUMANIZING THINKING PATTERNS, OKAY? THE CRIMINAL THINKING PATTERNS IS LIKE DEHUMANIZING ONE GROUP OF HUMANS OVER ANOTHER GROUP. SAYING YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THESE GUYS OUT THERE. YOU'RE WRONG. [APPLAUSE] I HAVE FRIENDS THAT WORK IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I LOVE THOSE GUYS. I'M NOT BASHING THEM GUYS. THEY DO A GREAT JOB. THEY DO A GREAT JOB IN SPITE OF THEIR POLICE CHIEF. OKAY? THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB FOR YOU GUYS AND OUR CITY FOR YEARS IN SPITE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU WANT TO BE WORLD CLASS LEADERS, STAND UP TOGETHER, GIVE THEM THE PAY RAISE THEY DESERVE. NOT TWO PERCENT, MAKE IT 20%. PUT IT ON THE WORLD CLASS RECORD LEVEL. ONE PRETTY BUILDING IS NOT GOING TO MAKE A WORLD CLASS CITY, OKAY? CRIMINAL THINKING PATTERNS WILL GET YOU IN TROUBLE. IT GOT ME IN TROUBLE BEFORE. ALL RIGHT? I'M A BUSINESS OWNER NOW. OKAY? I DON'T THINK THE WAY I USED TO THINK. QUIT THINKING LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THINKING, START TREATING THESE PEOPLE LIKE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY ARE PEOPLE. WHETHER THEY'RE STANDING UP OR RIDING AROUND IN A WHEELCHAIR, THEY'RE HUMANS. WE'RE ALL EARTHLINGS. PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EARN A STANDARD OF LIVING AND NOT BE DEGRADED OVER IT. SOME OF THOSE STORIES, SOME OF THE THINGS THEY'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH, IT TOUCHES MY HEART JUST LIKE THAT COP WHO USED TO SCRAPE UP THE SPLATTERED GUTS ON THE STREET. I KNOW THAT MAN. HE'S A HUMAN AND HE HAD TO PUT UP WITH SOME LOW-GRADE STUFF, AND

I SAW SOMEBODY DEGRADE HIM AND GET ALL FRIGHTENED BECAUSE HE'S A COP AND START ACTING LIKE THEY HATED THAT MAN. I CORRECTED THAT DRUG ADDICT. I SAID LOOK, HE PICKS UP YOUR SCRAPES. AND WHEN YOU'RE DEAD ON THE STREET, HE WILL BE THE ONE WHO HAS TO PICK UP YOUR PIECES. HE'S THE ONE WHO WILL HAVE TO PICK UP THE LITTLE CRACK BABY. THAT'S A PERSON, IT AFFECTS HIM. THESE ARE PEOPLE -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] THIS DEHUMANIZING PAY RAISE THAT YOU HAVE THEM ON, IT'S WRONG, IT'S JUST WRONG. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MCDONALD. NEXT SPEAKER IS JESSE BROWN. WELCOME, JESSE. TO BE FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL MURPHY. [APPLAUSE] WELCOME, JESSE. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THREE MINUTES. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M GLAD TO BE HERE WITH Y'ALL TODAY AND SAY HI TO THE COUNCIL. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS. I SEEN Y'ALL ON THE HAPPY TRAIL WHEN Y'ALL WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE. GLAD Y'ALL MADE IT. I'D LIKE TO SAY HI TO THE CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR. I'M A CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 19 YEARS, AND -- A SPECIAL HELLO TO MS. BETTY DUNKERLEY. I'VE BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR 18 OF THOSE YEARS. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ALL MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES IN THE -- THAT STRIVE TO GET A LITTLE BIT MORE ON OUR PAYCHECK. I HEARD YOU SAY A LITTLE WHILE AGO MS. TOBY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO OFFER FREE TAX ASSISTANCE TO EVERYBODY THAT MAKE UNDER 40,000. THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND I'M ONE OF THEM. AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE CITY 19 YEARS. AND WHEN I CAME TO THE CITY I WAS MAKING OVER 40. AFTER 19 YEARS I HAVEN'T MADE IT BACK TO THAT LEVEL, BUT I HAVE A RETIREMENT AND I HAVE A LITTLE EQUAL RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY HERE TO VOICE MY OPINION. AND WITH GREG POWELL AS OUR UNION REPRESENTATIVE HAS HELPED ME AND A LOT OF PEOPLE A LOT. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP HIM AROUND FOR NOT JUST ME, BUT FOR THOSE THAT ARE COMING UP AFTER ME. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN Y'ALL WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE, Y'ALL WAS SMILING AND Y'ALL WAS MAKING A LOT OF PROMISES WHAT Y'ALL COULD DO FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, CITY EMPLOYEES. AND NOW THAT Y'ALL HAVE THIS POSITION THAT Y'ALL HAVE, I WOULD JUST

HOPE THAT WHAT Y'ALL WAS TELLING ME -- BECAUSE I DID TALK TO YOU. THAT Y'ALL WOULD UP HOLD YOUR PART OF THE BARGAIN FOR ALL THE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE EACH VOTE CARRIES ABOUT 10 PEOPLE, FAMILY MEMBERS. SO WE DO COUNT, ONE PERSON COUNTS. AND THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ELECTION. AND I JUST WANT TO ENLIGHTEN Y'ALL ON THAT. AND I KNOW THAT -- [LAUGHTER] -- I CAN'T REALLY TELL Y'ALL NOTHING THAT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ALREADY BECAUSE I HAD A LOT OF GREAT SPEAKERS BEFORE HE.

