

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 9/01/05

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GOOD MORNING, I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, IT MY HONOR TO WELCOME REVEREND MARK WEAVER TO LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION, PLEASE RISE.

MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL IT'S A JOY TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THE WAY YOU DIRECT THIS CITY. ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE COURAGEOUS LEADERS. THERE'S GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS CITY, GREAT THINGS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, ALSO MANY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. AS YOU LOOK AT THOSE CHALLENGES, BE COURAGEOUS, WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP. FATHER WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN LORD SELECTED TO BE A PART OF A PROCESS, LORD, TO GIVE LEADERSHIP, GIVE AUTHORITY. TO GIVE GUIDANCE, FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THESE TODAY WHO STAND HERE BEFORE US. LORD, FATHER, MAKE THE SACRIFICE, LORD OF BEING LEADERS IN THE CITY. IT'S NOT ALL THAT SOME WOULD SAY IT IS. NOT ALWAYS GLORIOUS, LORD. THERE ARE DIFFICULT MOMENTS, DIFFERENT HOURS. I PRAY EVEN TODAY YOU WOULD GUIDE THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DECISIONS THAT THEY MAKE THAT WILL IMPACT THE LINES OF-THE LIVES OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THIS CITY IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. FATHER WE PRAY FOR THE CITY TODAY, FOR THOSE, LORD, WHO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES, THROUGH OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, FATHER, THROUGH OUR HOSPITALS AND ALL OF THOSE PUBLIC SERVANTS, LORD, SO MANY DIFFERENT OTHER AREAS THAT BENEFIT AND BLESS THIS

CITY. WE THANK YOU FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS CITY AS WELL TODAY. FATHER, TODAY AS WE ARE GATHERED IN THIS AUDITORIUM, WE ARE REMINDED TODAY OF THOSE IN LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA, LORD, WHO ARE SUFFERING, UNIMAGINABLE EVENTS, LORD, IN THEIR LIVES RIGHT NOW, BEING DISLOCATED, RELOCATED, DISCOURAGED, HOPELESS, IN MANY CASES FATHER JUST THEIR LIVES TOTALLY UPSIDE-DOWN. TODAY, FATHER, WE REMINDED OF THEM, LORD, NOT JUST REMINDED BUT I PRAY, FATHER, THAT THIS CITY WOULD BE A GRACIOUS CITY, A GIVING CITY, KNOWING THAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH US THAT IT'S MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE. FATHER, GOD, THAT THERE JUST BE A GREAT OUTPOURING OF LOVE, AND HOPE TO THESE PEOPLE. WE GIVE YOU THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY FOR THIS DAY AND THE NAME OF YOUR PRECIOUS SON, JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

THANK YOU, INCLUDING NEIGHBORS TO THE EAST WHO ARE SUFFERING. MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED US WHAT IF ANYTHING WE AS A CITY ARE DOING, WHAT CAN WE DO. JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THERE ARE TO DOZENS OF CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES ON THE GROUND NOW, MOSTLY IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA, WE HAVE OVER 2 DOZEN E.M.S. PARAMEDICS THAT ARE NOW DEPLOYED THERE, WE HAVE AUSTIN FIREFIGHTERS, WE HAVE AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES FROM OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND OUR WATER UTILITY THERE WITH -- WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT HELPING ON THE STAGGERING INFRASTRUCTURE DEMANDS THAT ARE OCCURRING. WE ARE HELPING AS ARE CITIES ALL ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER SET UP AT THE TONY BURGER CENTER AND SHOULD THAT FILL UP, THEN WE WILL OPEN ADDITIONAL SHELTERS HERE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING DRIVES GOING ON ALL THROUGHOUT THE CITY. MOST OF WHICH WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT. BUT INDIVIDUALS ARE DOING LOTS OF THINGS FINANCIALLY. MANY FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, TO HELP WITH THE EVIDENT, WE ARE GOING TO BE MANNING THE SOUTH END OF THE SOUTH FIRST STREET BRIDGE TOMORROW MORNING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. AS

PEOPLE COMMUTE INTO, OUT OF, THROUGH DOWNTOWN, WE WILL MAKE A VERY CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO DRIVE AROUND THE LOOP ROAD AT THE SOUTH END OF THE SOUTH FIRST STREET BRIDGE. WE WILL HAVE CITY OF AUSTIN VOLUNTEERS AND RUN TEX VOLUNTEERS, I WILL BE THERE STANDING OUT TO PICK UP CHECKS ON OR CASH TO BE DONATED TO THE RED CROSS NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND. WE WILL OF COURSE GET THOSE FUNDS TO THE RED CROSS IMMEDIATELY. SO AS A CITY, A GOOD EFFORT, THERE'S SO MUCH MORE WE CAN DO. I TELL PEOPLE FREQUENTLY THAT WE ARE A RICH CITY BECAUSE WE GIVE SO MUCH OF OURSELVES. WE DON'T GIVE SO MUCH BECAUSE WE'RE RICH. THIS IS A TIME TO HELP NEIGHBORS. THE RED CROSS, OF COURSE, HELPED US MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, WE'VE HAD FLOODS, TORNADOS, THE RED CROSS IS ON THE GROUND HERE IN AUSTIN WITHIN HOURS AND THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO HELP, FOR THEM, TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE EAST. THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME WE CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT'S THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. WE ARE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IN THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. APPROXIMATELY 10:15 A.M. WE HAVE A FEW CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. ITEM NO. 16, A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, WE SHOULD INSERT THE PHRASE DESIGN SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS. ON ITEM NO. 30, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS WILL BE POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005. AS WILL ITEM 36 BE POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29th. ON ITEM NO. 42, AN ITEM FROM COUNCIL, WE SHOULD INCLUDE COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY AS AN ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSOR. ON ITEM NO. 44, WE SHOULD CORRECT THE POSTING AND STRIKE THE PHRASE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF AND INSERT REIMBURSEMENT OF. AND ADD COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND LEFFINGWELL AS ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS. ZONING CASE Z-10 WE NEED TO NOTE THAT IT'S WEST PARMER LANE. IT WAS POSTED AS SIMPLY 170 PALM HE, IT'S 1701 WEST PARMER LANE. TIME CERTAIN, NOON, GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS, 2:00 WE WILL HAVE THE BRIEFING ITEM NO. 59, WHICH WILL BE THE LAST OF OUR BUDGETARY BRIEFINGS FOR THE PROPOSED '05-'06

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. I'M SORRY, ACTUALLY AT 10:30, SHORTLY AFTER WE HAVE OUR CONSENT AGENDA, WE WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL BRIEFING, ITEM NO. 49, WHICH IS A COLLECTIVE BRIEFING ON DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES THAT INCLUDE BOTH THE PROPOSED CONVERSION OF CESAR CHAVEZ HERE IN FRONTS OF CITY HALL BACK TO TWO WAY FOR THIS FIVE BLOCK STRETCH. AS WELL AS THE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THAT WITH AND ON THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROPOSED CHANGES. AND BASED ON THAT, THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE ITEM WILL BE HELD OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA UNTIL FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION AT THE CONSENT AGENDA. AT 4:00 WE GO TO THE ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVE OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, THOSE SHOW TODAY AS ITEMS 60 THROUGH 64, ZONING CASES OR PUBLIC HEARING CASES Z-1 THROUGH Z-13. WE WILL NOTE NOW THAT THE STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING THAT WE POSTPONE CASE Z-1, THE TIME INSURANCE COMPANY ZONING CASE, RECOMMENDED POSTPONEMENT IS TO NOVEMBER 10th, 2005. AND ITEM Z-12, THE Z LOFTS SUBDIVISION, STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005. TECHNICALLY, THOSE POSTPONEMENT VOTES CAN'T OCCUR UNTIL 4:00, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS HAVE NOTICE THAT THAT LIKELY WILL BE THE CASE THIS AFTERNOON. 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. AT 6:00 P.M. WE HAVE OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTED, ITEM 65 THROUGH 69, INCLUDING THIS EVENING'S PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED '05-'06 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. SO COUNCIL SO FAR WE HAVE [INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

ON THE TRADITION OF COUNCILMEMBER SLUSHER. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL IS OUR DESIGNATED [INDISCERNIBLE] ON ITEM NO. 32, RELATED TO THE MUELLER CONTRACT, THROUGH THE TEXAS [INDISCERNIBLE] COMMISSION [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC] ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED OR PLACED BACK ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?

MAYOR, I'VE HAD MY QUESTIONS SATISFIED ON 26 AND 35. IT REMAINS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO PULL ITEM NO. 3. FOR DISCUSSION.

I'M SORRY, NUMBER 3?

CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: YES, OKAY. MS. BROWN, DO YOU HAVE THAT? 26 AND 35 WE PLACE BACK ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. AND ITEM 3 WILL BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. FURTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: YES, MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO PULL ITEM 29 RELATED TO -- TO -- [INDISCERNIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: I WILL READ THE CONSENT AGENDA NUMERICALLY. THE CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING WOULD BE ITEMS 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, 18, THE, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, 33, 34, 35, 36 FOR POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005, 37, 38, WHICH ARE OUR APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD. TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION, CAROLYN LOWE IS A CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT. TO OUR BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, GUY CUNNINGHAM IS CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT. TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ALICIA TAYLOR, IS COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS'S APPOINTMENT -- MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS' EXCUSE ME, APPOINTMENT. TO THE URBAN FORESTRY BOARD, TIM MAHONEY IS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ'S APPOINTMENT. THAT'S ITEM NO. 38 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. 40, 41, 42 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, 43, 44, PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION, 45, 46, 47, 48, -- SO I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER.

I WANTED TO CONFIRM, NOT CONSENT BUT POSTPONED, IS THAT CORRECT? CITY CLERK, FOR THE 29th?

Mayor Wynn: MY CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS I READ THAT ITEM NO. 30 IS POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 2005. SO THAT WILL BE -- THAT POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA, COUNCIL. THANK YOU. I WILL ENTERTAIN

A MOTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOVE APPROVAL.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COMMENTS? I WILL JUST SAY ITEM NO. 39, THERE'S A NICE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER I GUESS THIS MORNING REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TEXAS AVIATION HISTORY MUSEUM AT OUR BERGSTROM AIRPORT. AND WE HAVE A -- WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE TEXAS AVIATION HISTORY MUSEUM WITH US. PERHAPS JUST A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS THE SUPPORT OF COUNCIL. WELCOME, SIR.

MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS JIM [INDISCERNIBLE]

WE WANT TO THANKS YOU FOR CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE COMMITTED OVER A MILLION DOLLAR SEED MONEY TO START THIS PROJECT. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO RAISE \$20 MILLION TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT MS. BROWNING, A TRUE TEXAS AVIATION HISTORY OR HERO. SHE CAME HERE IN THE '30S TO BROWN AERIAL SERVICE AND STARTED HER BUSINESS AS BROWN AVIATION, ALSO RUNNER UP FOR MISS TEXAS IN THE '30S, ALSO KNOWS AND KNEW CHARLES LINDBERGH AND AMELIA AIRHART ON A FIRST NAME BASIS. SHE WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IN THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, ALSO A NOMINEE AND WILL RECEIVE THE TEXAS AVIATION HALL OF FAME IN GALVESTON THIS NOVEMBER. SHE'S A TRUE HERO. AS YOU KNOW AUSTIN IS VERY RICH IN HISTORY OF AVIATION WITH BERGSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, ROBERT MUELLER, PENN FIELD AND GENERAL AVIATION. THIS MUSEUM IS FOR CIVILIAN, MILITARY AND AIR CARRIERS. WE HOPE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WILL PASS THIS AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE'VE HAD VERY GENEROUS OFFERS FROM SAN MARCOS AND FROM GEORGETOWN, BUT MRS. BROWNING, BEING -- HAVING HER BUSINESS IN AUSTIN, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IT HERE IF WE CAN MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK AND IF YOU CAN HELP US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION,

MS. BROWNING WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, WELCOME, MS. BROWNING.

GOOD MORNING. I'M SO GLAD TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS MORNING. I KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO MAKE AUSTIN THE MOST IMPORTANT CITY NOT ONLY IN TEXAS, BUT PERHAPS IN AMERICA. BUT THERE IS ONE THING LACKING, YOU PERHAPS HAVE ALWAYS HEARD ME TELL YOU THAT THE GATEWAY TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS YOUR AIRPORT. IF MAYOR TOM MUELLER WAS HERE, HE COULD VERIFY THIS. BUT TIME HAS GONE ON. AND IT IS UP TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO COOPERATE AND WORK WITH US AND WE KNOW -- WE FEEL LIKE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO, TO HELP US PROMOTE, GUIDE AND PROTECT AND DO THE THINGS THAT WILL BUILD THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO MAKE IT THE MOST INVITING, THE MOST IMPORTANT CITY IN TEXAS IF NOT IN THE NATION. THAT STARTS WITH AN INDUSTRY THAT I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT, THE AVIATION INDUSTRY. IT'S THE MOST EXCITING INDUSTRY, NOT ONLY IN TEXAS, NOT ONLY IN THE NATION, BUT IN THE WORLD. THINK OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NASA TODAY. AND HOW MUCH MORE YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THIS ALL COMES TO -- BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF AN INDUSTRY WHEN THE PILOT WAS KNOWN AS AN AVIATOR. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE WORKING TO THAT END TO MAKE A BEGINNING BY ESTABLISHING A TEXAS AVIATION HISTORY MUSEUM, HOPEFULLY HERE IN AUSTIN, HOPEFULLY AT AUSTIN-BERGSTROM AIRPORT. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU, BUT I THINK THAT THEY ARE TELLING ME THAT MY TIME HAS EXPIRED [LAUGHTER] I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE MUSEUM WILL MAKE AUSTIN THE PLACE THAT EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO COME. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. BROWNING. [APPLAUSE]

ACTUALLY, WE ARE QUITE PLEASED YOUR TIME HASN'T EXPIRED, YOU LOOK WELL. PROUD TO HAVE YOU HERE

[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S BEEN MY LEARN TO CO-SPONSOR THIS ITEM WITH YOU. AS SOMEONE WITH A PASSING INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE IN AVIATION, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS PROJECT WORK AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BROWNING, FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND JIM AND ME PHILMORE, ALSO.

Mayor Wynn: ALSO A THANK TO YOU THE STAFF IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, BUT ALSO OUT AT BERGSTROM FOR WORKING WITH THE BOARD BOTH TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION AND ALLOWING THE FLEXIBILITY OF TERMS FOR THEM TO MOVE FORWARD, THANKS TO JIM SMITH AND HIS STAFF OUT AT BERGSTROM. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I JUST WANTED TO NOTE, ITEM 44 IS A REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEES FOR THE KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD 5 K RUN. AND TYPICALLY, YOU KNOW, THESE WAIVERS THAT WE DO ARE TO BENEFIT A SPECIFIC CAUSE AND THAT PARTICULAR GROUP THAT BENEFITED WAS THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CALL ATTENTION TO THAT WORTHY CAUSE THAT BENEFITS FROM THAT PARTICULAR ACTION. THANKS, MAYOR.

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. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF -- OF -- OF PULLED ITEMS, BUT I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE FOR OUR

PRESENTATION, COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION OF -- OF CESAR CHAVEZ, RIVERSIDE, JUST DOWNTOWN MOBILITY IN GENERAL. AND SO -- SO WITHOUT OBJECTION WE CAN GO STRAIGHT TO OUR 10:30 POSTED BRIEFING FROM STAFF.

Futrell: COUNCIL, LET ME KIND OF SET THE STAGE WHILE SONDRIS IS GETTING SET UP. WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING BASICALLY THREE THINGS, WE ARE GOING TO START WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ ANALYSIS ON A TWO-WAY CONVERSION AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO PAUSE AND SEEK SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL M COUNCIL ON HOW TO PROCEED. THEN WE ARE GOING TO RESTART WITH THE HISTORY OF TOWN LAKE PARK, RECAP OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE TODAY, INCLUDING THE STATUS AND STRATEGY ON REBIDDING THE PARK. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE MOBILITY ANALYSIS, AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO END WITH THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ON THE CONFIGURATION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE THROUGH TOWN LAKE PARK AND YOU MOVE BACK TO NUMBER 17, WHICH IS THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE. WITH THAT, SONDRIS, IF YOU WILL GET STARTED WITH CESAR CHAVEZ.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST START OUT BY THANKING CONSULTANTS JIM CARILLO AND JIM RESHAND, ALSO GORDON DURR AND DAVE GERARD WITH OUR STAFF AND RENEE ORR. TODAY WE WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF A TRAFFIC STUDY ON TWO RELATED EAST-WEST ARTERIALS. CESAR CHAVEZ BETWEEN BRAZOS AND SAN ANTONIO AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE BETWEEN SOUTH FIRST AND LAMAR BOULEVARD. ON CESAR CHAVEZ, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BEST OPTION FOR CONVERTING THE ROAD TO TWO WAY ALONG ITS ENTIRE LENGTH. SO RIVERSIDE WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN ANALYSIS OF REDUCING IT TO TWO LANES OR CLOSING IT ENTIRELY IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN LAKE PARK PROJECT. WARREN STRUSS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING A BRIEFING ON THE RELATED ADJACENT TOWN LAKE PARK PROJECT COST ESTIMATE. THESE BRIEFINGS ARE INTENDED TO SATISFY AND CLOSE OUT ALL PREVIOUS COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS ON THESE ROADS. ON JULY 29th, 2005, THE COUNCIL DIRECTED THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO CONVERT THE FIVE BLOCK LONG ONE WAY SEGMENT OF CESAR CHAVEZ TO A TWO-WAY SEGMENT AND TO DETERMINE THE COST. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVERSION ARE TO REMOVE THE JOG AT BRAZOS STREET TO REDUCE CONFUSION FOR TOURISTS AND MOTORISTS AND TO DEVELOP A MORE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED BOULEVARD. SIT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO LOOK AT THE EXISTING CONDITION, BEFORE WE GO OVER THE THREE OPTIONS THAT WE CONSIDERED. AND GORDON DURR WILL BE POUNDING OUT THESE CONFIGURATIONS. FROM SAN ANTONIO TO CONGRESS, IT'S ONE WAY EASTBOUND WITH FIVE LANES. FROM CONGRESS TO BRAZOS, CESAR CHAVEZ IS ONE WAY EASTBOUND WITH FOUR LANES. THERE'S A RIGHT TURN BAY AT CONGRESS, DUAL LEFT TURNS AT LAVACA, CONGRESS AND BRAZOS, AND THERE'S CURRENTLY PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE BETWEEN CONGRESS AND BRAZOS. THERE'S ALSO PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE JUST WEST OF CONGRESS, WHICH IS A COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONE ONLY. AND THERE'S A TAXI STAND AND CAPITAL METRO BUS STOP AT THE RADISSON HOTEL. NOW WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON THE SIMPLE CONVERSION, WHICH IS OPTION 1. ON THIS OPTION WE WOULD SIMPLY RESTRIPE THE ROADS. LEFT TURNS FROM CESAR CHAVEZ PROCEEDING SOUTH ON GUADALUPE WOULD BE PROHIBITED DUE TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS IN PROVIDING LEFTS AT BOTH NORTHBOUND LAVACA AND SOUTHBOUND GUADALUPE. SINCE THERE ARE GREATER NUMBER OF TURNS AT LAVACA AND NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTES, WE WOULD BE MAINTAINING A LEFT TURN AT LAVACA. WE WILL BE PROVIDING TWO THROUGH LANES IN EACH DIRECTION. WE WILL PROVIDE SINGLE LEFT TURN BAYS AT LAVACA, CONGRESS AND BRAZOS, WE WILL BE PROHIBITING LEFT TURNS FROM CESAR CHAVEZ TO GUADALUPE, AND WE WILL NEED TO REMOVE ON STREET PARKING USES BETWEEN CONGRESS AND BRAZOS. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, WE DON'T RECOMMEND THIS OPTION BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT IT WOULD HAVE ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION. FOR YOU WE WILL NOW WE WILL LOOK AT OPTION 2, THIS IS ADDITIONAL TURN LANES. UNDER OPTION 2, WILL BE -- WE WILL BE PROVIDING SOME OF THE

SAME FEATURES AS ON OPTION THE DIFFERENCE IS PROVIDING DUAL LEFT TURN BAYS AT EAST LAVACA AND AT BRAZOS. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDED LANE WIDTH BETWEEN GUADALUPE AND LAVACA IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS SUCH AS SIDEWALKS AND TREES AND A MULTI-LEVEL PLAZA THAT CONNECTS TO TOWN LAKE PARK. THERE WILL ALSO BE RIGHT TURN BAYS AT GUADALUPE AND CONGRESS. THIS DOES REQUIRE SOME ACQUISITION OF PARKLAND. OPTION 2 IS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BEST OPTION FOR CONVERTING CESAR CHAVEZ TO TWO WAY. FINALLY, WE LOOKED AT OPTION 3, THIS IS ADDITIONAL TURN LANES AND THROUGH LANES. THIS OPTION HAS THE BENEFIT OF PROVIDING A THIRD THROUGH LANE EASTBOUND BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND CONGRESS. HOWEVER, TO DO THAT REQUIRES CONSTRUCTING ONE LANE SOUTH OF THE BUFORD FIRE TOWER, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF COLORADO. THIS REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE ADDITION OF PARKLAND. IN -- BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT ON THE BUFORD FIRE TOWER AND THE REQUIREMENT TO -- TO REALLY IMPACT THE PARKLAND, THE STAFF ARE NOT RECOMMENDING THAT THIS IS THE BEST OPTION AND WE DIDN'T PURSUE IT ANY FURTHER IN OUR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS. NOW I WILL COVER THE -- THE VARIOUS CRITERIA THAT WE LOOKED AT BEFORE WE WENT INTO THIS ANALYSIS. FIRST OF ALL, OUR TRAFFIC SIMULATION MODEL, METHODOLOGY, INCLUDED USING BOTH CORSUM AND SYNCHRO. CORSIM IS THE BEST MODEL, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE SIGNAL RETIMING, SO WE USED IT ALONG WITH SYNCRO, WE HAD TO CAPTURE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT COUNTS, AT ALL INTERSECTIONS, AT ALL VARIOUS TIME PERIODS. WE ALSO LOOKED AT THE TIMING OF THE SIGNALS AND THE ROADWAY GEOMETRY. NOW THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WE USED. WE DID USE CURRENT TRAFFIC COUNTS. THE REASON IS BECAUSE IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO PREDICT FUTURE TRAFFIC COUNTS. YOU WOULD HAVE TO MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ON POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SOME OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS MAY NOT OCCUR AND IT'S ALSO DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE ROUTES THAT PEOPLE MIGHT ACTUALLY USE. IN -- WHEN WE DID THE [INDISCERNIBLE] STUDY IN 2001, WE ATTEMPTED TO USE FUTURE TRAFFIC COUNTS. HOWEVER, WHAT WE FOUND WHEN WE DID THIS STUDY MANY YEARS LATER, WE FOUND

THAT THE TRAFFIC COUNTS ACTUALLY DECREASED BY UP TO 36%. SO THAT JUST SHOWS YOU THE DIFFICULTY OF USING FUTURE TRAFFIC COUNTS. OUR STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT WE USED, WE MET WITH MANY PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS ALONG THE CESAR CHAVEZ SEGMENT. WE PRESENTED TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE PARKS BOARD, THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION, THE DESIGN COMMISSION AND THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND WE ALSO PRESENTED TO OTHER ENTITIES SUCH AS THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE AND DOWNTOWN AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE AND WE HAD A SURVEY FOR COMMUTERS AND OTHER PEOPLE TO WEIGH IN ON THEIR THOUGHTS ON THIS - - THESE OPTIONS. THE EVALUATION CRITERIA WE USED TO DETERMINE THE BEST OPTION WE WANTED TO MINIMIZE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC DELAYS. WE WANTED TO MINIMIZE PARKLAND IMPACT. WE WANTED TO HAVE THE LOWEST COST POSSIBLE AND ALSO MINIMIZE IMPACT TO AREA BUSINESSES. WE ALSO SAW IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS. NOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO COVER THE LEVEL OF SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS BEFORE WE GO INTO THE RESULTS OF OUR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS? AS YOU CAN SEE, RERANK INTERSECTIONS FROM A TO F, WITH A BEING A FREE FLOW INTERSECTION WITH DELAYS LESS THAN 10 SECONDS. AN F INTERSECTION HAS HIGH DELAYS WITH EXCESSIVE QUEING WITH DELAYS OVER 80 SECONDS. IF YOU WILL NOTE ON THE SLIDE, BUT E AND F ARE CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE OPERATIONS FOR AN INTERSECTION. NOW I WILL COVER THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY RELATIVE TO THE OBJECTIVE OF MINIMIZING TRAFFIC DELAYS. I'LL ONLY COVER OPTIONS ONE AND TWO BECAUSE, AS I STATED EARLIER, WE DIDN'T PURSUE OPTION 3. FOR THE MORNING PEAK, THREE INTERSECTIONS FAILED UNDER OPTION 1. FIVE OUT OF SIX EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT DROPS IN LEVELS OF SERVICE. UNDER OPTION 2, NO INTERSECTIONS FAIL. TWO REMAIN THE SAME AND FIVE DO HAVE REDUCED LEVELS OF SERVICE. THE RESULTS OF THE EVENING PEAK, THREE INTERSECTIONS FAIL, FIVE DROP IN LEVEL OF SERVICE AND ONE IMPROVES. UNDER OPTION 2, AGAIN, NO INTERSECTIONS FAIL. THERE'S A DROP IN LEVEL

OF SERVICE ON FOUR AND TWO REMAIN THE SAME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COVER THE TRAVEL TIME. TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN I-35 AND B.R. REYNOLDS NEAR LAMAR BOULEVARD. FOR OPTION 1, TRAVEL TIME INCREASES SIGNIFICANT FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC. FOR OPTION 2, ONLY THE MORNING EASTBOUND TRAVEL TIME SHOWS A VERY SLIGHT INCREASE. URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS WHICH WERE PART OF THE OBJECTIVES WANTING TO ACHIEVE. FIRST WE WILL BE INSTALLING A 22-FOOT WIDE SIDEWALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE BETWEEN CONGRESS AND SAN ANTONIO WITH A DOUBLE ROW OF STREET TREES AND BENCHES. WE WILL BE REMOVING PARKING AT BUFORD FIRE TOWER AND INSTALLING A MULTI-LEVEL PLAZA WITH BENCHES THAT TIES TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL. WE WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING ENHANCED CROSS WALKS WITH PAVERS, NEW CONNECTIONS TO TOWN LAKE TRAIL. AND WE WILL BE INSTALLING NEW SIGNAL POLES AND LIGHTS SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU SEE ON SECONDS STREET. WE WILL ALSO BE CREATING SOME LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART. AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO REFINE AND ENHANCE THE DESIGN, URBAN DESIGN ELEMENTS AFTER RECEIVING A LOT OF FEEDBACK FROM THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING TO INCORPORATE A MEDIAN WITH TREES AND LANDSCAPING AND WE ARE GOING TO DO OUR BEST TO BRING THOSE ELEMENTS INTO THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. THERE ARE SERIOUS CONSTRAINTS BECAUSE OF THE BUFORD FIRE TOWER AND OF COURSE THE ADJACENT PARKLAND. THE OTHER RESULTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT ARE THE COSTS. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE GOT OPTION, ONE A SIMPLE CONVERSION FOR A MILLION DOLLARS, IF YOU ADD 1.6 MILLION FOR THE URBAN DESIGN THAT BRINGS IT UP TO 2.7 MILLION. AND THEN OPTION 2 WITH THE ADDITIONAL TURN LANES, IF YOU INCLUDE THE URBAN DESIGN THAT BRINGS IT TO \$3.9 MILLION.

IMPACTS OF CONVERSION, A COUPLE OF NEGATIVE IMPACTS, LOSS OF 14 ON STREET PARKING SPACES, HOWEVER WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE ADJACENT BUILDING OWNERS, AND THEY HAVE SUPPORTED THIS. THE TAXI STAND SERVING RADISSON WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED, ACTUALLY RELOCATED AROUND THE CORNER ON BRAZOS.

AND THERE COULD BE AN INCREASED DELAY FOR CERTAIN MOVEMENTS. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BEST OPTION FOR CONVERTING CESAR CHAVEZ TO TWO WAY IS TO GO WITH OPTION 2, WHICH ADDS CAPACITY AT CRITICAL LOCATIONS, IT LESSENS DELAYS AS COMPARED TO OPTION 1, REMOVES THE JOG WHICH REDUCES CONFUSION FOR DRIVERS, IT ENHANCES SIDEWALK WIDTH, ADDS SHADE TREES, OF COURSE TIES TO TOWN LAKE PARK AND WILL ALSO BE DOING MINOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG WITH THIS OPTION. IN CONCLUSION, ALTHOUGH DELAYS WILL INCREASE AT SOME INTERSECTIONS, ALL WILL OPERATE AT ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF SERVICE. WHILE INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENTS MAY INCUR SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL DELAYS, OVERALL THE TRAVEL TIME ALONG THE CORRIDOR WILL REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME. AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND WE -- WE LOOK FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL. ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU, MS. CRAYTON. QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: FOR OPTION 2, ON WESTBOUND CESAR CHAVEZ ON LAVACA STREET, WOULD SOMEONE BE ABLE TO MAKE A RIGHT TURN ON A RED? THE REASON WHY I ASK IS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE ENTERING INTO THE CITY HALL'S GARAGE. IF THERE ARE PEOPLE GOING NORTHBOUND ON SOUTH FIRST STREET, THEY WOULD THEN BE TRYING TO GET INTO THE SAME LANE AT ONCE. IS THERE A RIGHT TURN ON RED ALLOWED ON WESTBOUND CESAR CHAVEZ AT LAVACA STREET?

WESTBOUND CESAR CHAVEZ AT LAVACA, YES THERE WOULD BE A RIGHT TURN ON RED.

Kim: WOULD BE. I'M JUST WONDERING HOW THAT -- IF THAT WOULD BE -- THE BEST IDEA GIVEN THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE TURNING INTO THE CITY HALL'S GARAGE. THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF TRAFFIC COMING NORTHBOUND AT THE SAME TIME. IS THAT ENOUGH DISTANCE FOR PEOPLE TO TRY TO MERGE IN WITH THAT TRAFFIC TO GET INTO THE GARAGE.

Futrell: WOULD IT HELP TO PUT THE MAP BACK UP? KIND OF SHOW THAT AND MAYBE WALK THE COUNCILMEMBER AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH IT? YOU MIGHT NEED A MIC.

YOU WOULD HAVE TO MONITOR IT. INITIALLY WE WOULD ALLOW IT. WE DON'T KNOW AT THIS TIME -- THE OTHER THING [INDISCERNIBLE] THERE ARE SOME STREETS DOWNTOWN, CONGRESS AVENUE, WHERE WE HAVE SUCH HEAVY PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY THAT WE DON'T ALLOW RIGHT TURN ON RED. SO ONE WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE VOLUME THAT'S OCCUR ONCE WE DO CONVERT, IF WE CONVERT. THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO MONITOR THE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY. BUT I THINK THE INTENT WOULD BE TO ALLOW IT AS LONG AS IT DIDN'T CREATE PROBLEMS.

Kim: OKAY. CAN YOU MAKE SEWER THAT YOU LOOK INTO THAT, BECAUSE I JUST DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO HAVE TO, AS THEY ARE PULLING INTO THE GARAGE, CAUSING ANY ACCIDENTS.

IN FACT IF THE DIRECTION IS ULTIMATELY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONVERSION, WHAT WE CAN DO IS GIVE YOU SORT OF REGULAR REPORTS ON SOME OF THE KEY AREAS AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE CONVERSION.

RIGHT NOW WE HAVEN'T ACTUALLY STARTED THE DESIGN PROCESS. THIS IS REALLY A CONCEPTUAL PLAN, HOW WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS WORK, SO THERE ARE A LOT OF DETAILS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK THROUGH. I THINK THAT OPTION IS -- DEFINITELY ALLOWED IN NUMBER 3 AND I GUESS I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ALLOWED IN NUMBER ONE. I THINK SO. SO IT'S -- REGARDLESS OF THE OPTION, I JUST -- THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I JUST NOTICED RIGHT NOW. A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE TURNING ON TO LAVACA, IT'S A FOUR-LANE, ONE WAY, THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM TO MOVE LEFT AND RIGHT ON LAVACA STREET ALREADY. THANK YOU.

FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: I'M GOING TO FORWARD YOU AN E-MAIL, MS. CRAYTON, ABOUT -- ABOUT SOME BICYCLISTS' CONCERNS ABOUT THAT INTERSECTION AT SOUTH FIRST AND CESAR

CHAVEZ. THIS -- THE E-MAIL COMMENTS THAT THERE IS A DANGEROUS ELEMENT IF YOU ARE DRIVING NORTHBOUND ACROSS THE BRIDGE, YOU ARE JUST SUDDENLY DUMPED INTO THE RIGHT-HAND TURN LANE GOING ON TO CESAR CHAVEZ AND AS YOU ARE DOING THE DESIGN, THEY ARE HOPING THAT YOU WILL TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THESE CONCERNS AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN INCORPORATE PERHAPS SOME CHANGES THAT WOULD MAKE IT LESS DANGEROUS THERE. SO ...

WE'LL DO THAT.

Dunkerly: I WILL FORWARD THIS TO YOU.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: THANK YOU, MAYOR. ALSO, MS. CRAYTON, ON THE CONVERSION HERE, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT -- HAVE YOU ALL LOOKED AT BIKE LANES? SHOCKED THAT YOU DIDN'T.

IT'S SO CONSTRAINED TO TRY TO GET THE TRAFFIC THROUGH AND THERE SIMPLY ISN'T ROOM FOR BIKE LANES [INDISCERNIBLE] HAD SOME FEEDBACK FROM CAPITAL METRO THAT THE LANE WIDTHS ARE A LITTLE BIT PROBLEMATIC. THERE IS A -- THERE IS A HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL ADJACENT TO CESAR CHAVEZ THAT HAVE QUITE A BIT OF USE. I THINK THAT IS -- THAT IS THE BIKE FACILITY IN THE AREA. WIDENING THIS STREET. THEY DID SAY THAT THE SIDEWALKS WOULD BE REPLACED, THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE SAYING?

WE WILL BE ADDING SIDEWALKS AND THERE ARE ACTUALLY SOME GAPS IN SIDEWALKS ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND SO WE WILL BE INSTALLING SIDEWALKS THERE, SO WE DO HAVE AN EXTRA-WIDE SIDEWALK THAT WE HAVE PLANNED AS PART OF THE DESIGN, URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS.

DO YOU HAVE THE VISUAL FOR THE -- SOME OF THE GREAT STREETS?

YES.

Futrell: PIECE THAT YOU MIGHT COULD BRING UP AGAIN. JUST MAYBE POINT OUT FOR THE MAYOR PRO TEM WHERE WE WILL BE ENHANCING. IS THAT THE SMALL LINES THAT YOU HAVE? OKAY. ALL RIGHTY.

Thomas: DOWN HERE AT BRAZOS, YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE LOSING 14 SPACES.

YES.

Thomas: THEY ARE GOING TO PUT THEM, ON WOULD IT BE THE SOUTH SIDE OF BRAZOS OR THE NORTH SIDE?

SOUTH SIDE. RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE RADISSON.

Thomas: OKAY.

THE TAXI STAND WILL BE RELOCATED THERE.

OKAY. ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: IN REVIEWING THESE, I AGREE WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION ABOUT OPTION 2. DID -- YOU KNOW, OVERALL, THIS IS A -- I KNOW SOME OF THE -- THE MAYOR ADVOCATED FOR QUITE A WHILE, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD MOMENT FOR OUR CITY, TOO. WHEN WE REMEMBER IT WAS LADYBIRD JOHNSON WHO HAD THE FORESIGHT ALONG WITH SOME OTHER GREAT CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO TAKE WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY THE TOWN DUMP, WHICH WAS THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND SAY THAT THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE A NICE LAKE FRONT BOULEVARD AND A GREAT PARK ALONG THE LAKE. IT HAS BEEN A VERY INCOMPLETE EFFORT UNTIL THIS POINT, SO HAVING -- I'VE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO GET TO -- TO SEE THE URBAN PLANNING IN CHICAGO AND CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TWO CITIES THAT TAKE THIS STUFF SERIOUSLY. IT IS VERY POPULAR WITH PEOPLE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE. SO IT CAUSED TRAVEL TIME TO NOT BE AFFECTED VERY MUCH AT ALL. AND IT ALSO WILL MAKE SECOND STREET FLOW

BETTER. WE HAVE STREETS EVERY 276 FEET IN DOWNTOWN, SO THERE'S A LOT OF OPTIONS. FINALLY, ON THE ISSUE OF PARKING, WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW PARKING CAPACITY GOING UP IN DOWNTOWN. ALL THE WAY FROM THE CONVENTION CENTER TO TWO PUBLIC GARAGES, CITY HALL AND BLOCK 21. THERE'S A LOT OF NEW PARKING COMING ONLINE. I THINK OVERALL WE ARE SEEING THIS AS THE -- THE STEPS WE ARE LOOKING AT TODAY ARE THE -- KIND OF THE KEY FINAL POINTS TO -- TO HONORING LADYBIRD JOHNSON'S VISION FOR A WHAT A GREAT DOWNTOWN AND THE CAPITOL OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SHOULD LOOK LIKE. GOOD JOB.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. ABOUT OUR ASSUMPTIONS, BECAUSE I NOTICED IN TERMS OF SAN ANTONIO STREET, WE WOULD CONTINUE WITH THE -- WITH THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION OF THE ONE-LANE I GUESS IN THE SOUTHERLY DIRECTION.

CORRECT.

AND -- OR IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION.

NORTHERLY.

AND THREE. AND -- AND HAVE WE -- HAVE WE CONTEMPLATED, YOU KNOW, IF -- WITH THE -- WITH THE NEW COURTHOUSE COMING IN AND POTENTIAL CLOSURE, SAN ANTONIO, AND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE, BECAUSE I KNOW WE ARE -- WE ARE ALL VERY INTERESTED IN -- IN POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS OF OTHER STREETS LIKE NUECES AND THE NEXT STREET OVER. THAT COULD -- COULD POTENTIALLY HELP CONNECT, YOU KNOW, THE SEAHOLM AREA TO -- TO CESAR CHAVEZ, BUT HOW DOES THAT --

WE ARE TAKING ALL OF THOSE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION. DESIRES TO GO FORWARD WITH THE OPTION TO -- WE WILL MOVE INTO THE DESIGN AND TAKE ALL OF THOSE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION TO MOVE FORWARD.

Alvarez: BUT OBVIOUSLY, I MEAN IF WE HAVE MORE OPTIONS FOR DRIVERS TO GET ON AND OFF, PROBABLY WILL HELP AND NOT HURT. JUST KIND OF AN INTUITIVE SORT OF THING. AND THEN FINALLY, SINCE IT DOES -- THIS ITEM DOES ALSO MENTION THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE ISSUE, WHAT DOES THE ANALYSIS ASSUME IN TERMS OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE. DOES IT SAY, OR DOES IT NARROW AS IS CONTEMPLATED OR DID YOU DO BOTH AND IS IT -- DOES IT WORK FOR BOTH SCENARIOS?

IN THE NEXT PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION, WE WILL BE COVERING RIVERSIDE DRIVE, WE WILL BE COVERING THE IMPACT OF CLOSING RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON CESAR CHAVEZ VERSUS REDUCING IT TO TWO LANES.

AS WE CONTINUE ON.