YOU'RE BEGINNING TO OWND SOUND LIKE A FIREFIGHTER THERE. BE CAREFUL. [LAUGHTER]

THEY DONE TOUCHED ON ONE OF EVERYTHING TODAY AND I'M PROBABLY ONE OF THE LAST SPEAKERS BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THE LAST ONES TO SIGN UP, BUT ANYWAY, Y'ALL ARE DOING A GOOD JOB FOR THE CITY. Y'ALL ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY. [BUZZER SOUNDS] WHO DID THAT? [LAUGHTER] BUT ANYWAY, Y'ALL SPENT A LOT OF MONEY AND I JUST HOPE YOU PUT SOME OUR WAY. IN OTHER WORDS, SHOW US THE MONEY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JESSE. OUR LAST SPEAKER IS MICHAEL MURPHY.

AUDIENCE: COME ON MICHAEL!

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. TONIGHT I'M HERE -- MY NAME IS MICHAEL MURPHY. I'M ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER WITH THE ELECTRICIANS UNION HERE IN AUSTIN. AND I'M ALSO A CO-CHAIR OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE RELIGION AND LABOR NETWORK OF AUSTIN, AND TONIGHT I'M HERE SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF. WHAT MOTIVATED ME TO COME DOWN HERE AND SPEAK WAS AN ARTICLE THAT I SAW IN THE PAPER ON MONDAY, AND THERE WAS A SHOCKING STATEMENT IN THE PAPER THAT THE CITY MANAGER HAD -- AT LEAST ONE OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS ENDORSED THAT THE CITY MANAGER HAD SET UP COMPANY UNIONS, AND I BELIEVE THEY WERE CALLED EMPLOYEE COMMITTEES, AND I KNEW FROM MY OWN TRAINING IN LABOR HISTORY THAT COMPANY UNIONS HAVE A LONG HISTORY IN AMERICAN LABOR, AND BACK IN THE 1920'S SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR WHERE

LABOR HAD GROWN IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR BECAUSE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS NEEDED LABOR PEACE, SO THEY ALLOWED LABOR UNIONS TO FLOURISH. AND AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE WAR, THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY SOUGHT TO KNOCK DOWN UNIONS, AND THEY FOUND THAT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TACTICS WAS THE FORMATION OF COMPANY UNIONS. AND WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS RATHER THAN DEAL WITH GENUINE UNIONS THAT WORKERS THEMSELVES HAD FORMULATED, THE COMPANY WOULD FORMULATE ITS OWN EMPLOYEE GROUPS TO UNDERMINE SUPPORT FOR THE REAL UNION. AND WHAT I READ IN THE PAPER SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS DESCRIBING EXACTLY THAT. AND THAT TACTIC WAS CONSIDERED TO BE SO INSIDIOUS THAT IN 1935 WHEN THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT WAS PASSED, ONE OF THE PRIMARY MOTIVATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PASS THAT ACT WAS TO OUTLAW THE COMPANY UNION. AND IT IS A VIOLATION NOW OF SECTION 852 OF TODAY'S NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT FOR A COMPANY TO GO OUT AND FORMULATE AN EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH INSTEAD OF DEALING WITH THE ACTUAL UNION. NOW, UNFORTUNATELY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT EXEMPTED PUBLIC ENTITIES, AND THEY DID SO FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERALISM, BUT THEY DID SO IN THE BELIEF THAT STATE GOVERNMENTS WOULD GO OUT AND FORMULATE SIMILAR LAWS FOR THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS STATE IS NOT A STATE WITH A PROUD LABOR HISTORY. WE KNOW THAT THIS STATE ACTUALLY FOUGHT A WAR TO MAINTAIN ITS ACCESS TO FREE LABOR, AND SO THAT'S THE SAME LEGISLATURE THAT PUT FOR YOU TODAY A LAW THAT SAYS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IS ILLEGAL BY PUBLIC ENTITIES IN TEXAS. AND SO THE CONTRACT THAT CRAIG DIETZ WAS DESCRIBING WOULD ACTUALLY BE AN INSULT TO A PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES TO HEAR THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THEY WERE PROPOSING HERE. THAT WOULD INSULT ANY PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEE, THAT THERE WOULD ACTUALLY BE A CONSULTATION PROCESS WHERE THE EMPLOYER WOULD UNLATERALLY REPUDIATE ANY PART OF THAT AGREEMENT. [BUZZER SOUNDS] THAT WOULD THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE NEED TO DO THAT IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND WE NOT TO LOOK AT PHONY UNIONS, SHAM

COMPANY UNIONS, WHEN AFSCME IS A PROUD ORGANIZATION THAT MARCHED WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THE GARBAGE WORKERS IN TENNESSEE BACK IN 1968. THAT'S A REAL UNION. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MCDONALD. SO COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO GIVE US FEEDBACK, PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR PATIENCE AND ALLOWING ALL THE FELLOW CITIZENS AND CITY WORKERS TO HAVE A CHANCE TO COMMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT WHAT WE WILL DO IS OUR STRUCTURED PROCESS, WE WILL GO THROUGH THE REST OF THIS MONTH AND THE FIRST 10 DAYS OR SO OF SEPTEMBER, CONTINUING TO DO THE BUDGET AND THEN WE'RE POSTED TO VOTE ON THE CITY'S BUDGET AND ULTIMATELY THE TAX RATE THAT THEN DRIVES THAT IN PART SEPTEMBER 10th -- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TONIGHT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WE APPRECIATE THE GREAT WORK THAT SO MANY CITY EMPLOYEES DO FOR THIS ORGANIZATION DAY IN AND DAY OUT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN. [APPLAUSE]

McCracken: AND I KNOW THAT A LOT OF OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY KNOW WE HAVE A VERY CONCERNING LONG-TERM BUDGET TREND. WE'VE BECOME MORE FULLY AWARE OF THIS BUDGET IS THAT UNDER CURRENT TRENDS PUBLIC SAFETY WILL TAKE UP 87% OF THE CITY BUDGET WITHIN 10 YEARS IF EVERYTHING CONTINUES AS IS. AND THAT IF THERE'S A PROPOSAL BEFORE US THAT WOULD TAKE PUBLIC SAFETY TO 93% OF OUR BUDGET WITHIN 10 YEARS. SO I KNOW THAT A LOT OF US ON THIS COUNCIL, I BELIEVE ALL OF US, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IS A GOOD BALANCE IN OUR CITY, AND I KNOW YOU AS CITY WORKERS KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE RELEGATED TO SEVEN PERCENT OF THE BUDGET. WE DO NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A CITY AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP TOO IN MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ALL PULLING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO HAVE A GOOD BROAD BALANCE OF ITEMS THAT WE TAKE CARE OF IN OUR BUDGET. WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT OUR PUBLIC

SAFETY FOLKS DO. WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU ALL DO. AND IF WE CAN WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN GET ON A GOOD LONG-TERM TRACK, SO WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO FOR US. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANKS, MAYOR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE WORKERS FOR COMING OUT AND ADDRESSING US AND CONVEYING THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BUDGET. THAT'S WHAT THIS PROCESS IS ABOUT. AND WE ARE MEETING -- I AM PLANNING TO MEET WITH OUR FRIENDS AT AFSCME, AND WE'VE HAD A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP, BUT I THINK THAT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS BUDGET, BUT WE NEEDED TO HEAR FROM YOU JUST LIKE WE HEAR FROM ALL THESE DIFFERENT AREAS ABOUT THE CITY'S PRIORITIES, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL TAKING THE TIME OUT TO BE HERE AT 9:00 O'CLOCK AND AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILIES, AWAY FROM YOUR PERSON LIVES ALSO TO BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I KNOW THAT THE FACT THAT YOU CAME OUT HERE SHOWS THAT YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THE CITY AND YOU REALLY LIKE THE JOBS THAT YOU HAVE, AND I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THEY ARE VERY CHALLENGING JOBS. AND WHEN I WAS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, I KNOW LEE WAS AS WELL, WE TALKED TO A GOOD NUMBER OF CITY EMPLOYEES. AND IT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT TIME BECAUSE OF TWO YEARS WITHOUT A PAY RAISE, AND WE WERE JUST ABLE TO GIVE A PAY RAISE LAST YEAR. BUT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES HAVING TO DO WITH INTERPRETATIONS OF THE LAW, AND CASE LAW AS WELL. SO THAT PROPOSAL THAT AFSCME HAS GIVEN US, THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION OF LAW THAN WHAT THE CITY ATTORNEY IS GIVING US AND WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, AND IT'S KIND OF DIFFICULT WHEN ATTORNEYS DISAGREE. BUT I WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE BALANCING ALL THE PRIORITIES, MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DELIVERING BASIC SERVICES TO