THE MODELING WILL BE DISCUSSED AS WELL WITH THE VARIOUS OPTIONS. OKAY. BEFORE MOVING ON I DID WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND THE VISION HE DISPLAYED IN TERMS OF TRYING TO PUSH FOR THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE, YOU KNOW, FOR THE -- THE CONFIGURATION AND TRAFFIC FLOWS ON CESAR CHAVEZ. AGAIN PROBABLY BASED MORE ON INTUITIVE SORT OF -- SORT OF A LEVEL AND -- THE ONE -- I WANT TO THANK HIM REALLY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, BECAUSE I DO THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY BENEFICIAL CHANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS, HOPEFULLY IT WON'T -- YOU KNOW, SOMETHING THAT -- THAT WILL AT LEAST MAINTAIN OR EVEN IMPROVE, YOU KNOW, THE TRAFFIC FLOWS, BUT -- BUT THAT ACTUALLY JUST MAKES IT A LOT EASIER TO GET AROUND AND EVEN WITH SOME OF THE URBAN DESIGN ELEMENTS, ACTUALLY MAKES IT A MUCH -- YOU KNOW, A MUCH NICER ARTERIAL TO TRAVEL ON. SO I DO WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR. I KNOW HE WAS VERY VOCAL ON THIS. AND PERSEVERING, PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE FIRST TERM ISSUE THAT'S TURNED INTO A SECOND TERM ISSUE, BUT THANK YOU, MAYOR, REALLY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. I WILL SAY THERE WAS A LOT OF INTUITIVE NATURE TO THIS FOR

YEARS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS FIVE BLOCK STRETCH, OF COURSE, BUT CESAR CHAVEZ TECHNICALLY CONNECTS MOPAC ON THE WEST TO 183 ON THE EAST, YOU KNOW, SEVERAL MILES. I SHOULD KNOW HOW LONG EXACTLY. BUT IT'S TWO WAYS THE ENTIRE LENGTH EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE FIVE BLOCK STRETCH. AND WITH GOOD STAFF WORK ON THE URBAN DESIGN ELEMENTS OF IT, I THINK THIS REALLY WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT LONG-TERM. BUT IT BRINGS UP THE QUESTIONS, MS. CRAYTON. YOU TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, NOW SORT OF THE NEXT STEP, THAT IS THE ENGINEERING, THE MORE THOROUGH ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AND THEN IN THEORY THE SORT OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, THEN A BID PROCESS. AND THEN CONSTRUCTION. CAN YOU SORT OF WALK US THROUGH WHAT'S THE LIKELY TIMING OF THE NEXT SERIES OF STEPS?

I THINK THE CRITICAL PATH IS GETTING THE T 21 FUNDING FREED UP. WE ARE HOPING THAT WE CAN DO THE -- SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS, BUT WE WILL NEED TO GET THAT FUNDING AND THEN WE WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO GET APPROVAL FROM TXDOT, SOMETIMES THAT TAKES A BIT OF TIME TO DO. SO THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY THING THAT COULD HOLD US UP. I WOULD SAY YOU COULD START CONSTRUCTION WITHIN EIGHT TO 12 MONTHS, BUT THAT'S ONE HURDLE THAT WE HAVE TO OVERCOME. SO THAT'S KIND OF AN UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

THEN REALISTICALLY, IS THIS A 12-MONTH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR --

WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT DOING THIS UNDER AN ACCELERATED STRATEGY. SO WE HAVEN'T REALLY WORKED OUT THE DETAILS OF THAT, BUT I WOULD ANTICIPATE IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE LESS THAN 12 MONTHS.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TRUE CONSTRUCTION, ALTHOUGH INEVITABLY THERE'S UNDERGROUND UTILITY, SO MUCH THAT COMES INTO PLAY, BUT THE CONSTRUCTION, PER SE, THAT MOST PEOPLE WILL SEE, WILL BE ON THE EXTREME SOUTHERN STRIP OF CESAR CHAVEZ. AND SO IS IT -- I HOPE THAT IT'S CONCEIVABLE THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN A FAIR AMOUNT OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE MAJORITY OF WHAT EXISTS TODAY. IS THAT

-- IS THAT --

THAT'S CORRECT. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE BECAUSE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND EVERYTHING THAT'S INVOLVED IN -- IN THE CONSTRUCTION, YOU KNOW, WE WILL CERTAINLY NEED LANES FOR -- FOR DOING THE WORK AND EVERYTHING, BUT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND WE WILL MAXIMIZE THAT TO THE BEST THAT WE CAN.

Mayor Wynn: GREAT. SO THEN IF THE FUNDING REMAINS COORDINATED, THEN SIX, EIGHT, 10 MONTHS PERHAPS OF DESIGN, IF WE CAN THEN ROLL RIGHT INTO -- I GUESS THERE'S SOME PERIOD OF OUR BIDDING PROCESS, PROCUREMENT PROCESS --

RIGHT, WE NEED A FEW MONTHS FOR THAT.

RIGHT. SO PERHAPS THEN A YEAR FROM NOW, IF THAT'S THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL, THEN CONSTRUCTION COULD OCCUR AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT 18 TO 20 MONTHS PERHAPS.

THAT SOUND ABOUT RIGHT. AGAIN, I WOULD HAVE TO CAVEAT THAT WITH GETTING THAT FUNDING FREED UP. AND GOING THROUGH THE TXDOT APPROVAL PROCESS.

Mayor Wynn: RIGHT. NOW, SPEAKING OF FUNDING, I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THAT THIS PROJECT HAS A -- HAS A LOT OF SUPPORT AND INCLUDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN LEFT ARM SMITH WHO TECHNICALLY -- LAMAR SMITH WHO TECHNICALLY THIS IS IN HIS DISTRICT. HE ALSO, LIKED THE IDEA OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE. HAS A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF HIS ABILITY IN ORDER TO EARMARK TRANSPORTATION FUNDS IN ALL OF THIS PROJECT, SO WE APPLAUD CONGRESSMAN SMITH FOR COMING TO OUR HELP ON THIS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. SO MADAM CITY MANAGER, SO THE IDEA HERE THEN IS UNLESS YOU ALL HEAR OBJECTION, STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS TO MOVE FORWARD THEN WITH THE NEXT SERIES OF DESIGN WORKS ON THIS STAFF RECOMMENDED SECOND OPTION.

THAT WAS IT, UNLESS WE HEARD AROUSING NAY WE WERE

MOVING AHEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDED OPTION THAT WE TOLD YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY ADD MY ADVOCACY FOR THE OPTION 2, ALSO SAY THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND MAYOR WYNN, INTUITIVELY I HAVE NEVER LIKED THIS ARRANGEMENT THAT WE HAVE ON CESAR CHAVEZ. AND I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE GOING BACK TO THE TWO-WAY CONVERSION. GOOD JOB.

THANK YOU ALL.

Mayor Wynn: SO THEN WE LOOK FORWARD TO SOME GOOD DESIGN WORK COMING FORWARD SOON.

ALL RIGHT.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. PROGRESS.

OKAY, THE NEXT STEP IN THIS IS WE ARE GOING TO -- I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE WARREN STRUSS, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, GOING TO RESPOND TO THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT YOU ALL ADOPTED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR ASKING FOR A BRIEFING ON THE COST ESTIMATE FOR TOWN LAKE PARK. AND THEN AFTER THAT, I'LL PRESENT YOU WITH THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE ANALYSIS REDUCING RIVERSIDE TO TWO LANES AND CLOSURE.

THANK YOU, SONDRAL, VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, WARREN STRUSS, DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. AS SONDRAL INDICATED, SHE WILL BE JOINING ME AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION TO TAKE YOU THROUGH THE RIVERSIDE RECONFIGURATION. BUT BEFORE PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN LAKE PARKLAND, ALLOW ME TO PROVIDE JUST A BRIEF CHRONOLOGY AND A HISTORY, IF I MAY, OF TOWN LAKE PARK PROJECT. JULY 29th, LET'S GO BACK TO JULY 29th, 1999. THE TOWN LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THE PLAN INCLUDED SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT. THE PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS WERE FRIENDS OF THE PARK AND

I JUST WANTED TO -- I NOTICED WHEN I LOOKED ACROSS MY SHOULDER, I DO SEE LARRY ACHERS, LARRY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE THUS FAR. WE ALSO HAVE THE PALM HILLS CENTER, STAKEHOLDER AND STAFF, ALSO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THAT TIME, OFFICIALS FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, SO MANY INTERESTED CITIZENS, SO MANY NEIGHBORHOODS. I NOTICE FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD STANDPOINT, I SEE MR. JEFF JACK AS WELL. JEFF, THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE. THE MASTER PLAN ADDED THE 54-ACRE PARK BORDERED BY SOUTH FIRST ON THE STREET, DAWSON ROAD ON THE WEST, RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON THE NORTH AND BARTON SPRINGS ON THE SOUTH. THE PARK MASTER PLAN ADDRESSED THE PARMER EVENTS CENTER, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 1200 CAR PARKING GARAGE AND THE REMAINING 27 ACRES OF GREEN SPACE THAT WE KNOW AS TOWN LAKE PARK. IN DECEMBER OF 1999, TBG PARTNERS WERE HIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE PARK MASTER PLAN. AGAIN I WANTED TO RECOGNIZE TBG, THEY WERE MORE THAN JUST PARTNERS. THEY WERE OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN WORKING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS AND THEY BECAME ONE OF US IN TRYING TO COME UP WITH THIS WONDERFUL URBAN PARK DESIGN. PHASE 1 WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WHICH INCLUDED THE COMPLETION OF THE PARMER EVENTS CENTER, ALL OF THE WATER FEATURES SURROUNDING IT AND ALL OF THE LANDSCAPING AND THE GROUND COVER AND THE ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPING AROUND THE CENTER AS WELL AS THE PARKING GARAGE. AFTER COMPLETION OF PHASE 1 OF THE PARMER IMPROVEMENTS, THE TBG PARTNERS BEGAN THE DESIGN OF THE 27-ACRE TOWN LAKE PARK. AGAIN, THAT'S WHEN SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN NEIGHBORHOODS, LARRY, JEFF, SO MANY OTHERS, I THINK OF KAY TRIBUS, SO MANY OTHERS THAT GOT INVOLVED DURING THAT TIME TO COME UP WITH THIS INCREDIBLE URBAN PARK DESIGN THAT I WILL SHARE WITH YOU IN JUST A MOMENT. IN THE SUMMER OF 2003, BIDS FOR THE PARK WERE RECEIVED AND THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF \$5.1 MILLION CAME IN ON BUDGET AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, AS MANY OF US REMEMBER, THESE WERE SOME OF THE MOST FINANCIALLY

DIFFICULT BUDGETARY TIMES FOR THE CITY. NUMERALROUS PROJECTS AT THAT TIME WERE DEFERRED, SUCH AS THE TURNER ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER, THE GUS GARCIA RECOLLECTION REHABILITATION CENTER, MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, ALSO ROY G. GUERRERO COLORADO RIVER PARK WAS DEFERRED. UNFORTUNATELY WE SIMPLY DIDN'T HAVE THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MONEY TO DO OUR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE TO THOSE PARKS. THAT WAS IN 2003. LET'S MOVE THE CLOCK FORWARD A COUPLE OF YEARS. TO NOW. A TROUBLING NEW FACT HAS ENTERED THE PICTURE. THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BIDDING CLIMATE HAD PROVEN TO BE MUCH LESS FRIENDLY THAN IT WAS IN 2003. ESPECIALLY FOR PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE STEEL AND CONCRETE AND MASONRY AND ALSO FUEL RELATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS. IN MAY OF 2005, RECENTLY WE REBID THIS INCREDIBLE PROJECT AGAIN HOPING TO GET IT OFF THE GROUND. THE BIDS OPENED AND CAME IN ABOUT 45 TO 50% OVER WHAT THEY DID IN 2003. OVER THE AVAILABLE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET. IF YOU ADD THE BASE BUDGET, THEN ADD ALTERNATES TO THE BID THAT WE RECENTLY HAD, THE PROJECT CAME IN ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS OVER. SO -- SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW? WELL, OBVIOUSLY, LOOKING AROUND AND SEEING THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE HERE, YOU HAVE A PARKS STAFF COMMITTED AS ANYBODY, WE ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD THIS URBAN PARK THAT AUSTIN IS DESERVING OF. HERE ARE OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT REBID. WE WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE THE TOWN LAKE BID PACKAGE WITH THE GREATEST BID FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICES THAT WE CAN. BASICALLY WE WILL PACKAGE LIKE ITEMS TOGETHER, TRY TO BID THIS PROJECT WITH LIKE ITEMS. NUMBER 2, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO PERFORM AN AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH BID PARS PAIGHTS AS POSSIBLE. PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE. IT'S NOTEWORTHY THAT WE ONLY RECEIVED TWO BIDS THIS PAST MAY FOR THIS PROJECT. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE A SALE TO ALL OF THESE CONTRACTORS, TO EVERY ONE OF THEM, THAT THIS IS -- THE URBAN PARK FOR AUSTIN. MAKE A SALE TO THEM THAT THIS IS THE PROJECT THAT THEY NEED AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOR THEIR RECOGNITION FOR THE FUTURE AS WELL?

HEN NUMBER 3 BY BIDDING THE PROJECT WITH ALTERNATIVE FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICES, WE CAN AS A CITY, A PARK STAFF AND A TRAINED CITY STAFF, WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE SOME OF OUR IN-HOUSE FORCES TO ALSO BUILD SOME COMPONENTS OF THIS PARK IN HOUSE, THUS MAYBE SAVING SOME MONEY THERE AS WELL. SO, COUNCIL, THAT'S OUR 3 POINT PLAN ON TRYING TO BRING THIS PROJECT IN ON BUDGET AND GIVING OUR AUSTINITES THIS WONDERFUL PARK. AT THIS TIME, THAT -- THAT COMPLETES MY CHRONOLOGY, BUT WHAT I WANTED TO DO IS I WANTED TO PEAK YOUR INTEREST A LITTLE BIT, GIVE YOU A QUICK TOUR OF THE PARK, IF I MAY. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT IT IS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. I FEEL RATHER HUMBLE, BECAUSE A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS, STEWART STRONG IS HERE WORKED SO HARD ON THIS PROJECT, BUT THIS IS ABOUT AS EXCITING AS IT GETS FOR A PARKS DIRECTOR TO BE ABLE TO BRING TO YOU AN URBAN PARK OF THIS MAGNITUDE. LET ME TAKE WITH YOU THIS IS THE 54-ACRE FOOTPRINT THAT WE KNOW AS ALL OF THE TOWN LAKE PARK. IN IT WE HAVE THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THE PARMER EVENTS CENTER, THEN THE COMPLETED WATER FEATURES AND LANDSCAPING THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THEN WHAT WE ARE PLANNING ON DOING IS -- IS THE PARK, ONCE WE BID IT, EVERY PARK HAS IT'S GRAND URBAN OPEN SPACE, THAT'S WHAT'S DESIGNED IN YOUR PARK. WE HAVE A GRAND, GREAT MEADOW IS WHAT WE CALL IT RIGHT HERE JUST TO THE WEST OF THE PARMER EVENT CENTER. THIS WILL BE A DIRECT LINKAGE FROM BOTH PARMER FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE SOUTH, FROM THE DAC, FROM THE NORTH OF TOWN LAKE.

THE DAC BEING DAUGHTERTY ARTS CENTER.

CORRECT. THIS IS THE GREAT MEADOW. THIS IS SIR CUSTOM VENTING BY A -- CIRCUMVENTING BY A TRAIL THAT GOES COMPLETELY AROUND IT. THIS IS GOING TO BE THAT URBAN HUB THAT WE HAVE LOOKED FOR, FOR SO LONG. THE GREAT MEADOW. THE NEXT, MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE PARK IS THE OBSERVATION HILL AND THE WET POND. THAT'S -- AS WITH ANY GREAT URBAN DESIGN, WATER IS REAL, REAL IMPORTANT IN IT. THIS IS WHAT'S INTERESTED ABOUT THE WET POND IS THAT IT PROVIDES NOT ONLY GREAT AESTHETIC ATTRACTION TO THE PARK, BUT IT'S ALSO GOING

TO BE PART OF THE WATER QUALITY FEATURE THAT WILL ALSO PROVIDE WATER QUALITY TREATMENT TO THE GARAGE AND TO THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER. SO IT'S SERVING TWO MAJOR PURPOSES. SO MUCH WORK WENT INTO THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN, THE SPIRAL GARDEN AS WE KNOW IT. THIS IS THE CHILDREN'S ART GARDEN THAT HAS BEEN SO DEDICATED BY SO MANY BY THE ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN OUR STATEHOLDERS, SO MUCH WORK AND EFFORT HAS GONE INTO THIS INTERACTIVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S ART GARDEN, AN ART GARDEN FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, THIS IS REALLY GOING TO BE AN EXCITING PART OF THE PARK. THEN THE ONE THAT REALLY GETS A LOT OF THE ATTENTION FROM ME AS WELL IS THE INTERACTIVE SPLASH FOUNTAIN. THIS IS GOING TO BE A FOUNTAIN THAT YOU CAN GO, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR FRIENDS, CAN GO, DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS, THIS IS ACTUALLY A RECYCLING FOUNTAIN WITH JETS AND FOUNTAINS AND ALL TYPES OF SPRAY ATTRACTIONS, THAT WILL BE WATER FOR ANYBODY TO GO IN AND TO DETERMINE HOW WET THEY INDEED WANT TO GET. THIS IS GOING TO BE THAT EXCITING PART, KIND OF THE HUB OF THE PARK AS WELL. SO YOU TAKE IN YOUR GREAT OPEN SPACE, YOUR OBSERVATION HILL AND AGAIN THIS WHOLE PARK IS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL. COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PEOPLE. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

WE HAVE A TRAIL SYSTEM THAT LEADS FROM THE SOUTH OF THE PARK THAT ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE A BIKE ANCHOR OR A BIKEWAY THAT RUNS THROUGH THE PARK SOUTH TO NORTH, WILL ACTUALLY CROSS RIVERSIDE WITH A SAFETY CROSSWALK RIGHT HERE THAT WILL ALLOW ACCESS BOTH EASTBOUND DOWN TOWN LAKE TRAILER WESTBOUND OVER TO PFLUGER BRIDGE. THE INTERCONNECTIVITY OF THIS PARK IS INCREDIBLE AS FAR AS THE DESIGN IS CONCERNED. YOU CAN GO FROM SOUTH, YOU CAN REACH THE GARAGE. YOU CAN REACH THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER, YOU CAN REACH THE LONG CENTER, EVERYTHING THAT'S COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE FOR BOTH PEDESTRIAN, BIKES AND VEHICLES AS WELL. I THINK THE CRITICAL PARK, AND SONDRAL WILL TALK ABOUT RIVERSIDE IN A MINUTE, BUT I THINK THE CRITICAL PART ABOUT THIS PLAN IS THE

RECONFIGURATION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE. I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS A LONG TIME. I'VE BEEN WORKING ZILKER PARK MANY, MANY YEARS. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A FOUR-LANE ROADWAY RUNNING THROUGH ZILKER. WE KNOW THAT. IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS AS A DIRECTOR, I WOULDN'T WANT A FOUR-LANE ROADWAY RUNNING THROUGH ANY PARK. BUT THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT IT. IT'S CRITICAL THAT COUNCIL, I'M ASKING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER THE REDUCTION OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM FOUR TO TWO. YOU CAN SEE ON IT, YOU CAN SEE SAFETY CROSS WALKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THAT HAVE BEEN PLANNED. A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR TRANSPORTATION FOLKS, WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND WITH STAFF TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE BEST CROSS RIVERSIDE, HOW WE MAKE OUR TOWN LAKE PARK FLOW INTO OUR TOWN LAKE TRAIL ON THE NORTH. AND THE WAY WE WOULD RECOMMEND DOING THAT IS RECONFIGURING AS SHOWN HERE THAT YOU ADOPT IT IN I THINK DECEMBER OF 2002 IS WHEN YOU RESOLVE GOING TO TWO LANES. LET'S RECONFIGURE THIS AND THEN WE CAN HAVE A PARK WITH THIS INTERCONNECT GO FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH, UP AND DOWN TOWN LAKE. COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, BUT I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT I GUESS THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNING THE PLANS FOR RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND THE PARK OVERRULE. CAN YOU -- OVERALL. CAN YOU TELL US WHO YOU REACHED TO THE COMPROMISE AND WHO THE PARTIES WERE?

COUNCILMEMBER, THE COMPROMISE I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS GOING FROM FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES. YES, SIR, THAT STARTED BACK IN DECEMBER OF 2002 WHEN THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION TO GO TO TWO. AND THEN SECONDLY WE HAVE BEEN WORKING MANY MONTHS TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT WITH TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PARK STAFFING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE DESIGN THE RECONFIGURATION TO BE SAFE FOR

OUR PARK USERS ACROSS FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

McCracken: I'M ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I'VE SEEN I GUESS THE PLAN THAT WAS SIGNED BY ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS. I KNOW THERE ARE ADVOCATES WHO WANTED TO KEEP THE ROAD AS A FOUR-LANE ROAD AND THERE ARE OTHER ADVOCATES WHO WANTED TO CLOSE THE ROAD ALTOGETHER AND A COMPROMISE IS REACHED. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHEN DID THE PARTIES -- THE STAKEHOLDERS, NOT THE CITY, THE CITY COUNCIL, THE STAKE OLDERS, WHEN DID THEY REACH THAT COMPROMISE? AND WHEN WAS THAT PLAN FOR THE PARK WITH ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS SIGNATURES ON IT, WHEN WAS THAT DONE?

I'M SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER, I DON'T KNOW. LET ME CHECK. STEWART IS HERE. LET'S SEE IF HE CAN RECALL.

I'M STEWART STRONG WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE PLAN THAT HAD ALL THE SIGNATURES WAS THE ONE DONE IN 1999, WHICH WAS THE MASTER PLAN. THAT WAS SOMEWHAT PRIOR TO THE LITERAL COMPROMISE THAT FOLLOWED. THE MASTER PLAN WHICH WAS DEVELOPED AND SENT TO COUNCIL ACTUALLY HAD BOTH OPTIONS. IT HAD THE ROAD OPEN AND THE ROAD CLOSED. SO SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD TO ENSUE TO PICK ONE. AND IT WAS A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER THAT, PARTLY WITH COUNCIL DIRECTION, IT WAS REALIZED THAT IT -- THERE WAS NOT GOING TO BE AGREEMENT ON ALL OPEN OR ALL CLOSED AMONG THE STAKEHOLDERS. SO THAT'S WHEN THE COMPROMISE ARRIVED.

McCracken: WAS THE COMPROMISE SOMETHING THAT COUNCIL DID OR WAS IT SOMETHING THAT THE STAKEHOLDERS REACHED CONSENSUS ON? HOW DID IT ARISE?

I'M ASSUMING, COUNCILMEMBER, BEFORE IT CAME TO COUNCIL IN 2002, I THINK THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION THAT GOT US TO THAT POINT. THERE HAD TO BE DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL AT THAT POINT, AND THAT'S WHY WE SEEK COUNCIL DIRECTION

TO GET THAT RESOLUTION.

Futrell: WOULD IT BE HELPFUL THEN TO SUMMARIZE THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION? BECAUSE WE KNOW UP TO THAT POINT THERE WAS ENORMOUS STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION WITHOUT A FULL --

RIGHT. STEWART, DO YOU HAVE THAT RESOLUTION OR REMEMBER THE LANGUAGE? SONDRAS HAS IT.

I HAVE THOSE RESOLUTIONS AS PART OF MY PRESENTATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I COULD READ THE RESOLUTION NOW OR START WITH MY PRESENTATION. WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER?

McCracken: I GUESS BECAUSE WE'RE ON THIS TRAIN OF QUESTIONS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL --

WHY DON'T YOU GO ON AND READ IT.

IT'S A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL DECEMBER FIFTH, 2002, AND IT'S A TWO-PART RESOLUTION. PART ONE STATES REDUCE THE WIDTH OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION IN THE HAVEN'T OF TOWN LAKE PARK. AND THEN WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ THE SECOND PART AS WELL? OKAY. PART 2 IS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD MAKE VIABLE THE REMOVAL OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE AS AN AT GRADE ROADWAY THROUGH TOWN LAKE PARK. RIVERSIDE DRIVE SHALL NOT BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED THROUGH THE PARK UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALTERNATIVES ARE IMPLEMENTED TO MITIGATE RIVERSIDE DRIVE'S LOST TRAFFIC CAPACITY.

SO THAT'S THE POINT THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING FROM, THAT RESOLUTION.

Kim: MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: WHEN THIS COMPROMISE WAS DEVELOPED, WERE THE NUMBERS IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC FROM THE LONG AND PALMER EVENT CENTERS CONSIDERED AND WHAT WERE

THOSE TRAFFIC IMPACTS?

THIS IS REALLY PART OF THE PRESENTATION THAT I'M ABOUT TO DO, AND I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION ON ALL OF THAT. WHAT WARREN WAS SPEAKING TO WAS JUST THE ONE PART OF THE RESOLUTION ASKING FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN LAKE COST ESTIMATE, AND THEN I WAS GOING TO SPEAK TO THE REMAINDER OF THE RESOLUTION ASKING ABOUT THE CURRENT TRAFFIC SITUATION.

Futrell: I CAN TELL YOU I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO GET RIGHT TO THE MEAT OF THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF THE QUESTIONS. SONDRRA, WHY DON'T YOU MOVE US THROUGH AND THEN LET'S COME BACK TO THE QUESTIONS BECAUSE I CAN TELL THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FOCUS OF THE DISCUSSION. MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: IF MR. STRUSE COULD COME BACK BEFORE SHE STARTS. WHEN YOU SAID ABOUT THE COST, COULD YOU GIVE ME A FINAL COST? YOU SAID 45%. IT WAS 5.1 MILLION IN 2003.

YES, SIR. MAYOR PRO TEM, IN MAY OF 2005 WHEN WE BID IT, THE BASE BID CAME OUT AT 7.4 MILLION. THE ADD ALTERNATES WERE ANOTHER MILLION AT 8.4 IF WE COULD INCLUDE THOSE AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: BEFORE YOU GET AWAY, SO THE LAST SERIES OF BIDS THAT WE GOT IN ON THE PARK, AS DESIGNED HERE, WHAT'S THE SPREAD OR THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE MONIES THAT WE HAVE AND THE BID?

MAYOR, WE HAVE -- WE HAVE \$5.8 MILLION TOTAL. WE HAVE 5.3 ESTIMATED AT CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS AVAILABLE CURRENTLY, AND THE BASE BID CAME BACK AT 7.4. AND THAT'S CONSTRUCTION. SO THE DELTA DIFFERENCE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2.4 MILLION FOR THE BASE BID. AGAIN, IF I MAY REMIND COUNCIL THAT THE ADD ALTERNATES ON TOP OF THAT ARE VERY, VERY NEEDED AS WELL, AND THAT'S ABOUT ANOTHER MILLION. >>

FUTRELL: AND DESCRIBE THE ADD ALTERNATES.

THE PRIMARY ADD ALTERNATES ARE THE INTAKE STRUCTURE, MAYOR. THIS IS THE WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE THAT WE WOULD DRAW RAW WATER IN FROM TOWN LAKE. AS WITH MY URBAN DESIGN THAT HAS SO MUCH ORNAMENTAL PLANNING WE NEED QUITE A BIT OF WATER, OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T WANT TO RAW POTABLE WATER, MUCH CHEAPER. AND THAT WAS ESTIMATED AT 550,000. THE REMAINDER OF THE MILLION WAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY -- JUST THE ACTUAL RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING, ORNAMENTAL PLANTPLANTINGS. AND THAT WAS ABOUT 450. AND THAT ALSO INCLUDED SIDEWALKS THAT WOULD LEAD DOWN THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIVERSIDE AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE CURRENTLY REBIDDING THE PROJECT. WE DRIED TRIAD TO REPACKAGE OR TRIED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO AT THIS TIME HIT A DIFFERENT MARKET IF WE CAN. ANY INDICATIONS --

WE HOPE BY REPACKAGING THIS BID IT GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF CHOICES. AND ALSO BY SOLICITING AND GETTING OTHER CONTRACTORS, I'M IN HOPES THAT WE GET A GREAT DEAL MORE COMPETITION FOR THIS PROJECT AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: AND THE TIMING ON THE REBID?

WE HOPE TO HAVE IT BID IN OCTOBER AND HOPE TO BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. >>

Futrell: SO ON THIS PIECE, ON WARREN'S PIECE, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF THE HISTORY, WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE STATUS AND STRATEGY OF THE REBID, AND THEN THERE'S NO ACTION ON THIS PIECE OF IT, BUT WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO YOU WHEN OUR BIDS COME BACK IN. IN THE INTERIM WE ARE DOING A LOT OF WORK LAST NIGHT, I'VE MET SEVERAL TIMES UP TO NOW, WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL POSSIBLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING WORK WE COULD DO OURSELVES, AS WARREN TALKED ABOUT, WE TRIED TO REPACKAGE IT FROM MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. SO ONCE IT COMES BACK AND WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AS MANY

OPTIONS IN FRONT OF US AS POSSIBLE TO GET THIS DONE AND ON THE GROUND.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL. FURTHER QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I MAY BE JUMPING THE GUN ON THIS TOO AND I APOLOGIZE ON THIS. THE REDUCTION TO TWO-LANE, THERE ARE ACTUALLY PLANNED CLOSURES ON THAT, ARE THERE NOT? WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD MAKE IT A TOTAL CLOSURE, WEEKENDS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND ALSO COULD YOU CONFIRM THAT THERE WILL BE PERMANENT STRUCTURE THERE, METAL GATES TO ACTUALLY MAKE THAT ROAD LOOK LIKE IT'S CLOSED?

YES, SIR, THAT WILL BE PART OF THE ENHANCEMENTS, WHETHER IT STAYS AS FOUR LANES OR REDUCES TO TWO LANES FROM EITHER OPTIONS. WE WILL BE DOING THOSE ENHANCEMENTS AS WELL. AND I WILL COVER THOSE.

Leffingwell: SO I DID JUMP AHEAD A LITTLE.

Mayor Wynn: GOOD SEGUE TO MS. CRAYTON.

OKAY. SO I'VE COVERED THE RESOLUTION FROM DECEMBER 2002, TWO-PART RESOLUTION, AND OF COURSE THESE DID COME ABOUT AFTER THE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE TOWN LAKE MASTER PARK PLAN. AND THEN THIS SUMMER THERE'S A THIRD RESOLUTION -- A SECOND RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT A BRIEFING TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE CURRENT COST ESTIMATE FOR TOWN LAKE PARK WHICH WARREN JUST DID AND THE IMPACT OF REDUCING RIVERSIDE DRIVE WHERE IT PASSES THROUGH THE PARK TO TWO LANES ASKING US TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ADDITION OF DENSITY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, THE CONVERSION OF EASY CESAR CHAVEZ TO TWO WAY AND FUTURE TRAFFIC FLOW ON BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, LAMAR BOULEVARD AND SOUTH FIRST STREET. ADD LIKE TO JUST START OUT WITH TALKING ABOUT THE EVENTS CENTER. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER RIVERSIDE DRIVE REMAINS FOUR LANES OR TWO LANES OR IS CLOSED, INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE LONG CENTER AND PALMER EVENTS CENTER WILL REMAIN FROM SEVERAL

DIRECTIONS, AND REGARDLESS OF WHICH SCENARIO WE GO WITH, THERE WILL BE FOUR LANES COMING IN FROM SOUTH FIRST AND FOUR LANES COMING IN FROM LAMAR. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE LIMITED PARKING AND CUEING OF DRIVERS AND BUSES DURING LARGE EQUENTS, AND AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE NEEDED THAT INVOLVES OFF SITE PARKING AND STAGING. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE PROPOSED REDUCTION FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES. THE ONLY SECTION PROPOSED FOR REDUCTION TO TWO LANES IS THE PORTION MARKED NARROWED SECTION. SO IT'S THAT CENTER PORTION THERE TO THE LEFT OF THE ROUNDABOUT AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE RAILROAD. THE ADJACENT SECTIONS WILL REMAIN AS FOUR LANES, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE TRANSITIONS FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ACCESS TO THE LONG CENTER AND PALMER EVENTS CENTER SINCE THOSE HAVE BEEN OF CONCERN TO THE PATRONS. IF YOU'RE COMING SOUTH ON LAMAR, YOU CAN SEE THERE'S AN ARROW THERE UP TO THE LEFT. LEFT TURNS ARE PROHIBITED ON TO RIVERSIDE, SO THE TRAFFIC WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED SOUTH ON LAMAR AND THEN MAKE A LEFT ON TO BARTON SPRINGS ROAD TO PROCEED ON TO THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER AND LONG CENTER GARAGE. AND GORDON, IF YOU WANT TO POINT THOSE OUT. OKAY. THEN IF TRAFFIC IS COMING FROM THE SOUTH -- IT'S PROBABLY BETTER TO KEEP THE OTHER ONE UP. FROM THE POWERPOINT. IF WE CAN GO BACK TO THE POWERPOINT. OKAY. IF YOU'RE COMING FROM THE SOUTH ON LAMAR OF COURSE YOU WOULD TAKE A RIGHT ON BARTON SPRINGS AND THEN YOU WOULD GO INTO THE GARAGE FROM THAT DIRECTION. ALSO IF YOU LOOK OVER TO THE RIGHT OF THE SCREEN, YOU WILL SEE SOUTH FIRST STREET. IF YOU'RE COMING FROM SOUTH FIRST PROCEEDING NORTH, YOU WOULD TAKE A LEFT ON BARTON SPRINGS ROAD AND THEN GO IN TO THE GARAGE FROM THAT POINT. IF YOU'RE COMING FROM THE EAST, YOU WOULD BE DOING WESTBOUND ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND THEN YOU WOULD CONTINUE ON TOWARDS THE ROUNDABOUT, CIRCLE AROUND THE ROUNDABOUT AND GO INTO THE LONG CENTER GARAGE AT THAT POINT. ANOTHER WAY TO GET TO THE EVENTS CENTER WOULD BE COMING DOWN SOUTH FIRST STREET, IN WHICH CASE YOU COULD TAKE A RIGHT,

GO AROUND THE ROUNDABOUT AND CIRCLE ON AROUND AND COME INTO THE GARAGE. SO WE DON'T FEEL LIKE THERE'S REALLY AN ISSUE WITH GETTING TO THE LONG CENTER AND THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS THAT WERE DEVELOPED BY THE TOWN LAKE PARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP. AND THESE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER RIVERSIDE IS REDUCED TO TWO LANES OR REMAINS AT FOUR. IN ADDITION, MOST OF THESE WOULD APPLY IF RIVERSIDE IS CLOSED AS WELL. AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, THESE ARE THE ISSUES THAT YOU WERE SPEAKING TO. WE DON'T ACTUALLY STATE ON THERE THAT WE HAVE GATES, BUT IN FACT WE WILL HAVE THAT. AND WE HAVE THAT INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. SO THE FIRST THING IS WE WOULD BE ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR, AND THEN DURING SPECIAL EVENTS WE WOULD INSTALL 20 MILES PER HOUR SPEED ZONES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS AS IS DONE IN ZILKER PARK. WE WOULD ALSO -- WE WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING ENHANCE THE CROSS WALKS, THAT IS, PAVERS, WITH IN-PAVEMENT LIGHTS. AND OF COURSE, THESE ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR RIVERSIDE THAT'S UP FOR COUNCIL AWARD TODAY. IN ADDITION WE'LL BE INSTALLING GATES IN THE SECTION THAT IS REDUCED TO TWO LANES SO THAT THAT SEGMENT CAN BE CLOSED ON THE WEEKENDS. AND THEN WE ALSO PLAN TO DEVELOP AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ENSURE COORDINATION AND ACCESS TO PARK ACTIVITIES, THE LONG CENTER AND THE SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER. AND AGAIN, THIS IS ALL PART OF A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT WE ASSISTED IN FACILITATING AND EVERYONE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE PROVISIONS. AND AGAIN, WE COULD TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT REMAINS AT TWO -- REDUCED AT TWO LANES OR REMAINS AT FOUR LANES. THE ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE RIVERSIDE CLOSED CONSIDERATION IS THAT WE'RE USING 2004 TRAFFIC VOLUMES. AND THE REASON FOR THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL SEE LATER IS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS THAT FAIL, AND SO IF WE WERE TO ADD FUTURE VOLUMES, THE DATA WOULD SIMPLY GET WORSE. WE'RE ASSUMING NO THROUGH TRAFFIC, ACCESS TO PARK AND LONG CENTER

AND PALMER EVENTS CENTER WOULD OF COURSE STILL BE MAINTAINED BECAUSE EVEN UNDER THE CLOSURE SCENARIO WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT CLOSING THAT CENTER SECTION THAT IS WEST OF THE ROUNDABOUT AND EAST OF THE RAILROAD. SO WHAT WE WOULD ASSUME IS THAT RATHER THAN BEING ABLE TO GO THROUGH RIVERSIDE DRIVE, TRAFFIC WOULD USE ALTERNATE ROUTES. THEY WOULD EITHER TAKE A RIGHT AND MOVE NORTH ON SOUTH FIRST STREET OR ON CONGRESS AND GO TO CESAR CHAVEZ AND THEN PROCEED WESTBOUND ON CESAR CHAVEZ, OR IF THEY WERE GOING -- TRYING TO GET SOUTH, THE MOTORISTS WHO WOULD NORMALLY GO WESTBOUND ON RIVERSIDE AND TAKE A WEST -- AND GO SOUTH ON LAMAR WOULD INSTEAD GO TO BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. SO BASICALLY THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER THE CLOSURE, THEY WOULD EITHER GO RIGHT OR LEFT AND JOG AROUND THE PARK, EITHER JOGGING NORTH TO CESAR CHAVEZ OR JOGGING NORTH TO BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND AS PART OF THE PART 2 OF THE RESOLUTION WE WERE ASKED TO, OF COURSE, LOOK AT WAYS TO MITIGATE THE LOSS OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT. IF WE WERE TO CLOSE RIVERSIDE DRIVE. SO WE DID CONSIDER VARIOUS OPTIONS. OKAY. SO THE FIRST ONE IS A LEFT TURN PROHIBITION FROM WESTBOUND RIVERSIDE TO BARTON SPRINGS CODE, AND THAT IS SHOWN ON THE SLIDE. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT, THERE WOULD BE A -- WE WOULD BE ADDING DUAL LEFT TURNS ON WESTBOUND RIVERSIDE AT SOUTH FIRST. AND WE WOULD PROVIDE DUAL RIGHT TURN LANES FOR SOUTHBOUND, SOUTH FIRST STREET AT BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. AND ALTHOUGH THIS ADDS A LITTLE BIT OF A JOG FOR DRIVERS, THE BENEFIT IS THAT THE DRIVERS WILL GET MORE GREEN TIME ON THE DUAL SOUTHBOUND RIGHT TURNS THAN THEY WOULD WITH THE WESTBOUND LEFT ON BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. AND THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT SOUTHBOUND RIGHTS CAN FLOW WITH EASTBOUND LEFTS FROM BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE CONVOLUTED THERE, BUT THIS WAS A MITIGATION METHOD AND WE DID TRY THIS OUT, AND WE WILL SHOW YOU THE RESULTS OF THAT SHORTLY. SO USING THESE VARIOUS MITIGATION TECHNIQUES, I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU NOW THE RESULTS? THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE MORNING PEAK

LEVELS OF SERVICE. AS YOU CAN SEE TWO INTERSECTIONS SLIPPED TO UNACCEPTABLE, FAILED SERVICE LEVELS. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE EVENING PEAK LEVELS OF SERVICE, AND AGAIN, TWO INTERSECTIONS SLIP TO FAILED SERVICE LEVELS, AND ONE SLIPS TO A D. THE RESULTS OF THE TRAVEL TIME-- AND THIS IS TRAVEL TIME FROM RIVERSIDE AT CONGRESS TO CESAR CHAVEZ AT BR REYNOLDS, TRAVEL TIME WAS MODELED WITH RIVERSIDE DRIVE OPENED AND CLOSED. VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN CONGRESS AVENUE AND BR REYNOLDS EXPERIENCED LONGER TRAVEL TIMES UNDER THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE CLOSURE SCENARIO. DURING THE A.M. PEAK THE TRAVEL TIME INCREASED FROM 7.6 MINUTES TO 10 MINUTES. AND DURING THE P.M. PEAK IT INCREASED FROM SEVEN MINUTES TO 9.3 MINUTES. THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. WE ALSO LOOKED AT SOME OTHER MORE DRASTIC MITIGATION OPTIONS, SUCH AS ADDING LANES TO BARTON SPRINGS ROAD AND CESAR CHAVEZ TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOST CAPACITY IF RIVERSIDE WERE CLOSED, AND WE LOOKED AT DEPRESSING RIVERSIDE THROUGH TOWN LAKE PARK. THE IMPACTS ARE SIGNIFICANT. THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS WOULD BE EXORBITANT. IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY. OUR CONCLUSION ON THE RIVERSIDE CLOSURE ISSUE IS THAT THERE ARE NO FEASIBLE COST EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO MITIGATE THE LOST TRAFFIC CAPACITY TO MAKE VIABLE THE CLOSURE OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE. AND COUNCIL, WE BELIEVE THAT WE FULLY ADDRESSED AND SATISFIED PART 2 OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 5TH, 2002. AND I CAN STOP HERE, ANSWER QUESTIONS, OR I CAN CONTINUE ON WITH THE REDUCTION FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I JUST HAD A QUESTION. WHEN YOU SAY TRAVELLING FROM RIVERSIDE AND CONGRESS, I THINK, TO BR REYNOLDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASSUMING -- WHAT IS BR REYNOLDS AND WHAT ARE WE ASSUMING ARE THE ROUTES?

WHAT WE LOOKED AT IS TRAVELLING WESTBOUND ON

RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO NORTHBOUND ON LAMAR TO BR REYNOLDS. THAT WOULD BE THE OPEN SCENARIO.

Alvarez: AND BR REYNOLDS IS WHERE?

IT'S RIGHT UNDER LAMAR NEAR THE SANTA MURADA TRAFFIC CIRCLE THERE.

IT'S THE OPPOSITE SIDE?

RIGHT, THE WEST SIDE OF LAMAR.

Alvarez: AND THEN -- SO THAT'S THE -- THAT'S THE -- THAT'S THE OPEN SCENARIO FOR RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

AND THEN THE CLOSED SCENARIO WAS WE SIMPLY LOOKED AT WESTBOUND ON RIVERSIDE, WOULD PROCEED NORTHBOUND ON SOUTH FIRST AND THEN GO TO CESAR CHAVEZ AND THEN GO WESTBOUND ON CESAR CHAVEZ.

Alvarez: SO IN TERMS OF THE RIVERSIDE, THE OPEN SCENARIO, DID YOU ASSUME THE NARROW OR THE EXISTING CONDITIONS OR THE NARROWER STREET AS WAS OUTLINED DURING THE PRESENTATION?

WE LOOKED AT WITH THE NARROWED.

Alvarez: OKAY.

AND THEN FINALLY, IN THE CLOSED SCENARIO, WHEN WE SPOKE ABOUT FOLKS COMING FROM CONGRESS WEST ON RIVERSIDE, GOING NORTH ON SOUTH FIRST AND THEN WEST ON CESAR CHAVEZ, DID THAT ASSUME ONE TURN LANE OR TWO TURN LANES? ARE WE ADDING ANY ADDITIONAL LANES THERE TO TRY TO HELP REDUCE ANY TRAVEL TIMES?

I BELIEVE WE HAVE TWO -- ONE LEFT TURN LANE PROPOSED THERE.

Alvarez: AND DO YOU THINK ADDING ANOTHER TURN LANE WOULD HELP IN TERMS OF REDUCING THE TRAVEL TIME?

WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CESAR

CHAVEZ TWO-WAY SWITCH. SO THAT WAS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT WE WOULD GO WITH THAT AS THE BASIS, AND THAT'S WHAT THE CONFIGURATION ALLOWS AT THIS TIME.

Alvarez: RIGHT. BUT IF WHEN WE'RE DOING THE CESAR CHAVEZ ANALYSIS, WE ALSO LOOK AT POSSIBLY ADDING ANOTHER LANE RIGHT THERE AT CESAR CHAVEZ AND SOUTH FIRST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD TAKE --

I'LL LET THEM ANSWER THAT QUESTION AND SEE IF THEY EXAMINED THAT.

WE ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH TWO ROUNDS WHEN LOOKING AT THE CLOSURE. THE FIRST ROUND LOOKED AT THE TURN PROHIBITIONS, ROUTING THEM TO BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. AND THOSE LEVEL OF SERVICE ARE THE ONES THAT WE FOUND WHERE WE HAD THE FAILURES. NUMEROUS INTERSECTIONS GOING TO FAILURE. TO GO THROUGH A SECOND ITERATION TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO TRY TO REPLACE -- ESSENTIALLY REPLACE THE CAPACITY, WE DID LOOK AT ADDING AN ADDITIONAL NORTHBOUND LEFT TURN LANE ON THE BRIDGE, BUT IT REQUIRES SOME FAIRLY EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION OF THE NORTHBOUND APPROACH OF THE DRAKE BRIDGE WHERE IT HITS CESAR CHAVEZ. WE CAN'T JUST WIDEN IT BECAUSE OF THE ANGLE THAT IT APPROACHES THE INTERSECTION. WE LOOKED AT ADDING AN ADDITIONAL LANE ON CESAR CHAVEZ IN THE HAVEN'T OF SANTA MURIDA. WE LOOKED AT THE ADDITION OF A LANE ON SOUTH FIRST, THE ADDITIONAL RIGHT TURN, AS WELL AS THE LENGTHENING OF THE RIGHT TURN WESTBOUND AND NORTHBOUND ON TO LAMAR. SO WE DID CONSIDER A DUAL ALTERNATIVE, AND THAT'S WHERE IN ONE OF THE SLIDES IT TALKED ABOUT GETTING INTO CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY AND REALLY EXORBITANT COSTS TO TRY TO REPLACE THAT CAPACITY.

YEAH. I WAS MORE CONCERNED RIGHT THERE WHERE SOUTH FIRST HITS CESAR CHAVEZ GOING NORTHBOUND. AND IF YOU COULD MOVE THAT TURN LANE OVER AND ADD ANOTHER -- HAVE TWO OR EVEN THREE THROUGH LANES AND A COUPLE OF TURN LANES. I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT MIGHT DO IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT OR IF

SOME OF THESE OTHER THINGS YOU MENTIONED ARE BIGGER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DELAY.

AS I SAID, THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE LOOKED AT AND IT WAS ONE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE IN YOU'RE TRYING TO REPLACE THAT CAPACITY. IT'S JUST ONE THEM. IT'S ONE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE AND WE ESTIMATE THAT ALONE AROUND NINE OR \$10 MILLION BECAUSE WE'RE REALIGNING TO GET ROOM TO HAVE THE ADDITIONAL LEFT TURNS BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE AWKWARDNESS OF THE AISLE THERE. AND THERE'S ONE ON CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE EXTENSION OF THE LANE ON BARTON SPRINGS, AND THE ADDITIONAL LANE ON SOUTH FIRST AT BARTON SPRINGS.

Alvarez: BUT THOSE ARE DIFFERENT ISSUES.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT A WAY TO MITIGATE THE COMPLETE CLOSURE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

Alvarez: RIGHT, RIGHT. NO, I JUST WAS CURIOUS ABOUT JUST THAT PARTICULAR IMPROVEMENT AND CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MODELING ON CESAR CHAVEZ, IF WE INCLUDE THAT PARTICULAR OPTION, ADDING ANOTHER TURN LANE NORTHBOUND ON SOUTH FIRST RIGHT THERE AT CESAR CHAVEZ TO SEE HOW THAT IMPACTS TRAFFIC AS AN OPTION.

AS I SAID, WE DID INCLUDE IT AND IT IS ONE OF SEVERAL ITEMS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO GET BACK TO THOSE ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF SERVICE IF RIVERSIDE WERE CLOSED.

Alvarez: RIGHT. BUT, I MEAN, -- I GUESS MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A BIGGER DISCUSSION THEN OF HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD. MY UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT MS. CRAYTON SAID IS THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL MODELING AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OPTION 2, AND SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT US TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE LOOK AT THIS PARTICULAR OPTION AT THE SAME TIME AS WE'RE LOOKING AT THE OPTIONS OF WHEN SAN ANTONIO STREET IS CLOSED AND WHETHER THE CESAR CHAVEZ TWO-WAY CONVERSION WORKS, YOU KNOW, ONCE SAN ANTONIO IS

CLOSED AND BEFORE NUECES OR ANY OTHER STREET IS EXTENDED. SO WHAT I'M ASKING AS FOR THAT, LOOKING AT THAT PARTICULAR INTERSECTION AND ITS IMPACT ON TRAVEL TIMES, JUST THAT IT BE LOOKED AT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR CONTINUED ATTENTION WE'RE GOING TO BE PAYING TO THE TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF CESAR CHAVEZ.

THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE PROPOSING ON OPTION 2 FOR CESAR CHAVEZ ARE ALL THINGS THAT WE CAN CONSTRUCT WITHIN OUR CURRENT BUDGET AND WE DO HAVE FUNDING FOR ALL OF THOSE ITEMS. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY FUNDING IDENTIFIED AND THE FUNDING WOULD BE VERY HIGH TO INCORPORATE ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES THAT WOULD ALLOW MITIGATION OF THE TRAFFIC. THEY'RE ON THE ORDER OF A MINIMUM OF \$10 MILLION, AND OFTEN TIMES THOSE COSTS END UP GOING UP EVEN HIGHER WHEN YOU GET INTO THE ACTUAL CONDEMNATION AND TAKING OF PROPERTY AND THAT SORT OF THING.

Alvarez: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE OF ADDING A LANE RIGHT THERE AT THAT INTERSECTION. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MORE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON CESAR CHAVEZ AND CONDEMNATION, EXCEPT MAYBE IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA, BUT JUST AS WE MOVE FORWARD LOOK AT THAT AS AN OPTION BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE AGREEING TO PAY FOR A LOT OF SORT OF BEAUTIFICATION TYPE IMPROVEMENTS, AND SO IT SEEMS LIKE IF WE HAVE MONEY FOR THAT, WE SHOULD -- THERE MAY BE -- IT MAY BE THAT WE MAY NEED TO DEDICATE SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THAT -- FOR ACTUAL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS. BUT AGAIN, I'M JUST ASKING THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THIS, THAT RIGHT THERE AT THAT INTERSECTION, HAVING TWO LEFT TURN LANES BE CONSIDERED AND THAT THAT OPTION BE INCLUDED IN THE MODELING THAT WE MIGHT BE DOING AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

THE THING I THINK I'M CONCERNED ABOUT COUNCILMEMBER, AND MAYBE I HAVE A MISUNDERSTANDING, SO CORRECT ME, WAS THAT NOT PART OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ REVIEW? WAS THAT NOT ALREADY EVALUATED AND IS THERE NOT A PHYSICAL

BARRIER TO IT?

THERE'S A PHYSICAL BARRIER, WHICH IS THE BRIDGE, AND THE BRIDGE WOULD REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS TO INCORPORATE THAT.

Futrell: SO DID WE LOOK AT TRYING TO ADD THE ADDITIONAL TURN LANE?

YES.

Futrell: AND ALL WAYS TO TRY TO DO THAT?

YES. WE HAVE LOOKED AT ALL THE WAYS TO DO IT, AND THAT'S WHERE THE COSTS COME IN WHEN YOU START RECONSTRUCTING A BRIDGE AND ADDING THESE LANES CONDEMNING PROPERTY AND THAT SORT OF THING, IT JUST BECOMES COST PROHIBITIVE.

Futrell: MAYBE ONE THING WE COULD DO HERE IS FOLLOW UP WITH THE COUNCILMEMBER AND GIVE HIM DETAILS ON THAT EVALUATION AND THOSE COSTS SO THEN WE COULD SEE VALUATE IT AND DIED HOW TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT IN THE FUTURE.

WE CAN GIVE A MORE DETAILED BREAK DOWN ON THOSE COSTS AND THE NAIL SISS THAT WE DID TO TRY TO ADD A TURN LANE THERE.

Alvarez: TO ME IT SEEMS LIKE WHAT YOU WOULD BE PUSHING OVER IS THE TURN LANE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS AND IS NOT ACTUALLY VERY LONG, SO YOU DON'T NEED A FULL LANE THAT GOES THROUGH ALL THE WAY, YOU JUST NEED TO SEE IS THERE ENOUGH SPACE TO PUSH THAT TURN LANE OVER TO THE FAR RIGHT-HAND SIDE AND THEN THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL THROUGH LANE AND AN ADDITIONAL TURN LANE.

WHEN YOU ACTUALLY GET INTO THAT, WE DIDN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT THIS NUMBER, BUT WHEN YOU ACTUALLY GET INTO TRYING TO DO THAT SCENARIO, THE COST ESTIMATE IS MORE IN THE RANGE OF UP TO \$90 MILLION -- NINE MILLION DOLLARS FOR JUST DOING THAT ONE IMPROVEMENT. SO

NINE MILLION DOLLARS. AND THEN THAT DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE HAVING TO WIDEN OTHER ROADWAYS SUCH AS BARTON SPRINGS AND OTHER AREAS OF CESAR CHAVEZ. SO JUST THAT ONE IMPROVEMENT WAS NINE MILLION DOLLARS.

Alvarez: AND THAT DOES OR DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION?

IT INCLUDES -- IT GETS INTO THE BRIDGE. IT DOES ACTUALLY GET INTO THE BRIDGE AND REQUIRING TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE BRIDGE.

Alvarez: I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE DETAILS AND DESIGNS AND PLANS.

Futrell: WHEN YOU SEE THE VISUAL -- WHAT WE CAN DO IS LET'S PACKAGE THAT PARTICULAR COMPONENT, INCLUDING THE VISUALS, THE DOLLARS, THE DIMENSIONS, AND THAT WILL GIVE OUR COUNCIL A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THAT IN MORE DETAIL AND THEN GIVE US SOME DIRECTION ON HOW WE WANT US TO MOVE FORWARD. TO DO MORE ANALYSIS ON THAT OR POSSIBLY EVEN LOOK IN THE FUTURE FOR SOME FUNDING SOURCES FOR US.

Alvarez: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. SO NEXT STEP, MS. CRAYTON.

OKAY. CONTINUING ON, WE'RE NOW GOING TO REVIEW THE TWO-LANE CONFIGURATION, AND THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR RIVERSIDE THAT'S UP FOR AWARD TODAY. IT INCLUDES NOT ONLY A SEGMENT OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE THAT IS GOING TO BE RECONSTRUCTED BETWEEN CONGRESS AND SOUTH FIRST, BUT ALSO THE SEGMENT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. OUR ASSUMPTIONS ARE THAT WE WOULD RUN THE MODEL, OF COURSE, WITH CURRENT TRAFFIC VOLUMES, AND THEN THESE OTHER THREE ITEMS ADDRESS THE AUGUST 2005 COUNCIL RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS TO ADD ADDITIONAL -- TO ASK US TO LOOK AT FUTURE DENSITIES IN THE AREA. YOU ALSO ASKED US TO LOOK AT CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE CONVERSION TO TWO-WAY AND ALSO MAKE SURE WE

CONSIDER THE SURROUNDING STREETS. SO THE STUDY AREA FOR THIS AND FOR THE CESAR CHAVEZ, JUST SO YOU KNOW, WAS INTERSTATE 35 TO LAMAR AND 11TH STREET TO BARTON SPRINGS. THE RESULTS OF THE RIVERSIDE REDUCTION TO TWO LANES IS THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CESAR CHAVEZ TO A CONVERSION. THE ANALYSIS DOESN'T GIVE US ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD PROMOTE TRAFFIC DIVERTING TO CESAR CHAVEZ, BUT JUST TO TEST THAT, WE DID RUN A 20% DIVERSION AND ASSUME THE 20% OF THE TRAFFIC DID DIVERT NORTH TO CESAR CHAVEZ, NO ADDITIONAL INTERSECTIONS WERE MOVED TO UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF SERVICE, EVEN INCLUDING THIS 20% DIVERSE SCENARIO. ON THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE CHART, THIS IS FOR THE MORNING PEAK, NO INTERSECTION SLIPPED TO UNACCEPTABLE FAILED SERVICE LEVELS. ONE DOES SLIP FROM A B TO A C. AND THE EFFECT OF FUTURE DENSITY IN THE AREA OF CESAR CHAVEZ -- IN THE AREA OF RIVERSIDE DOES NOT HAVE A CHANGE IN THIS RESULT. NEXT, THE RESULTS OF THE EVENING PEAK, TWO INTERSECTIONS YOU CAN SEE ARE ALREADY AT FAILED SERVICE LEVELS, AND THE CURRENT CONDITION. NO ADDITIONAL INTERSECTION SLIPPED TO FAILED LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE SCENARIO, BUT ONE SLIPS FROM B TO C. AND THE EFFECT OF FUTURE DENSITY IN THE AREA DOES NOT CHANGE THIS RESULT. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT SOME OF THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT OF REDUCING RIVERSIDE FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES. THERE COULD BE POTENTIAL TRAFFIC FLOW INTERRUPTIONS FOR THE SINGLE LANE SECTION. WHEN YOU GO DOWN TO SINGLE LANE SECTION, IF THERE IS A DISABLED VEHICLE OR THERE ARE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES OR ACCIDENTS, THAT SORT OF THING, YOU COULD CERTAINLY GET A BOTTLENECK THERE. THERE OOTZ COG LAWLG -- THERE ALSO COULD BE LANE IMBALANCE. AND WHAT HAPPENS HERE IS AS PEOPLE ARE PROCEEDING WESTBOUND ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE, THEY ALL REALIZE THAT THEY'RE EVENTUALLY GOING TO BE REDUCING DOWN TO THE TWO-LANE SECTION, AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE HAVE A TENDENCY TO GET INTO THE LANE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO BE IN PRIOR TO EVEN GOING INTO THE MERGE. AND THEN OF COURSE THERE COULD ALSO BE DELAYS THAT OCCUR DUE TO THE WESTBOUND MERGE MOVEMENT

BETWEEN SOUTH FIRST AND THE ROUNDABOUT. THERE'S NOT A LOT OF TRAFFIC FLOWING ON RIVERSIDE, BUT DURING THE HEAVIER PEAK HOURS, PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO MERGE TO GET INTO THAT REDUCED SECTION. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE CHANGES OCCURRING PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EVENTS MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS RAISED BY SOME OF THE EVENT CENTERS ABOUT THE VOLUME OF ACTIVITIES, THE VOLUME OF BUSES, AND THAT SORT OF THING. THERE CONCERNS ARE THAT THERE COULD BE ROOM FOR BUS CUEING IF THE SEGMENT IS REDUCED FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES AND ALSO IT'S A MAJOR RESPONSE ROUTE FOR FIRE AND E.M.S. AND IN THE TWO-LANE SECTION THERE COULD BE A POTENTIAL FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS RELATED TO THAT. OUR CONCLUSIONS ON REDUCING RIVERSIDE TO TWO LANES IN TOWN LAKE PARK, ALTHOUGH INTERSECTIONS WILL REMAIN AT NEAR CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS, SOME NEGATIVE IMPACTS FOR COMMUTERS -- FOR COMMUTERS ARE LIKELY. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT Y'ALL MIGHT HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR MS. CRAYTON ON THE TWO-LANE SCENARIO? ' COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: HOW LONG IS THE STRETCH OF ROADWAY THAT WOULD BE CONVERTED TO TWO LANES?

ABOUT A THOUSAND FEET. ABOUT A THOUSAND FEET.

McCracken: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 20% OF A MILE BASICALLY, RIGHT, .2 MILES?

RIGHT.

McCracken: THANKS.

Leffingwell: I HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION. MINCING WORDS MAYBE, BUT YOU SAID THAT THE PLAN ALLOWED FOR THE CLOSURE ON WEEKENDS.

YES.

Leffingwell: IS THAT DIFFERENT FROM WILL BE CLOSED ON WEEKENDS?

THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP DID SAY THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO ALL LOOK AT CLOSURE ON THE WEEKENDS. AFTER WE HAD THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND WE WENT THROUGH THIS VERY EXTENSIVE, FACILITATED GROUP, THERE WAS -- THERE HAVE BEEN ONE OR TWO STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE SAID THAT THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT CLOSING IT EVERY SINGLE WEEKEND THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE COULD BE A WEEKEND WHERE THERE MAY BE A PARTICULAR EVENT OCCURRING AT THE LONG CENTER, THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE IT MAY BE MORE BENEFICIAL FOR THE TRAFFIC FLOW TO KEEP THAT OPEN.

Leffingwell: SO ARE YOU SAYING IT WOULD NORMALLY BE CLOSED ON WEEKENDS EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS?

YES, SIR. ON THE WEEKENDS AND PERHAPS EVEN DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS IN THE EVENINGS IF THERE ARE EVENT TAKING PLACE. WE ALSO COULD JUST DROP THE GATES DOWN OF THAT SEGMENT AT THAT TIME.

Leffingwell: OKAY. AND JUST TO SUMMARIZE A SOMEWHAT LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACTS, I THINK WHAT I UNDERSTOOD YOU TO SAY IS THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACT, NEGATIVE TRAFFIC IMPACT FROM REDUCING TO TWO LANES, IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CERTAINLY SOME SITUATIONS THAT WILL OCCUR, AND YOU COULD CERTAINLY GET SOME COMMUTER FEEDBACK ON THOSE SITUATIONS IF THEY DO OCCUR. >>

Leffingwell: I'M SURE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: MS. CRAYTON, WHEN YOU WERE DOING YOUR MODELING, PARTICULARLY ON THE IMPACT ON THE LONG CENTER, I'M ASSUMING YOU WORKED WITH SOME OF THOSE STAKEHOLDERS WHO DO HAVE DISBRANT YOUTH

PROGRAMS THAT BRING HUNDRED, 150 BUSES TO A SITE WHERE THE PERFORMANCE IS, NOT JUST ONE OF THE GROUPS, BUT SEVERAL GROUPS DO. DID YOU INCORPORATE THE IMPACT OF THAT MANY VEHICLES ON THE MODEL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ON THIS?

THAT INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT TO US JUST RECENTLY AS A CONCERN, AND IN TALKING WITH THE PARK STAFF THEY SEEM TO FEEL THAT THOSE -- THAT SITUATION COULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN. YOU KNOW, IT CERTAINLY DOES LIMIT THE FLEXIBILITY, BUT IF THE DECISION IS TO REDUCE IT TO TWO LANES, OF COURSE THE STAFF WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO MAKE THAT WORK AS WELL AS POSSIBLE.

Dunkerley: I SEE MR. STRUSE STEPPING FORWARD, SO MAYBE HE HAS SOMETHING TO ADD.

COUNCILMEMBER, WE'RE CURRENTLY ALREADY WORKING IN HARMONY WITH THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER. WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM ON ANY OF THEIR MAJOR EVENTS AND WE WORK WITH THEM ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC PLANS CURRENTLY. WE CONSISTENTLY WORK, COUNCILMEMBER, WITH LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WE MOVE IN EVENTS. WE MOVE FOLKS FOR TRAIL OF LIGHTS AND AUSTIN CITY LIMITS AND THE FOURTH OF JULY. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU WE CAN WORK OUT A MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO MOVE THREE OR FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE AT A GIVEN TIME.

Dunkerley: IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THIS MEMO MAYBE I COULD PASS IT TO YOU BECAUSE THEY REALLY ARE TALKING ABOUT A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF BUSES AT ONE TIME.

RIGHT, RIGHT. THE KEY, COUNCILMEMBER, IS THAT YOU DON'T KEEP BUSES ON MAJOR ROADS, ARTERIALS, YOU USE SATELLITE PARKING AVAILABILITY. WE DO THIS ON ALL OF OUR MAJOR LARGE EVENTS THAT WE SHUTTLE. WE HAVE EVENTS ON AUDITORIUM SHORES CURRENTLY THAT WE HAVE 10 OR 12,000 PEOPLE ON AUDITORIUM SHORES. WE DON'T QUEUE ON RIVERSIDE. WE QUEUE ON OTHER SPOTS AND SPACES THAT PREVENTS YOU FROM CON JESTING

RIVERSIDE. >>

DUNKERLEY: SO WHAT YOU WOULD DO IS WORK WITH THE SYMPHONY OR THE OPERA OR WHOEVER IT IS AND HAVE THEM COORDINATE THE BUSES AT ANOTHER LOCATION AND YOU WOULD TRANSPORT THEM ANOTHER WAY.

ABSOLUTELY. RIGHT. DEPART DROP, DEPART DROP, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO QUEUE ON RIVERSIDE.

Futrell: WARREN, EXPAND ON THAT A LITTLE BIT. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE BRING IN, TAKE THE AUSTIN CITY LIMITS FESTIVAL, WHAT'S THE LARGEST NUMBER, IS THAT 60, 80,000 PEOPLE AT ONE POINT?

YES, MA'AM. WE BUSSED BETWEEN CAPITAL SPORTS AND AGREEENT ENTERTAINMENT AND US WE MOVED 40,000 PEOPLE IN AN HOUR. AND NEVER DO WE QUEUE 150 BUSES AT ONE TIME.

Futrell: WHAT IS THE MOST YOU HAD AT ANY POINT IN THE AREA?

THE MOST WE WILL HAVE AT ANY POINT IS 35, 38, MAYBE 40.
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FUTRELL: SO YOU'RE MOVING THEM ON A ROTATING SCHEDULE.

CONSTANTLY MOVING AND TRANSPORTING OUR FOLKS TO THE LOCATIONS. IF THERE IS A NEED FOR STAGING, THE IMPORTANT PART OF IT IS WE HAVE FESTIVAL BEACH THAT WE CAN STAGE ON, WE USE ZILKER PARK AT TIMES DURING NON-PEAK HOURS TO STAGE BUSES AT WHEN IT'S NON-PEAK. THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO STAGE THAT ARE NOT IN A MAJOR ARTERIAL OR A ROADWAY. AND WE CAN DO THAT OBVIOUSLY.

Futrell: ARE YOU AWARE OF ANYWHERE IN THE URBAN CORE WHERE 150 BUSES ARE STAGED AT ONE TIME?

NO. IN ALL OUR TRAVELS TO PARK SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, YOU DON'T STAGE BUSES IN MAJOR URBAN

ENVIRONMENTS AND URBAN HEIRS. YOU FIND OTHER OFF SITE SATELLITE AREAS WHERE YOU STAGE THE BUSES.

Dunkerley: MY CONCERN IS THAT THE STAFF GET WITH THESE PEOPLE AND EXPLAIN THAT TO THEM SO THAT THEY'RE NOT CONCERNED WITH QUEUEING 150 BUSES AT ONE TIME.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT, COUNCILMEMBER, WE SURE DO.

Dunkerley: ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I WANTED TO HAVE -- I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS HERE. THE FIRST ONE IS THE BUSES QUEUEING. YOU SAID IT WOULD BE 30 TO 40 BUSES AT A TIME AND PEOPLE WOULD BE OFF-LOADING OR GETTING ON THE BUS. AND IF THAT HAPPENS, THEY CAN'T GO INTO THE GARAGE, CAN THEY?

THERE CAN BE SOME TRAFFIC AND SOME TRANSPORTATION INTO THE GARAGE, YES, MA'AM, THERE CAN.

Kim: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW BIG ARE THESE BUSES?

WELL, THERE ARE DIFFERENT SIZES, COUNCILMEMBER. THERE CAN BE 35-FOOT BUSES OR 45-FOOT BUSES. I THINK ONE OF -- THE LARGEST IS 52, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY. BUT YES, WE CAN UTILIZE SOME OF THE GARAGE AS A PLACE TO QUEUE AND TO ALSO DROP OFF.

IS THE HEIGHT ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO FIT THOSE BUSES?

SURE, YES, MA'AM.

Kim: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT -- LET'S SEE, THE BICYCLES AND THE E.M.S. AND THEY'RE USING RIVERSIDE DRIVE, AND PARTICULARLY IF WE'RE GOING TO BE REDUCING THE LANES, WE HAVE THE TRAFFIC ISLANDS AND MS. CREIGHTON, CAN YOU ANSWER THAT? HAVE THERE BEEN CONCERNS ABOUT BICYCLES AND E.M.S. SERVICE AS THEY USE RIVERSIDE DRIVE?

WELL, THERE'S A -- THE ONLY THING IS THAT IT IS A MAJOR

ROUTE FOR FIRE AND E.M.S. FOR FIRE AND E.M.S. IF THEY WERE TRYING TO RESPOND AND THEY REACH THAT ONE LANE SEGMENT, SAY THERE WERE A DISABLED VEHICLE THERE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEN THERE WOULD BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM TRYING TO GET AROUND THAT SINCE IT'S JUST A ONE LANE SEGMENT THERE. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THEY CAN'T COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR GETTING AROUND IT, BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THAT IS ONE OF THEIR MAJOR RESPONDER ROUTES.

Kim: IS THAT AN OPTION AS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

THERE'S CURRENTLY NOT AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST FROM THE AUSTIN SYMPHONY, AND THEY'VE SAID THAT THERE COULD BE REQUESTS FROM OTHERS TO QUEUE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

SO THAT IS AN OPTION THEY'RE LOOKING AT. AND SO THEN THE E.M.S. AND FIRE ACCESS WOULD BE LIMITED IF BUSES WERE CUEING ON THAT DURING AN EVENT IF THAT WAS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN. THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO ON BARTON SPRINGS ROAD OR CESAR CHAVEZ.

CORRECT.

Kim: I ALSO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT RIVERSIDE AND SOUTH FIRST STREET. YOU SAID THAT IS AN F INTERSECTION ALREADY.

RIGHT.

Kim: IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF THIS GETTING WORSE THAN F? I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES BEYOND AN F.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE INTERSECTION JUST MEANS THE DELAYS ARE GREATER THAN 80 SECONDS. I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW MUCH GREATER THEY ARE, AND THIS PARTICULAR CASE THEY MAY BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THAT. BUT WE'RE NOT REALLY ANTICIPATING SIGNIFICANT DELAYS ON THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE SEGMENT, AND EVEN AT THE INTERSECTIONS THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TRAFFIC THAT THE

INTERSECTIONS CAN CARRY. AND IT'S VERY LIMITED. YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO -- AGAIN, IN ORDER TO FIX THAT, YOU WOULD HAVE TO WIDEN LANES NORTH AND SOUTH ON SOUTH FIRST IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE FLOW THROUGH THOSE.

Kim: AND COULD THEY IMPROVE THE FLOW THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION?

THE ONLY WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN IS IF LANE BALANCE OCCURS AND PEOPLE START STACKING UP IN THE RIGHT LANE, THEN THAT COULD CAUSE SOME BACKUP.

Kim: OKAY. I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE -- I GUESS THIS CURRENT BID THAT'S IN FRONT OF US FOR THE -- I GUESS IT'S THE TWO PARTS, IT'S THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RIVERSIDE EAST OF SOUTH FIRST STREET AND THEN THE SECOND PART, WHICH WE'RE HAVING THE DISCUSSION ABOUT, IS ABOUT THE LANE REDUCTION. BUT I WANTED TO ASK YOU IF COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE ON BOTH OF THIS TODAY OR CAN THEY ADOPT BOTH THE RECONSTRUCTION AND POSSIBLY DELAY THE -- DO THE RECONSTRUCTION TODAY AND THEN REDUCE -- DO THE REDUCTION AT ANOTHER DATE?

THE WAY -- YOU COULD DO THAT AND THE WAY YOU WOULD DO IT IS THE SEGMENT FROM SOUTH FIRST WAS BID AS AN ADD ALTERNATE. AND THE AMOUNT IS \$351,445. AND SO WHAT YOU COULD DO IS YOU COULD ADOPT THE RECONSTRUCTION PORTION AND YOU COULD DELETE OR DROP THE ALTERNATE.

Kim: OKAY. YOU TALKED ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND YOU PUT IN SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THAT. WOULD THAT BE -- COULD THAT BE DONE NOW WITH THE EXISTING BUDGET OR WOULD THAT HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN LAKE PARK REBID?

THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT. AND EVEN IF THE ALTERNATE WERE DROPPED, WE COULD KEEP THOSE ITEMS IN FOR THE PEDESTRIAN'S SAFETY.

Kim: I GUESS I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MR. STRUSE ABOUT

THE PARK. MR. STRUSE, I KNOW YOU HAVE A STRONG OPINION ABOUT THIS. THIS SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF IN TERMS OF HAVING A MASTER PARK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GREAT PARK AS WELL. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER MODELS AROUND OUR COUNTRY FOR MAJOR PARKS. ONE OF THOSE IS NEW YORK CITY'S CENTRAL PARK, AND THEY DO HAVE A MAJOR ROAD GOING THROUGH IT. HAVE YOU STUDIED THAT PARK AND LOOKED AT -- IT'S HIGHLY UTILIZED, WE ALL KNOW THAT. I'M SURE MANY OF US HERE HAVE USED IT OURSELVES. BUT CAN YOU TELL HOW WE'VE HAD PARKS THAT DO HAVE MAJOR ROADS GOING THROUGH THEM AND WHAT THEY DO?

OBVIOUSLY THE ONE, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT I KNOW VERY INTIMATELY IS ZILKER, OBVIOUSLY. AND IT'S VERY CLOSELY RELATED IN MANY CASES TO CENTRAL PARK WRPZ ON TRAFFIC FLOWS. I'VE BEEN TO CENTRAL PARK, I HAVEN'T STUDIED IT AS FAR AS ACTUAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN. I'M FAMILIAR WITH IT, BUT I CAN SPEAK MUCH MORE CLOSELY TO TRAFFIC AND TRAFFIC ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH MANY OF OUR PARKS THAT WE HAVE ROADS GOING THROUGH THEM. THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH LARGE FOUR LANE ARREST MATERIALS GOING THROUGH PARKS IS ONE IN WHICH IT'S PREDOMINANTLY SAFETY. WHEN YOU HAVE FOUR LANES, EVERY TIME THAT WE HAVE EVENTS OR WE HAVE CROSS WALKS IN THOSE AREAS, IT BECOMES INCUMBENT DURING HEAVY PEAK USAGE OF THE PARK, IT BECOMES INCUMBENT FOR US TO REDUCE IT DOWN TO TWO LANES. AND THEN WE PROVIDE CROSSWALK SERVICES BECAUSE WE CAN'T CONTROL SAFELY AND ADEQUATELY FOUR-LANE CROSSING. SO EVERY TIME WE HAVE LARGE PEAK USAGE IN OUR PARKS, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE ON THE TOWN LAKE PARK, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF CROSSOVER, WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME INCUMBENT UPON US IS WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT MORE THAN LIKELY AND CLOSE DOWN TWO LANES ANYWAY FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT AND THEN CROSS PEOPLE ACROSS TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC. THAT'S WHAT I ENVISION.

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KIM: DON'T THEY IN NEW YORK JUST CLOSE THE ROAD ON

THE WEEKEND?

THEY DO.

Kim: AND WE HAVE THAT OPTION HERE REGARDLESS OF THE REDUCTION OF CLOAKING THOSE ROADS. AND ALSO, I KNOW THEY HAVE SPOTS WHERE PEOPLE CAN CROSS THROUGH A CROSSWALK THROUGH THE PARK. THAT HASN'T SEEMED TO BE AN ISSUE IN NEW YORK CITY, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: JUST TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, I DID THE MATH AND WE'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD. AND I DID A LITTLE SIMPLE THIRD GRADE DIVISION. THE MOST THAT -- THE LESS THAN .19-MILE COULD HOLD IS 20 BUSES. IT REMINDS ME OF WHAT THE MAYOR OF CHARLSTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TOLD US THAT THEY HAD TO PUT A SIDEWALK IN DOWNTOWN, THEY HAD TO NARROW THE STREET AND THE FOLKS CAME AND SAID, BUT MAYOR, YOU MIGHT HAVE A BEER TRUCK THERE AND THEN AN AMBULANCE MIGHT HAVE TO GET BY THAT BEER TRUCK DURING THE FIRE THAT SCIEWMZCONSUMES DOWNTOWN AND EVERYTHING WILL FALL APART. AND THE MAYOR SAID IT'S NEVER HAPPENED IN THE HISTORY OF CHARLESTON BEFORE, WHY DON'T WE MOVE AHEAD AND IT'S GOOD URBAN PLANNING. THE WAY I LOOK AT IT IS THIS IS -- I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD MAKE TOO MUCH OF LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD THAT ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW COULD GO TAKE ON NAP ON AND NONE OF US WOULD GET HID. IT RUNS THROUGH A PARK. WHETHER ANY OF US INDIVIDUALLY WOULD HAVE DONE THIS OR NOT OURSELVES, IT IS -- IT REFLECTS A COMPROMISE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RESPECT THESE COMPROMISES. AS MAYOR WATSON USED TO ALWAYS SAY, A DEAL IS A DEAL, SO WE NEED TO RESPECT IT INSTEAD OF RETREADING THE DEAL CONTINUALLY. OUR TRAFFIC ENGINEERS PAID FOR BY TAX DOLLARS TELL US IT WILL HAVE VIRTUALLY NO IMPACT, WHICH WE ALL KNOW

INTUITIVELY ANYWAY. ONCE AGAIN, THIS ISN'T WHETHER ANY OF US WOULD CHOOSE TO DO IT OURSELVES OR NOT DO IT, IT'S ABOUT WHETHER WE'LL RESPECT A FOUR-YEAR-OLD COMPROMISE ON LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD THAT COULD HOLD 20 BUSES MAX AND WE'RE TOLD WOULD NEVER HAPPEN ANYWAY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: ON THESE -- IF WE COULD GO TO THE TWO LANES, GIVE ME THE WIDTH OF THE LANES. I KNOW THAT MAYBE -- THEY'RE EACH 12-FOOT LANES.

Thomas: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? SO MS. CREIGHTON, ON THE TRAFFIC MODELING, MYSELF WHEN I'M TRAVELLING NORTHBOUND ON LAMAR COMING NORTH OF BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, FRANKLY OFTEN TIMES TO AVOID FIFTH AND SIXTH AND LAMAR DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF DAY, CERTAINLY RUSH HOUR, AND IF I'M GOING NORTH GOING BACK INTO DOWNTOWN, ALL GO AHEAD AND GO RIGHT ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND THEN LEFT ON SOUTH FIRST INTO DOWNTOWN. MY INTUITION IS TELLING ME THAT AS FIFTH AND SIXTH AND LAMAR CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CHALLENGES THAT THAT DUAL INTERSECTION HAS FROM A MOBILITY STANDPOINT, NOT INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE PROBABLY DO THAT TODAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. WAS THAT PART OF THE MODELING? DO WE THINK ABOUT THESE SORT OF SECONDARY ISSUES LIKE FIFTH, SIXTH, LAMAR, WHAT IT MIGHT BE ON EVEN THE EASTBOUND FLOW ON RIVERSIDE?

I'M SORRY, MAYOR, I MISSED THE VERY FIRST PART OF THE DIRECTIONS YOU WERE GIVING ME. THE TRAVEL DIRECTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: IF I'M HEADING NORTHBOUND ON LAMAR, NORTH OF OF BARTON SPRINGS ROAD HEADING TOWARDS WHOLE FOODS, FIFTH, SIXTH AND LAMAR, OFTEN TIMES I'LL SEE THAT BACKUP CERTAINLY DURING THE RUSH HOURS AND

I'LL TURN RIGHT ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO GO BACK INTO DOWNTOWN VERSUS GOING UP FIFTH STREET AND GOING RIGHT OR EVEN CESAR CHAVEZ. SO MY QUESTION IS, HOW MUCH OF THAT ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON RIVERSIDE, EASTBOUND ON RIVERSIDE WAS CONTEMPLATED WITH THE MODEL.

WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO-LANE CLOSURE? WE DID CONSIDER THAT AND THE REASON IT DOESN'T HAVE AN IMPACT IS BECAUSE OF RIVERSIDE AND SOUTH FIRST AND RIVERSIDE AND LAMAR YOU HAVE THE EXACT SAME NUMBER OF APPROACH LANES THAT ARE OUT THERE TODAY. SO YOU HAVE THE SAME CAPACITY THAT'S OUT THERE TODAY. THE TWO-LANE SECTION IS NOT AFFECTING THOSE INTERSECTION CAPACITIES. THEY'VE GOT THE SAME NUMBER OF LANES GOING EAST, THE SAME NUMBER OF LANES GOING WEST AND AT LAMAR. THE ONLY SLIGHT IMPACT THAT SHE REFERRED TO IS THE IMBALANCE IN LANES FOR THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC. IT'S LIKE THE RAMPS GOING UP TO MOPAC OR I-35, THE INSIDE LANE LEADS YOU RIGHT ON TO MOPAC, THE OUTSIDE DOESN'T, AND YOU WILL START SEEING SOME IMBALANCES THERE. BUT YOU'VE ESSENTIALLY GOT THE SAME CAPACITY BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF LANES FOR SOUTH FIRST AND RIVERSIDE AND RIVERSIDE AND LAMAR.

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

Leffingwell: I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken JUST SAID A FEW MOMENTS AGO, THAT THIS COMPROMISE, THIS PROPOSED REDUCTION TO TWO LANES IS A CAREFULLY COMPROMISED, CAREFUL LIVE CRAFTED COMPROMISE THAT'S BEEN DONE OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS WITH PARTICIPATION FROM NEIGHBORHOODS, STAKEHOLDERS AND OTHERS. AND WE'VE HEARD HERE TODAY THAT WE CAN DO THIS, WE CAN MAKE THIS REDUCTION WITH NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON TRAFFIC FLOW, AND SO THAT GIVES US THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING A CONTINUOUS PARK ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVERSIDE DRIVER THAT WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO UTILIZE. EMPHASIZING AGAIN SOMETHING MR. STRUSE SAID JUST A MOMENT AGO, YOU CAN'T HAVE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN

CROSSING ON A FOUR-LANE ROAD. WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES TO RIVERSIDE ON CESAR CHAVEZ ON THE NORTH, BARTON SPRINGS ROAD ON THE SOUTH. WE REALIZE THAT WE HAVE A REALLY BAD SITUATION IN ZILKER PARK, THAT PARK IS BISECTED BY A FOUR-LANE ROAD. AND FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE -- AND I'LL TELL YOU THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS THERE ARE UNSAFE. YOU CANNOT SAFELY CROSS ZILKER PARK MANY TIMES DURING THE DAY. AND SO THAT -- IF WE INTEND TO MAKE THIS PARK A FIRST CLASS PARK, WE NEED TO PROVIDE SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT ALL TIMES, AND I THINK THIS PLAN WILL DO IT. I INTEND TO SUPPORT IT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I ALSO WANT TO HAVE SAFE CROSSINGS OVER AT THIS PARK, AND I THINK ZILKER PARK IS A DIFFERENT SITUATION. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE DRIVING AT MUCH HIGHER SPEEDS AND YOU ALSO HAVE AN INCLINE WHERE A SITE IS QUITE LIMITED AS THEY'RE TURNING AND GOING UPHILL AND DOWNHILL. SO I THINK THIS IS A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION. ALSO WITH REFERENCE TO THE COMPROMISE, I DO RESPECT THE HOURS AND THE TIME THAT PEOPLE PUT IN TO CRAFTING SOMETHING, THAT IS, THEY FEEL IS A COMPROMISE, BUT I'M JUST ASKING FOR US TO DELAY THIS, NOT TO NOT EVER DO THE TWO-LANE REDUCTION, I JUST THINK IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR US AT THIS TIME AS A COUNCIL TO INVEST THIS MONEY HERE WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH LONG AND PALMER. THEY DON'T HAVE AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE, AND THERE ARE FRANKLY -- I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE INTERSECTIONS WITH RIVERSIDE AND SOUTH FIRST STREET AS WE'VE SEEN DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYATT PROPERTY, WHICH WOULD BE A HI-RISE DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS WITH JALISCO TRIANGLE. AND THERE ARE JUST A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING THAT ARE KIND OF MOVING TARGETS, AND SO I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR US TO JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PARK, WHICH IS WHAT I WANT TO SEE, GO FORWARD WITH THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES, AND WE CAN STILL HAVE A GREAT PARK AND ALSO MAINTAIN THE OPTIONS SO THAT LONG AND PALMER AND THE OTHER EVENTS PLACES CAN HAVE A PLAN

THAT WORKS AND THAT EVERYONE CAN WORK WITH.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR THEIR PRESENTATION AND THEIR WORK ON THIS, AND THE CESAR CHAVEZ TWO-WAY CONVERSION. AND I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CHANGE. I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE THAT'S BEING CONTEMPLATED AT THIS MEETING TO REDUCE THE LANES FOR A PORTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE DOWN TO TWO LANES IS SOMETHING THAT DID RECEIVE A LOT OF ATTENTION. I MEAN, THE ISSUE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THIS TOWN LAKE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS, AND INDEED WE HAD -- THE PLAN ITSELF CALLS FOR THE CLOSURE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE. THAT'S WHAT THE PLAN ACTUALLY RECOMMENDS. AND IF YOU SEE THE MASTER PLAN, I MEAN, THERE IS NO ROAD BISECTING THE PARK AND WE HAD GROUPS -- ALL THESE STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING ARTS CENTER STAGE, THE PREDECESSOR TO THE LONG CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS, SIGN OFF ON THAT PLAN, BUT WE DID REVISIT THE ISSUE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, I GUESS MAYBE THREE YEARS AGO ALREADY, ABOUT THIS STEP TO REDUCE THE LANES ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE. AND SO THE COUNCIL AGAIN TOOK A LOT OF INPUT, PUBLIC INPUT ON THIS ISSUE AND THEN VOTED TO SUPPORT THIS INTERMEDIATE STEP THAT WOULD BRING RIVERSIDE DOWN TO TWO LANES FOR JUST THAT SMALL PORTION THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. AND AGAIN, THAT WAS SEEN AS A COMPROMISE BECAUSE EVEN WHEN THE COUNCIL APPROVED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, THERE WAS AN OUT CRY BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO NOT EVEN DO THIS, AND THUS WE HAVE -- BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR ALIGNMENT FOR RIVERSIDE DRIVE, AND WE'VE SPENT TWO OR THREE YEARS DESIGNING IT AND PROCURING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR, A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR FOR THIS PROJECT, AND SO I BELIEVE THAT AGAIN WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO ACHIEVE WHAT THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO DO TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO WHEN WE VOTED TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, BUT I THINK EVEN THEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS OR SOME COUNCILMEMBERS TALKED ABOUT THIS AS JUST AN INTERIM STEP TOWARDS

ACTUALLY AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE ACTUALLY MOVING TOWARDS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH CALLS FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE STREET, BUT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD HELP IMPROVE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE PARK, AND ALSO MIT GATE OR ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS. BUT I THINK IN THE MINDS OF MANY FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY, THIS WAS -- AGAIN, THIS WAS JUST SEEN AS AN INTERIM STEP THAT JUST KIND OF MOVES US CLOSER TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN HAVE A PARK THAT ISN'T BISECTED BY A MAJOR ARTERIAL. SO I WANTED TO JUST KIND OF SHARE THOSE VIEWS AND THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS, AND I'M GLAD WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT HAS CROSSED OVER FROM TERM ONE TO TERM TWO, AND I GUESS REALISTICALLY, OBVIOUSLY THERE'S DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN THE FUTURE POTENTIALLY, SO I'M JUST GLAD WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS LEG OF THE PROJECT AND GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT'S ON THE TABLE. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: SHORTLY AFTER I GOT ON COUNCIL THE FIRST TIME, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VOTING FOR THIS COMPROMISE. AT THE TIME MY ONLY CONCERN WAS THE LITTLE STRIP NARROWING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROJECT. AND I THINK AT THE TIME -- AND MAYBE HALF HEARTEDLY IN JEST, BUT REALLY SERIOUSLY, I SAID IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN DO IT AND NOT TEAR UP THE CONCRETE? CAN WE JUST PUT SOD OVER IT? AND CAN WE WAIT AND SEE HOW IT WORKS AFTER IT'S ALL BUILT AND WE HAVE THE VARIOUS USES IN PLACE? AND THAT WAS REALLY EVEN BEFORE I WAS AWARE OF THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PLANNED NOW FOR THE VARIOUS -- BOTH ENDS OF THIS STREET. AND SO REALLY I ALSO STILL HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS, BUT I LIKE THE PARK, I SUPPORT THE PARK, I WANT IT TO GO FORWARD. I LIKE THIS DESIGN. I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE'RE GOING TO END UP PICKING SOMETHING OUT AND THEN A FEW YEARS FROM NOW FINDING THAT WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE HAD IT IN. SO ONE OF MY QUESTIONS TO YOU IS IF WE MOVE FORWARD ON

THIS, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE -- WHAT IT WOULD COST -- WHAT WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE THOSE LANES OR WHAT IS IT AS A VERY SMALL STRETCH FIVE OR SIX YEARS FROM NOW WE FIND THAT WE REALLY NEED THE EXTRA TRAFFIC FLOW? MAYBE JUST A THUMBNAIL. I'M SURE IT'S NOT MUCH. IT'S JUST A SHORT BIT.

I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY. WE HAVEN'T COSTED IT BACK. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE EXORBITANTLY EXPENSIVE TO DO THAT.

Futrell: THE ONLY THING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE WAY THE CIRCLE CONNECTS.

THE CIRCLE WE WOULD JUST HAVE TO WIDEN THE LANE, ADD A LANE BACK OUT AND DO A LITTLE BIT OF TRANSITION TO THE ROUNDABOUT.

THE ROUNDABOUT I DON'T THINK WOULD BE AN ISSUE, BUT HOW DO THE YOU GET THE LANES BACK IN THERE. AND THAT'S REALLY MY CONCERN. IF WE'VE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT'S ACTUALLY GOING TO GO IN THERE, I WOULD BE A BIT MORE COMFORTABLE, BUT CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE PARK, AND I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THAT LITTLE STRIP. I STILL WOULD LIKE MY SOD IDEA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS? A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS FOR ME THEN. SO AT SOME POINT WE MAY BE TALKING ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 17, WHICH IS THE OVERALL RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT. HOW HAS THAT OWE O'THOSE BIDS IN -- THOSE BIDS COME IN VERSUS THE FUNDS AVAILABLE AND THE COST OF THAT TOTAL PROJECT?

THEY'RE A BIT HIGHER, I BELIEVE. THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WAS 7 OR \$800,000 AND THE BIDS ARE AT 1.2, BUT WE HAVE THAT COVERED THROUGH CAPITAL METRO FUNDING.

Mayor Wynn: AND HOW ABOUT THE LARGER RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT? WHAT'S --

THAT CAME IN WITHIN OUR BUDGET, AND SO THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT IS ABOUT \$7.7 MILLION, AND WE HAVE

THE FUNDING TO DO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: AND THEN ON THE PLAN THAT SHOWS THE TWO LANES, IS THE COST TO SOD, PLANT WHERE THE OTHER TWO LANES USED TO BE, IS THAT COMING OUT OF ROAD PROJECT OR DOES THAT COME OUT OF THE TOWN LAKE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT?

THE REDUCTION OF THE TWO LANES, THAT ENTIRE SEGMENT IS COMING OUT OF CAPITAL METRO FUNDING.

Futrell: BUT LET'S TALK SPECIFICALLY SO EVERYONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING THERE. THE ROAD MONEY IS NOT IN THE PARK MONEY. THE ROAD MONEY IS SEPARATE. THE ROAD MONEY IS QUARTER-CENT MONEY AND THE TRADE-OFF, BECAUSE I'VE GOTTEN A SERIES OF E-MAILS THAT ARE SAYING, CAN YOU USE THE ROAD MONEY AND PUT IT IN THE PARK? THE ROAD MONEY IS ROAD MONEY AND CANNOT BE USED IN THE PARK. THE ROAD MONEY CAME FROM A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WE WOULDWE WOULD BE DELAYING PUTTING OFF, AND THAT IS RIO GRANDE, SONDRRA?

CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: I THOUGHT THE QUARTER-CENT COULD ONLY BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. I THOUGHT THAT WAS ONE OF THE FOUR PARAMETERS TO THE QUARTER-CENT MONEY.

THE 2000 BOND FUNDING, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS WITH THE QUARTER-CENT FUNDING WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF FLEXIBILITY IN HOW TO USE THAT. AND WE DID RUN THIS THROUGH OUR STAFF AND THEY SAID THAT IT WAS OKAY TO DO THIS. THEY ARE -- OF COURSE, THEY WERE ORIGINALLY PAYING FOR THE ROUNDABOUT.

BUT YOU ARE REMEMBERING CORRECTLY. THE 2000 BOND DOLLARS WERE SPECIFICALLY TIED TO EITHER RIGHT-OF-WAY OR PROJECTS THAT BUILT CAPACITY. SO SOME FOLKS ASKED US TO LOOK TOWARDS THE 2000 BONDS TO HELP WITH THIS AND WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DOUSE BECAUSE OF

THAT CONSTRUCTION.

BUT IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE MONEY AND FROM ONE PROJECT AND MOVE IT ON TO THIS PROJECT. AND THAT'S TO ACCOMPLISH RIVERSIDE.

Mayor Wynn: RIGHT. BUT IF THIS PART OF IT IS DELAYED OR IN THEORY EVEN NOT DONE AT ALL, INTUITIVELY IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PARK DEVELOPMENT BUDGET IS AT LEAST marginally smaller. THAT IS, THERE IS -- TECHNICALLY THERE'S GOING TO BE LESS LANDSCAPING, LESS MAINTENANCE, LESS INSTALLATION, BUT IF WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS SOMEHOW THE ROAD BUDGET --

MAYOR, IT WOULD BE MY TAKE ON IT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY SMALL. I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE RIVERSIDE PART OF IT, THE RECONFIGURATION, ALL THE DOLLARS THAT ARE RIGHT NOW IDENTIFIED FOR RIVERSIDE RECONFIGURATION WOULD GO TO RIVERSIDE. I DON'T SEE ANY REAL COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ TO THE PARK PROJECT -- REAL ECONOMIES TO THE PARK PROJECT IF IT STAYED FOUR LANES, TO THE PARK BUDGET.

Mayor Wynn: LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CIRCLE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT FOR ACCESS TO -- AT LEAST QUEUEING AND DROPPING OFF AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS, VALETING FOR BOTH THE PALMER AND THE LONG THAT THE CIRCLE -- THE DISTINCTIVE CIRCLE IS AN ADVANTAGE. SO WITHOUT THE CIRCLE THERE, HOW WOULD TRAFFIC QUEUE, ESPECIALLY BUSES, HOW COULD A BUS USE RIVERSIDE, I GUESS IN THEORY GO WESTBOUND, TURN AROUND SOMEWHERE, AND THEN COME BACK FROM THE WEST TO QUEUE AT EITHER PALMER OR LONG.

YOU MIGHT HAVE TO DO SOME ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE SOUTH CURB LINE JUST TO ACCOMMODATE THE TURNING MOVEMENTS. AND WE COULD DO THAT. IT WOULDN'T BE A REAL SIGNIFICANT COST.

Mayor Wynn: AND OBVIOUSLY PALMER IS THERE AND WE'RE DESPERATELY TRYING TO UTILIZE IT MORE. WE KNOW -- DO WE KNOW OFFHAND THE LATEST ESTIMATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE LONG CENTER? IS THEIR OPENING

LATE '07?

I DON'T KNOW THAT.

Futrell: I HAVE SOME HALLWAY INFORMATION, BUT I DON'T WANT TO USE THAT RIGHT NOW UNTIL I HAVE SOME BETTER INFORMATION ON IT. WE ARE GETTING -- OUR FINAL NUMBERS ON BOTH PLEDGES, EVERYTHING WE'RE COMING VERY CLOSELY TO A CLOSE ON THAT. WE'LL BE ABLE TO BRIEF YOU SHORTLY ON IT. BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER. JOHN, DO YOU HAVE IT NOW? JOHN MAY BE A LITTLE MORE UP TO DATE ON THIS THAN I AM?

THE NUMBER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET, I BELIEVE IT'S 60 MILLION, BUT LET ME GIVE YOU A QUALIFIED ANSWER ON THAT AND WE'LL GET THE RIGHT ANSWER TO YOU. BUT WHAT SHE SAID IS RIGHT, CITY MANAGER, WE ARE NEARING THE END OF ALL OF THE DUE DILIGENCE WORK THAT WE'VE HAD TO GO THROUGH, AND SO WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO YOU, CITY MANAGER, AND THE COUNCIL WITH PROBABLY A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THEM TO GO AHEAD AND BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Wynn: SO MS. CREIGHTON, WHAT WOULD BE THE TIMING? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CIRCLE IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR THE LONG CENTER IF IN FACT THAT'S WHERE BUSES ARE GOING TO TURN AROUND AND AT LEAST USE THE FRONT OF THE STRUCTURE AND/OR PALMER. WHAT'S THE ESTIMATED COMPLETION SCHEDULE OR HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE US ONCE THE TRIGGER IS PULLED TO COMPLETE THE PLAN THAT WE SEE HERE, COMPLETE THE CIRCLE?

THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IS FOR 210 CALENDAR DAYS. AND I BELIEVE THAT PORTION WE WOULD BE DOING THAT PORTION FIRST. BUT I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DATE FOR COMPLETION, BUT I CAN GET THAT FOR YOU.

Mayor Wynn: SO IT'S RELATIVELY SHORT CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

RIGHT. AND THIS IS ON AN ACCELERATED PATH. SO I CAN

GET YOU MORE INFORMATION ON THAT.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCIL, IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT'S 12:30. WITHOUT OBJECTION, I KNOW WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF CITIZENS WHO ARE HERE FOR CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, WHICH WE NORMALLY TAKE UP AT NOON. THEY COME HERE DURING THEIR LUNCH HOUR. SO WE'VE NOW HAD THE PRESENTATION ON CESAR CHAVEZ, THE TOWN LAKE PARK AND THEN RIVERSIDE DRIVE. WE'RE POSTED FOR ITEM NUMBER -- WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 17 ON OUR AGENDA. WE CAN TAKE IT UP AT ANY TIME. IF COUNCIL IS THROUGH WITH THE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS, WE COULD LET THESE CITIZENS SPEND THE NEXT 30 MINUTES GIVING US THEIR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION AND THEN WE CAN TAKE UP ITEM 17 AT ANY POINT FOLLOWING THAT. ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OF STAFF ON THESE PRESENTATIONS? MS. TERRY?

MARTHA TERRY, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY. THERE'S ALSO AN ACTION ITEM ON 49. YOU WOULD BE TAKING BOTH ACTION ON 17 AND ON 49. I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF THAT. IT WAS MORE THAN JUST A BRIEFING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL TABLE ITEMS 17 AND 49 AND AT THIS TIME WE'LL GO TO OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. WE HAVE 10 CITIZENS SIGNED UP WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MICHELLE HUANG, FOLLOWED BY YEE CHIN CHEN. IS

WE'RE SIGNED UP AS SPEAKERS ONE, TWO AND THREE AND WE WILL BE SHARING OUR MINUTES. AND WE WILL BEGIN BY PLAYING A SHORT MOVIE, A SHORT FILM. >>

MAYOR WYNN: YOU WILL HAVE NINE MINUTES. WELCOME.

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MY YOUNGER SISTER IS A FOURTH GRADE STUDENT. THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ASKED MY SISTER AND ME, WILL YOU STILL PRACTICE FALUN GONG? BOTH OF US ANSWERED, WE WILL PRACTICE FALUN GONG. THEN THE PRINCIPAL EXPELS US FROM SCHOOL AND WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN. HE ALSO REPORTED US TO THE 610

OFFICE?

WHAT IS FALUN GONG? FALUN GONG IS A TRADITIONAL CHINESE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE FOR THE MIND AND BODY THAT INCLUDES BOTH EXERCISES AND MEDITATION. ITS GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE TRUTH, COMPASSION, AND FOREBEARANCE. PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE REGULARLY FIND THAT IT BRINGS BETTER HEALTH, REDUCED STRESS AND INNER PEACE. THE PRACTICE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC IN CHINA IN 1992 AND SPREAD QUICKLY BY WORD OF MOUTH. BY 1999 OVER 100 MILLION PEOPLE WERE PRACTICING FALUN GONG. COMPARED TO ONLY 60 MILLION COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS. OUT OF HIS IRRATIONAL JEALOUSY, THE DICTATOR BRAND D FALUN GONG AS THE COUNTRY'S NUMBER ONE ENEMY AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY LAUNCHED A BRUTAL CAMPAIGN OF GENERAL SIDE TO-- OWE GENERAL KNOW SIDE TO ERADICATE FALUN GONG. A MASSIVE HATE CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AND BRUTALITY BEGAN, SPREADING ACROSS CHINA IN JULY OF 1999. IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS WERE IMPRISONED IN FORCED LABOR CAMPS, BRAIN WASHING CHAMBERS, PRISONS AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS. AS OF JUNE 27TH, 2005, NEARLY 2,623 DEATHS, MOST FROM TORTURE, HAVE BEEN VERIFIED, BUT THE ACTUAL NUMBER IS BELIEVED TO BE MUCH HIGHER. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THIS PERSECUTION, CHILDREN HAVE NOT BEEN SPARED.

MY NAME IS (INDISCERNIBLE). WHEN I WAS 10 MONTHS OLD, MY MOM AND I BECAME HOMELESS TO AVOID PERSECUTION. WHEN I WAS A YEAR AND A HALF, MY DAD WAS ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON. HALF A YEAR LATER MOM WAS ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS. FROM THEN ON, I NEVER SAW MY MOM AGAIN. NOW I LIVE WITH MY GRANDMA. AFTER THREE YEARS OF TORTURE, MY DAD WAS SENT HOME DYING. GRANDMA AND I WATCHED DAD PASS AWAY RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES. WE CRIED SO MUCH IT FELT LIKE OUR HEARTS WERE BROKEN INTO PIECES.

ON NOVEMBER 23rd, 2001, (INDISCERNIBLE) WAS IN SCHOOL WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT HIS PARENTS WERE ARRESTED

BY THE POLICE BECAUSE THEY PRACTICED FALUN GONG. THEN THE POLICE CAME TO LOOK FOR HIM. WITH A NEIGHBOR'S HELP, HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE HAD HIS UNCLE'S PLACE, BUT THE POLICE TRACED HIM THERE. IN JUNE OF 2003, WITH FINANCIAL HELP FROM HIS UNCLE, THE BOY MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO DENMARK. AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE OF SHOCK AND FEAR, HE COULDN'T FORM A COMPLETE SENTENCE. IT TOOK HIM A WHOLE YEAR TO FULLY EXPRESS IN WORDS WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM. SADLY, THE FIRST NEWS FROM HIS UNCLE IN CHINA WAS THAT BOTH OF HIS PARENTS HAD BEEN TORTURED TO DEATH WITHIN FIVE MONTHS OF THEIR ARRESTS. WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF THEIR PARENTS AND WHO ARE ENDURING HARDSHIPS BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS WERE IMPRISONED OR SENT TO LABOR CAMPS. BUT WHAT'S EVEN MORE SHOCKING IS THAT YOUNG CHILDREN ARE BEING DIRECTLY TARGETED FOR PERSECUTION SIMPLY BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS PRACTICED FALUN GONG. THIS QUOWR FOUR-YEAR-OLD DIED OF SHOCK AND FEAR AFTER SEEING HER FATHER BEING BRUTALLY ABUSED IN POLICE CUSTODY. THIS CHILD DIED IN JULY 2002 AFTER A YEAR OF TORTURE AND ABUSE IN DETENTION CENTERS. HER TEENAGED SON IS NOW ALONE. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, COUNTLESS CHILDREN HAVE SUFFERED FROM PREJUDICE, INTIMIDATION, ILLEGAL DETENTION, BEATINGS AND HOMELESSNESS. SOME HAVE EVEN BEEN TORTURED TO DEATH. THE WARM DONE TO THESE CHILDREN IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CALCULATE. THE SUFFERING OF CHILDREN THAT WE HAVE DOCUMENTED IS JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN COMPARED TO WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS OF PERSECUTION. HOW MANY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF A HAPPY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY LIFE? HOW MANY FAMILY TRAGEDIES HAS THIS PERSECUTION CREATED? AT THIS TIME IT IS HARD TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE, BUT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN, THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE AND THE FUTURE OF MANKIND, THE WORLD'S PEOPLE MUST JOIN FORCES TO PUT AN END TO THIS INHUMAN PERSECUTION.

(music) I SEE YOU DRIFTING THROUGH THE VEIL OF NIGHT,
MY LOST YOUNG CHILD. (music) YOUR FACES BRUISED AND

RED. WHAT'S HAPPENED, CHILD? (music) DID YOU SAY YOUR PARENTS... NO CHILD'S PARENTS CAN'T BE DEAD. MY LITTLE LOTUS FLOWER, CRYING IN THE DARK(music)(music) \$. (music) LOTUS, YOU'VE BEEN STARVING IN THE STREETS. IT BREAKS MY HEART. (music) LOTUS FLOWER, HOW CAN A CHILD BE BEAT? IT BREAKS MY HEART. (music) CHILD, I WILL TAKE YOU IN. (music) CHILD, I WILL BRING YOU HOPE AND BRING HAPPINESS BACK TO YOU. NO MORE YOU'LL SUFFER ALONE. (music) CHILD, WE WILL TAKE YOU IN. (music) CHILD, WE WILL BRING YOU HOPE. (music) YOU'LL BE A FLOWER THAT SEES THE SPRING. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] >> THE CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADER WILL VISIT THE U.S. IN THESE MONTHS. WE HOPE OUR EITHER CAN SEND HIM A CLEAR MESSAGE, STOP THE PROSECUTION, RELEASE THE FALUN GONG OFFENSE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JENNIFER GAIL. JENNIFER GALE, FOLLOWED BY RICHARD TROXELL, AND -- I SAW RICHARD EARLIER, RICHARD, COME ON UP. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RANDA WITHROW.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RICHARD TROXELL, I'M PRESIDENT OF HOUSE THE HOMELESS AND THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSAL LIVING WAGE CAMPAIGN. PLEASE GET OUT PEN AND PAPER, I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION. THIS YEAR 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTRY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT 42% OF THE HOMELESS ARE WORKING AT SOME POINT DURING THE WEEK. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE LAST SEVERAL U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS' REPORTS, PEOPLE CANNOT GET INTO AND KEEP BASIC RENTAL HOUSING ANYWHERE IN THIS COUNTRY. TO THAT END, WE HAVE SET OUT TO FIX THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE. WE HAVE DEVISED A SIMPLE, SINGLE FORMULA BASED ON EXISTING GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES THAT ENSURES THAT ANYONE WORKING A 40 HOUR A WEEK, WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD BASIC RENTAL HOUSING WHEREVER THAT WORK IS DONE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. TWO MONTHS AGO, WE CALLED FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION. IT'S CALLED BRIDGE THE ECONOMIC GAP DAY. WE WILL GET ON THE BRIDGES OF

AMERICA AND WE WILL SPEAK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND CALL FOR A UNIVERSAL LIVING WAGE. WE WILL HAVE ONE -- AT LEAST ONE BRIDGE ACTION IN EVERY -- IN EVERY STATE IN THE NATION. IN AUSTIN WE WILL BE ON FIVE BRIDGES. I AM HERE TODAY TO INVITE AUSTINITES TO JOIN US ON THE LAMAR FOOT BRIDGE AT RIVERSIDE. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WORK AND BE ABLE TO AFFORD BASIC RENTAL HOUSING. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO HELP TO STOP PEOPLE FROM NEEDING TO PANHANDLE. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE AND YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO HELP HOMELESS PEOPLE EXIT OUR PARKS AND GET OFF OUR PARK BENCHES. YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT HOMELESS PEOPLE TO STOP LIVING IN OUR WOODS AND POLLUTING THEM WITH THEIR MAKESHIFT SHACKS. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO SEE PEOPLE PAID A FAIR WAGE FOR A FAIR DAY'S WORK. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT HOMELESS PEOPLE TO STOP POLLUTING OUR CREEKS AND OUR RIVERS WITH THEIR STYROFOAM CUPS AND THEIR DEBRIS. AND YOU NEED TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE ENDLESS, FRUITLESS DRAIN ON TAX DOLLARS. YOU NEED TO WANT TO BE ON THAT BRIDGE IF YOU WANT TO SEE OVER ONE MILLION HOMELESS PEOPLE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK THEMSELVES OFF THE STREETS OF AMERICA. AND YOU NEED -- YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THE LAMAR AND RIVERSIDE BRIDGE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 6th, AT 4:30 IF YOU WANT TO JOIN SARAH HICKMAN, THE TEXAS STATE EMPLOYEES UNION, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS STUDENTS, ST. EDWARD'S STUDENTS, THE GRAY PANTHERS, HOUSE THE HOMELESS AND COUNTLESS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHEN WE CALL UPON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIX THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE, ENSURE THAT A PERSON WORKING A 40 HOUR WEEK WILL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO AFFORD BASIC RENTAL HOUSING WHEREVER THAT WORK IS DONE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. [BUZZER SOUNDING] GOD BLESS AUSTIN, GOD BLESS THE VICTIMS OF THE HURRICANE KATRINA. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. TROXELL. RANDALL WITHROW.

RANDALL WITHROW. TO BE FOLLOWED BY MYRA FELDER.
WELCOME, MS. FELDER, THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY
MARK GENTLE.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN, CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MYRA FELDER, PRESIDENT OF UNLIMITED HAULING AND DIM DEMOLITION, A CITY MINORITY OWNED COMPANY. I COME TO YOU ONCE AGAIN WITH A COMPLEX ISSUE THAT OUR COMPANY HAS BEEN HAVING DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE HAVE FILED NUMEROUS WRITTEN COMPLAINTS REGARDING WE HAVE BEEN -- WHAT WE PERCEIVE AS VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY'S M.B.E. ORDINANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL MINORITY AND BUSINESS RESOURCES. I HAVE SUBMITTED COPIES TO EACH OF YOU SHOWING THAT WE WERE LISTED ON THE COMPLIANCE PLAN, I THINK I MAY BE SHORT A COUPLE OF COPIES. BUT WE WERE ASKED TO SIGN THE INTENT LETTER AND HAVE IT NOTARIZED, WHICH THAT WAS DONE. WE TOLD THE CONTRACTOR THAT WE NEVER SUBMITTED A BID FOR THIS PROJECT. THE CONTRACTOR SAID THAT WAS OKAY AND WENT ON TO TELL US THAT THEY FORGOT TO MENTION TO US THAT THEY PLACED UNUS DOWN ON THE COMPLIANCE PLAN. WHEN I ASKED AN EMPLOYEE AT DSMBR ABOUT THIS, I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS COMMON TO BE PLACED ON A COMPLIANCE PLAN WITHOUT SUBMITTING A BID. THE GENTLEMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS BEING SENT OUT TO US, WHICH WE NEVER RECEIVED, BUT IT SHOWS AND APPEARS THAT THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR PLACED OUR COMPANY DOWN ON THE COMPLIANCE BUT USED ANOTHER COMPANY TO COMPLETE THE WORK. IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE ALSO STATED TO DSMBR WE FELT THAT THE GENERAL CONTRACT WAS POSSIBLY WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS FROM OUR COMPANY. WE WERE TOLD BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR ON SEPTEMBER 2004, TWO CHECKS WAS BEING MAILED OUT TO OUR BANK. LATER ON, AFTER MEETING WITH DSMBR ON THE 18th OF OCTOBER, WE LEARNED THAT THE CHECKS WERE NEVER MAILED BUT INSTEAD HELD BY THE CONTRACTOR. THIS TYPE OF ACTION HAS BEEN DONE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AND BEING A SMALL, YOUNG COMPANY, CASH FLOW IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMPANY AND WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS COMPROMISED OUR BUSINESS.

PRESENTLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS IS WORKING WITH US TO WORK OUT SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION, COME TO SOME KIND OF RESOLVEMENT. WE WERE TOLD IT COULD TAKE FOUR MEETINGS, MAYBE MORE TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, IT WAS REALLY UNCERTAIN, IT COULD PROBABLY TAKE LONGER THAN THAT. THIS ISSUE STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 2004, HERE WE ARE SEPTEMBER 2005. WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS WILL NOT CONTINUE ON INTO 2006. OUR COMPANY IS NOT GOING AWAY AND WE DESERVE A FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THIS ISSUE HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE THAT IS DUE TO US. OUR COMPANY HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND TO REMAIN A GROWING AND CONCERN COMPANY WE ASKED TODAY FOR IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND COMPENSATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. FELDER, WE HAVE JUST BEEN HANDED A MEMO FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING THIS ISSUE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THAT QUICKLY.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MA'AM. MARK GENTLE, WELCOME. MARK, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY DR. LAWRENCE CRANBERG.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS. THERE'S BEEN A LONG HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PROTECTION OF TOWN LAKE PARK. I BELIEVE THAT -- THAT THAT PARTNERSHIP NEEDS AN EXPLICIT RENEWAL. BECAUSE THE RELATIONSHIP WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNDER SOME STRESS. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO SEE THE EVIDENCE. ONE COULD GO TO THE BACK OF THIS ROOM, LOOK LEFT, SEE THE CRANE, BUILDING THE LAGO PROJECT, WHICH REQUIRED, MY UNDERSTANDING WAS IT REQUIRED WAIVERS OF THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY ORDINANCE, AND IT IS IN -- IN THE VIEW OF -- OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE PARK, NOT ONLY AN EYESORE, BUT THE WORST CASE SCENARIO. BECAUSE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER IN THE '80S TO DEVELOP THE COMPREHENSIVE

PLAN, TO LIFT A PHRASE, WE BELIEVE THAT A DEAL IS A DEAL. THAT WHEN THE HEIGHT AND THE SETBACK RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED, IT WASN'T 7 AN OPTION, IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED, IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT MIGHT DISAPPEAR OR BE CHIPPED AWAY AT, BIT BY BIT, BUT THAT IT WAS A DEAL. FOR 13 STORY TOWER TO BE SO PROXIMATE THAT YOU COULD ALMOST REACH OUT AND TOUCH, A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, ON THAT LAND, IT'S A REAL QUESTION OF HOW THAT GOT APPROVED AND WHY IT GOT APPROVED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM READING THE MEDIA REPORTS, THERE IS A STUNNING LIST OF PERHAPS SIMILAR PROJECTS IN THE IDEA PHASE, MAYBE IN THE PROPOSAL PHASE, IT'S HARD TO KNOW FROM A PUBLIC PERSPECTIVE WITHOUT BEING AN INSIDER APPLICANT WHAT -- WHAT PHASE MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE. THE GABLES, THE HYATT, THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF SUCH PROJECTS. MANY WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE SIMILAR WAIVERS OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A DEAL. WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS THAT HIGH DENSITY, TOWERING VISTA-BLOCKING TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARK. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE SEAHOLM GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, THE HOLLY STREET, THE UNDERLYING PREMISE OF THOSE FACILITIES IN THIS REPORT IS THAT THOSE PROJECTS [BUZZER SOUNDING], THOSE FACILITIES, WERE DEDICATED AS PARKLAND SO THAT WHEN THEIR CURRENT USE COMES TO AN END, THAT'S GOING TO BE PARKLAND. THAT WOULD REQUIRE A REFERENDUM TO UNDO THAT DEDICATION.

Mayor Wynn: YOUR TIME IS UP, PLEASE CONCLUDE, MR. GENTLE.

YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHAT I'M ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER IS TO PUT ON THE AGENDA SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BRING FORWARD THEIR CONCERNS, A MORATORIUM, ON ANY OFFICIAL ACTION ON THOSE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE WAIVER OF THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY ORDINANCE AND IN ONE PLACE ON YOUR CITY'S SITE THAT THERE IS A COMPILED SET, COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE ON THE WAY IN THE MILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE SUCH WAIVERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

FOR THE EXTENSION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GENTLE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DR. LAWRENCE CRANBERG. LAWRENCE CRANBERG? OKAY. ONCE AGAIN, RANDALL -- HAS RANDALL WITHROW JOINED US OR JENNIFER GALE? COUNCIL THAT'S ALL OF OUR CITIZENS FOR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION. MY INSTINCT IS THERE'S STILL GOING TO BE A FAIR AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON SORT OF THE COMBINED ITEMS 17 AND 49. MY RECOMMENDATION IS WE GO AHEAD AND -- AND HAVE OUR LUNCH BREAK, CLOSED SESSION, EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT ON THIS ITEM, OF COURSE, BUT THEN COME BACK THIS AFTERNOON AS WE BEGIN OUR BRIEFINGS AND TAKE UP THE ITEMS. OBJECTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: YEAH, I GUESS I'LL OBJECT. [LAUGHTER] I WANT TO GET A MOTION ON THE TABLE AND THEN IF IT DOES APPEAR THAT -- THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A LENGTHY DELAY, WE CAN -- WE CAN ADDRESS THAT IF IT OCCURS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, I BELIEVE, THAT WE ALL HAVE BEFORE US. AND I'M GOING TO SKIP THE WHEREASES, BUT THE ITEM ONE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT CESAR CHAVEZ STREET FROM BRAZOS TO SAN ANTONIO FROM ONE WAY TO TWO WAY FLOW. NUMBER TWO, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT CONSTRUCTION SO THAT RIVERSIDE DRIVE WILL BE REDUCED FROM FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES. AND NUMBER THREE, BACK TO THE EARLIER, TO THE EXTENT EARLIER COUNCIL ACTION CONFLICTS WITH THIS RESOLUTION, THE PROVISIONS IN THIS RESOLUTION PREVAIL.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION FROM COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 49. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. DISCUSSIONS? [MULTIPLE VOICES] MAYOR PRO TEM, YOU BET.

Thomas: IN THIS RESOLUTION, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CLARIFY AS FAR AS THE -- WHERE I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED, IS THIS GOING TO HOLD UP WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE PARK? CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT?

Futrell: NO, IT WILL NOT. IN FACT WHAT THIS DOES, CESAR CHAVEZ IS OF COURSE INDEPENDENT OF THE PARK DECISION. NUMBER TWO IS ACTUALLY WHAT YOUR LAST DIRECTION WAS TO US, WHICH WAS TO REDUCE IT TO TWO AND IS NOT GOING TO DELAY WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE PARK. AND NUMBER THREE SIMPLY RESOLVES THE PRIOR RESOLUTION. IT SPEAKS TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOW DONE THE MOBILITY AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS SHOWING WHAT CAN BE MITIGATED, WHAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED WITH WHAT WE KNOW AT THE TIME TODAY AND THAT YOU HAVE REDUCED IT TO TWO LANES.

Thomas: OKAY. IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHAT ABOUT -- I GUESS SINCE COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL MADE THE MOTION, CAN WE HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE BIT MORE STUDY BEFORE WE MAKE FINALIZE ON -- I KNOW THAT WE NEED TO BE LIKE A -- MY COLLEAGUES SAID A DEAL IS A DEAL, IT IS A DEAL. BUT I FEEL THAT THERE'S A COUPLE OF COUNCILMEMBERS WOULD LIKE A LITTLE BIT MORE STUDY. CAN -- COULD I DELAY MAYBE 30 DAYS? THAT -- WOULD THAT BE FRIENDLY?