THE CITY, AS WELL AS REWARD OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE
AND I'VE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED AS I'VE LOOKED AT THE
SATISFACTION RATINGS ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS THAT
EVEN IN TIMES OF CUTS, SATISFACTION WENT UP. AND I
THINK THAT'S BECAUSE THEY WERE EMPLOYEES THAT
REALLY TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO BRING SOME NEW IDEAS,
JUST RETHINK THINGS AND WERE GIVEN THAT KIND OF
FREEDOM TO THINK OF HOW TO DELIVER THE CITIZENS THE
SERVICES THEY DESERVE FOR THE CITY THAT WE ALL
DESERVE. SO AS WE GO THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROCESS,
IT IS A KIND OF GIVE AND TAKE AMONG THE
COUNCILMEMBERS AS TO WHAT WE WANT, BUT I BELIEVE IN
INVESTING IN THE WORKFORCE. WE'LL DO WHAT WE WANT,
BUT AS COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN POINTED OUT,
THERE ARE A GOOD NUMBER OF COST DRIVERS THAT WE
DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER. SO AS WE GO FORWARD, I
LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MORE OF YOUR INPUT AND
WORKING WITH AS ME AND SEEING WHAT WE CAN DO TO
HELP YOU WITH THINGS SUCH AS REPRESENTATION AND
PAY. OKAY? AND I DID HEAR YOUR SPEECH. I WAS IN THE
BACK AND I HEARD EVERY WORD, MR. POWELL. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING
OUT. WE ENJOYED HEARING FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE
OF YOU. AND AS A 30-YEAR UNION MEMBER MYSELF, AIRLINE
PILOTS ASSOCIATION, AFL/CIO AFL/CIO -- [APPLAUSE] -- AND
A CURRENT MEMBER OF AFSCME, AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR
COMING OUT. I'LL DO THE BEST THAT I CAN TO HELP YOU
REALIZE YOUR GOALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE
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Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT THIS
EVENING, AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT ALL OF THE
COUNCILMEMBERS ARE TRYING REALLY HARD TO TRY TO
FIGURE OUT WAYS TO GET MONEY INTO THE BASE PAY. I DID
MEET WITH AFSCME LAST YEAR. WE HAVE SOME IDEAS. WE
ARE WORKING WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF CONFLICTING
ATTORNEY OPINIONS AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS AS WELL,
BUT EVERY MEMBER ON THIS DAIS IS CONCERNED ABOUT

QUAIZ WE CAN GET -- WAYS WE CAN GET DOLLARS INTO THE BASE THREE. THREE AND A HALF PERCENT YOU KNOW IS GREAT. THE TWO PERCENT ONE-TIME BONUS IS GREAT. BUT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO GET MORE OF IT INTO THE BASE BUDGET, AND ALL SEVEN OF US ARE WORKING ON THAT.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: I WANT TO SAY TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES, WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK. NO MATTER WHAT POSITION YOU'RE IN, IT IS IMPORTANT. WITHOUT YOU THE CITY OF AUSTIN, LIKE YOU SAID EARLIER, CANNOT OPERATE. IF YOU'RE IN SOLID WASTE, IF YOU'RE STREET AND BRIDGE, ETCETERA. BUT ONE THING WE DO HAVE TO SEE IS THERE'S A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW. MAYBE THE ATTORNEYS AND AFSCME NEED TO CONSTITUENT SIT DOWN AND FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ON THE DAIS WOULD FIGURE OUT AND SEE IF WE CAN DO BETTER. LOOKING OUT OVER THE PERIOD OF BEFORE WE MAKE THE FINAL VOTE IF WE HAVE SOME WAY OF INCREASING YOUR SALARIES. BECAUSE IT'S TRUE FOR TWO YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN ON THIS DAIS, YOU WERE VERY PATIENT WITH US, YOUR JOB PERFORMANCE WAS STILL UP, YOUR MORALE WAS UP, SO WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO, IF WE CAN IMPROVE IT. AND I KNOW FOR A FACT IF WE CAN IMPROVE IT, WE WILL IMPROVE IT. WE APPRECIATE YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TONIGHT AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILIES, AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, WE HAVE ONE MORE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 43. IT LOOKS LIKE ON ITEM NUMBER 41, I WAS -- SOMEBODY WAS SUPPOSED TO, ME PROBABLY, MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT, SO JUST TO TECHNICALLY MAKE SURE WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE STATUTE THAT'S RECENTLY ENACTED, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 41 TO REOPEN THAT PUBLIC HEARING.

McCracken: SO MOVE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER

MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO REOPEN ITEM NUMBER 41, THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING OUR TAX RATE. NO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS HAVE SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. THE CITY COUNCIL OF AUSTIN WILL CONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2005, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2005, AND/OR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS. SO I'LL OFFICIALLY HAVE THAT BE PART OF THE RECORD OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING THAT I'LL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE.

McCracken: SO MOVE.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 41. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. OKAY. COUNCIL, ITEM 43, THE PUBLIC HEARING APPROVING AN ORDINANCE NAMING AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY. AND PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION?