Leffingwell: I THINK THAT WE HAVE JUST ABOUT STUDIED THIS ISSUE TO DEATH. AND IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK THAT WE HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED. SO I -- WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I DO NOT ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER? FURTHER COMMENTS? IF I COULD, ON THE -- ON THE MOTION, SEEMS LIKE ON THE CESAR CHAVEZ TWO-WAY CONVERSION WE ACTUALLY HAD A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON CESAR CHAVEZ CONVERSION WAS OPTION 2, I BELIEVE IT WAS. MS. CRAYTON IS NODDING HER HEAD.

Futrell: YES, OPTION 2. I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY WISE --

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCILMEMBER --

Leffingwell: I ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ? SO OPTION TWO

THEN IS BEING IDENTIFIED AS THE -- AS THE SCENARIO FOR THE TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF CESAR CHAVEZ. AND ANY QUESTIONS -- MADAM CITY MANAGER, YOU SAID THAT ITEM NO. -- PART NUMBER 2 OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE REDUCTION OF RIVERSIDE FROM 4 TO 2 LANES, WOULD NOT DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARK, THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, THAT WE STILL ARE -- 2-POINT --

2.1 2.1 WITHOUT THE ADD ALTERNATES. THE ADD ALTERNATES ACTUALLY TAKE IT UP CLOSER TO THREE. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THAT FOR YOU UNTIL OUR BIDS ARE BACK. WHICH WILL BE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. BUT THIS ACTION, HOWEVER YOU TAKE IT, WILL NOT CHANGE THAT CRITICAL PATH. WILL NOT AFFECT IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. >>

Mayor Wynn: SO IT BEGS THE QUESTION WOULD NOT TAKING THIS ACTION DELAY THE PARK? IF TAKING ITEM ACTION NUMBER TWO WOULD NOT DELAY THE PARK --

Futrell: I'M SEARCHING FOR WARREN. THERE'S WARREN. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE, EITHER. WARREN, CAN YOU GIVE ME A NOD ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

Mayor Wynn: PARK DEVELOPMENT, THE FIRST CHALLENGE IS TO COME UP WITH \$3 MILLION. BUT THE PARK DEVELOPMENT IS -- WE COULD, IF WE HAD \$3 MILLION TOMORROW, WE COULD BEGIN THE PARK DEVELOPMENT INDEPENDENT OF WHAT DECISION WOULD BE MADE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CORRECT?

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY.

Futrell: THERE'S A SMALL ADJUSTMENT THAT HAS TO BE MADE.

THERE IS.

Futrell: IF I REMEMBER WE WALKED THIS IN OUR MEETING. IT NOT A CRITICAL PATH OR A CRITICAL DOLLAR AMOUNT IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY. SO REGARDLESS OF YOUR

DECISION HERE, WE -- WE CAN MOVE AHEAD. DO I HAVE IT CORRECT, WARREN?

I THINK YOU ARE CORRECT, CITY MANAGER. I DO WANT TO REMIND COUNCIL THAT THERE ARE SOME DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS IF THAT DECISION IS NOT MADE. WE HAVE PARKING LOTS THAT HAVE TO BE DECIDED UPON AND SO FORTH. THERE ARE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS THAT WOULD AFFECT THE DESIGN OF TOWN LAKE PARK.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. MS. TERRY?

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MARTHA TERRY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, WE WOULD OFFER THAT THE CHANGE TO ONE SHOULD READ NOW: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT CESAR CHAVEZ STREET FROM BRAZOS STREET TO SAN ANTONIO FROM ONE WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION TWO WITH URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, SIR. I GUESS MY LAST QUESTION, SO IF THIS IS DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE RIVER -- ON THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PORTION WEST OF SOUTH FIRST STREET, THAT IS THE CONVERSION FROM FOUR TO TWO LANES, I THINK THAT I HEARD MS. CRAYTON SAY THAT THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST SECTION OF THE LARGER RIVERSIDE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DONE. I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RATIONALE FOR THAT IS. WHY WOULD WE DO THAT SECTION FIRST? IF IT'S -- IT WON'T HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE TIMING OF THE PARK, WHICH WE ARE ALL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF TRYING TO FIND THE FUNDS TO GET DONE.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF MARATHONS COMING UP, SO WE WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND GET THAT SEGMENT OUT OF THE WAY. BUT WE HAVE THE WHOLE PROJECT ON AN ACCELERATED TIME FRAME. SO AGAIN I PROBABLY NEED TO CHECK THAT WITH YOU AND SEE EXACTLY WHAT THE PHASING IS OF -- OF THE TWO

SEGMENTS OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE. BUT WE ARE TRYING TO GET IN AND GET THEM DONE BEFORE THE MARATHONS OCCUR AND ALSO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LONG CENTER OPENING.

Mayor Wynn: THE FREESCALE MARATHON IS MARCH, I GUESS, EACH YEAR.

RIGHT. FEBRUARY.

Mayor Wynn: SO IS THE IDEA THAT THIS COULD OCCUR PRIOR TO --

THAT ONE SEGMENT I THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO SQUEEZE IT IN, SOME PORTION OF THE PHRASING, BEFORE THAT MARATHON AND AGAIN I REALLY NEED TO CHECK THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT I GET THE TIMING ON THAT RIGHT. THE SEQUENCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken?

McCracken: I GUESS I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED HOW THROWING THE ROAD ALIGNMENT INTO LIMBO WOULD NOT SLOW THE PARK DOWN BECAUSE -- BECAUSE IT JUST APPEARS JUST FROM SITTING UP HERE THAT IF WE DO NOT ADOPT ITEM 49, THEN WE ARE LEFT WITH NO PLAN FOR THE ROAD, WHICH ALSO THEN CREATES CONFUSION ABOUT -- ABOUT THE DESIGN THROUGH THE HEART OF THAT PARK. MY OPINION IS THAT WE WOULD INJECT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONFUSION INTO THE PARK PROJECT TODAY IF WE DID NOT ACT ON 49 AND THEN LEFT IT UNCLEAR WHAT THE PLAN WAS FOR THE ROAD ALIGNMENT, SINCE IT COULD BECOME ONE OF MANY DIFFERENT OPTIONS. CAN YOU ALL --

Futrell: LET'S CLARIFY THIS. WHY DON'T WE BRING THE MAP BACK UP. IT DOES REQUIRE US TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IF THE ROAD ALIGNMENT IS CHANGED. WE TALKED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THAT WOULD BE A CRITICAL PATH BOTH FOR DOLLARS AND DESIGN. SO WARREN IF YOU WILL GET THE MIC AND KIND OF WALK THROUGH. SONDRRA IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP IN THIS DISCUSSION.

COUNCIL ... TEST, THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER, I THINK THAT YOUR OBSERVATION OF THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. IF WE DON'T RECONFIGURE RIVERSIDE CURRENTLY, AND WE LEAVE IT IN THE FOUR-LANE CONFIGURATION, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE A PARKING LOT HERE THAT IS CRITICAL TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARK FROM A CAPACITY STANDPOINT, FROM A TRANSPORTATION STANDPOINT, THAT WOULD NOT BE THERE. WE WOULD ALSO HAVE A MAJOR CROSSOVER AT THIS LOCATION. FOR ALL OF OUR PEDESTRIAN CROSS WALKS, ALL OF OUR BICYCLE CROSS WALKS AT THIS LOCATION THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FIGURED OUT AND REDESIGNED IN SOME FASHION. WE ALSO HAVE THE OTHER AREAS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONFIGURED AND DESIGNED OVER A FOUR-LANE ROADWAY, WHICH WOULD -- IT WOULD SLOW DOWN THE PARK. THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE REDESIGN COSTS AND RECONSIDERATION ON HOW THAT WOULD BE DONE.

McCracken: [INDISCERNIBLE] IT IS IN FACT -- A FAILURE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NUMBER 49 THEN WOULD CREATE DELAYS IN THE PARK PROJECT AND INJECT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT CREDIT CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE PARK DESIGN AND POSSIBLY HAVING TO REDO BIG PARTS OF THE PARK DESIGN; IS THAT RIGHT?

THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: ONE MORE AFTER. MR. STRUSS, I KNOW THAT THE MAIN THING IN THE STAKEHOLDERS AND YOUR VIEW IS THAT -- THAT TWO LANE WOULD BE THE BEST FOR THAT PARK BECAUSE OF THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVER AND PLUS THE SAFETY. HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT -- ABOUT CROSSING OVER WITH SOME TYPE OF OTHER CROSSOVER, OVER THE EXISTING HIGHWAY? IS THAT TOO COSTLY?

MAYOR PRO TEM, IF YOU ARE ASKING ARE WE TALKING ABOUT AN OVERHEAD AERIAL CROSSOVER? THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT, BUT THE COSTS ARE -- ARE QUITE SIGNIFICANT.

Thomas: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IN THIS RESOLUTION. ONE OF THEM I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY, ONE OF THEM I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT PARTIALLY, I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO DO THAT UNLESS I MAKE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION. SO ... UM ... I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MAKERS IF WE COULD BREAK IT INTO TWO PARTS AND NUMBER ONE WOULD BE THAT THE COUNCIL DIVERT THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT CESAR CHAVEZ TO THE TWO-WAY STREET. COULD -- IS THAT GOING TO HAVE TO BE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION OR IS IT GOING TO BE A FRIENDLY MOTION? SUBSTITUTE. I WOULD LIKE TO DO A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO -- TO -- THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT CESAR CHAVEZ STREET FROM BRAZOS STREET TO SAN ANTONIO FROM ONE WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW.

Mayor Wynn: A BIFURCATED SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THE TABLE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY TO TAKE UP POINT NUMBER 1 OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 49 ONLY AT THIS TIME. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: YES, MS. TERRY.

I'M SEEKING CLARIFICATION, IS THAT MOTION ALWAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION TWO WITH URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS?

Mayor Wynn: I SUSPECT THAT IT IS.

Dunkerly: YES. >>> MAYOR, I'M ALSO INFORMED THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. COUNCIL IS NOW CONSIDERATION ACTION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

McCracken: IS THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE MOTION WOULD STRIP OUT ALL PLANNING ABOUT WHAT TO DO FOR TOWN

LAKE PARK AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE, IS THAT -- THAT IS MY READING OF THE MOTION. IF IT'S REMOVING IT FROM ITEM 49?

Dunkerly: MY PURPOSE FOR DOING THIS IS REALLY TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE ENHANCEMENTS ON CESAR CHAVEZ, AND I WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY NUMBER 2 WHEN WE GOT TO THAT, NOT ELIMINATE IT.

McCracken: I GUESS A QUESTION THAT I HAVE ON THAT IS THAT THE WAY THIS -- THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS STRUCTURED, WE ONLY HAVE ONE ITEM 49 TO VOTE ON. AND IF WE -- IF OUR SUBSTITUTE MOTION WERE ADOPTED, WE WOULD BE ADOPTING ITEM 49 WITH NO DIRECTION WHATSOEVER ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT TOWN LAKE PARK. WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT -- THAT IT WOULD ENTER LIMBO LAND AND AT LEAST AS THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION STRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD POTENTIALLY INJECT SOME SIGNIFICANT DELAY AND CONFUSION AS MR. STRUSS EXPLAINED. I THINK THAT'S -- I GUESS THAT I WOULD LIKE THE MOTION TO -- THE MAKERS TO CLARIFY ARE WE ABANDONING A DECISION ON TOWN LAKE PARK IN THIS MOTION, BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY IT'S CURRENTLY STRUCTURED, OR IF NOT, THEN WE NEED TO HAVE SOME DIRECTION IN THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ABOUT WHAT TO DO FOR TOWN LAKE PARK.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER, IF I CAN, I AGREE WITH THAT. SO -- SO COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY, MY RECOMMENDATION, COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IS THAT WE WILL COME BACK AND -- AND REVISIT THIS TOPIC, THAT IS I THINK WE DO HAVE TO RECONSTRUCT A DIFFERENT SUBSTITUTE MOTION, NOT TO ABANDON ITEM NO. 49. MEANWHILE WE DO, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A MAIN MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE, WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM. I APOLOGIZE, WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS COMMENTARY BEFORE I ASKED FOR A MOTION. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE SHOULD HEAR FROM SOME CITIZENS WHO ARE HERE. AND OUR FIRST PERSON WHO SIGNED UP WAS MR. JIM KNIGHT. JIM IS STILL WITH US? WELCOME, JIM, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JEFF JACK.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, I'M JIM KNIGHT PRESIDENT OF THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL HERE REPRESENTING OUR ORGANIZATION TODAY. I WANT TO ECHO FIRST OUR SUPPORT FOR WHAT THE COWBOY IS ATTEMPTING TO -- FOR WHAT THE COUNCIL IS ATTEMPTING TO DO. THE CESAR CHAVEZ CONVERSION, THE TOWN LAKE PARK, ARE PHENOMENAL IDEAS WHOSE TIME HAS COME IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR -- OUR CONCERN BOILS DOWN TO ONE ITEM, WITH RESPECT TO TOWN LAKE PARK. OUR COMMUNITY IS STARVING FOR EAST-WEST THOROUGHFARES. TO TAKE ANY EAST-WEST THOROUGHFARE AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CAPACITY BEFORE THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA IS KNOWN SEEMS TO BE NONSENSICAL. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OUR ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE UNDER THE ECT SCENARIO FOR OUR DOWNTOWN. WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING PROPOSALS ON A DAILY BASIS FOR DENSIFICATION OF THAT AREA. CURRENTLY THERE ARE MILLIONS OF SQUARE FEET BEING PROPOSED IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. CLEARLY THAT WILL HAVE A TRAFFIC IMPACT ON WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED HERE TODAY. EVEN BY CITY STAFF'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WE ARE WORKING ON 2004 TRAFFIC MODEL NUMBERS. WE ARE NOT ANTICIPATING TRAFFIC MODELS FROM 2010 OR BEYOND. AND THE IMPACT THEY WILL HAVE. NOT ONLY FOR -- NORMAL COMMUTER TRAFFIC, BUT ALSO FOR CAPITAL METRO, MASS TRANSIT AND ALSO FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. THE COST CLEARLY IS AN ISSUE. WE CAN'T GO SPEND MONEY NILLY WILLY JUST BECAUSE WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING. LET'S BEAUTIFY THE PARK, BUT LET'S MAINTAIN THE TRAFFIC CAPACITY. WE ALL KNOW THE WAY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES WORK. IT'S DIFFICULT ONCE YOU GIVE SOMETHING UP TO GIVE IT BACK. I APPLAUD COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY FOR TRYING TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA FOR THE -- IF THE TRAFFIC VOLUME NEEDS TO COME BACK IN THE FUTURE TO GET IT BACK. I'M NOT SURE ANYBODY THINKS THAT WILL ACTUALLY HAPPEN. AS A MATTER OF FACT I THINK THAT IT'S FAIRLY FORESEEABLE LOOKING AT THE PRESENTATION, AS SOON AS IT'S NARROWED DOWN TO TWO LANES, YOU ARE GOING TO IMMEDIATELY START GETTING PRESS TO DELETE IT COMPLETELY. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS DETRIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. IF WORST CASE IF THE

COUNCIL WOULD AMEND YOUR RESOLUTION TO SAY, WILL NOT CLOSE THAT PERIOD, I THINK WE WOULD BE MORE THAN SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. WE WERE NOT PART OF THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP INVITED TO THE TABLE TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM. WE HAVE OPPOSED THIS ITEM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE THINK PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC CAPACITY AND THE FACT THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR DOWNTOWN IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE FIVE OR 10 YEARS FROM NOW, WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THIS AND WE HAVE A 70 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO FUNCTION YET. I VISITED WITH THE LONG FOLKS ON MONDAY, THEY ARE VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRAFFIC. NOT ONLY WITH THEIR OPERATIONS, BUT CHRISTMAS AND OCTOBER AND ON NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPEN DOWN THERE REALLY GET PLUGGED DRUP THE DAY AND -- UP DURING THE DAY AND IN ALL PEAK HOURS, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. KNIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER IS JEFF JACK. HANG ON, JEFF, A COUPLE OF FOLKS OFFERED YOU TIME. GARY HYATT STILL HERE? HELLO, GARY. TIM MAKE MAHONEY? I DON'T SEE HIM. HOW ABOUT WILLIAM STALLTON. YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES.

ROSE PITOLA.

Mayor Wynn: KNOTS ON THE LIST, BUT IF SHE WOULD SIGN UP SHE COULD DONATE TIME TO YOU. I HAVE GARY DOWN, TIM AND WILLIAM, BUT THEY AREN'T HERE.

ROSE FITOLA I THINK SIGNED UP, ALSO, NOT THERE?

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. IS ROSE HERE? THEN JEFF, YOU CAN TAKE NINE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, I HOPE NOT TO TAKE IT ALL. BUT YOU KNOW NINE MINUTES AFTER SPENDING EIGHT YEARS IS A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. I'M JEFF JACK, I REPRESENTED THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS ON THIS. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THIS MORNING I READ ON THE -- ON THE WEATHER CHANNEL THAT TODAY IS AN OZONE ACTION DAY IN AUSTIN. AND I'M ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLEAN AIR FORCE AS

THE MAYOR IS. AND IN AN OZONE ACTION DAY, WE ARE LOOKING AT AIR POLLUTION MAINLY FROM CARS. IT'S KIND OF IRONIC THAT THE GREATEST THING TO SCRUB OUR AIR IS TREES. AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A PARK TODAY, THE TWO MAJOR ISSUES GREEN SPACE AND CARS. I THINK ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH PARKS IN CITIES. AND AS A YOUNG ARCHITECT I LEARNED ABOUT PARIS AND THE PARISIANS CALL THEIR PARKS THE LUNGS OF THE CITY. EVERY GREAT URBAN CITY HAS GREAT PARKS. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO TRY TO MOVE FORWARD AND GIVING AUSTIN THE KIND OF WORLD CLASS PARK THAT IT REALLY DESERVES. WE WANT TO HAVE A WORLD CLASS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, A WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER. WE NEED THE WORLD CLASS PARK. BACK WHEN THIS PROJECT BEGAN, THE WHOLE IDEA OF TOWN LAKE WAS DIFFERENT. THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO BRING THE ICE BATS TO TOWN. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS HAD A PROBLEM WITH THAT AND IT WAS A COMPROMISE WORKED OUT, WITH MAYOR WATSON, TO USE THE EVENT STATUTES TO COME AND BUILD A COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER. THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE PARK ADVOCATES GOT BEHIND THAT IDEA WITH THE PROVISIO THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A WORLD CLASS PARK BUILT AT THE SAME TIME. SO WE ARE SIX YEARS LATER, WE HAVE A NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER, WE HAVE A PARKING GARAGE, THE LONG CENTER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A PARK. ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT THE PARK THAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT IS SEPARATING THE TWO ISSUES. CERTAINLY AS -- AS DIRECTOR STRUSS SHOWED YOU, THE PARK DESIGN IS REALLY MAGNIFICENT. IT REALLY TAKES INTO ALL OF THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT FOR JUST A SECOND. THIS IS THE PLAN THAT THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS CREATED. I THINK THAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN REFERRED TO. IT WAS SIGNED BY ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE LONG CENTER. TO MR. KNIGHT'S COMMENT A MINUTE AGO ABOUT NOT BEING INVITED TO THE TABLE, I BELIEVE THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING AS PARTICIPANTS IN ALMOST ALL OF THE WORKSHOPS AND THEY'VE HAD PEOPLE AT VARIOUS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. WHEN

WE TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE OF RIVERSIDE, WHEN WE DID THE PARK, WE KNEW THERE WAS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM. SO WE GOT THE CITY TO HIRE WHM TO DO A TRAFFIC ANALYSIS BEFORE WE DID THE MASTER PLAN. THEIR ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT CLOSING RIVERSIDE CREATED A SEVEN SECOND DELAY IN TRAFFIC AROUND THE AREA. BASED ON THAT, ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND CAME UP WITH THIS MASTER PLAN. IT SHOWED RIVERSIDE BEING CLOSED. BUT THERE WERE ISSUES RAISED ABOUT HOW WELL THAT TRAFFIC ANALYSIS WAS DONE AND SO THE CITY'S PROVISIO THAT WE WOULD APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MASTER PLAN, COMING BACK AND REVISITING THE TRAFFIC STUDIES AND THEN VERIFYING WHETHER RIVERSIDE COULD REALLY BE CLOSED. IN THE INTERIM YEARS WE DID THE DAM STUDY. IT SAYS VERY CLEARLY CLOSING RIVERSIDE FROM FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES HAD NO SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACT. NOW, A THIRD STUDY IS ESSENTIALLY SAYING THE SAME THING. THE CESAR CHAVEZ STUDY THAT YOU JUST HAVE THE PRESENTATION ABOUT SAYS ESSENTIALLY THAT CLOSING RIVERSIDE IN THAT 1,000-FOOT STRETCH TO TWO LANES FROM FOUR HAS NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. WHAT'S INTERESTING THAT YOU HEARD SUPPORT TODAY FOR THE TWO-WAY STUDY OF CESAR CHAVEZ, OPTION TWO, AND IN THAT YOU HAVE SIX INTERSECTIONS, THREE OF WHICH ARE DEGRADED IN THEIR LEVEL OF SERVICE. AND YET SOUTH OF THE RIVER, WHERE WE HAVE TOWN LAKE PARK, WE DON'T HAVE THAT SITUATION AT ALL. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE CREATED A DESIGN THAT ALLOWS US TO HAVE FOUR LANES OFF THE SOUTH LAMAR AND SOUTH FIRST STREET INTERSECTIONS AND ESSENTIALLY ALLOWED THE TRAFFIC CAPACITY TO BE AS IT IS TODAY AND NO LOSS OF SERVICE AT THE INTERSECTIONS. SO COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN. I WANT TO JUST TALK A BIT ABOUT THE -- DELAYING THE VOTE TODAY. WARREN TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO REDESIGN. IF YOU LOOK AT THE PLAN, WE HAVE A - - WE HAVE A PARKING LOT THAT WE ARE UTILIZING SOME OF THE EXISTING FOUR LANES IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. WE SPENT LITERALLY MONTHS NEGOTIATING THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE TWO-LANE SOLUTION. MANY OF THE THINGS THAT

WE DID, WE WILL HAVE TO GO BACK AND REVISIT BECAUSE A FOUR-LANE SOLUTION IS NOT GOING TO WORK WITH THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING FOR THE TWO LANE. SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A SIGNIFICANT REDESIGN EFFORT THAT IS GOING TO TAKE TIME. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO REBID THIS THING END OF SEPTEMBER, FIRST OF OCTOBER. THE -- THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT NEEDS TO HAVE DIRECTION TO GO FORWARD AND GET THAT BID PACKAGE DONE. WE GOT CAUGHT IN A REALLY BAD SITUATION WHEN WE REBID THIS PROJECT. WE HAD ONLY TWO BIDDERS. THE BIDDING CLIMATE CHANGED. IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE, THE PRICE OF GASOLINE IS GOING UP. THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY IS GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT. EVERY DAY THAT WE DELAY GETTING THIS PROJECT BID IS GOING TO COST US MONEY. SO I THINK THAT WHAT WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD TODAY, WITH THE RESOLUTION TO MOVE FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES THROUGH THIS SECTION OF RIVERSIDE. I WANT TO TALK A COUPLE OF MINUTES ABOUT SOME OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE] ASPECTS OF THE STAFF PRESENTATION, SOME OF THE ISSUES THEY BROUGHT UP. ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE SAFETY OF IF CARS BREAK DOWN ON THIS THOUSAND FOOT STRETCH OF RIVERSIDE, THEN YOU HAVE GOT A TRAFFIC PROBLEM. YOU KNOW, WE JUST RIGHT BEHIND YOU HERE ON SECOND STREET, CONVERTED IT TO TWO LANES FOR FOUR BLOCKS, AND THAT WAS DONE BECAUSE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE RETAIL DEVELOPMENT ON SECOND STREET. WHY IS IT GOOD TO SUPPORT RETAIL DEVELOPMENT ON SECOND STREET, BUT IT'S NOT OKAY TO SUPPORT THE PARK SOUTH OF THE RIVER? WE TALKED ABOUT THE LONG CENTER BUS SITUATION. WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS SINCE DAY ONE. I THINK ONE OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS ASKED THAT QUESTION. THAT QUESTION WAS HAVE WE CONSIDERED THE BUSES FROM THE BEGINNING AND WE HAVE. IN FACT WHEN WE DID THE ORIGINAL ANALYSIS OF THE PARK, WE HAD ANTICIPATED A LONG CENTER BEING MUCH BIGGER THAN THE ONE THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO HAVE BUILT TODAY. AND WE LOOKED AT THE SIZE OF THE THEATERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BUILT, AND THE NUMBER OF BUSES THAT IT TAKES TO OCCUPY THAT, HOW MANY

SCHOOL KIDS PER BUS, SO FORTH, LARRY AKERS WILL TALK TO IT MORE, WE HAVE MORE THAN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE THIS IN A MANAGED WAY AT THE PARK. THAT'S NOT REALLY AN ISSUE. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE FIRE AND EMS. EVERY MAJOR ARTERIAL IN THE CITY IS CONSIDERED BY E.M.S. AND FIRE AS A ROUTE. THE FACT IS THEY HAVEN'T SHOWN ANY INDICATION THAT THEY USE IT. IT'S IN THEIR PLAN BECAUSE IT'S DESIGNATED AS AN ARTERIAL. THERE ARE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP WITH REGARD TO THE PARK AND AGAIN BIG CITIES HAVE GREAT PARKS AND COUNCILMEMBER KIM ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT CENTRAL PARK. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS DIAGRAM. A MAP OF CENTRAL PARK AND RIGHT HERE, THIS WHITE SPACE, IS -- IS TOWN LAKE PARK. CENTRAL PARK IS ABOUT 800 ACRES. THE YELLOW LINES ARE ALL THE -- ALL OF THE ARTERIALS THAT RUN THROUGH CENTRAL PARK. IN CENTRAL PARK ITSELF, THERE ARE NINE AREAS THAT ARE LARGER THAN OUR ENTIRE PARK WITH NO ROADS IN IT. SO THE IDEA BECAUSE CENTRAL PARK HAS ROADS IN IT, IT'S OKAY FOR US TO HAVE A ROAD. WELL, I THINK IT SHOWS THAT IN THIS ONE PARK, IN NEW YORK CITY, THERE ARE MORE AREAS OF NO ROADS THAN WE ARE THINKING ABOUT HERE IN TOWN LAKE PARK. JUST TO RECAP, HOPEFULLY, WE CAN GET THE REBID DONE. WE CAN FIND THE MONEY TO DO THE PARK. [BUZZER SOUNDING] WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD AND APPROVE THIS TODAY SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE A FURTHER DELAY AND POSSIBLY INCREASE THE COST. THE LAST THING IS THAT WE UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE COUNCIL SAID WHEN THEY ADOPTED THE MASTER PLAN THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T INCONVENIENCE THE COMPUTER TRAFFIC, THE EAST-WEST MOBILITY IN THE CITY. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE STAFF IS LOOKING IN DEPTH AT -- AT WHAT THE MITIGATIONS MIGHT HAVE TO BE. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE SO FAR HASN'T PROVED TO -- TO BE CONCISIVE. WE ARE GOING TO SEE THEM DO SOME OTHER THINGS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. BUT TO ANSWER COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS' ISSUE --

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE, YOUR TIME IS UP.

TIME, WE SPENT SEVEN YEARS WORKING ON THIS, I THINK THAT WE ARE AT THE POINT OF DECISION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER IS STEVE SIMPSON. STEVE SIMPSON. WELCOME, SIR. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY LARRY AKERS.

WOW, I HAVE RENEWED RESPECT FOR THIS AUGUST BODY. YOU ALL ARE TROOPERS. I'M STEVE SIMPSON, A BOARD MEMBER WITH DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE, I ALSO CHAIR THE STREET SCAPES AND TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND I'M HERE JUST TO SAY YOUR STAFF HAS DONE A PHENOMENAL JOB. THEY PRESENTED SOME OF THE PLANS FOR THE TRANSITION, THE TRANSFORMATION OF CESAR CHAVEZ TO BE THE BOULEVARD STREET THAT AUSTIN DESERVES. A WEEK AND A HALF AGO AND WE ARE THRILLED. WE THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO ADD AN INCREDIBLE DYNAMIC TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. WE LOVE THEIR INCLUSION OF URBAN DESIGN ELEMENTS, IT'S A BIG PICTURE THINKING AND WE JUST WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR DIRECTING THE STAFF AND THE EFFORTS OF THE STAFF. THE ONLY THING THAT WE WOULD REQUEST IS THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THEM TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE IDEA OF MAKING CESAR CHAVEZ A TWO-WAY STREET WITH ALL OF THE URBAN DESIGN ELEMENTS THAT THEY HAVE LOOKED AT AND WE WOULD EVEN ASK THAT THEY WOULD INCORPORATE MEDIANS AS POSSIBLE. IN THAT SECTION OF CESAR CHAVEZ. THOSE WOULD HAVE TWO PURPOSES. ONE WOULD PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT EASIER TRANSITION FOR PEDESTRIANS TO GET ACROSS THE ROADWAY. AND, TWO, THERE WOULD BE POTENTIALLY ROOM FOR TREES AND GIVE US THAT FULL BOULEVARD EFFECT. THERE'S -- THERE'S MANY ADVANTAGES TO THE TWO-WAY STREET. I THINK THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THEM ALREADY. BUT WE WANTED TO COME AND COMMEND YOU FOR EXCEL LEAPT WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXCELLENT WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. SIMPSON. LARRY AKERS, WELCOME, ONE SECOND.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, GENE MATHER OFFERED ME HER TIME SINCE WE ARE RUNNING SHORT. IF IT WOULD BE OKAY IF I COULD TALK FOR SIX, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. SHE DID WANT ME TO EXPRESS THAT SRCC IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE CONVERSION TO TWO LANES ON RIVERSIDE, ENCOURAGING

COUNCIL TO FIND THE FUND TO BUILD TOWN LAKE PARK AS PROPOSED. CUTTING TO THE CHASE, I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT THE STAFF BROUGHT UP AS CONCERNS ABOUT THE TWO-LANE CONVERSION IN TOWN LAKE PARK. ONE BEING STALLED AND WRECKED VEHICLES. FIRST OF ALL, THIS SHORT STRETCH OF ROAD HAS -- HAS NO TURNING MOVEMENTS. THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN ACCIDENT OR A STALLED VEHICLE THERE IS VERY SLENDER. THERE ARE BETWEEN 27 AND 28 FEET OF ROADWAY, A STALLED VEHICLE COULD PULL OVER TO THE SIDE, TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC COULD CAUTIOUSLY PASS WITHOUT CONFLICT. THERE'S AN ISSUE ABOUT MERGING TIME, PEOPLE SORTING THEMSELVES OUT. AS SPELLED OUT BY THE TRAFFIC FOLKS, THAT AREA ENCOMPASSES ABOUT 2,000 FEET OF ROADWAY. WITH TRAFFIC MOVING AT SLOW SPEEDS, THAT IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR PEOPLE TO SORT OUT WHICH LANE THEY WANT TO BE IN AND TO DO SO IN AN OPTIMAL MANNER. THAT'S JUST THE WAY DRIVERS BEHAVE. AS FOR THE BUS PLAN, THE -- THE DETAILS OF THE STAGING PLAN HAVE NOT BEEN ALL HAMMERED TOGETHER. BUT THERE IS ENOUGH CURB SPACE, DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE LONG CENTER, TO PARK ENOUGH BUSES TO FILL THAT HALL THREE TIMES OVER. NOT THAT THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, MOVING PEOPLE IN AND OUT IS AN OPTION, BUT THERE IS SUCH A COMPLETELY OPEN FIELD OF OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THAT ISSUE THAT IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DELAY OVER. SAME THING WITH THE OPERATIONAL PLAN. ALTHOUGH EVERY NICE BIT OF WORD PROCESSING AND EVERY BIT AND PIECE OF IT HAVE FOR THE BEEN SPELLED OUT AND PUT ON PAPER YET, ALL OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS THAT WILL GO INTO THAT PLAN HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, MANY OF THOSE WERE SUGGESTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION STAFF. THEY ARE COMING FROM ALL SIDES. THEY ALL SEEM TO BE HARMONIOUS, THERE'S NO ISSUES THERE. NO FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT -- THAT DEMAND RESOLUTION BEFORE WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS THING WILL ALL OPERATE AS A VENUE VERY, VERY WELL. WITH REGARD TO FIRE AND E.M.S., AGAIN, THE -- THE WHOLE ROADWAY ALTERATION PLAN WAS VETTED BY FIRE AND E.M.S. AND THEY HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH IT. SO THERE'S -- THERE'S JUST NO IMPEDIMENT THERE. THE -- THE SAME BOARDS AND

COMMISSIONS THAT APPROVED THE CHAVEZ STUDY HAVE SUPERINTENDENT PAT FORGIONE AND APPROVED THE -- HAVE SPOKEN AND APPROVED THE CONVERSION OF RIVERSIDE. THERE WAS A REMARK ABOUT THE TRAFFIC STUDIES DIDN'T PROJECT DEMAND, BUT THE DAMP STUDY DID. WELL OVER CURRENT LEVELS, INTO THE FUTURE, PLACES WHERE WE WON'T REACH FOR YEARS. THE DAMP STUDY DID CLEAR THE WAY FOR AUTHORIZATION OF A TWO-LANE CONFIGURATION. SO THE -- THE CONVERSION OF RIVERSIDE, WELL, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO GIVE A SPEECH. DELAY, DELAY IS JUST NOT AN OPTION HERE BECAUSE AS -- AS WARREN AND JEFF POINTED OUT, TO REVISIT AND RETHINK HOW WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH RIVERSIDE IS GOING TO IMPLY REDESIGN OF THE -- OF THE PHASE TWO AREA. WE WILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO PUT A PARKING LOT, THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SPACE CONSTRAINED AND FEATURE RICH PARK. THERE IS NO PLACE TO -- TO PUT THAT PARKING LOT. OTHER THAN ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE OPTION OF USING THE STREET ITSELF FOR PARALLEL PARKING IN ITS CONFIGURATION, IS HORRENDOUSLY DANGEROUS. YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE CROSSING THE STREET, GETTING OUT OF CARS, COMING OUT FROM BEHIND PARALLEL CARS DIRECTLY INTO COMMUTER TRAFFIC LANES, IT -- IT WOULD JUST -- IT WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE. TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. SO THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO GET THIS BID OUT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST OF OCTOBER, GIVEN THE SITUATION WITH HURRICANE KATRINA, THAT IS NOT SOON ENOUGH. WE NEED TO TRY TO ACCELERATE THAT PROCESS BEFORE MATERIALS COSTS THAT RESULTING FROM THAT DISASTER START TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THIS PROJECT. AS JEFF SAID, EVERY DAY WE WAIT IS GOING TO COST US MONEY. SO THE -- THE IMPACT OF DEFERRING THIS DECISION, THE IMPLICATIONS ON REDESIGN AND THE FACT THAT OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS WOULD HAVE TO REDEVELOP CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS THAT ARE ALREADY ALL LAID OUT AND READY TO GO, YOU KNOW, THE DELAY IS JUST NOT THE WAY TO GO WITH THIS. ALL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SOLVED. SO WE'VE STUDIED THIS THING TO BITS. IT'S MET THE HIGHEST CRITERIA OF ANY PROJECT THAT'S GONE FORWARD IN THE -- IN THE CITY, CENTRAL CITY FOR REVIEW. WE CAN'T AFFORD THE CHAOS OF -- OF DELAY, YOU KNOW,

DOING THAT WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE. THE PARK IS ALREADY FOUR YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE ANYWAY. AND NOT A SINGLE SPADE OF DIRT HAS BEEN TURNED BY THE CITY. IT IS THE VOTERS AUTHORIZED THIS THING, PLANNED IT, PAID FOR IT, WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SOMETHING REALLY GREAT HERE. WE NEED TO ABANDON THE MINDSET OF THINKING OF ANY CONCEIVABLE EXCUSE, ANYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG, ANY REASON TO DELAY OR RETHINK OR KILL THIS THING, IT'S TIME TO BUILD IT. TIME TO BUILD OUR NEW CENTRAL PARK. THE NECESSARY FIRST STEP IS TO AUTHORIZE THE ROAD WORK ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: TO CLARIFY BY THE WAY ON SAYS THAT IT'S OPTION NUMBER 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADDITIONAL URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS. WE'RE TALKING THROUGH A PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE MOTION; HOWEVER, SEEING HOW WE ONLY HAVE ONE -- ITEM 49 IS POSTED IN THIS WAY, I AM GOING TO REQUIRE THAT THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION BE INCLUSIVE OF WHAT THE SECOND STEP WAS GOING TO BE, THAT IS --

Dunkerley: I'D LIKE TO TABLE IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND DRAFT THAT MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. FAIR ENOUGH. WELL, SO FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I JUST WANTED TO ASK STAFF FOR SOME MORE CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE TOWN LAKE PARK AND THE PROCESS FOR REBIDDING THAT. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A DELAY OF THE PARK REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SO CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO ME?

LET ME DO MY BEST, COUNCILMEMBER. FIRST OF ALL, LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT THE CHANGES WOULD BE IF YOU -- IF COUNCIL ELECTS NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THE RECONFIGURATION, IF I MAY. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO -- WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO NOT HAVE BASICALLY, AS LARRY JUST EXPLAINED IN CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, WHAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE IS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE

NORTHERN PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARK. YOU'LL STILL HAVE YOUR FOUR LANES ALONG HERE, SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE REMOVING ANY PARKING AVAILABILITY IN THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARK. YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE SOME REDESIGN WORK THAT'S GOING TO BE REQUIRED FOR OUR TRAIL SYSTEM AND OUR LINKAGES, OUR SIDEWALKS AND OUR LINKAGE AND THE PLANNING ALONG THE ROADWAY, BECAUSE AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'RE PLANNING AND THEY HAVE A TRAIL SYSTEM ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT'S BEEN RECONFIGURED. SO WITH YOUR FOUR LANE ROADWAY, THIS WILL HAVE TO BE REDESIGNED ALL THROUGH HERE. THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO DO SOME REDESIGN RIGHT HERE WHERE THE CROSSWALK MEETS RIVERSIDE. SO THOSE ARE THE AREAS, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT I SEE THAT ARE GOING TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REDESIGN. SO THERE COULD BE SOME DELAY IN MAKING THAT HAPPEN.

Kim: BUT COULD IT GO FORWARD AS IS, REBID AS IS?

THERE ARE SOME THOUGHTS, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT YOU COULD REBID IT AS IT IS AND THEN COME BACK AFTER THE BID AND LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES TO CHANGE ORDER THAT.

Kim: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I

Futrell: I THINK THE MAJOR THING YOU WANTED THEM TO BE AWARE OF, THOUGH, IS THE LOSS OF THE PARKING WAS ONE OF YOUR MAJOR CONCERNS.