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M DEAN LABONTE, ADMINISTRATOR AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT. WE ARE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE SHADOWRIDGE CROSSING SECTION 12 SUBDIVISION AS WATERS WAY. THE SUBDIVISION SHADOWRIDGE CROSSING SECTION 12 WAS RECORDED IN MAY 2000. THE DEVELOPER PROVIDED ACCESS TO LAND LOCKED PARCELS OUTSIDE THE SUBDIVISION BY DEDICATING 250 FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WAS NOT NAMED DURING THE PLATTING PROCESS. WHICH IS THE NORMAL PROCESS. ONE PROPERTY WILL CHANGE ADDRESSES BASED ON YOUR APPROVAL. THE STREET NAMING HAS BEEN APPROVED BY TRAVIS COUNTY, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, TEXAS GAS, 911 ADDRESSING, FIRE AND E.M.S. THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS SCHEDULED BECAUSE THERE WAS OPPOSITION BY ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO THIS REQUEST FOR THE NAMING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN

CAPTIONERS] CROSSING,. >>... IT'S THE GROUP. THERE'S --
THERE'S 898 88.

88 RESIDENTS IN THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. THE DEVELOPERS LEFT TWO UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAYS, THIS ONE AND THE ONE THAT QUOS IMMEDIATELY OUT THE -- COMES IMMEDIATELY OUT THE OTHER WAY. THESE HAVE BEEN USED EFFECTIVELY AS DRIVEWAYS FOR THE ENTIRE TIME. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK HAS CAUSED SO MUCH EMOTION IN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, I THINK YOU ALL HAVE THE RESOLUTION THE HOMEOWNERS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY A WEEK AGO, TO OPPOSE THIS, IS THAT THERE'S 10-ACRES OF THE WATERSHED, PROBABLY WILL BE DEVELOPED. WE WILL REAL CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THAT DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE. AND NONE OF THAT IS ON THE TABLE. OBVIOUSLY THAT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED IF SOMEBODY FILES A PLAT, MAP, EVERYTHING ELSE. THE CONCERN THAT I THINK MOST OF US HAVE IS WHAT WAS EXPRESSED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MR. EBERT WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FORWARD US WHAT MR. BELL NAP HAD DONE WITH HIS ANALYSIS. I THINK YOU ALL HAVE THAT, THIS IS LIKELY TO BE DEVELOPED, MAY WELL BE A STREET THAT THE CITY APPROVES AT SOME POINT, LET'S NAME IT NOW. THAT'S A CONCERN THAT WE HAVE GOT. LET'S NOT NAME IT NOW AND TAKE AN INCREMENTAL STEP. THE OTHER RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENDS FROM DARK VALLEY COVE TO 1826, ABOUT A MILE LONG. THE FIRST 300 FEET IS USED AS A DRIVE THE DRIVEWAY BY ONE OF THE -- AS A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY BY ONE OF THE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS, WE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM AND THE CITY VERBAL AGREEMENTS OF HOW TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES THAT THESE RIGHT-OF-WAYS CREATE. FURTHER DOWN, MR. MALOTNEY FILED SUIT AGAINST THE CITY. WE WERE INFORMED BY THE CITY THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER NEGOTIATE WITH US UNTIL THAT LAWSUIT IS RESOLVED. WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU IS THAT THESE RIGHT-OF-WAYS OUGHT TO BE HELD, NAMING, CHANGING THEIR STATUS, OUGHT TO BE HELD IN ABATEMENT UNTIL LITIGATION IS RESOLVED AND YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO SPEAK ON THESE THINGS, WE REALLY FEAR THAT THIS IS A FIRST STEP TO WE'LL HAVE A NAMED STREET NOW THAT

WHEN DEVELOPMENT COMES THAT THAT'S WHAT WILL BE RELIED ON. IF THAT DOES HAPPEN, YOU WILL CERTAINLY HEAR US BACK HERE SAYING YOU HAVEN'T -- IS THIS A PRECEDENT THAT YOU ARE SETTING UP A STREET HERE. IT'S A RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT'S USED AS A DRIVEWAY RIGHT NOW. THE ADDRESS IS 1812. AND IT SITS -- THERE'S THREE DRIVEWAYS THAT YOU CAN SEE, THE [INDISCERNIBLE], THE WADES, THE WATERS' DRIVEWAYS ARE ALL WITHIN FEET OF EACH OTHER. CHANGING THAT INTO ESSENTIALLY A STREET WHICH IS WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING BY PUTTING A STREET SIGN THERE MAKES NO SENSE I DON'T THINK. THE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUE ON THE SAFETY SIDE, IT'S SOMEBODY DRIVING LOOKING FOR 8012 DARK VALLEY COVE, YOU FOUND THAT BY LOOKING AT THE MAILBOX RIGHT THERE [BUZZER SOUNDING] THREE MAILBOXES SENT OUT THERE. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ONE WATERS WAY, THAT CERTAINLY IS GOING TO BE A LOT MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND. BUT HE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU EITHER TO REJECT OR AT LEAST POSTPONE UNTIL YOUR LITIGATION ON THE OTHER PART OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS DONE AND YOU WITH SPEAK INTELLIGENTLY TO ALL OF THEM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HUGHES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOHN QUON, SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. AND IS [INDISCERNIBLE] -- YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I'M CHANG QUON, MY HUSBAND AND I RESIDE AT 8 [INDISCERNIBLE] DARK VALLEY COVE. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THE ORDINANCE. THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SAFETY OF THE DARK VALLEY COVE RESIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. ONCE THE ROW IS NAMED AND PLACED ON THE CITY MAP AND THEN THE WATERS DEVELOP THEIR PROPERTY, WE BELIEVE THERE WILL BE LOOP HOLES AND WE CAN BE PRECLUDED FROM OBTAINING A FAIR AND JUST ASSESSMENT BY THE CITY CONCERNING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES AT THE DARK VOLLEY COVE CUL DE SAC. THE DRIVEWAYS OF THE TWO ADJOINING PROPERTIES CONVERGE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE ROW. THERE IS ANOTHER ACCESS FOR THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS MORE LOGICAL AND APPROPRIATE. WHATEVER WATERS ARGUED TO YOU ON THIS MATTER, THE CITY WILL NEED TO STUDY

THE ISSUE FOR THE FAIRNESS AND SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS AFTER THE WATERS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IS [INDISCERNIBLE] A FEW OF THE STATEMENTS IN THE COMMENTS OF THE LIEUTENANT BELKNAP OF AFD ARE TOTALLY INCORRECT. THE WATERS' PROPERTY ON THE ROW IS NOT HARD FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FIND. IT IS - - IT IS AS EASY AS FOR ANY OTHER HOUSE. IT IS NOT FAR OFF DARK VOLLEY COVE, EITHER. IT IS WITHIN 250 FEET. NAMING THE ROW WILL NOT AID RESPONDERS. WOULD YOU PLEASE ALL LOOK AT THE PICTURES THAT I DISTRIBUTED. DOES EVERYBODY HAVE PHOTOS? THE FIRST PHOTO IS VIEWED FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CUL DE SAC. YOU SEE THE DRIVEWAY OF 8,000 OF VALLEY COVE ON THE LEFT AND THE DRIVEWAY OF 8016 ON THE RIGHT. THERE IS A MAILBOX FOR 8008 AND 8012, WHICH IS THE WATERS' MAILBOX. YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THE WATERS' GATE. WITH THE MAILBOX, AND THE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN 8008 AND 8016, NOBODY CAN MISS 8012. YOU CAN EVEN SEE THE GATE CLEARLY. IF THE WATERS WANT RESPONDENTS TO FIND THEIR HOUSE FASTER THAN THE OTHER HOUSES, THEY CAN SIMPLY PUT A BIGGER NUMBER ON THE MAILBOX. MAY I POINT OUT ANOTHER THING IN THAT PHOTO. THE ROW EXTENDS FROM THE MAILBOX TO CLOSE TO THE RED BRUSH ON THE RIGHT SIDE. [INDISCERNIBLE] HOW CLOSE THOSE TWO DRIVEWAYS ARE TO THE ROW. THEY ALL MERGE. THE SECOND PHOTO IS A -- A VIEW CLOSER TO THE CURB. YOU SEE THE CURB OF THAT DARK VALLEY COVE AT THE BOTTOM. YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THE DETAILS OF THE METAL WORK OF THE GATE. NOTE UP IN OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT -- NONE OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS COULD PRODUCE THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING THE PROPERTY. LIEUTENANT BELLKNAP MADE HIS DECISION AFTER ONLY VIEWING THE AREA SATELLITE PHOTO AND THE PLAT MAP. THE SATELLITE PHOTO IS VERY MISLEADING IN THIS CASE. HE DID NOT COME TO DARK VALLEY COVE. ON JULY 17th, A FIVE TRUCK WAS SENT TO DARK VALLEY COVE AT THE REQUEST OF 911 ADDRESSING. THE TRUCK HAD NO PROBLEM IN FINDING THE PROPERTY. THIS WAS REPORTED TO 911 ADDRESSING THROUGH AN E-MAIL. LIEUTENANT BELLKNAPP WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS. BOTH CHIEF ROBERT EBRET OF AFD AND STEVE GILES OF [INDISCERNIBLE] CONFIRMED THAT A

TRUCK CAME. ANOTHER OFFICER WHO CAME IS FROM TRAFFIC SIGN OPERATION. THAT OFFICER DISAPPROVED NAMING THE ROW WE WERE TOLD. THE POLICY WRITTEN BY THE CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL IN 1989 CONTAINS NO SPECIFIC RULE THAT REQUIRES THE CITY TO NAME ALL ROW'S. LAST YEAR, THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES SPONSORED THIS SAME APPLICATION. WHEN THE SERVICE LEARNED HOW EASY IT IS TO FIND THE PROPERTY, THEY WITHDREW THE SPONSORSHIP. AS THE REASON GIVEN IN THE APPLICATION IS TOTALLY GROUNDLESS, THE CITY HAS NO OBLIGATION TO NAME THIS ROW, WHEREAS THE NAMING CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT ITS CITIZENS WHILE PROVIDING NO ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR ANYBODY. WE RESPECTLY URGE YOU TO KEEP THE ROW UNNAMED UNTIL THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS ARE ADDRESSED. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS.KWON. OUR LAST SPEAKER IS JACQUELYN WATERS, WELCOME. IS WALTER DUBERT HERE? WALTER, HOW ARE YOU? YOU ARE DONATING YOUR TIME TO JACQUELYN, SO MS. WATERS YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