THE LOSS OF THE PARKING NUMBER ONE, CITY MANAGER, YES. THE CROSSWALK THAT IS CRITICAL RIGHT THERE AT BOULDIN, AND THE TRAIL SYSTEM THAT GOES ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Futrell: IF WE HAD TO, THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WE WOULD CHANGE ORDER OR TRY TO WORK THROUGH AFTER THE FACT. THE ONE THAT WE DON'T KNOW OF A SOLUTION FOR WOULD BE THE LOSS OF PARKING.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH. I THINK AN ADDITIONAL POINT ALONG THOSE LINES ABOUT THE -- HOW THIS WOULD CREATE DELAY IS THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RETRADING OF THE ORIGINAL COMPROMISE BECAUSE I THINK WE WOULD IN GOOD FAITH HAVE TO REOPEN THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES. WE ARE REMOVING PARTS OF THE PLAN THAT THE NEIGHBORS, PARKS ADVOCATES, THE LONG CENTER, ITS JUNIOR LEAGUE, EVERYBODY HAD AGREED ON THIS PLAN RIGHT HERE. AND NOW WE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE IT SO THAT WE COULD KEEP LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD IS TWO-LANE AND TAKE AWAY AREAS AROUND THE CHILDREN'S AREA. ALL THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE REDESIGNED. IT WOULD REQUIRE STAKEHOLDER INPUT BECAUSE THEY WOULD ARE RETRADING MORE PARTS OF THE DEAL THAN JUST THE ROAD. SO I THINK THAT THERE'S A POTENTIAL FOR A POTENTIAL FOR A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT DELAY BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE CAN SEND OUT SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO HAVE SOME MAJOR CHANGES ON IT FOR BIDS WHEN WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE'RE ASKING TO BE BID ON.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS AARK AND THEHE INCREASED DENSITY DOWNTOWN, FIRE, E.M.S., ALL THE DIFFERENT DEMANDS THAT WE'RE NOT TRULY ANTICIPATED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO WITH THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PASSED.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: WITH THAT TIME LINE, WHAT THAT MEANS IS THE LONG CENTER, FOR INSTANCE, OPENS, WHAT, 2008, PERHAPS, AND SO WE WOULD WANT TO WAIT ANOTHER YEAR AFTER 2008 TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THIS ROAD, SO WE'RE INTO 2009 BEFORE WE START MODELING. BECAUSE THE ROAD ALIGNMENT HAS MAJOR IMPACTS IN THE PARK'S DESIGN, THE DESIGN OF THE PARK IS PUT IN LIMBO UNTIL AT LEAST 2009, WHICH IS FOUR YEARS FROM NOW, WHICH THEN MEANS THAT UNDER THAT

SCENARIO, WE'RE LOOKING AT DELAYING THIS FROM A SIX-YEAR, SEVEN-YEAR DELAY TO AN 11 TO 12-YEAR DELAY BY TAKING THAT ROUTE OF WAITING UNTIL THE LONG CENTER IS UP AND RUNNING. AND I'LL REMIND YOU, EVEN THOUGH THE LONG CENTER WAS AN ORIGINAL SIGNER ON THE COMPROMISE FOR THIS PLAN, AND SO THE IDEA THAT WE WOULD WAIT FOR THE LONG CENTER AND THEN REMODEL AND REDESIGN THE WHOLE THING INJEKTS FIVE TO SIX YEARS MORE DELAY INTO THIS PROJECT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

Leffingwell: I DON'T THINK THE COMPARISON TO THE SHOAL CREEK PROJECT IS A VERY GOOD ANALOGY AT ALL. IN FACT, THE SHOAL CREEK PROJECT WAS DONE WITH LITTLE OR NO STAKEHOLDER INPUT. IT WAS DONE ALMOST -- IT WAS DONE VERY QUICKLY. THIS PROJECT HAS EVOLVED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY WITH VERY EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER HELP. AND TO GO BACK AT THIS TIME AND TO ESSENTIALLY DISRESPECT ALL THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS PLANNING I THINK WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND WOULD RESULT IN A DELAY THAT WOULD REALLY BE UNREASONABLE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I RESPECT MY COLLEAGUE AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, BUT I DO BELIEVE THIS SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD WAS ACTUALLY A VERY LONG PROCESS WITH A LOT OF STAKEHOLDER INPUT, AND I SEE THAT NOW THAT WE HAVE SOME CHANGES HERE, I JUST URGE THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES TO JUST TAKE SOME TIME, LET US PUT TOGETHER AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LONG CENTER BEFORE WE GO FORWARD WITH THE REDUCTION IN THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE. WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE LONG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IS COMPLETELY BUILT, BUT AT LEAST GIVE US SOME TIME TO HAVE AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE SO WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH 150 BUSES AND WE KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO WITH CHILDREN COMING ON AND OFF, YOU KNOW, TO THE DIFFERENT EVENTS THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE VENUES

HERE.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THERE ISN'T EVEN A MOTION ON THE TABLE, RIGHT?

Mayor Wynn: THERE IS, BUT COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY IS WORKING UP HER SUBSTITUTE.

Alvarez: REALLY, I MEAN, I THINK -- I MEAN, I'M KIND OF SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH TIME WE'RE DEBATING THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, BUT BECAUSE THIS WAS KIND OF SEEN AS A COMPROMISE IN ITSELF FROM THE TOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN, WHICH REALLY CALLS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE ALTOGETHER, AND WE HAVE -- BUT WE HAVE THIS PARTICULAR OPTION THAT NARROWS RIVERSIDE DRIVE, BUT HAS A MINIMAL IMPACT AS THE TRAFFIC MODELS HAVE SUGGESTED. AND IN FACT, EVEN THIS, WHICH ORIGINALLY WAS A TWO-LANE ALONG THE ENTIRE PART OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE WITHIN THE PARK, IS ALMOST ABOUT HALF OF THE STREET STILL BEING FOUR LANES TO ACCOMMODATE THE LONG CENTER BECAUSE THE LONG CENTER WANTED THAT TURNAROUND AND WANTED THOSE FOUR LANES THERE, WHICH ARE IN THE PLAN AS YOU SEE, AND SO -- AND THIS COUNCIL APPROVED THREE YEARS AGO VIRTUALLY FOR STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL. AND SO NOW WE'RE EVEN RETHINKING THAT AND WE'VE RECEIVED SOME E-MAILS FROM THE LONG CENTER EXPRESSING CONCERN, AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE CONCERNS THEY EXPRESSED WERE INCORPORATED INTO THIS PARTICULAR CONFIGURATION. AND ALSO, GIVEN THE -- AND ALSO EVEN THOUGH I GUESS THAT THEY HAD SIGNED OFF ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN TO GET RID OF THE ROAD ALTOGETHER, SO I BELIEVE THAT THE WAY IT'S STRUCTURED, YOU KNOW, CAN ACCOMMODATE THE BUS SITUATION. I MEAN, ON SITE, IF NEED BE, ALTHOUGH AGAIN AS WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR PARKS DIRECTOR, THAT'S NOT REALLY THE IDEAL WAY TO DO THAT, BUT BECAUSE YOU HAVE FOUR LANES FROM RIVERSIDE -- FROM SOUTH FIRST TO THE TURNAROUND, THAT MEANS IF YOU WANT IT, ALL THOSE BUSES PARKED THERE, YOU COULD PARK THEM ON ONE OF THOSE LANES

ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON EACH SIDE. I MEAN, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE VERY SIGHTLY AND PROBABLY NOT VERY -- NOT VERY HEALTHY WITH ALL THE EXHAUST POSSIBLY, BUT IN ADDITION, THE OVAL IN FRONT OF PALMER WAS DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE ALSO OR TO ACCOMMODATE BUSES AS WELL IN TERMS OF DROPOFF AND POSSIBLE STAGING OF THE BUSES. AND IN ADDITION, THE STAGING AREA BEHIND THE LONG CENTER ALSO WAS ENVISIONED AS A PLACE WHERE YOU COULD STORE BUSES. AND SO IN ADDITION -- I MEAN, I THINK THERE'S PLENTY OF SPACE FOR THE BUSES TO PARK AROUND THAT AREA IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD WANT. I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE WHY YOU WOULD WANT THAT BECAUSE THEN THE SCENIC NATURE OF THE PARK IS CERTAINLY DETRACTED BY THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW, SO MANY BUSES AROUND. BUT I DON'T REALLY PERSONALLY FEEL THAT THAT'S A REAL SIGNIFICANT ISSUE AND I THINK THAT THE NEEDS OF THE LONG CENTER AND PALMER EVENTS CENTER ARE VERY WELL ACCOMMODATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PLAN. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. DUNK DID YOU KNOW

Dunkerley: OKAY. AM I ON? AND AGAIN, MY INTENTION IS NOT TO DELAY THE PARK, SIMPLY TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT ONE STRIP. SO THIS WOULD BE MY SUBSTITUTE MOTION, WHICH MAY GO NOWHERE. BUT NUMBER ONE, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVERT CESAR CHAVEZ STREET FROM BRAZOS STREET TO SAN ANTONIO STREET FROM ONE WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW WITH ALL THE OPTIONS THAT WE DISCUSSED TODAY. SECOND, THAT WE AWARD THE CONTRACT TODAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADD ALTERNATE, DELAY THE ADD ALTERNATE, AND MOVE FORWARD ON ALL THE DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THE PARK EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE JUST ADJACENT. ADJACENT TO RIVERSIDE ON THE WESTERN PART OF THE PARK. AND I THINK THIS WOULD ADDRESS MY CONCERN OF THE FEAR THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP THAT STREET AND THEN LATER PUT IT BACK. BUT I THINK IF WE WERE TO DELAY THE ADDITION OF THE ADD ALTERNATE, BRING THAT BACK AT A LATER TIME, AND AFTER WE GOT SOME CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS DONE ON THE LONG, THEN WE CAN MAKE A

DECISION ABOUT THAT. SO THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION IF MARTY TERRY CAN MAKE IT SOUND RIGHT.

THAT'S WHY I'M TEA MICROPHONE. -- AT THE MICROPHONE. NUMBER ONE WOULD BE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO CHANGE CESAR CHAVEZ FROM ONE WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION TWO WITH URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS. NUMBER TWO WOULD BE THAT THE CONTRACT AWARD IN ITEM NUMBER 17, THAT THE CONTRACT PROPOSED IN ITEM NUMBER 17 WOULD BE AWARDED WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THAT CONTRACT PORTION ADDRESSING THE ADD ALTERNATES WOULD BE DELAYED. AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS DIRECTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THE PARK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE PARK ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE PARK. DID I GET IT?

Dunkerley: YES. >>

Leffingwell: AND IF I MIGHT, I ASSUME THAT THE MOTION ALSO INCLUDES PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION?

YES. AND THAT PARAGRAPH READS THAT TO THE EXTENT EARLIER COUNCIL ACTION CONFLICTS WITH THIS RESOLUTION, THE PROVISIONS IN THIS RESOLUTION -- DO YOU

Dunkerley: THAT WOULD INCLUDE NUMBER 3.

Mayor Wynn: SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION DOES, COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY AND I AGREE, THE ISSUES BEFORE US, BUT AMONG MY CONCERNS IS THAT IT WOULD DELAY A DECISION FOR IT APPEARS APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS ABOUT HOW WE WOULD HANDLE PARKING FOR THE PARK, WHICH OBVIOUSLY IS A PRETTY IMPORTANT PART OF THE DESIGN OF THE PARK TO ACCOMMODATE FOLKS BEING ABLE TO VISIT IT. IT ALSO

WOULD DELAY ANY WORK ON THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS ALONG RIVERSIDE FOR UP TO SIX YEARS. IT WOULD IMPACT FOR UP TO SIX YEARS THE OVAL DESIGN AND POSSIBLY AFFECT THE WET POND AREA AND THE CHILDREN'S AREAS. SO YOU COULD DO SOME OF THE PARK UNDER THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, BUT SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANT PORTIONS, INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR PARKING AT THE PARK, HOW TO HANDLE THAT WOULD BE DELAYED FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS AT LEAST. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD, LESS THAN .19 MILES OF ROAD. A PROJECT THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVEN YEARS. I WAS HIGHLY SKEPTICAL WHEN I FIRST LEARNED OF THIS IDEA OF TALKING FOUR LANES AND CONVERTING THE TWO. I WAS VERY SKEPTICAL THAT ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WE'VE HIRED. WE NOW HAVE HAD THREE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDIES AND BY PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING FIRMS TELL US THAT THERE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NO TRAFFIC IMPACT. RIVERSIDE IS NOT AN EAST-WEST FEEDER AND THE REASON WHY IS IT DOES NOT CONNECT TO MOPAC. THE ONLY WAY THAT FEEDER ROADS ACTUALLY HAVE ANY KIND OF MOBILITY IMPLICATION EAST-WEST IS IF THEY CONNECT TO MOPAC. AND THIS DEAD ENDS AT LAMAR FOR AWM R. ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES. THERE'S LIKE A CUL-DE-SAC. ABOVE ALL, WE WOULD BE RETRADING A COMPROMISE, A COMPROMISE THAT PARKS ADVOCATES, THE LONG CENTER, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE, THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY JOIN TOGETHER ON. SO I THINK WE NEED TO HONOR THE COMPROMISE AND MOVE FORWARD AND DON'T DELAY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENT ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. HEARING NONE -- COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: NOW, WHEN THE PART OF THE MOTION IT SAYS DELAY THE ADD ALTERNATE, THAT ALTERNATE IS WHAT EXACTLY? IT'S DELAYING ANY IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN SOUTH FIRST AND LAMAR? IS THAT WHAT THE ALTERNATE IS?

I THINK THE ADD ALTERNATE IS THE NARROWING OF THE

STREET. RIGHT.

ADD ALTERNATE GOES FROM SOUTH FIRST TO LAMAR, THAT IS CORRECT.

Alvarez: RIGHT. SO YOU WOULDN'T GET THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT THAT'S CURRENTLY PROPOSED.

WE COULDN'T GET THE CIRCLE, BUT WE COULD GO AHEAD AND DO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND --

Alvarez: I'M SORRY, WE DON'T GET?

WE COULD GO AHEAD AND DO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND SOME OF THOSE OTHER PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES.

Alvarez: BUT BY REMOVING THAT FROM --

WE WOULD NOT DO THE ROUNDABOUT.

Alvarez: YOU WOULDN'T DO ANY IMPROVEMENTS BASICALLY BETWEEN SOUTH FIRST AND LAMAR.

IT DOES REMOVE THOSE, BUT WE COULD EASILY ADD IN BY CHANGE ORDER JUST DOING THE CROSSWALKS IF THAT WAS THE DESIRE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE SOME OF THOSE PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES. >>

ALVAREZ: THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION DOES, RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: THANKS, MAYOR. I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. I THINK THAT WE WORKED HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT, AND I'M STILL NOT CLEAR WHY IT TOOK ACTUALLY THIS LONG TO GET TO THIS POINT WHERE WE'RE ACTUALLY VOTING ON THE CONTRACT THAT THE COUNCIL DIRECTED MANAGEMENT TO DO OR TO FOLLOW UP ON THREE YEARS AGO, BUT I THINK IT'S -- YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY IT'S A COMPROMISE, IT'S SOMETHING NO ONE'S HAPPY WITH, NEIGHBORS, THE PARKS ADVOCATES AREN'T HAPPY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY WANT NO RIVERSIDE DRIVE, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM, RECA AND

OTHERS AREN'T HAPPY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO REDUCE CAPACITY. SO THIS REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE THAT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL THREE YEARS AGO, AND THERE'S BEEN OF MONEY AND A LOT OF TIME SPENT GETTING US TO THIS POINT AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S JUST GOING TO BE FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET IF THIS GOES DOWN, BUT I THINK THAT THIS SENDS -- I GUESS PERSONALLY IT SENDS A REALLY BAD MESSAGE WHEN WE ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND THESE KIND OF PUBLIC PROCESSES AND GET EVERYBODY TO REACH A CONSENSUS ON A PROPOSAL AND THEN COME BACK FIVE YEARS LATER, SEVEN YEARS LATER AND THEN DO, YOU KNOW, THAT ENTIRE DEAL BECAUSE WE HAVE NEW PLAYERS OR DIFFERENT PLAYERS SITTING UP HERE OR INVOLVED WITH SOME OF THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY SIGNED OFF ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN. SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THIS SAYS IN TERMS OF OUR COMMITMENT TO HONORING AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE DECISIONS THAT THE CITY GOVERNMENT IS UNDERTAKING, SO I REALLY HOPE THAT -- I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND I HOPE IT DOESN'T PASS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE SUBSTITUTE EITHER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A DELAY. WE'VE ALREADY HAD MANY TRAFFIC STUDIES THAT SHOW THAT THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC I AM T BY REDUCING THIS SEGMENT TO TWO LANES. IF WE DO ANOTHER ONE AND GET THE SAME RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, ARE WE GOING TO COME BACK AND BE FACED WITH THE SAME QUESTION? AND ALSO, I'M JUST HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING HOW WE'RE GOING TO RELEASE FOR BID A PROJECT WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN TELL THEM WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE'RE GOING TO SAY YOU CAN PLAN PART OF THE PARK, BUT NOT THIS -- BUT DO THIS PART, BUT NOT THIS PART AND STILL GET A COMPLETE BID. NOW, MAYBE IT CAN BE DONE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S PRACTICAL. I THINK IT WILL RESULT IN CONFUSION. AND FOR BOTH OF THOSE REASONS I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE SUBSTITUTE.

I WILL SAY I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ALSO. WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MAIN MOTION. AND IN DOING SO I'LL ALSO JUST ANNOUNCE THAT I WILL BE SUPPORTIVE IF IT NEEDS FURTHER COUNCIL ACTION VERY SOON TO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER REDIRECT EXISTING CIP DOLLARS EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO TRIGGER THE GROUNDBREAKING OF TOWN LAKE PARK AS SOON AS WE GET THE LOW REBID DOLLAR BACK IN. THAT NUMBER BACK IN. SO WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THE TABLE FROM COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION FAILS ON A VOTE OF 2-5. WITH ONLY THE MAKER AND THE SECOND VOTING AYE. THAT TAKES US BACK TO THE MAIN MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ ON ITEM NUMBER 49. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM VOTING NO.

MAYOR, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO TAKE UP CONSIDERATION OF ITEM NUMBER 17.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, TECHNICALLY ITEM NUMBER 17 IS THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CAPITAL EXCAVATION COMPANY FOR THE LARGER RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND BARTON

SPRINGS ROAD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

Thomas: MOVE FOR APPROVAL.

McCracken: SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 17 AS POSTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM VOTING NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, WE'RE WAY BEHIND, MERIT'S HUNGRY, -- THE MAYOR'S HUNGRY, SO WITHOUT OBJECTION WE'LL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR A QUICK BITE TO EAT. AND WHILE WE ARE EATING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, WE MAY DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 50 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, 51 RELATED TO OUR TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT INTERLOCAL, 52 RELATED TO THE LEGISLATURE, 54 RELATED TO COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES. 53, CITY OF AUSTIN VERSUS LEVEL THREE COMMUNICATION INC., AND 57 RELATED TO PAYMENT OF DRAINAGE UTILITY CHARGES AND TRANSPORTATION USER FEES BY AUSTIN COMMUNITYCOLLEGE. WE LIKELY WON'T TAKE UP ALL THESE ITEMS, BUT SEVERAL OF THEM WE MAY. WE'LL TRY TO COME BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR BUDGET BRIEFING AND THEN GO INTO SOME OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEMS 51 RELATED TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT INTERLOCAL, 56 RELATED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN VERSUS LEVEL 3

COMMUNICATIONS, AND 57 RELATED TO DRAINAGE AND TRANSPORTATION FEES BY AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE'RE BACK IN OPEN SESSION. ON QUORUM BEING PRESENT. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS FROM THIS MORNING THAT WE HAVEN'T TAKEN UP. I THINK WE CAN GET THROUGH THREE OR FOUR OF THEM VERY QUICKLY. THE FIRST IS ITEM NUMBER 3, WHICH RELATES TO AN ORDINANCE REGARDING VEHICLE IDLING AND CREATING AN OFFENSE FOR VEHICLE IDLING. AND IF I CAN JUST INTRODUCE THIS BRIEFLY, THIS COMES FROM THE EARLY ACTION COMPACT THROUGH THE CLEAN AIR COALITION, WHICH IS MADE UP OF THE FIVE COUNTY JUDGES AND FIVE MAYORS OF CITIES WITHIN THOSE FIVE COUNTIES. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEGUN A NUMBER OF SERIES IN ORDER FOR THIS REGION TO NOT BE DESIGNATED IN VIOLATION OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT, FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT, INCLUDING WHICH BEGINNING TODAY AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE READ AND KNOW, THAT ALL CARS IN TRAVIS AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY NOW WILL HAVE THEIR TAIL PIPES TESTED, THEIR EMISSIONS TESTED AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION. ONE ADDITIONAL ELEMENT OF MANY THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED IN THIS REGION, A REGION WIDE EFFORT TO CLEAN OUR AIR AND NOT TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THAT CLEAN AIR ACT IS THE VEHICLE IDLING RESTRICTIONS, AND PERHAPS IF STAFF COULD GIVE US A BRIEF PRESENTATION OR INTRODUCTION OF THAT IF STAFF IS HERE. IF NOT, I'D JUST SAY THAT THIS HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE -- ACTUALLY, MR. GARZA? THANK YOU.

MAYOR, I THINK YOU PROBABLY COVERED EVERYTHING ALREADY, BUT IT DOES HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION. NOW, WE DID TAKE IT BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD; HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT VOTE ON IT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY HAD FELT THAT THEY HAD ACTED BRIEFLY EXPRESSING THEIR SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN ORDINANCE. WE DIDN'T, HOWEVER, PRESENT THE ORDINANCE TO THEM -- WE DID, HOWEVER, PRESENT THE ORDINANCE TO THEM SO THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE DOING. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OBJECTION TO THE ORDINANCE AS IT'S WRITTEN, AND WE RECOMMEND ITS APPROVAL. >>

Leffingwell: MAYOR? THAT WAS MY PRIMARY QUESTION, AND I

COULDN'T FIND OUT. I WAS ADVISED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD, THERE WAS NO RECOMMENDATION. I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU. BUT THAT REALLY ANSWERS MY QUESTION, AND WITH THAT I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEM NUMBER 3.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL MOVES APPROVAL OF ITEM NUMBER 3 AS POSTED. I'LL SECOND THAT WITH AN ADDITIONAL NOTATION AS BEING IMPLEMENTED NOW BY CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE FIVE-COUNTY REGION. SO I ACKNOWLEDGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLEAN AIR COALITION HAVE NOW SIGNED ON WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL BEGIN NEXT APRIL 1, BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR'S OZONE SEASON. MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 3. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. AND THEN, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL HAD PULLED A COUPLE OF ITEMS, CONTRACTS I BELIEVE BOTH AT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 31 AND 32. AND I'LL RECOGNIZE COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: AND MAYOR, AGAIN, I'VE RECEIVED AN INFORMATION SHEET THAT EXPLAINS AND ANSWERS MY QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THIS IS POLICE VIDEO CAR, EQUIPMENT, AND I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEMS 31 AND 32 ALSO.

Mayor Wynn: A COMBINED MOTION APPROVING ITEMS 31 AND 32 MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. 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 VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL, WE CAN NOW GO TO OUR POSTED 2:00 O'CLOCK BRIEFING ON

THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED '05-'06 BUDGET. I BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS OUR UTILITY DEPARTMENTS, AMONG OTHERS.

Futrell: AND WE'LL START WITH DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, JOE CANALES.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M JOE CANALES, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER. THIS AFTERNOON I'M PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BRIEF YOU ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR AUSTIN ENERGY, AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES. BEFORE I HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS GO OVER THEIR BUDGETS, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT YOU WILL HEAR FROM EACH OF THE PRESENTATIONS. FOUR KEY COMPONENTS IN THE PRESENTATION IS GOING TO INCLUDE RANKING OF CITIZEN STAY SURVEY RESULTS, YOUR OVERRULE INVESTMENT IN THE -- OVERALL INVESTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENTS. CRITICAL STAFFING REQUESTS AND PERSONNEL STAFFING LEVELS. IN LOOKING AT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS YOU WILL SEE THAT THE COMBINED TOTAL FOR THOSE THREE DEPARTMENTS IS WELL OVER \$1.3 BILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A 4.1% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR. I'M PLEASED TO NOTE THAT AUSTIN ENERGY AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY RATE OR FEE INCREASES; HOWEVER, THE WATER UTILITY BUDGET INCLUDES A 5.2% COMBINED RATE INCREASE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE FIVE-YEAR RATE INCREASE THAT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER THIS THE YEAR THAT LEVELIZES OUR RATES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. AUSTIN ENERGY'S PROPOSAL INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF \$48.3 MILLION. THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS FACING THE UTILITY, OUR OPERATIONAL IN NATURE AND OUR MAINTENANCE EXPENSES. THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY BUDGET'S PROPOSAL REFLECTS AN INCREASE IN POWER AND FUEL COSTS AS HAVING THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THEIR EXPENSES. SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$1.8 MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 3.5%. A 52% INCREASE IN FUEL COST IS PROJECTED FOR NEXT

YEAR ALONG WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM. THAT'S RESULTED IN THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE F.T.E.'S FOR THESE DEPARTMENTS, IT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 44.75 F.T.E.'S IN THE ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR. THIS REPRESENTS A 1.5% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. AUSTIN WATER UTILITIES F.T.E.S BREAK DOWN IS SHARED EQUALLY AMONG SIX DIVISIONS. YOU HAVE WATERSHED LAND MANAGEMENT, YOU HAVE THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, YOU HAVE ON-SITE SEWAGE INSPECTIONS, YOU HAVE WATER PROTECTION AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE, YOU HAVE WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AND THEIR SERVICE CENTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS EACH GETTING ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR. SOLID WASTE SERVICES HAS A TOTAL F.T.E. INCREASE OF NINE, SEVEN OF WHICH ARE DEDICATED FOR THE CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM. FOR AUSTIN ENERGY, OF THE 23 NEW F.T.E.'S, 22 ARE ALLOCATED FOR THE 311 CALL CENTER, WITH THE REMAINING SINGLE POSITION DEDICATED FOR THE ECONOMIC GROWTH REDEVELOPMENT SERVICE OFFICE PROGRAM. AS MR. GARZA COMES UP TO THE PODIUM, I'LL BRIEFLY GO OVER THE AUSTIN ENERGY'S CITIZEN'S SURVEY RESULTS. LOOKING AT THE CITIZEN'S SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY, YOU WILL SEE THAT FOUR OUT OF THE SIX MEASURES IN THE CITIZENS' SURVEY ARE IN THE HIGHEST 20 PERCENTILE. YOU'LL NOTE THAT RELIABILITY IS AUSTIN ENERGY'S HIGHEST CITIZEN SATISFACTION SCORE AT ALMOST 90%. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE RELIABILITY IS A CORNERSTONE TO A SUCCESSFUL ELECTRIC SYSTEM. YOU WILL ALSO SEE THE TREE TRIMMING IS INCLUDED IN THE MEASURE FOR THE UTILITY. IT'S ALMOST AT 80%. AND TREE TRIMMING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AUSTIN ENERGY'S RELIABILITY PROGRAM. WITH THAT BRIEF INTRODUCTION, I'LL NOW TURN IT OVER TO MR. GARZA WHO WILL GO OVER THE AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY BUDGET.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. GARZA.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. GOING ON TO SLIDE 7, YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED OUR CUSTOMERS SHOW THE LEAST AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION WITH THE AMOUNT THEY PAY FOR

ELECTRIC SERVICE. I WOULD REMIND OUR CUSTOMERS AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT WE HAVE NOT RAISED OUR BASE RATES SINCE 1994. THAT'S THE LAST TIME THAT THEY WERE ADOPTED OR RAISED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. NOW, THE FUEL FACTOR CONTINUES TO INCREASE --

Mayor Wynn: ARE YOU IMPLYING THEY'LL BEEN UNSATISFIED ALL THE WAY SINCE 1994? [LAUGHTER] >>> MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL US, MAYOR. THE FUEL FACTOR HAS CHANGED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COST OR THE PRICE FOR NATURAL GAS JUST SINCE JANUARY HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 66 PERCENT. IN FACT, IT'S ALMOST DOUBLED NOW SINCE JANUARY. AND IT CONTINUES TO GO UP EVEN MORE. BUT AS YOU COMPARE WITH OTHER LARGE CITIES IN THE STATE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU WERE BACK IN CORPUS CHRISTI, IN THE PREVIOUS CITY I WORKED FOR, AND YOUR CREDITING RATING ISN'T ALL THAT GOOD, YOU WOULD BE PAYING \$136 FOR 1,000 KILOWATTS OF POWER IN A MONTH. WHEREAS IT WOULD COST YOU \$96 IN AUSTIN. IF YOUR CREDIT WAS PRETTY GOOD, YOU WOULD BE PAYING THE \$112 THAT YOU SEE THERE IN THAT SAME COLUMN. SAN ANTONIO CONTINUES TO DO BETTER THAN US IN THEIR OVERALL RATES, BUT I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THEY DON'T HAVE NEARLY THE DEMAND SITE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, THE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OR THE RENEWABLES PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN AUSTIN. AND WE THINK THAT IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. A LITTLE BIT ON THE BUDGET IMPACT. THE TOTAL PROPOSED REVENUE FOR THE BUDGET IS \$945.7 MILLION. WE DO PROPOSE A TRANSFER FROM THE STRATEGIC RESERVE THIS YEAR OF \$7.5 MILLION AND I'LL GET BACK TO THAT IN A LITTLE BIT. THE TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT YEAR ARE \$952.9 MILLION, AND AS MR. CANALES MENTIONED, WE ARE PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN OUR F.T.E.S OF 22 FOR THE 311 CALL CENTER AND ONE FOR EGR. SO SEVEN AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STRATEGIC RESERVE FUND, FOUR AND A HALF MILLION OF THAT WOULD GO TO INSTALLING METERS IN SOME OF OUR COMMERCIAL SITES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE INTEND TO DO OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT 18 TO 24 MONTHS, BUT WE ARE PUTTING IT IN THIS NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A NEW REQUIREMENT TO

UP THE POWER FACTOR IN OUR COMPANY, AND THIS IS WHAT IS REQUIRED. WE FULLY EXPECT TO RECOVER THAT INVESTMENT WITHIN A COUPLE OF YEARS OF HAVING DONE IT. WE HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS IN THERE ALSO FOR DEVELOPING OUR CLEAN ENERGY MARKETS, AND WE HAVE TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NEW PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE INITIATIVE. A LITTLE BIT MORE ON REVENUE ON SLIDE 9. THE TOTAL PROPOSED REVENUE IS \$945.7 MILLION. MOST OF THAT COMES FROM THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY. \$818.9 MILLION. A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CHUNK, 111.8 MILLION, WE LUMP INTO A CATEGORY JUST CALLED OTHER REVENUE. IN THERE WE INCLUDE OUR TRANSMISSION COST OF SERVICE, 47.5 MILLION, THEN INFRASTRUCTURE RENTALS, PRODUCT SALES AND CUSTOMER FEES, AND ALSO FROM OUR CHILLED WATER SERVICE, WHICH I'M HAPPY TO REPORT IS GENERATING ENOUGH INCOME TO AT LEAST OFFSET THE CURRENT EXPENSES. AND INTEREST INCOME WE ESTIMATE AT ABOUT \$15 MILLION. WE TRY NOT TO RELY ON OUR INTEREST INCOME TO SUPPORT CURRENT OPERATIONS. WE EXPECT OUR EXPENDITURES, -- WITH RESPECT TO EXPENDITURES THE OVERALL BUDGET IS \$952.9 MILLION. THE MAJOR CHUNK OF THAT IS FOR O AND M AND FUEL, \$596.4 MILLION. DEBT SERVICE COMPRISED 167.3 MILLION. THAT'S ABOUT 18% OF THE BUDGET. LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD AT CPS ENERGY IN SAN ANTONIO, THEIR DEBT SERVICE IS ABOUT 17% OF THE YOAMPL BUDGET, SO WE'RE KIND -- OVERALL BUDGET, SO WE'RE KIND OF IN THE SAME BALLPARK. JUMPING DOWN TO THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFER, IT SAYS 77.4 MILLION. THAT'S IN KEEPING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL'S POLICY, WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT 9.1% OF REVENUES. AND OUR CIP TRANSFER IS \$84.4 MILLION. THAT'S ROUGHLY NINE PERCENT. AND AGAIN, COMPARING TO SAN ANTONIO IT'S ABOUT -- THEIR BUDGET IS ABOUT 11% OF THE OVERALL BUDGET. THE OTHER INCLUDES INTEREST EXPENSE, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, LIABILITY RESERVE AND A BUNCH OF OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THAT CATEGORY. THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WE ESTIMATE AT \$695.6 MILLION. THE FIRST CATEGORY THERE, CUSTOMER SERVICE,, BILLING, THAT PRIMARILY IS GOING TO INVOLVE A CHANGEOUT TO A NEW MORE MODERN CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT WE

EXPECT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE FLEXIBLE IN DEALING WITH SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE COUNCIL HAS RAISED WITH RESPECT TO THE KINDS OF THINGS WE CAN PUT ON OUR BILLS. AND IT SHOULD MAKE THE SYSTEM MUCH MORE EASY TO MAN YOUR OR NAVIGATE THROUGH BY OUR CUSTOMER SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVES. AND IT WILL MAKE IT MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS IN MEETING THE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE FROM US. ELECTRIC SERVICE DELIVERY IS CONSIDERABLE, 362 MILLION. MOST OF THAT IS UNDER THE DUTY TO SERVE ASPECT. AS THE SYSTEM GROWS WE'RE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE GRID. SO IT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR DISTRIBUTION AND ALSO FOR SUBSTATIONS. THERE'S SOME MONEY IN THERE FOR TRANSMISSION. POWER PRODUCTION, ABOUT HALF OF THAT IS FOR THE SCRUBBERS THAT WE WILL BE INSTALLING AT THE FAYETTE POWER PLANT. IT WILL MAKE THE EMISSIONS FROM THAT PLANT MUCH, MUCH CLEANER, AND IT IS VERY -- IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT WE REACHED WITH THE E.P.A. FOR A FLEXIBLE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS US TO MAKE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT TRIGGERING A NEW SOURCE REVIEW THERE. THE \$97.3 MILLION IS BASICALLY IN THE CHILLED WATER BUSINESS AREA WHERE WE EXPECT TO SEE THOSE EXPENDITURES. THE NEXT CHART IS OUR VERSION OF THE GENERAL FUND GATOR GRAPH. IT COMPARES STAFFING WITH THE GROWTH IN THE UTILITY. BACK IN 1992, THE OVERALL F.T.E.'S STOOD AT ABOUT 1600 F.T.E.'S, WITH A CUSTOMER ACCOUNT OF ABOUT 292,000 CUSTOMERS. THE EMPLOYEE COUNT HAS COME DOWN A LITTLE BIT TO 1,561. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GROWTH IN OUR CUSTOMER BASE HAS JUMPED UP BY ABOUT 32% UP TO 386,000 THAT WE EXPECT FOR NEXT YEAR. I AM VERY PROUD OF OUR EMPLOYEES FOR BEING ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH AT THE STAFFING LEVELS THAT THEY HAVE. EVEN THOUGH I MUST ADMIT THAT ESPECIALLY IN OUR FIELD OPERATIONS, I AM BEGINNING TO SEND SOME PRESSURE FROM THEM TO BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH GROWTH IN THE SYSTEM. SOME BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, WE EXPECT NINE THOUSAND NEW METERS, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO NEW ACCOUNTS NEXT YEAR. ERCOT IS ESTIMATING ABOUT A TWO PERCENT GROWTH IN THE MARKET. THAT PROBABLY WILL BE CLOSE TO WHAT WE'LL SEE IN THE AUSTIN SERVICE

AREA. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH SETON HOSPITAL TO CONSTRUCT THE DELL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. WE ARE PROVIDING THE POWER PLANT THERE. WE'LL POWER, CHILLED WATER, STEAM, HOT WATER, ALL FROM ONE BASIC POWER PLANT. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE SIMON PROPERTIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOMAIN UP ON THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY. AND OF COURSE, YOU ALL ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE INITIATIVE THE AUSTIN PLAN TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE AUTO MANUFACTURERS TO BEGIN BUILDING THE PLUG-IN HYBRIDS. GOING ON, OUR EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR SAFETY PROGRAM. WE HAD OUTSTANDING RESULTS LAST YEAR, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER OUT IN THE FIELD AS WELL AS IN THE OFFICES. THE RELIABILITY OF THE GENERATION FLEET AND THE GRID CONTINUES TO BE AT AN ALL-TIME HISTORICAL HIGH. I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR STAFF FOR THAT. WE ARE VERY MUCH ON TARGET TO CLOSE THE HOLLY POWER PLANT DECEMBER OF 2007. AND I WANT TO MENTION THAT THE ENERGY CONTROL CENTER, WHICH IS OVER HERE NEXT TO THE SEAHOLM PLANT, IS NOW IN OUR FIVE-YEAR PLANNING HORIZON. WE WILL BE APPROACHING YOU WITH A PLAN TO MOVE FROM THAT FACILITY ON TO ANOTHER FACILITY ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY. AS YOU MAY EXPECT, THE NEW SITES WILL BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE ADEQUATE POWER TO THOSE SITES. STAFFING AND SUCCESSION, I WANT TO MENTION THAT. AS THE BABY BOOMERS ARE BEGINNING TO RETIRE, THE ENTIRE POWER INDUSTRY IS BEGINNING TO SEE SOME STRESS IN RECRUITING, EMPOWER ENGINEERS INTO OUR RANKS. BACK IN 19 YIF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WERE GRADUATING ABOUT 2000 POWER ENGINEERS A NEAR. THAT'S DOWN TO ABOUT 500. AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, ALL OF US ARE COMPETING FOR THAT TALENT AS IT'S COMING OUT OF THE SCHOOLS. YOUNG PEOPLE NOWADAYS THAT CAN MASTER THE ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS OF HIGHER MATH SEEM TO PREFER HIGH-TECH AND OTHER MORE FANCY AND PERHAPS EVEN BETTER PAYING PROFESSIONS. I WANT TO ALSO REMIND YOU THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COST STRUCTURE CHANGES SINCE THE RATE WAS APPROVED BACK IN 1994. WE'VE ADDED A QUALIFIED SCHEDULING ENTITY, WHICH BASICALLY SCHEDULES ALL

THE PLANS. ERCOT HAS EXPANDED TO SET UP THE DEREGULATED MARKET, AND THOSE COSTS ARE DOWNLOADED DOWN TO THE PARTICIPATING -- PARTICIPATING UTILITIES AND THEY'RE SIGNIFICANT. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DOING A FINE JOB, I DON'T WANT TO CAST ANY DISPERSION. WE'VE ADDED NEW FACILITIES, THE SAND HILL ENERGY CENTER, THE CHILLED WATER FACILITY. WE'VE GOT SPENSES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY, THAT HAS INCREASED AND WE'VE ADDED THE SOLAR PROGRAMS. BEFORE I FINISHED, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I JUST RAN THROUGH THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AS Y'ALL REMEMBER IT HAS FIVE MAJOR COMPONENTS, CUSTOMER SERVICE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SYSTEM RELIABILITY, FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD. WE MONITOR THOSE REGULARLY, ISSUE REPORTS ANNUALLY. THIS YEAR WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN TO LOOK CRITICALLY AT THAT PLAN AND TO ASK THE QUESTION WHAT OUGHT WE BE DOING NOW GIVEN WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW IN THE PRESENT? AND WE WILL REPORT TO YOU AS TIME PERMITS. GOING ON TO THE SOLAR PROGRAM, SOME QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN REGARDING THE SOLAR PROGRAM. WE STARTED THIS BACK IN 2004. WE HAD NOT BUDGETED FOR THAT PROGRAM WHEN WE MADE OUR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL, OUR PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL, WE INDICATED AT THAT TIME THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO STAY WITH DEMAND. AND WE OFFERED THAT IF THE DEMAND WAS CREATED THAT IT WOULD COME IN THE MIDDLE OF YEAR AND AMEND THE BUDGET. WE ADDED A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE BUDGET THAT YEAR. WE SPENT HALF A MILLION. LAST YEAR OR THE CURRENT YEAR WE BUDGETED TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. WE QUICKLY REALIZED THAT WE NEEDED MORE MONEY, SO WE CAME TO THE COUNCIL, YOU AMENDED IT BY ADDING ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS, CURRENTLY AT THREE AND A HALF. WE'RE BEGINNING PROPOSING TWO AND A HALF, BUT AGAIN, KEEPING IN MIND THAT IF DEMAND FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PART OF IT EXCEEDS THAT AMOUNT, WE WOULD COME BACK TO YOU AT THAT TIME AND AMEND IT TO KEEP UP WITH THAT. OF COURSE, WE CAN ALSO BEGIN BY SIMPLY AMENDING THAT AS THE BUDGET IS APPROVED. A LITTLE BIT MORE ON TREE TRIMMING AND RELIABILITY. AND I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS CHART BECAUSE IT SHOWS

VERY, VERY CLEARLY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM AND THE RELIABILITY OF THE GRID. THIS MAPS OUT ON THE GREEN LINE OR THE RED LINE ON MY GRAPH THE AMOUNT OF TREE TRIMMING WE'RE DOING PER YEAR. BACK IN 2003 YOU SAW THE JUMP IN THE NUMBER OF MILES UP TO ABOUT 400 AND YOU SAW THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF AN OUT OUTAGE THAT WE HAVE HERE IN AUSTIN AS COMPARED TO THE INDUSTRY AVERAGE OF 120 MINUTES. WE'RE AT ABOUT 60 MINUTES, 65 MINUTES. AND SO AS WE TRIM OUR TREES MORE FREQUENTLY AND REGULARLY, YOU WILL SEE THAT THAT CHART AT THE BOTTOM WILL REMAIN FAIRLY FLAT. OUR CUSTOMERS DO NOT LIKE TO SEE THEIR TREES TRIMMED, AND WE GET A LOT OF CALLS ON THAT. WE DO PLANT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX THOUSAND TREES A YEAR TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE EFFECTS OF THE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM THAT WE DO HERE IN OUR SERVICE AREA. AND FINALLY, JUST A QUICK WORD ON OUR GREEN CHOICE PROGRAM THAT AFFECTS OUR CITY FACILITIES. WE DID COMMIT TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ENROLL CITY FACILITIES SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WE -- THE ECONOMY DELAYED US SOMEWHAT; HOWEVER, FIVE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FACILITIES HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN ENROLLED ALREADY, AND WE EXPECT TO ADD 10 MORE FACILITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2006. OF COURSE AS THE BUDGET PERMITS, WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADD MORE CITY FACILITIES AND SHOW THE CITY'S FULL COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR REQUESTS IF YOU HAVE -- FOR QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

Thomas: ANY QUESTIONS? MR. CANALES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. NEXT WILL BE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, AND AS MR. LIPPY COMES TO THE PODIUM, I'LL GO OVER THREE OF THE UTILITY'S MEASURES.