OKAY, THANK YOU. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO NAME THIS DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY. MY NAME IS JACQUELYN WATERS, I SUPPORT CITY STAFF'S PROPOSAL TO NAME THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS WATERS WAY. MY PROPERTY IS THE ONLY PROPERTY SERVED BY AND IMPACTED BY THIS NAMING. AS I SEE IT, THERE ARE TWO ISSUES AT HAND. FIRST, THE NAMING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ITSELF, AND SECOND THE CHOSEN NAME. EXCEPT FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF SHADOW RIDGE SECTION 12, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING FROM STAFF THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER UNNAMED DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAYS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AS CITY STAFF SUGGESTED, THE NAMING OF THE DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY IS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY. INCREASED CONFUSION CAUSED BY THE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT OF WHICH MY PROPERTY IS NOT A PART, HAS CAUSED CONFUSION AMONG CITY SERVICE PROVIDERS. THE LACK OF NAMING HAS CAUSED -- HAS CAUSED THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO NOT BE PLACED ON

MAPS AND THEREFORE MY ADDRESS DOES NOT REFLECT MY PROPERTY'S EXACT LOCATION. NAMING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WILL PROVIDE THE MEANS TO PLACE THE WAY ON MAPS, THERE BE GIVING ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT MY LOCATION TO THOSE PERSONS WISHING TO FIND MY PROPERTY. PLACING A PROPER STREET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF DARK VALLEY COVE AND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL MEANS TO LOCATE MY PROPERTY. MY PROPERTY IS SERVED BY CITY SERVICES SUCH AS SOLID WASTE, AUSTIN ENERGY, AROUND THE LESS FREQUENTLY USED SERVICES SUCH AS FIRE, POLICE AND E.M.S. THESE CITY SERVICES USE THE DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY TO REACH MY PROPERTY. IT IS THE LESS ROUTINE SERVICES, SUCH AS BULKY ITEM PICKUP AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WHICH HAS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE CITY'S ABILITY TO FIND MY LOCATION. MY PROPERTY LOCATION IS PERSONNEL DEPENDENT. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS THAT ROUTINE SERVICES SUCH AS WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP HAVE NO PROBLEM FINDING MY LOCATION, AS FAR AS THE DRIVER REMAINS THE SAME EVERY WEEK. THE PROBLEM OCCURS WHEN A NEW DRIVER OR SERVICE PROVIDER HAS NOT BEEN TO MY LOCATION. IF THE COUNCIL WISHES, I CAN PROVIDE A LIST OF OCCURRENCES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS IN WHICH CITY PERSONNEL AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND MY LOCATION. I HAVE COPIES HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM. A TYPICAL OCCURRENCE WOULD BE A MISSED SERVICE. A CALL-BACK FROM ME. ANOTHER DRIVE BY FROM THE DRIVER. A CALL FROM THE DRIVER TO GET DIRECTIONS AND THEN I DESCRIBE IN DETAIL TO THE DRIVER HOW TO GET TO MY PROPERTY. I CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT MY PROPERTY IS DIFFERENT COMPARED TO THE SURROUNDING HOUSES. DARK VALLEY COVE IS PART OF THE LOMA ADVICE TAKE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE HOUSES ARE IN SIGHT OF THE PAVED STREET EACH WITH A PAVED DRIVEWAY. THEY ARE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO MANY NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY. MY HOUSE ON THE OTHER HAND IS OVER 600 FEET FROM MY STREET SIDE MAILBOX AND NOT VISIBLE FROM DARK VALLEY COVE. THE ROAD TO MY HOUSE IS OUT OF CONTEXT WHEN SOMEONE WHO IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA WISHES TO VISIT. MY SUPPORT FOR THE NAMING IS DUE TO A CONCERN THAT IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, E.M.S., OR POLICE