Alvarez: MAYOR PRO TEM, BEFORE MR. CANALES GOES ON, I DID ACTUALLY HAVE ONE QUESTION.

Thomas: I'M SORRY. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I THINK HE KNOWS THE ANSWER TO IT ALREADY, IF

THAT'S ANY SCHOOLLATION. I KNOW THAT -- OWE HE TALKED ABOUT THE SCOALER PROGRAM AND -- SOLAR PROGRAM AND THERE'S A NEED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE REBATE PROGRAM, AND WE'LL GO AHEAD AND DO IT BASED ON DEMAND. BUT THE OTHER ISSUE WE HAD HEARD ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE SOLAR PROGRAM WAS IN TERMS OF ACTUALLY GETTING THE APPLICATION PROCESSED AND APPROVED. AND COULD YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT ASPECT OF THE ISSUE? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A COUPLE OF E-MAILS TO US?

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BRINGING THAT UP. WE ARE A LITTLE BIT BACKLOGGED IN THE APPLICATION, IN SERVICING THE APPLICATION. WE HAVE ONE INSPECTOR WORKING ON THAT. WE ARE RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING A POSITION SO WE CAN HAVE A SECOND INSPECTOR. WE EXPECT TO HAVE THAT VERY QUICKLY AND WE WILL GET THAT UP AND CURRENT ON ALL THOSE APPLICATIONS.

Alvarez: BUT THAT IS PART OF WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND GO INTO OUR NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

YES, SIR. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT WITHIN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET EVEN. WE ARE WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW.

Alvarez: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. >>> FUTRELL: AND ONE QUICK NOTE BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO WATER. COUNCIL, YOU WILL NOTICE IN YOUR PRESENTATION WE ALSO HAVE A SLIDE ON 18 THAT REALLY JUST SPEAKS TO GREEN CHOICE AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE ADDING THE 10 ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, CITY FACILITIES ON TO THE GREEN CHOICE PROGRAM. AND THAT'S BEEN A GOAL OF OURS FOR SOME TIME TO BE ABLE TO ADD AS MANY MORE CITY FACILITIES AS WE CAN ON TO GREEN CHOICE. WE HIT A BUMP IN THE ROAD, AND DURING THE DOWNTURN AND WE'RE NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ADD OUR CITY FACILITIES ON. BUT IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET WE HAVE 10 MORE FACILITIES, PRIMARILY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT WE INTEND TO ADD.

OKAY. AUSTIN CITIZENS AND THE CUSTOMERS OF THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY HAVE CONTINUALLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED. THIS IS

CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE RATINGS FOR VARIOUS UTILITY SERVICES IN THE RECENT CITIZENS' SURVEY. TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THE RATINGS FROM THE CITIZENS' SURVEY, 90.2% OF THE RESPONDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE UTILITY'S RESPONSE TIME FOR EMERGENCIES. 82.1% OF THE RESPONDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE UTILITY'S CONSERVATION INITIATIVES. AND FINALLY, THE PRICE SENSITIVITY MEASURE REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE SHOWS THAT OVER HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE AMOUNT THEY PAY EACH MONTH. I'LL NOW HAVE MR. LIPPY COVER THE DETAILS OF HIS BUDGET PRESENTATION.

GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET. LET ME JUST BEGIN WITH THE OUTLINE OF THE NUMBERS. THE PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET IS \$310.1 MILLION WHERE THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE PROJECTION IS 297.9 MILLION. THE NUMBER OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS, INCLUDING 12 NEW F.T.E.'S IS 1,032.6. AS JOE MENTIONED, WE ARE PROPOSING A SYSTEMWIDE RATE INCREASE OF 5.2%, AND THAT'S 3.6% FOR WATER AND 7% FOR THE WASTEWATER. I'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR REVENUES. AGAIN, THE TOTAL PROJECTED IS \$310 MILLION. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THAT COMES FROM SERVICE REVENUES. 93% OF OUR REVENUE COMES FROM WATER AND WASTEWATER REVENUES. 139 FOR WASTEWATER AND \$149 MILLION FOR WATER FOR A TOTAL OF \$288 MILLION. WE ALSO HAVE FOUR AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS FROM MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE SUCH AS NEW SERVICE CONNECTION FEES. INTEREST INCOME IS ON OUR BALANCE, FUND BALANCE, IS \$1.8 MILLION. AND \$15.4 MILLION IS TRANSFERRED IN FROM SUCH FUNDS AS THE CAPITAL RECOVERY FEES COLLECTED FOR NEW CONNECTIONS. AND THAT'S AGAIN THE GREAT MAJORITY, 93% OF OUR REVENUE IS FROM THE SERVICE REVENUES. ON EXPENDITURE SIDE, WE'RE PROJECTING \$297.9 MILLION IN EXPENDITURES. 45% OF THAT IS THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, THE BASIC WATER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT COLLECTION SYSTEM, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. AND THAT'S AT \$134 MILLION. DEBT SERVICE IS 40% AT \$118 MILLION. TRANSFERS OUT IS 15% AT \$46.1 MILLION, AND THAT INCLUDES \$20 MILLION TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND,

\$22.4 MILLION TO CASH FUND OUR CFP PROGRAM, AND THEN \$2.9 MILLION TO THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY FUND. AGAIN, OUR PROPOSED BUDGET FULL TIME POSITION IS 1,032. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MORE INFORMATION ON THAT IN JUST A MOMENT. OUR CAPITAL PROGRAM IS A BIG COST DRIVER. FOR OUR BUDGET AND OUR RATE INCREASES. WE HAVE A PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CIP SPENDING PLAN OF \$975 MILLION. THIS SLIDE JUST BREAKS IT DOWN GENERALLY INTO FOUR AREAS. THE FIRST IS REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AT \$123 MILLION. AND THAT'S ITEMS -- FOR THIS YEAR THAT'S THE MAJOR REGULATORY PROGRAM IS THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED IN THAT AMOUNT. AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, A BIG ISSUE FOR REALLY EVERY CITY IN THE NATION IS \$334.9 MILLION. AND AGAIN, THIS IS THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN. AND THAT INCLUDES SOME OTHER REHABILITATION, DETERIORATED FACILITIES, PUMP STATIONS, TREATMENT PLANTS AND EMPOWER -- ESPECIALLY THE POWER SYSTEM AT OUR TREATMENT PLANTS, RESERVOIR PAINTING IMPROVEMENTS, ITEMS SUCH AS THAT. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY IS \$133.9 MILLION. AND THAT INCLUDES OUR SERVICE EXTENSION REQUESTS, REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COST PARTICIPATION ON SERVICE EXTENSIONS WHERE WE OVERSIZE FOR FUTURE GROWTH. RELOCATIONS WE PUT INTO THAT CATEGORY IN SUPPORT OF THE MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS AROUND THE CITY. WE'RE RELOCATING OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES. AND THEN UNDER GROWTH THAT INCLUDES PLANT CAPACITY EXPANSIONS AND ANNEXATIONS, NEWLY ANNEXED AREA AND THE WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE DO ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE SERVICE PLANS. THE FIRST TWO OF THESE CATEGORIES GENERALLY IS EXISTING FACILITIES. THE LATTER TWO ARE NEW FACILITIES. AND IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT IT'S ALMOST 50/50 FOR A CITY, A GROWING VIBRANT CITY LIKE AUSTIN, BUT THAT HAS AS OLD AS 100-YEAR-OLD -- A UTILITY OF 100 YEARS OLD. SO WE'RE -- WE'RE VERY WELL BALANCED IN TERMS OF SPENDING MONEY ON MAINTAINING AND REPLACING AND REHABILITATING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AS OPPOSED TO INVESTING IN THE GROWTH OF AUSTIN. A LITTLE BIT MORE BREAK DOWN ON

OUR FIVE-YEAR CIP DEPEND SPENDING PLAN, ON THE WATER SIDE WE -- WE HAVE ABOUT 55%, \$536 MILLION IS THE TOTAL FIVE-YEAR PLAN. YOU'LL SEE ON THE WATER PROGRAM THAT 50% IS IN THE TREATMENT PLANT AREA. THAT'S BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE THE FUTURE CAPACITY, THE NEXT CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH IT, AND THAT'S GOING TO HIT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE REMAINDER IS WE HAVE SOME OF THE MAJOR CATEGORIES ARE RESERVOIRS AND PUMP STATIONS TO DEAL WITH LOW PRESSURE, CODING AND CORROSION OF EXISTING WATER RESERVOIRS. WE HAVE A NEW WATER PUMP STATION THAT'S NEEDING RELOCATING OUT NEAR OAK HILL FOR THE 290 TXDOT PROGRAM. SERVICE EXTENSION REIMBURSEMENTS, \$50 MILLION PROJECTED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR AREAS SUCH AS WEST UNIVERSITY AREA, SOUTH I-35 AND SOME OF THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL THAT'S BEGINNING TO COME DOWN SOUTH I-35. THE ROBERT MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT AREA, THE CITY IS BRINGING BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER TO THAT AREA, AND THEN EAST OF THE -- EAST OF THE BERGSTROM AIRPORT OUT ON PEARCE LANE, OUT IN THAT GROWING AREA OF THE CITY, WE HAVE SOME MAJOR SERVICE EXTENSION REIMBURSEMENTS BUDGETED. ON THE -- SIMILAR FOR THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM, 45% OF OUR FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN IS IN THE WASTEWATER SIDE. TREATMENT PLANTS ARE 20%. IT'S \$88 MILLION. IT'S MUCH LESS BECAUSE WE'RE -- THIS YEAR WE'LL BE COMPLETING THE SOUTH AUSTIN REGIONAL EXPANSION, SO WE ARE IN A VERY GOOD POSITION ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY AT BOTH WALNUT AND SOUTH AUSTIN REGIONAL. AND BOTH THOSE PLANTS TREAT TO A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF WATER QUALITY, AND THEN THAT BECOMES OUR SOURCE FOR RECLAIMED WATER AND REUSE. CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FOR THE WASTEWATER SIDE IS THE LARGER OF THE CATEGORIES, AND THAT AS YOU KNOW IS THE E.P.A. OVERFLOW ABATEMENT PROGRAM. THIS NEXT YEAR WILL BE A BIG YEAR FOR THAT PROGRAM. WE'LL PROBABLY BE ENTERING INTO MORE CONSTRUCTION IN THIS COMING YEAR OR DURING THE YEAR HAVE MORE PROJECTS GOING. THAT PROGRAM WILL BE AT ITS PEAK IN THIS COMING YEAR. OTHER MAJOR AREAS, SERVICE EXTENSION REQUESTS AGAIN, WE HAVE WILD HORSE AND THE WASTEWASTEWATER SIDE OF THE ROBERT MUELLER

AREA. DEL VALLE AND WALNUT ARE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF OUR SERVICE TO ANNEXED AREA PROGRAM. THE NEXT SLIDE TALKS ABOUT OUR -- IT KIND OF GIVES A HISTORY. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THAT, IT'S 13 YEARS'S THE BOTTOM OF THE GRAPH AND THE BOTTOM LINE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF F.T.E.'S OVER THAT TIME AND THE TOP TWO GRAPHS SHOW WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS. AND THE RESULT OF THIS IS THAT OUR NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS HAS GROWN 35% OVER THIS TIME, AND ALONG WITH THAT OF COURSE GOES NUMBERS OF MILES OF PIPE AND ADDITIONAL PUMP STATIONS AND LIFT STATIONS AND TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY, BUT THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HAS REMAINED VERY LEVEL, VERY CONSTANT OVER THAT SAME TIME. AND THAT'S ON -- EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ADDED SOME NEW PROGRAMS TO THE UTILITY, THE WILD LANDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR BOTH WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS AND THE BCP AS WELL AS THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM, EVEN WITH THOSE ADDITIONS, IT'S BEEN VERY LEVEL. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE EFFICIENCY, THE EMPLOYEES, THE INNOVATION THAT OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. BUT THIS JUST SHOWS A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY THAT'S BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN SUCH A GROWING SYSTEM WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES. WE ARE LOOKING FOR 12 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, AND THE BREAK DOWN ON THOSE IS TWO FOR THE WATERSHED LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND THAT'S FOR MANAGING THE LAND, INCLUDING WE HAVE FIRE PROTECTION -- WILD LANDS FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM WITH A FIRE MANAGER AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS VOLUNTEER -- IMPROVING THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THAT PROGRAM. THEY ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH OUR LAND MANAGEMENT. AND THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC ACCESS, TRYING TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS THAT THEN CAN HELP COORDINATE AND PROVIDE GUIDES TO SOME OF THE DIFFERENT SITES SO THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CAN INCREASE ON OUR WILD LANDS. THE ON-SITE SEWAGE INSPECTIONS IS RELATED TO THAT. IT'S GOING TO BE GIVING SOME ADDITIONAL ATTENTION TO PRIVATE LATERALS, SO THERE ARE OCCASIONALLY OVERFLOWS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT

NEED TO BE DEALT WITH, AND WE DO HAVE AN ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM GROUP THAT REVIEWS, DESIGNS AND DOES INSPECTIONS, BUT WE NEED TO 'BEEF THAT UP FOR ALL THE PRIVATE LATERAL ISSUES. WATER PROTECTION AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE, WE'LL HAVE TWO POSITIONS. AND THAT'S -- THAT GROUP DEALS WITH INDUSTRIAL WASTE PERMITS. WE BASICALLY ARE DELEGATING PERMITTED AUTHORITY FROM E.P.A. TO PERMIT INDUSTRIAL WASTE SO THAT THEY CAN PRETREAT BEFORE IT COMES INTO OUR MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, THAT GROUP HAS A SPECIAL SERVICE -- IT'S A SPECIAL SERVICES GROUP, AND THEY ALSO DO A BACK FLOW PREVENTION TESTING, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT NEEDS TO -- NEEDS SOME ADDITIONAL ATTENTION, AND THAT'S TO PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER SOURCE FROM WATERS ON THE PRIVATE SIDE OF THE METER. THERE'S A REQUIREMENT FOR BACK FLOW PREVENTERS. WATER RESOURCES PLANNING. THIS WILL BASICALLY BE TO STRENGTHEN OUR WATER RECLAIM PROGRAM, GET PROFESSIONAL HELP IN MANAGING AND DEVELOPING THAT PROGRAM FURTHER. AND THEN WE HAVE TWO SERVICE CENTERS, THAT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE, ONE IS THE REMODELED, RECENTLY OPENED WEBBERVILLE SERVICE CENTER AND THE SECOND IS THE GLENDALE SERVICE CENTER IN SOUTH AUSTIN. KEY GOALS FOR 2006, I JUST WANT TO MENTION, IN GENERAL WE HAVE THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS TO ENHANCE CAPACITY, RELIABILITY OF UTILITY SERVICES FROM PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND SOMETHING SIMILAR ON THE WATER SIDE WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT THE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR WATER SYSTEM AS WELL. AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE NEW TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY. THAT WILL BE OUR NEXT WATER PLANT THAT AS YOU KNOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, SO WE'LL BE COMING BACK IN ANOTHER SIX WEEKS OR SO AND TALKING ABOUT THE OPTIONS RELATED TO OUR NEXT TREATMENT CAPACITY THAT'S NEEDED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. SOUTH AUSTIN REGIONAL COMPLETION IS PART OF THE NEW TREATMENT CAPACITY ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE COMING YEAR. WATERSHED LAND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES, I MENTIONED THE FIRE PROTECTION IN COOPERATION WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND INCREASING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COORDINATION AND

TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS. AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WILL BE A VERY ACTIVE YEAR FOR THAT SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. WATER RESOURCES PLANNING INITIATIVES, WE HAVE CONSERVATION STRATEGIES THAT'S BEING STUDIED AND WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN BEFORE YOU ON SOME OPTIONS ON SOME CHANGES TO THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM. BASICALLY GIVE YOU SOMEWHAT OF A MENU TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT TAKING THE NEXT STEP FOR AUSTIN AND OUR WATER CONSERVATION. AND LOOKING AT GROWING OUR REUSE SYSTEM AS WELL. AS YOU KNOW, PART OF OUR CIP IS AN ELEVATED RESERVOIR ALONG 51st STREET, WHICH IS PART OF OUR RECLAIMED WATER PROGRAM. AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP IN GROWING THAT PROGRAM. WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY GROUP FOR ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THAT AREA, AND WORKING TOGETHER ON COMING UP WITH A DESIGN ON THIS TANK THAT'S FITTING FOR NEIGHBORHOODS AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT IT'S ON OTHER THAN JUST THE STANDARD TANK LOOKING FOR -- LOOKING FOR SOME TYPE OF A LANDMARK IN WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST OF OUR RECLAIMED WATER TANKS. SO WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO YOU ON THAT AS WELL WITH SEVERAL OPTIONS TO PRESENT TO YOU ON THE LOOK AND DESIGN OF THAT TANK. ECONOMIC INITIATIVES INCLUDING EXTENSION REIMBURSEMENTS. I'VE MENTIONED SEVERAL ON ALL SIDES OF TOWN. RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE IS THE ROBERT MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT. STATE HIGHWAY 130, WEST UNIVERSITY AREA, SOUTH I-35, AND PEARCE LANE OUT EAST OF AIRPORT. THESE ARE THE MAJOR GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR. LET ME DISCUSS A COUPLE OF THEIR PERFORMANCE MEASURES. WE'RE VERY PROUD, ALSO VERY FORTUNATE THAT DRINKING WATER QUALITY IS OUTSTANDING HERE IN AUSTIN. WE HAVE A TURBIDITY LIMIT, WHICH IS ONE OF THE KEY PERMIT CRITERIA FOR DRINKING WATER PLANS. WE'RE CONSISTENTLY DOWN AT A THIRD OF THAT. AND THIS IS NOT OCCASIONALLY OR AVERAGE. THIS IS 95% OF THE TIME, WHICH IS THE REGULATORY MEASURE. 95% OF ALL SAMPLES NEED TO BE AT LEAST AT .3, SO WE'RE WELL BELOW THAT. ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SIDE, WE HAVE A SIMILAR KEY PERMIT PARAMETER WHICH IS BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND. AND THE PERMIT LEVEL FOR THAT IS 10

MILLIGRAMS PER LITER. WE'RE VERY CONSISTENTLY DOWN TO TWO OR BELOW. SO AGAIN, VERY HIGH QUALITY EFFLUENT THAT CAN THEN BE USED IN THE RECLAIMED WATER REUSE SYSTEM. LET ME TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT THIS SLIDE, WHICH IS A COMPARISON OF MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL DEALS. THIS IS FOR -- FOR AUSTIN WE DEFINE THE AVERAGE AS 8500 GALLONS OF WATER AND 5,000 GALLONS OF WASTEWATER RETURNED TO THE SYSTEM. SO FOR THAT -- AND THAT IS THE AVERAGE YEAR-ROUND FOR AUSTIN RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS. YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'RE HIGHER THAN SOME OF THE LARGER CITIES IN TEXAS, BUT NOT ALL, AND WE'RE LOWER THAN PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS TOWNS AROUND US. THERE'S A FEW OTHER NATIONAL CITIES THAT AUSTIN GETS COMPARED TO FREQUENTLY THAT ARE ALSO IN HERE. ALL OF THIS DATA, BY THE WAY, IS THE CURRENT YEAR DATA, NOT ALL OF IT, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION ON OTHER CITY'S PROJECTED RATES. OUR PROJECTED RATE WILL GO UP \$2.26, SO IT WILL TAKE A SLIGHT JUMP, BUT WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF THESE OTHER CITIES ARE GOING TO BE TAKING A JUMP AS WELL. WE'VE CALLED AROUND TO MANY OF THESE CITIES AND SOME ALREADY HAVE THEIR RATES KNOWN AND OTHERS DON'T, SO -- BUT SO MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH ON OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ARE NATIONWIDE ISSUES, AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, THE SEARCH FOR -- AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES, OVERFLOW ABATEMENT, AND, OF COURSE, GROWTH. ALL THESE TYPES OF THINGS ARE KNOWN, BIG ISSUES NATURALLY FOR UTILITIES, SO AUSTIN'S NOT ALONE AND WE KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ALONE IN RATE INCREASES EITHER. SO WE'LL UPDATE THIS FOR YOU AFTER WE HAVE RATE INCREASES KNOWN FOR THESE OTHER CITIES. JUST IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE UTILITY HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCIES AND COST CUTTING OVER THE YEARS. WE'VE PRIORITIZED OUR \$1.3 BILLION FIVE-YEAR CIP DOWN TO \$975 MILLION. LOOKED AT EVERY PROJECT AND EVERY PROJECT, EVEN OF THE 1.3 BILLION, IS A GOOD, NEEDED PROJECT THAT WE HAVE DEFERRED THE ONES THAT WE COULD, LOOKED HARD AT IMPACTS OF ANY DEFERRALS AND POSTPONEMENTS AND CUTBACKS, BUT WE RECOMMEND THE 975-MILLION-DOLLAR

SPENDING PLAN. OVER 65 MILLION IN FUTURE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS HAS BEEN GAINED FROM RECENT BOND REFUNDINGS AND DEFICIENCIES IN JUST THE LAST TWO YEARS. AND THEN THE EFFICIENCIES THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER WERE FOUND THROUGH INNOVATIONS OF OUR STAFF ON CROSS-TRAINING AND AUTOMATION OF OUR PLANTS. FOR EXAMPLE, ALLOWED US TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF -- NUMBER ON EACH CREW AND EACH SHIFT AT ALL OF OUR TREATMENT PLANTS. AND THAT WAS VERY -- A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO PLANNING THAT. THE SAME KIND OF WORK IS GOING INTO OUR CREWS FOR OUR PIPELINES AND WE'RE STILL GETTING GOOD RESPONSE TIMES IN REDUCING OUR BACK LOGS JUST THROUGH BETTER SCHEDULING AND PLANNING OF THE WORK AND THE CREW SIZINGS. SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH THAT. WITH ALL THE CUTTING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, WE HAVE TO RECOMMEND THE 5.2% SYSTEMWIDE RATE INCREASE TO YOU. AND WITH THAT, I'LL CONCLUDE AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

Thomas: ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. LIPPY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCIL, THE LAST PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON IS FROM SOLID WASTE WITH MR. WILLIE RHODES PRESENTING THE BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT. SOLID WASTE SERVICES SATISFACTION RATING FOR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES DECREASED FROM 87% TO 85% FROM THE 2004 SURVEY; HOWEVER, SOLID WASTE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS, INQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS. THE DEPARTMENT IS IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS USING THE 311 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT SATISFACTION RATING FOR CODE COMPLIANCE, AND THAT'S THE PROBLEMS WITH WEED LOTS, ABANDONED VEHICLES, DLAP DATED BUILDINGS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, DECREASED BY FIVE AND A HALF PERCENT. AND MR. RHODES IS GOING TO PRESENT TO YOU THEIR STRATEGY ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS AND ENHANCE THEIR INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THAT RATING FOR NEXT YEAR. SO I'LL TURN IT

OVER TO MR. RHODES NOW.

AFTERNOON, COUNCIL. THE MEASURES THAT JOE WAS TALKING ABOUT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND ISSUES WE'VE BEEN FACING AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS WILL BE PRESENTED IN MY BUDGET PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON. WHILE THE SATISFACTION RATING FOR THE FIRST TWO ITEMS ARE GOOD, WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO TRY AND IMPROVE UPON THEM AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THE THIRD ITEM FOR CODE COMPLIANCE IS THE ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT AND WE HAVE AN IN-DEPTH PRESENTATION ON HOW WE WILL MAKE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR CODE COMPLIANCE AND THAT WILL BE COMING UP DURING THIS PRESENTATION. SOLID WASTE SERVICES BUDGET IS -- WE'RE PLEASED TO SAY WE'RE BRINGING YOU NO RATE INCREASE. OUR CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL IS UNCHANGED FOR NEXT YEAR. ASCOUNCIL IS AWARE, OUR CUSTOMERS GET SAME DAY SERVICE AND 20% OF THOSE CUSTOMERS GET SERVICE TWO DAYS A WEEK. WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE IN OUR OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES NEXT YEAR. THE MAJOR CAUSE OF THAT IS FUEL INCREASES. WE ALSO ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN ADDITIONAL CUSTOMER GROWTH AND WE HAVE SOME ANNEXED AREAS THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO. OUR REVENUE IS GOING TO INCREASE APPROXIMATELY 2.2%, AND THAT'S DUE TO THE NEW CUSTOMERS GROWTH THAT WE SEE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES. AT THE FM 812 LANDFILL, THE CITY WILL CONTINUE THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AT THAT LANDFILL. IT IS A TYPE 1 LANDFILL. HAS A PERMIT FOR A TYPE 1 LANDFILL, BUT IT'S CURRENTLY OPERATED AS A TYPE 4 LANDFILL ACCEPTING CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION DEBRIS. SO NEXT YEAR WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THOSE SAME MATERIAL. ALSO FOR NEXT YEAR WE HAVE HIRED A CONSULTANT THAT WILL PRESENT US A REPORT ON THE FM 812 LANDFILL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LIFE OF THE LANDFILL, WHAT AREAS WE NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT, AND ALSO SEE WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR -- TO CLOSE THAT LANDFILL AND HOW WE NEED TO WORK WITH TCEQ ON IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE THE LANDFILL. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] VEHICLE PERMIT PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE, A TRANSFER IN THAT

WE TAKE, INTERNAL TRANSFER THAT GOES TO HELP FUND OUR LANDFILL. RECYCLING REVENUE IS -- THE AMOUNT OF RECYCLING MATERIAL THAT WE COLLECT IN THE CURB SIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM, SOLD BY THE CITY, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE PROJECTED TO RECEIVE IN THAT. OUR EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT YEAR, BIGGEST SHARE IS FOR PAY AS YOU THROW, 40% OF -- OF OUR INDUSTRY IS PAY AS YOU THROW, AT \$21.7 MILLION. TRANSFERS IS 12.7, THAT'S APPROXIMATELY 8%. LITTER ABATEMENT IS NEXT, 8%, ALSO. OUR SUPPORT SERVICES IS FOR 7%. OUR PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR IS \$3.64 MILLION. THIS FUNDING IS FOR -- TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, NOW AND REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND FUNDING FOR THE LANDFILL PROJECTS. WE HAVE AN EROSION PROJECT AT THE LANDFILL, WE STILL HAVE A GAS MONITORING PROGRAM, WE STILL HAVE A -- A -- AN ENERGY CONVERSION PROGRAM AT THE LANDFILL THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THESE PROJECTS FUNDED FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE F.T.E.S THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE NEXT WE'RE, A BREAKDOWN FOR THEM IS ONE NEW F.T.E. FOR THE PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM. DOING AN INTERNAL REORGANIZATION. WE HAVE SEEN SOME INCREASED SERVICE AREA. WE NEED A NEW F.T.E. FOR THE DIVISION MANAGER IN PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM. WASTE DIVERSION IS AN INCREASED PRODUCTION. WE HAVE A LOT OF MATERIAL COMING IN FROM OUTSIDE VENDOR THAT UTILIZE IT AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS THAT BRING US ADDITIONAL RECYCLING, WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT LATER IN THE PRESENTATION. SO WHEN YOU HAVE ONE -- ONE NEW EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN AT THE MATERIAL FACILITY THAT WE OPERATE. IN THE CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, EXPANDING AND REORGANIZING THAT SECTION. MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE OF OUR CUSTOMERS. IN A FEW MINUTES I WILL INTRODUCE DON BERKMAN WHO WILL GIVE US MORE EXPLANATIONS. WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING FOR NEXT YEAR TO ADD 7 TOTAL NEW F.T.E.'S IN OUR CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, SIX OF WHICH ARE OPERATIONAL, ONE NEW SUPERVISOR POSITION. ALSO FUNDING A -- A DEDICATED TURNING -- ATTORNEY IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT THAT WILL HELP US WITH CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES. WE ALSO FUNDING 1.5 F.T.E.S AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT. ONE IS FOR MORE IMPROVED SUPERVISOR AND THE OTHER ONE IS

A CODE ENFORCEMENT DEDICATED JUDGE, HALF A POSITION FOR THAT. AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT DON BERKMAN, WHO WILL GIVE YOU A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN CODE COMPLIANCE.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

I KNOW CODE COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN ON EVERYONE'S MIND AND I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF -- OF BACKGROUND ON WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH THE CODE COMPLIANCE CONSOLIDATION. COVERING SEVERAL TOPICS FROM HISTORY TO THE APPROACH, RECOMMENDATIONS AND BENEFITS. IN THE PAST, CODE COMPLIANCE WAS ACTUALLY COVERED BY FIVE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HAD PROPERTY ABATEMENT, A PORTION UNTIL 2002, SOLID WASTE SERVICE TOOK IT OVER AT THAT POINT, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, HEALTH DEPARTMENT STILL HAS THE GRAFFITI, RODENT, PROGRAM, POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD JUNK AND ABANDONED VEHICLES, PARKS DEPARTMENT HAD MAJOR INITIATIVES TO DO WITH TREE TRIMMING AND PUBLIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. THE DIFFICULTY WITH THAT APPROACH IS IT WAS VERY FRAGMENTED, VERY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS WE SHOULD HAVE. AND IT -- IT DIDN'T READILY LEND ITSELF TO LETTING US LOOK AT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CROSS-TRAINING OF EMPLOYEE EMPLOYEES OR OPPORTUNITIES TO BE -- TO BE PROACTIVE. THE RESULT OF THAT IN A RECENT SURVEY OF CUSTOMER SATISFACTION OF CODE COMPLIANCE, A SPECIAL EVIDENT WAS MADE TO TRY TO SEE WHERE WE RATED, WE CAME UP WITH A FAIRLY LOW OVERALL SCORE OF A 60% RATING, PARTICULARLY WHICH LAGGED BEHIND BECAUSE OF -- BECAUSE OF DISSATISFACTION AND -- IN EAST AUSTIN. THIS IS KIND OF A CONTINUATION OF THE CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS OF THE ONE-STOP SHOP. AT THE BOTTOM OR SIDE OF THAT SLIDE YOU WILL SEE WHERE OUR PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES IN CODE COMPLIANCE HAVE BEEN, RELATIVE OTHER CITIES. I WOULD NOTE THAT ADJACENT TO THE SLIDE WHERE IT SHOWS OUR PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES, WE ADDED AN EXTRA COLUMN TO SHOW WHERE OUR PER CAPITA

EXPENDITURES WOULD BE WITH THE ADDITIONAL INCREASES THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED FOR THIS YEAR. WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO GAIN THROUGH THE RECONSOLIDATION EFFORT IS IMPROVED RESPONSE TO THE CITIZENS AND I AM -- IMPROVED QUALITY. UNDER PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, WE ARE TRYING TO TAKE A INTO AT FOUR OF OUR MAJOR STEPS OF CODE CONSOLIDATION, OUR INTAKE VERIFICATION IS NOTIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT AND CONSOLIDATE AS MANY OF THOSE INTO A SINGLE PROCESS AS WE CAN. UNDER INTAKE, WE WILL -- WE WILL BE SWITCHING FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT PROCEDURES FOR CITIZENS TO MAKE COMPLAINTS TO THE CITY TO, ONE, USING THE 311 SYSTEM UNDER VERIFICATION, WHICH IS OUR FIELD INSPECTORS GOING OUT IN THE FIELD, WE ARE GOING TO BE MAKING SOME MAJOR INITIATIVES TO CROSS TRAIN. OF EMPLOYEES. NOTIFICATION THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME OPPORTUNITIES THAT STREAMLINE OUR NOTIFICATION PROCESSES AND THE WAY WE GET OUR CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES TO COURT AND THEN PARTICULARLY UNDER ENFORCEMENT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES DEALING WITH MUNICIPAL COURT. OUR FOCUS IS GOING TO BE ON COORDINATING OUR SERVICES IN THE FIELD AND NOT NECESSARILY IN HAVING EVERYBODY IN THE SAME OFFICE LIKE THE ONE STOP SHOP. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO RELY A WHOLE LOT MORE HEAVILY ON PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. OUR MISSION FOR CODE COMPLIANCE IS TO OBTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY CODES REGARDING LAND USE, MAINTENANCE, STRUCTURES AND PREMISES THROUGH INCREASED EDUCATION, COOPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT AND ABATEMENT TO ACHIEVE A CLEANER, HEALTHIER, SAFER CITY. OUR GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE AND PREVENT NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT, DETERIORATING CONDITIONS THAT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AREA PROPERTY VALUES AND ENCOURAGE SOCIAL DISORDER AND DANGEROUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENCOURAGE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF HOW WE ARE PROPOSING TO DO THIS IS REORGANIZATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE INTO FOUR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS THAT SHARE COMMON BOUNDARIES WITH THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM. SO THAT OUR CODE COMPLIANCE MANAGERS WILL BE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH

THE OFFICE POLICE COMMANDERS AND THE DR'S TO JOINTLY ADDRESS PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. THE KEY COMPONENT OF THAT -- OF THAT TEAM STAFFING APPROACH IS WE ARE MOVING FROM A SITUATION WHERE WE HAD ABATEMENT INSPECTORS, HOUSING INSPECTORS, ZONING INSPECTORS AS -- AS SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES TO -- TO -- TO A LITTLE BIT MORE CROSS TRAINING FOR THOSE INSPECTORS SO THEY CAN ASSIST EACH OTHER OUT. IN DOING INSPECTIONS IN THE FIELD. WE TOOK A VERY CLOSE LOOK AT -- AT THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND -- IN EACH OF THE AREAS AND DETERMINED THAT -- THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND -- IN DIFFERENT AREAS AND WE HAVE -- WE HAVE PUT OUR TEAMS TOGETHER TO REFLECT THOSE NEEDS AND AS THEY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN -- WE CAN SHIFT OUR STAFFING DEMANDS ACROSS THE FOUR TEAMS TO TRY TO BETTER MATCH SERVICES. A KEY ELEMENT OF WHERE WE ARE GOING AS YOU SEE, WE HAVE ADDED A NUMBER OF INSPECTORS, WE HAVE CHANGED THE PROCESS FROM WHERE -- WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL INSPECTORS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THEIR OWN CASES IN MUNICIPAL COURT TO HAVING A LEGAL COORDINATOR WHO WILL HANDLE THE -- THE CASES IN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR INSPECTORS FOR -- WORKING WITH A DEDICATED ATTORNEY TO HELP US WITH A VARIETY OF CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND CODE UPDATES. AND THEN WE ARE ALSO GOING TO A -- TO A POSITION OF A -- OF A SERVICE COORDINATOR, COMPLIANCE MANAGER TO BOTH WORK INTERNALLY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND EXTERNALLY WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE WHEN WE TAKE ON ACTIVITIES THAT THEY ARE DONE IN A COORDINATED FASHION. ORGANIZATION CHARTS SHOWS YOU HOW WE INTEND TO ORGANIZE SOLID WASTE SERVICES, THE POSITIONS IN BLUE ARE THE NEW POSITIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ADDED THIS BUDGET YEAR. YOU WILL NOTE THAT IN THE ORGANIZATION CHART WE KIND OF STUCK WITH THE DESIGNATION THAT WE HAD IN THE PAST OF WHETHER THOSE INSPECTORS WERE MORE SPECIFICALLY HOUSING INSPECTORS, ZONING INSPECTORS OR PROPERTY ABATEMENT INSPECTORS. THAT WILL TEND TO DISAPPEAR IN THE FUTURE. THE MANAGERS THAT WE HAD OVER EACH OF THOSE SECTIONS WILL EACH BE TAKEN OVER A ZONE AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET WE WILL ADD

ONE ADDITIONAL AREA MANAGER. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY HOPE THAT WE GET FROM -- FROM THIS APPROACH IS AS TEAMS AND THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF TOWN FIGURE OUT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THOSE WITH EACH OTHER. WE GET SOME ADDITIONAL BENEFIT THAT WAY. THEN WE HAVE THE SINGLE PROPERTY ABATEMENT COORDINATOR THAT MANAGES OUR INTERNAL WORK AND OUR EXTERNAL DEPARTMENTS AND A LEGAL COORDINATOR FOR THE COURT. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, ON OUR INTAKE, WE ARE GOING FROM SEVEN PHONE NUMBERS THAT CITIZENS USED TO HAVE TO -- TO KNOW TO CALL IN AND GET OUR SERVICES TO ONE, WE ARE GOING TO HEAVILY UTILIZE THE 311 CALL CENTER. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FROM -- FROM FIVE DIFFERENT -- SYSTEMS FOR INTAKING AND PUTTING OUR INITIAL DATA TO TWO USING THE 311 CENTER. AND THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE PROCESSING CENTER. I KNOW WE HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, THE - - UNDER LEGAL COORDINATION, THE CO-LOCATION OF A FULL-TIME LAWYER WITH SOLID WASTE SERVICE WILL HELP US REVIEW ALL OF THE CITY CODES. AND TRY TO COORDINATE THEM AND BRING THEM TOGETHER SO THAT THEY CAN BE -- CAN BE MANAGED IN A -- IN A GOOD WAY. THE -- THE LEGAL COORDINATION -- COORDINATOR POSITION IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAD DONE IN SOLID WASTE SERVICE A FEW YEARS AGO WITH OUR PROPERTY ABATEMENT, WHERE ONE PERSON HANDLED ALL OF THE LEGAL COORDINATION AND IT WORKED REALLY WELL. WE THINK IT WILL WORK REAL WELL FOR THE ZONING AND HOUSING ELEMENTS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY EXCITED ABOUT THE DESIGNATION OF A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE THAT'S USED TO HANDLING JUST THESE TYPE OF CASES. UNDER THE ABATEMENT PROCESS, WE ARE LOOKING AT FOUR PRIMARY WAYS TO GET COMPLIANCE WITH OUR PROPERTY. ONE IS A -- TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRAM, ON VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE. AN AWFUL LOT OF COMPLIANCE TAKE WE GET IN THE FIELD SIMPLY BY GOING OUT AND TALKING TO THE CITIZENS AND TELLING THEM THERE'S A PROBLEM AND THEY VOLUNTARILY COMPLY. WE ARE GOING TO DEVELOP A QUICK RESPONSE ABATEMENT PROCESS TO WORK MORE QUICKLY WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DR'S TO RESPOND TO SPOT PROBLEMS THAT ARE --

THAT NEED A VERY QUICK RESPONSE. IN THE PAST, WE HAVE RELIED PRIMARILY ON CITIZEN COMPLAINTS. AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN NECESSARILY AS PROACTIVE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE, BUT WE ARE GOING TO ADD A TARGETED RESPONSE PROGRAM TO WORK WITH AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE POLICE AREA COMMANDS AND BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS SO THAT WE WILL BE MORE PROACTIVE IN WORKING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS. AND THEN A FOURTH ELEMENT, SINCE SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH ARE VERY LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, JUST COMING IN WITH A BIG STICK APPROACH IS -- WE DON'T THINK GOING TO BE THE RIGHT WAY TO -- TO DEAL WITH THE ABATEMENT, SO WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO DEVELOP WAYS TO PARTNER WITH CITIZENS TO LET THEM UTILIZE THE FULL RESOURCES OF THE CITY. THE ADDED RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE, THE ABATEMENT COORDINATOR, THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM, WE ARE GOING TO BE USING THE AUSTIN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, IN A SERVICE AGREEMENT TO HELP US WITH OUR PUBLIC PROPERTIES. AND THAT WAS A PRETTY MAJOR PROBLEM. WE HAD 1800 PUBLIC PROPERTIES IN THE CITY THAT -- THAT NOBODY WAS PARTICULARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND THOSE FOLKS ARE GOING TO BE HELPING US TAKE CARE OF THOSE PROPERTIES. WE ADDED THIS LAST YEAR TO OUR EXISTING CONTRACT FOR PRIVATE PROPERTIES, SOME -- SOME FUNDS TO THE TIBH, TEXAS BLIND HANDICAPPED FOLKS TO HELP US WITH RIGHT-OF-WAYS WHERE AGAIN WE HAD SOME MAJOR PROBLEMS AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND CITY COURT ON THEIR -- ON THEIR USE OF THEIR -- COMMUNITY SERVICE PEOPLE. WE HOPE THAT THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM GOING TO THE SINGLE INTAKE PHONE NUMBER IS GOING TO MAKE IT A WHOLE LOT EASIER FOR THE CITIZENS TO -- TO ACCESS SERVICE. AND THEN BY CONSOLIDATING OUR PROCESSING FOR US TO TRACK THE STATUS OF WHERE -- WHERE ANYTHING IS IN THE CODE COMPLIANCE DEAL. AS IT GOES THROUGH, THE -- WE THINK THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG OPPORTUNITY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE P.D. THROUGH THEIR AREA REPS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL GET IMPROVED I DON'T EVER ALL COMPLIANCE WORKING TOGETHER AND BY GOING TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND

HAVING ONE PERSON ASSIGNED THAT'S OVER THOSE AND ONE PERSON THAT'S OVER THOSE TEAMS, WE ARE GOING TO KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE IN A GIVEN AREA SO WE WILL KNOW WHO TO GO TO IF WE'VE GOT PROBLEMS. WE THINK THAT THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH OF VOLUNTARY RESPONSE, QUICK RESPONSE, TARGETED RESPONSE AND PARTNERING WILL -- WILL HELP US SOLVE A LOT OF OUR PROBLEMS AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS AND WITH COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU.