EMERGENCY, THE RESPONSE TIME WOULD BE LONGER THAN NECESSARY DUE TO THE FACT THAT MY PROPERTY IS NOT OBVIOUSLY AT THE ADDRESS I AM CURRENTLY ASSIGNED ON DARK VALLEY COVE. NAMING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND INSTALLING A STREET SIGN AND THE RESULTING ADDRESS WOULD PLACE MY CORRECT ADDRESS LOCATION ON MAPS. THIS ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE WILL ENSURE A MORE EFFICIENT ROUTING OF CITY SERVICES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE NAMING WILL ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES AND IN PARTICULAR THE FIRST RESPONDERS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WILL LOCATE MY PROPERTY QUICKLY AND WITHOUT DELAY. THE NAME WATERS WAY RECOMMENDED BY CITY STAFF IS APPROPRIATE IN MANY RESPECTS. THE DEVELOPER WAS NOT INCLINED TO NAME THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS IT WAS DEDICATED AT BALANCE OF TRACT REQUIREMENT. THE WATERS PROPERTY IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOMA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD. THE WATERS PROPERTY IS THE ONLY PROPERTY THAT USES THE DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE WATERS PROPERTY IS THE ONLY PROPERTY WHICH BENEFITS FROM THE NAMING. THE WATERS PROPERTY IS THE ONLY PROPERTY THAT WILL HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR RIGHT-OF-WAYS BENEFITING A SINGLE BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION OR FAMILY TO BE NAMED FOR THAT SINGLE USER AND OF COURSE THE MOST OBVIOUS REASON IS THAT THE ROAD WITHIN THE DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY IS ON THE WAY TO THE WATERS' PROPERTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. WATERS. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE IT. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF ON A 7-0. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL?

MAYOR?

YES, MR. SMITH.

ANY COUNCILMEMBERS OR -- HAVING THIS QUESTION, BUT I WOULD ASK MARTY TERRY TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT SIMPLY RENAMING THE ROADWAY CHANGES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES TO THE LOCATION IN QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: IF WE COULD ADD TO THAT, THERE WAS SOME -- I THOUGHT HEARD DISCUSSION ABOUT PENDING LITIGATION ON OTHER ELEMENT. WANTED TO MAKE SURE WHAT LEGALITIES WE ARE FACING HERE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, DEBORAH THOMAS WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT. ON THE OTHER LITIGATION, I HAVE CHECKED WITH OUR LITIGATION SECTION AND THEIR OPINION WAS THIS THIS MATTER DID NOT AFFECT THE LITIGATION THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN. IT'S -- IT'S A PORTION OF THE SAME EASEMENT, BUT IT IS NOT -- IT IS NOT A PORTION OF THE EASEMENT THAT IS INVOLVED IN THEIR CASE. SO THEY WERE COMFORTABLE WITH WHATEVER ACTIONS THAT YOU MAY TAKE ON THIS.

DEBORAH, THE RENAMING OF THE ROADWAY, IF COUNCIL CHOOSES TO -- TO VOTE APPROVAL OF THE RENAMING THE ROADWAY. WHAT LEGAL EFFECT DOES THAT HAVE IN TERMS OF THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS TO PEOPLE WHO MAY OCCUPY LAND ALONG THAT ROADWAY.

IN WHICH REGARD? IN REGARD TO MAYBE OPERATING AND CONSTRUCTING THE ROADWAY? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE -- WHAT YOU ARE REFERENCING.

YES.

THE NAMING OF THE ROADWAY, OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY REALLY WOULD JUST BE FOR LOCATIONAL PURPOSES. THE CITY IS NOT TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSTRUCT OR MAINTAIN THAT RIGHT-OF-WAY. OTHER THAN FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT USES IT FOR EXAMPLE SOLID WASTE DOES USE IT TO -- TO COLLECT THE WASTE FROM THE PROPERTY AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT NEEDS TO BE REGRADED TO -- TO -- FOR THE TRUCKS TO BE

ABLE TO USE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO THAT. BUT WE WOULD DO THAT BECAUSE THE -- THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT USES IT, NOT BECAUSE OF THE NAMING. SIMPLY RENAMING IT DOES NOT INCREASE THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

NO, IT DOES NOT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: DID I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY OR THE STAFF TO SAY THAT IT'S RECOMMENDED BY OR REQUESTED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE, POLICE, E.M.S.?

THAT IT WAS REQUESTED BY OR RECOMMENDED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIEWSH, POLICE AND E.M.S.?

NO, IT WAS NOT REQUESTED BY THEM. BUT IT WAS APPROVED BY THEM.

Leffingwell: MAYOR, I WANT TO MOVE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE NAMING OF THE UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WATERS WAY. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 43.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE THIS RENAMING ORDINANCE.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. FURTHER COMMENTS?

Alvarez: MAYOR? I'LL SECOND BECAUSE USUALLY WHEN YOU DEAL WITH STREET NAMES YOU -- YOU GET FOLKS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE NAME CHANGE, THAT MIGHT OPPOSE IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS, BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS AFFECTED ACTUALLY SUPPORT THE NAME CHANGE. AND IT WOULDN'T REALLY AFFECT DIRECTLY ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS. SO -- SO I THINK IT'S A REASONABLE REQUEST AND -- AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE -- THE RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE? AYE.

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

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, TECHNICALLY WE DIDN'T CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEM NO. 42, WHEN WE RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM, I'LL SECOND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEM NO. 42. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. AND MS. FITZ? THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE STAND ADJOURNED. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. 9:22 A.M. -- P.M.!

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