COUNCIL, SOME OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES, THIS SLIDE I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THE FIRST LINE IS OUR TOTAL TONS COLLECTED IN OUR PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM OR THE TOTAL WASTE STREAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. AS COUNCIL IS AWARE, WE COLLECT MAINLY FROM RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, SOME DUPLEXES AND FOUR-PLEXES WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE TOP SLIDE CONTINUES TO INCREASE EVERY YEAR. BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH OF CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE TOP LINE EXCUSE ME. HOWEVER THE SECOND LINE, THE AVERAGE POUNDS OF GARBAGE COLLECTED PER HOUSEHOLD PER WEEK HAS BEEN MOSTLY UNCHANGED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, IT'S BEEN STAYING RIGHT AROUND 32 POUNDS PER WEEK. THAT'S OUTSTANDING FOR A CITY THE SIZE OF AUSTIN. IT'S AN ATTRIBUTE TO THE PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO RECYCLE IN AUSTIN. POUND OF YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION IS EXPECTED TO GO UP, APPROXIMATELY 5%, TONS, ALSO LOOKING AT THE PROPERTY ABATEMENT FOR CODE COMPLIANCE FIELD INVESTIGATIONS FOR 20% UP NEXT YEAR. FURTHER GOALS FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR 2006. TRY TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE OUR DIVERSION FOR THE PAY AS YOU THROW BY REDUCING AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE THAT THE CITIZENS HAS. AS COUNCIL IS AWARE THAT WE HAVE A SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM. NO FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR FOR THE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM. WE CONTINUE DEVELOPING THAT

PROGRAM, HOPE TO BE BRINGING THAT BACK DURING THE BUDGET FOR 2007. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR CUSTOMER SATISFACTION IN GARBAGE COLLECTION, RECYCLING COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANING PROGRAMS. WE WANT TO DECREASE THE AVERAGE PROCESS TIME FOR VACANT LOT CODE COMPLIANCE CASES FROM THE 30 DAYS WE HAVE SEEN TODAY TO 27 DAYS. WHEN WE ORIGINALLY GOT THIS PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS AGO, WE WERE AT 44 DAYS, WE BROUGHT IT DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THAT SAME TIME FRAME. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO REDUCE THAT AS WE GO FORWARD IN THE FUTURE. HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OTHER CITIES? THIS IS OUR COMPARISON WITH THE AVERAGE TONS OF REFUSE COLLECTED PER ACCOUNT, BASED ON THE 2004 FISCAL YEAR. FISCAL YEAR EXCUSE ME. FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IT'S .83-TONS OF -- FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR FOR THE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THAT, CONSIDERABLE BETTER THAN SAN DIEGO, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, MIAMI, DADE AND DALLAS, TEXAS. SAN JOSE BEAT US, WE ARE ALMOST AT A TIE FOR SAN JOSE. I THINK THIS IS OUTSTANDING. ONCE AGAIN ATTRIBUTED TO OUR PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM, EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE, COMMUNICATION THAT WE DO FOR OUR PAY AS YOU THROW, ALL OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN SOLID WASTE SERVICES. NEXT IS THE PERCENT OF CITIZENS SATISFIED WITH THEIR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE FEW COLLECTION SERVICE. WITH AUSTIN, TEXAS, IT'S 86%. FOR SAN JOSE, IT'S 97%, FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA IT'S 97. THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE STILL WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THIS NUMBER FOR OUR CUSTOMERS IN AUSTIN. THIS COMPLETES MY PRESENTATION. AT THIS TIME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME.

THANK YOU MR. RHOADES. QUESTIONS FROM STAFF, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: RECAP THE CODE COM -- REVAMP THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AREA, I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE GOT THE MOST COMPLAINTS ABOUT. SO I APPLAUD THE NEW METHODOLOGY AS I'M GLAD TO SEE SO MANY RESOURCES GOING IN THERE. I HAVE ONE QUESTION. ON PAGE 85, WHERE YOU HAVE THE -- THE -- THE CHART ON THE

AVERAGE TONS OF REFUSE COLLECTED PER COUNT. THIS -- IS THAT NUMBER JUST THE -- THE -- DOES THAT INCLUDE THE RECYCLING?

NO, THAT'S REFUSE, GARBAGE ONLY.

Dunkerly: WE HAVE A RELATIVELY LOW NUMBER. IS THAT BECAUSE WE ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH OUR RECYCLING THAN THE OTHER CITIES?

THAT'S CORRECT. PAY AS YOU THROW, GARBAGE AS A WASTE STREAM BROKEN OUT INTO THREE SEPARATE CATEGORIES, WE COLLECT GARBAGE SEPARATELY, WE COLLECT RECYCLING FROM THE CURB SIDE PROGRAM, AND WE COLLECT YARD TRIMMINGS. THE NUMBERS HAVE STAYED RELATIVELY SAME BECAUSE THE WASTE STREAM FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER IS STAYING THE SAME. IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE TOTAL WASTE STREAM, IT'S AROUND 44 TO 46 POUNDS A WEEK. OF THAT MIX IS THE GARBAGE PIECE, RECYCLING PIECE AND THE YARD TRIMMING PIECE. THE -- THE RECYCLING IS -- CONTINUES TO TRY TO GROW A LITTLE BIT EACH YEAR BY STAYING CONSISTENT BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE POUNDS, GARBAGE STAYING CONSISTENTLY BETWEEN 31 TO 33 POUNDS BEING COLLECTED A WEEK. AND THEN YARD TRIMMING IS ONE THAT FLUCTUATES TO MOST -- AVERAGE SOMETIME BETWEEN 3 POUNDS TO UP TO FIVE POUNDS PER WEEK FOR CITIZENS IN AUSTIN. BUT BECAUSE WE ARE COLLECTING SEPARATELY, IT GIVES THE CITIZENS A CHANCE TO PUT MORE OUT AT THE CURB AND PUTTING OUT SEPARATELY IS - - CAUSES A CLEANER CITY, ALSO CREATES MORE DIVERSION FROM THE LANDFILL.

ONE OTHER QUESTION IN THE PILOT AREA WHERE YOU DID THE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING, DID YOU SEE OR HAVE YOU DONE AN ANALYSIS YET TO SEE IF YOU -- IF YOU INCREASE THE RECYCLING AMOUNT AND DECREASED THE REFUSE AMOUNT?

WELL, WE -- WHAT WE HAVE SEEN FOR THAT PROGRAM IS THAT PROGRAM WITH SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTING EVERY OTHER WEEK. IF YOU TAKE THE TYPICAL PROGRAM, WE HAVE FOR THE REST OF THE

CITIZENS, THEY ARE COLLECTING ON A WEEKLY BASIS. BY DOUBLING THAT AMOUNT, YOU EXPECT TO SEE THAT IN YOUR SINGLE STREAM AREA. HOWEVER, WHAT WE WERE SEEING IS THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT IN THE SINGLE STREAM AREA ON A BIWEEKLY BASIS VERSUS THE TWICE A WEEK, TWO TIMES AMOUNT WE THOUGHT WE WERE SEEING. WE ARE SEEING THREE TIMES THAT AMOUNT AND MORE. SO SINGLE STREAM IS GIVING THE CUSTOMERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE MORE AND WE WANT TO TRY TO BRING THAT OUT TO ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE ARE WORKING ON THAT AS WE SPEAK.

SO THIS IS THE CHART WHERE IT'S BETTER TO -- TO BE SMALL.

YES. >>> DUNKERLY: OKAY, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: YES, MR. RHOADES. JUST CURIOUS. IN THE CODE COMPLIANCE SECTION, IT TALKS ABOUT -- ABOUT TWO, I THINK, CONSOLIDATION SYSTEMS, ONE IS THE 311 CALL CENTER AND THE OTHER ONE IS THE PRO CENTER. WHAT IS -- WHAT SPECIFICALLY WOULD THE PRO CENTER -- BE OR DO I SUPPOSE.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER, AS WE -- WHEN WE TALKED WITH CTM CONCERNING THE 311, AS THE CALLS GO INTO IT, 24 HOUR CENTER, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR US TO HAVE ADDITIONAL TYPE OF CALLS THAT COME BACK TO US. BE IN THE FORM OF EITHER A CUSTOMER TICKET THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS. THE PRO CENTER THAT WE ARE SETTING UP IS TO TRY TO ADDRESS THOSE FROM THE CITIZENS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND RESPOND BACK TO THE CITIZENS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THEY ARE ALSO THERE TO -- TO HANDLE ELEVATED CALLS THAT -- THAT THE 311 CANNOT TAKE, THOSE TYPE OF CALLS.

THAT'S -- TO INTERFACE ON SOME LEVEL WITH 311 AND TO -- TO SUPPLEMENT OR SUPPORT, YOU KNOW, WHAT THEY ARE

DOING?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: AND DOES IT RELATE DIRECTLY YOU KNOW WITH THE CODE COMPLIANCE FUNCTION OR JUST GENERALLY ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IT DEALS WITH ANYTHING IN THE DEPARTMENT, ALL OPERATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE IT'S TIED -- MAKING THIS CHANGE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, CODE COMPLIANCE, THAT'S MORE REPRESENTATIVE.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, THE CITY MANAGER, YOURSELF, ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED WITH THIS CONSOLIDATION, I THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR EVERYONE PUBLIC AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, FOR THE CITY ITSELF IN TERMS OF KEEPING TRACK OF -- OF ALL OF THESE COMPLIANCE, CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES. SO -- SO, YOU KNOW, MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE -- ON A JOB WELL DONE.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER, FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, MR. RHOADES. CITY MANAGER. AGAIN, WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE PROPOSED CITY BUDGET SOMETIME AFTER 6:00 P.M. TODAY. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS THAT WE HAD PULLED OFF OF OUR AGENDA ITEM EARLIER, I THINK WE CAN KNOCK OUT REAL QUICKLY BEFORE WE START ZONING CASES. ITEM NO. 70 WAS AN ADDENDUM. THAT WAS RELATED TO -- TO A STREET EVENT PERMIT. THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL QUESTIONS POSED EARLIER UNTIL THOSE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BY STAFF AND BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORS. AND SO -- SO I GUESS THIS IS A STAFF ITEM. ITEM NO. 70 IS APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A STREET EVENT PERMIT FOR THE CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE BAT FESTIVAL. AND IF COUNCIL HAS NO QUESTIONS, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken, I'LL SECOND -- SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM NO.

70 AS POSTED AFTER EXPLANATION FROM STAFF. IF YOU ARE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? 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 TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS. AND LET'S SEE, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL HAD PULLED ITEM 23, I BELIEVE IT WAS EARLIER. COUNCILMEMBER? ITEM NO. 3 IS A CONTRACT FOR CLEARING CEDAR BRUSH, I GUESS WE'LL CALL IT, OFF OF THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS. I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUICK QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE FOR WILLIE TO PLEASE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF BIRD HABITAT. IS THAT A FACTOR IN -- IN EITHER OF THE TWO TRACTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS CONTRACT?

YES, SIR. IT HAS -- AND WE HAVE DONE SOME DILIGENCE ON THAT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO, I'M SORRY, I'M WILLIE CONRADT, LAND MANAGER FOR THE CITY. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS INTRODUCE KEVIN THIESSEN, OUR PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS PROJECT, THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS. I THINK HE CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

OKAY.

THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. I'M DR. KEVIN THIESEN, MANAGER THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS FOR WATER UTILITY. LAND ON HOW WE MANAGE BIRD HABITAT.

AS YOU KNOW THESE ARE PRIMARILY EARLY WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS, SECONDARILY BIRD HABITAT. I JUST ASKED THE QUESTION IF THIS WAS INDEED ENDANGERED BIRD HABITAT. I BELIEVE THE ANSWER WAS YES.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE ADDRESSING THAT, MAINTAINING THE HABITAT STATUS OF THESE TWO TRACTS.

ON THESE TWO, BOTH HAD SOME LEVEL OF -- OF EXISTING

GOLDEN CHEEKED WARBLER HABITAT. WENT OVER THE TREATMENT PLANS FOR BOTH THESE WITH THE SERVICE. SERVICE PERSONNEL MADE RECOMMENDATION, WE ACCOMMODATED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, MOVED OUR TREATMENT AREAS TYPICALLY, WE ARE WORKING AND THEN WE ALSO RECEIVED CONCURRENCE FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE OUR PLAN WAS APPROPRIATELY WITH THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. WE TYPICALLY FOCUS ON TREES. WE WORK ON TREES THAT ARE REGROWING AFTER EITHER BEING CLEARED OR INVADING AREAS. TYPICALLY VERY SMALL TREES. LESS THAN 10 FEET OR LESS THAN FOUR INCH DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT FOR A DIAMETER ON THE TREES.

YOU HAVE THE APPROVAL OF FISH ON THIS, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE APPROVED YOUR PLAN. IS THERE SOME ONGOING SUPERVISION COMPONENT OF YOUR PLAN, IF SO COULD YOU DESCRIBE IT.

ONGOING SUPERVISION BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE.

NO, BY YOU -- YES OF THE PLAN APPROVED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE, YOUR PLAN FOR SUPERVISION OF THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE.

CORRECT. WE ARE TYPICALLY WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE BIRD SEASON, THE BIRDS ARE NOT CURRENTLY HERE WHILE WE ARE DOING THE WORK. FISH AND WILDLIFE ALSO DID APPROVE ONE OF THE PROJECTS TO START DURING THE BIRD SEASON SINCE IT WAS WELL OUT OF HABITAT. OTHER THAN THAT THEY TYPICALLY APPROVE OUR PLANS, BUT DON'T PROVIDE DIRECT OVERSIGHT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION.

Leffingwell: OKAY, THAT'S ACTUALLY ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, SIR.

Leffingwell: WITH THAT, MAYOR, I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEM 23.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER

LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM 23 AS POSTED. I WILL SECOND. 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 -- 7-0. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO COUNCIL THAT TAKES US TO THE 4:00 ZONING CASES, I WELCOME MS. ALICE GLASGO.

Alvarez: MAYOR, WE STILL HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM, THAT ACTV, PUBLIC ACCESS ITEM AND I DON'T THINK IT WILL TAKE THAT LONG. IN REALITY WE ONLY HAVE A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS. IF THEY -- IF THEY ARE STILL AROUND.

Mayor Wynn: I APOLOGIZE, ITEM NO. 29, PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, LET'S SEE --

Alvarez: I FIGURE OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE -- WE WILL KEEP THEM HERE UNTIL AFTER 6:00. I THINK IT WILL BE PRETTY QUICKLY.

Mayor Wynn: YES.

Alvarez: IF WE JUMP TO THAT REAL QUICK.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, LET'S TAKE UP ITEM NO. 29. A PRESENTATION FROM JOHN STEPHENS AND THEN CITIZENS SIGNED UP.

MAYOR, MINOR, COUNCILMEMBER, I'M JOHN STEVENS. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. THE ITEM THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS TO GRANT A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION, PUBLIC ACCESS TV IS -- IS A NATIONWIDE SYSTEM THAT'S ENABLED BY FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS LOCAL FRANCHISING AUTHORITIES LIKE THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO REQUIRE CABLE OPERATORS TO PROVIDE CHANNELS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL OR GOVERNMENTAL USE. PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THEY ARE USUALLY ADMINISTERED EITHER BY A CABLE OPERATOR OR BY A THIRD PARTY DESIGNATED BY

THE FRANCHISE AUTHORITY AS IN OUR CASE. THE CITY HAS THREE PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS AND THREW OUR DESIGNATED -- THROUGH OUR DESIGNATED OPERATOR, WE PROVIDE TELEVISION, PRODUCT EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND AIR TIME ON LOCAL CABLE CHANNELS SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN PRODUCE THEIR OWN SHOWS, TELEVISION THEM TO A MASS AUDIENCE THAT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE CABLE CAST OVER THE CABLE SYSTEM. CITY CONTRACTS, THE CITY CONTRACTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES. THIS CONTRACT IS FUNDED THROUGH A 35 CENTS PER MONTH CABLE SUBVIBER FEE THAT'S PAID QUARTERLY TO THE CITY. FOR THIS SOLICITATION WE ISSUED AN R.F.P. ON APRIL THE 25th, CLOSED ON JUNE THE 17th, WE RECEIVED THREE PROPOSALS, ONE FROM THE INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR, AUSTIN COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER, ONE FOR AUSTIN TELEVISION ACCESS, ONE FROM PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION. WE HAD AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE THAT WAS COMPOSED OF FOUR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THOSE EMPLOYEES ALL UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT WE AWARD THE CONTRACT TO PACT, PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION. THEY DEMONSTRATED THE STRONGEST UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE CITY WAS SEEKING IN THE R.F.P. SO WITH THIS ITEM WE ARE SEEKING AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A 24-MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1,235,000, WITH TWO 24-MONTH EXTENSION OPTIONS IN AN EQUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1,235,000 PER EXTENSION OPTION.

THANK YOU, MR. STEPHENS. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. NO, REALLY -- I GUESS WE ONLY HAVE A HANDFUL OF FOLKS HERE THAT WE MAY HEAR FROM, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUMP TO THAT BUT ONE THING TO POINT OUT, AS MR. STEPHENS SAID, IS THE RECOMMENDED MANAGER IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ENTITY THAT WE HAVE UTILIZED FOR SEVERAL DECADE NOW. SO -- SO I THOUGHT THERE MAY BE A LITTLE MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, SUCH A -- WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CURRENT MANAGING NON-PROFIT,

BASICALLY WITHDRAWING THEIR -- THEIR PROPOSAL AND -- AND SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF WORKING WITH THE RECOMMENDED NON-PROFIT PROVIDER OR MANAGER TO BEGIN THAT TRANSITION, YOU KNOW, FROM ONE ENTITY TO THE OTHER. AND SO -- SO I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR GOODWILL AND HELPING WITH WHAT -- WITH WHAT PERSONALLY COULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITION IF -- IF YOU HAD TWO PARTIES THAT WERE SORT OF AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER, AND REALLY THE REASON THAT I PULLED THIS ITEM WAS REALLY TO TALK ABOUT TRANSITION, BECAUSE I DID HAVE, YOU KNOW, AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TWO PROPOSALS AND I DID FEEL THAT THE RECOMMENDED FIRM WAS -- HAD A VERY STRONG PROPOSAL AND HAD A GOOD VISION FOR PUBLIC -- THESE PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS. AND BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE MEMBERS INVOLVED WITH THIS RECOMMENDED FIRM HAVE A HISTORY WITH, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC ACCESS TV IN AUSTIN, THEN -- THEN THERE IS SOME LEVEL OF CONTINUITY AND SO IT -- IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS BUT -- BUT REGARDLESS I STILL AM KIND OF JUST CURIOUS ABOUT THE TRAPS TRANSITION, HOW THAT MIGHT WORK, MORE SO THAN -- SINCE WE HAVE I GUESS -- MAYBE A 30 DAY WINDOW, REALLY, TO -- TO TRANSFER FROM ONE ENTITY TO ANOTHER. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THAT, MR. STEPHENS, OR IF WE HAVE THE RECOMMENDED -- THE RECOMMENDED COMPANY OR PROPOSER HERE WHO COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, AND -- AND I HAD SOME KIND OF SPECIFIC ISSUES ABOUT HOW -- HOW PROGRAMMING DECISIONS COULD BE, MIGHT BE MADE, AND PERSONNEL POLICIES AND OTHER KINDS OF POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS BECAUSE -- BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SUCH A LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CURRENT CONTRACTOR, YOU KNOW, AS ISSUES HAVE COME UP, WHETHER IT'S WITH -- WITH THE WAY THAT -- THAT THE -- THAT THAT ENTITY IS OPERATING OR WITH THE WAY PROGRAMMING WORKS OR SOME OTHER POLICY THEN UNDERWRITING, ET CETERA. THEN THERE'S BEEN CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE HIT CERTAIN HURDLES THAT THEY GET -- THAT GET WORKED INTO THOSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND -- AND SO I WAS JUST KIND

OF CURIOUS WITH THE NEW ENTITY COMING IN, HOW MUCH OF THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE AND WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO USE SOME OF THE EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO START OFF AND MAYBE HAVE SOME KIND OF PROCESS OF RECOMMENDING CHANGES IN TERMS OF WHAT'S -- HOW WE MIGHT DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT A LOT OF FOLKS MIGHT BE MOST INTERESTED IN IS HAVING -- HAVING THE CHANGE FROM A LONG TIME CONTRACTOR THAT'S A KNOWN ENTITY TO HAVING A NEW CONTRACTOR COME IN AND NOT KNOWING EXACTLY HOW THEY MIGHT RUN THINGS, BUT KNOWING THAT, YOU KNOW, WE SHARE A COMMON VISION AND APPRECIATION FOR, YOU KNOW, FOR THIS PUBLIC SERVICE.

LET ME MAKE JUST A COUPLE OF GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT THAT, THEN I MIGHT GET THE NEW CONTRACTOR TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK TO THE ISSUES OF TRANSITION AND PERHAPS GET RON DILLO TO TALK ABOUT THAT. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO ECHO WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT CERTAINLY ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF, YOU KNOW, THE CONTRACTOR THAT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW. THIS IS GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. I THINK EVERYONE IS AWARE OF -- OF A LOT OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON OVER THERE. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN WORKING THROUGH THE CITY BECAUSE THEY HAVE REALLY WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY WITH US. THOSE ARE NON-PAID POSITIONS, SOME OF THEM HAVE REALLY PUT SIGNIFICANT TIME INTO IT. I KNOW CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEE ISSUES, I BELIEVE RON DALE HAWKINS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS IS GOING TO MEET WITH THE EMPLOYEES TOMORROW OVER AT -- AT THE FACILITY. OTHER THAN THAT, IF I CAN GET RON TO TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC THINGS THAT MIGHT BE DONE IN TERMS OF TRANSITION. WE ARE GOING TO BE HOLDING A MEETING WITH THE ACTV STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION, JUST TO GET WITH EMPLOYEES, TO -- THANK YOU. OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

JUST TO -- JUST TO -- FOR INTRODUCTION PURPOSES AND THE TRANSITION AS FAR AS EMPLOYEES, THE FIRST 90 DAYS, PACT IS GOING TO CERTAINLY KEEP THE EXISTING

EMPLOYEES ON BOARD. AND WE WILL BE CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS FOR FOR POSSIBLE JOB PLACEMENT FROM ACTV TO PACT. AS FAR AS THE PROGRAMMING POLICIES, ACTV HAS PROGRAMMING POLICIES IN PLACE. I BELIEVE THAT THE NEW NON-PROFIT WILL BE FOLLOWING THOSE POLICIES IN THE BEGINNING. I THINK THAT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT A NINE-DAY TRANSITION PERIOD FOR MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE CURRENT POLICIES THAT ARE IN PLACE WITH ACTV. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE DETAILS, WE CERTAINLY HAVE. WE HAVE LINDA LATOWSKI AND GARY WILKERSON, AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL DETAILS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR.

Alvarez: I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THEM. CERTAINLY ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS, YOU KNOW, IN TAKING THIS ON, WHICH IS -- WHICH IS A -- YOU KNOW, IS A CHALLENGE. ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION THE LAST YEAR OR SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PUBLIC ACCESS, TELEVISION, MUSIC, TELEVISION IN THIS TOWN. BUT REALLY IF YOU JUST COULD SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR VISION AND WHY YOU FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT THAT -- THAT -- THAT YOU APPLY AND BE A PART OF THE -- OF THIS PARTICULAR SERVICE THAT THE CITY OFFERS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING FROM US. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU THAT PACK, QUALITY, COMMUNITIES, WITH PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION IN AUSTIN. I WAS ON THE BOARD, AN ACCESS PRODUCER, GARY WAS WITH ACCESS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THERE WILL BE A TRANSITION, WE REQUESTED TO MEET WITH STAFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHICH IS TOMORROW MORNING, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE TRANSITION WILL BE SMOOTH. OUR VISION IS TO PUT MORE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO USE, PUBLIC ACCESS TO BE MORE AWARE OF IT. A BIGGER COMMUNITY OUTREACH. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE NON-PROFITS, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF IT, VERY SERIOUS ABOUT RAISING THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION AND THE TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE WHICH GARY WILL SPEAK TO.

GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCILMEMBERS, SOME OF YOU MAY NOTICE ME WANDERING AROUND THIS BUILDING [INAUDIBLE

- NO MIC] MY EXPERIENCE ON DOING THIS. THE NUMBER OF THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO IS BRING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE FACILITY. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO UPGRADE THE EQUIPMENT. NOW AND INTO LATER YEARS OF THIS CONTRACT. THAT'S PRINCIPALLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO BRING IN NEW PEOPLE, NEW TECHNOLOGIES. WE HAVE A LOT OF IDEAS THAT WE WANT TO PUT FORWARD AND ACTUALLY MAKE THIS A FUN AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR A LOT OF CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS, OTHER QUESTIONS THAT WE CAN ANSWER?

Alvarez: I THINK MR. HAWKINS ALLUDED TO THE ISSUE OF HOW TO KIND OF GET STARTED AS COMING IN FRESH AS A NEW ENTITY. IN TERMS OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS AND REFINED, BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND -- AND THE NEED TO -- TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRODUCERS AND THE EMPLOYEES. HOW DIFFERENT IS IT GOING TO BE AS WE MOVE FORWARD OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

WE ARE WORKING WITH THAT. WE STARTED THE BALL RON WITH DELLA, WE CANNED THE MEETING WITH STAFF. WE ALREADY HAVE A NUMBER OF IDEAS IN PLACE, IN FACT STARTED, DAN VOGLER WAS KIND ENOUGH TO JOIN US. LINDA AND I IF YOU READ OUR RESUMES IN THE PACKET HAVE A LOT OF YEARS, MORE THAN WE REALLY CARE TO SHARE, IN THE INDUSTRY. EXPERIENCE WITH ACCESS AND PUBLIC ACCESS. WE KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A NUMBER OF ISSUES, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VERY, VERY SMOOTH OF A ROAD AS POSSIBLE TO COVER THAT AND MAKE IT AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

AS FOR THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, OUR INITIAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE EVERYTHING THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE. THAT WHICH IS GOOD. WE WOULD LOVE TO KEEP, THAT WHICH WE CAN MAKE BETTER WE ARE IMPLEMENT, THROUGH WANDELLA AND TERRA.

THERE'S GOING TO BE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE WAY THINGS OPERATE, BUT I DO THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP AND WANTING TO HELP. I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT IN TERMS OF WANTING TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF -- BECAUSE WE

HAVE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING, BUT WE CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE, HOW CAN WE BETTER UTILIZE THE RESOURCE. THERE'S A LOT OF DOWNTOWN CURRENTLY, CURRENTLY WITH SOME OF THOSE CHANNELS AND SO -- DOWN TIME CURRENTLY. THAT'S AN OPPORTUNITY. I LIKED IN YOUR PROPOSAL THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT, WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO BETTER UTILIZE THOSE RESOURCES THAT ARE SORT OF UNDERUTILIZED CURRENTLY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE PROCESS, CERTAINLY AGREEING TO THIS THIS ON. MAYOR I WILL OPEN IT UP FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. A FEW FOLKS VERY PATIENT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, I APOLOGIZE FOR THOSE THAT MADE HAVE HAD TO LEAVE. FIRST SPEAKER IS SUE ANNE CAMPBELL. SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US. SHE WAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY WOODY ROBERTS. WOODY, WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUE COLE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE LAST, SO I WILL DO A SECOND OR TWO ON A RESUME. QUALIFIED TO SPEAK ON THIS. I'M ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF PUBLIC ACCESS. I WAS ON THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN -- IN AUSTIN AND AUSTIN MUSIC SINCE THEN. ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF AUSTIN CITY LIMITS. AND PEOPLE HELPED BREAK THE CAREERS OF STEVIE RAY VAUGHN AND MOST RECENTLY I SERVED AS YOUR GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK. BEFORE THE LAST TWO FOLKS. LEWIS MYERS AND THE AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION. THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT IS THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK. EXCUSE ME. I THINK SOMETHING SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS, WE TALKED ABOUT A DEAL IS A DEAL EARLIER TODAY. WE ORIGINALLY, IN FACT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT THAT I COULD MAKE IS THAT THIS NEW GROUP, AMP, THE AUSTIN MUSIC PARTNERS WOULD NOT BE HERE IF IT WERE NOT FOR ME. IN FACT WOULDN'T BE HERE IF IT WERE NOT FOR COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY AND OUR CITY MANAGER FUTRELL BECAUSE BOTH OF THEM SAID PLEASE HELP US FIND ASSISTANCE FOR THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK. 203 WAS A

VERY DIFFICULT YEAR BUDGET WISE. I WAS WORKING FOR -- CALLED AMERICAN MUSIC PROJECT IN THOSE DAYS, I IMMEDIATELY CALLED JACK. WHEN THE R.F.P. WAS ISSUED, I URGED HIM TO GET A LETTER OF INTENT IN. I DIDN'T JUST CALL HIM, I SPENT A COUPLE OF MONTHS WITH HIM ON THE PHONE GETTING THIS MOVING. ONE DAY HE ANNOUNCED THAT MS. CONNIE WADLINGERS WAS IN TOWN, I NEVER HEARD OF HER NAME, I MET HER, CAME TO TOWN. SHE AND CONNER GOT TOGETHER, THE HEAD OF THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK POINT COMMITTEE, THE TWO OF THEM MOVED FORWARD AND GOTTEN THE CHANNEL ON THE AIR TODAY. ON CHANNEL 15. I THINK IT LOOKS VERY NICE. A GOOD -- 14 PEOPLE ON THE PAYROLL. WE SHOULD ALL BE VERY PROUD OF THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY OTHER CITY CHANNEL IN THE WORLD, CERTAINLY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAD A COMMERCIAL SPINOFF. I THINK THAT'S A MAJOR SUCCESS THAT FOLKS HAVE COME IN AND INVESTED ON OUR CONCEPT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NEVER INTENDED TO -- TO ELIMINATE OR DESTROY OR SHUT DOWN THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK. CONNIE AND KEVIN, IN MEETINGS, SAID THEY DID NOT WANT THE ARCHIVE. WE HAVE THAT ON TAPE AND IN THE RECORD. THEY DID NOT WANT THE NAME, THEY DID NOT WANT THE EQUIPMENT. SO WE MOVED FORWARD, I THOUGHT WE HAD AN AGREEMENT - - THAT IT WAS HANDED OUT IN THE AUSTIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION [BUZZER SOUNDING] AND AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL TELECOM COMMITTEE AND THAT DEAL WAS THAT THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK WOULD BE LOOKED AFTER BY THE AUSTIN PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL GROUP AND \$100,000 WAS CONTRIBUTING BY CONNIE FOR THAT EFFORT AS OF TODAY. AND I'M GLAD THEY ARE LAUNCHED, BUT WE ARE NO LONGER ON GRANDE, SO OUR MUSIC IS NOT IN SAN MARCOS. AND WE ARE NO LONGER ON THE orldwideweb,soourmusic IS NOT GOING AROUND THE WORLD. MY MUSIC THESE DAYS IS TOURISM, I'M TRYING TO UNITE THE COMMUNITIES OF AUSTIN AND SAN ANTONIO. I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW ABOUT TOURISM. I KNOW THAT NASHVILLE, SEATTLE, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, THESE OTHER TOWNS WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A CHANNEL LIKE THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK ON THE WEB TO REFER TO. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE CAN GET BACK ON TRACK AND

GET OUR PRECIOUS ARCHIVE, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO BE SHOWN ON THE NEW CHANNEL. ON -- ON THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK, WHICH BEARS OUR NAME. I'M SORRY I WENT OVER ON MY TIME. BUT -- BUT I HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION IN MY MIND. SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. ROBERTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER THEM.

THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER IS SUE COLE. SUE STILL WITH US? FOLLOWED BY PAM THOMPSON. TO BE FOLLOWED BY STEFAN RAY AND NEXT WAS DAN VOEGLER, SORRY IF I MY PRONOUNCED THAT. MISPRONOUNCED THAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL. MY NAME IS DAN VOGLER, I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TODAY.

HANG ON. IS MIKE MARTINEZ HERE. HELLO. DAN, MIKE IS OFFERING YOU HIS THREE MINUTES, SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

I'M GOING TO GIVE MIKE ONE MINUTE, TAKE FIVE, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.

Mayor Wynn: SURE.

I AM THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ACTV, INCORPORATED. THE CURRENT INCUMBENT OPERATOR OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS. I HAVE BEEN IN THIS ROLE FOR A BIG FOUR DAYS NOW, IT'S BEEN ALREADY A FULL-TIME JOB. JUST TO BRING THE COUNCIL UP TO SPEED, YESTERDAY WE CONDUCTED A -- A BID PROTEST HEARING WITH THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THIS WAS THE LAST CHANCE FOR ACTV TO GAIN A REPRIEVE AND MAINTAIN THE CONTRACT. WE ULTIMATELY LOST IN THE RESULTS OF THAT BID PROTEST. I HAVE TO COMMEND THE CITY STAFF, WELL, LEGAL, DEL COM, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, IN OUR TWO AND A HALF HOUR HEARING YESTERDAY, THEY DID A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND COMMENDABLE JOB IN THIS PROTEST HEARING AS WE WENT THROUGH SOME -- SOME VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THAT

DISCUSSION. SO AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM. I HAVE TENDERED A LETTER TO -- TO LEGAL DEPARTMENT, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, THE TELECOM DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY MANAGER, THIS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO READ THIS INTO THE RECORD REAL QUICK. TO ALL CONCERNED, AS THE INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR, THIS IS A MEMORANDUM FROM ACTV INCORPORATED THAT FORMALLY RESCINDS AND RETRACTS ITS BID RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN BID SOLICITATION FOR OPERATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS 10, 11 AND 16. WITHOUT RESOURCE, WE HEREBY REMOVE ANY NEED OR WANT TO EFFECT THIS BID OR CHALLENGE THIS AWARD OF THE BID SOLICITATION TO ANY OTHER PARTY. AFTER 32 YEARS AS THE NON-PROFIT INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR FOR THE CITY, THIS RETRACKS SERVES IN PART TO ALLOW FOR AND EFFECT DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL PARTIES FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE TRANSFER AND HANDOFF OF ACTV ASSETS AND THE ACCESS CHANNEL OPERATIONS TO THE NEW CONTRACTOR PACT, ALSO SERVES AS A VEHICLE FOR THE PROPER WIND DOWN OF CONSIDERABLE RELATION, MONEYS AND BOOKS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, ITS CITIZENS AND THE COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER ITSELF AND ITS EMPLOYEES. IN ESSENCE WE ARE EXITING AS GRACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE, DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION SMOOTH FOR -- FOR THE NEW CONTRACTOR AND THE ACCESS CHANNELS. I MENTION IN MY LETTER HERE THAT WE HAVE -- THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS TO -- TO WIND DOWN AS THE 32 YEAR OPERATOR OF THIS CONTRACT. IT CERTAINLY OUR INTENT TO LEAVE OUR BOOKS IN GOOD ORDER. WE ANTICIPATE A SMALL RESIDUAL AMOUNT IN OUR BUDGET RIGHT NOW ESTIMATED BY OUR TREASURER TO BE APPROXIMATELY 20 TO \$25,000. WE HAVE A -- WE HAVE A -- A DRAFT PROPOSAL IN THE WORKS RIGHT NOW TO -- TO TURN OVER THE -- OVER THE BALANCE OF OUR MONEYS. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT BID SOLICITATION AN AWARD BEING RECOMMENDED TO TO THE AWARD MANAGERS OF ACTV. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THAT. I HAVE ALREADY MET AND ENTERED INTO SOME INFORMAL

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW CONTRACT OPERATORS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF LINDA AND GARY WHO JUST SPOKE A MOMENT AGO. I WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO ADD ONE CAVEAT OR STIPULATION, IF YOU WOULD, IN AWARDING THIS CONTRACT TO PACK. RIGHT NOW OUR DISCUSSIONS ARE INFORMAL. I WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO PUT THE STIPULATION ON ALL PARTIES. THE CONTRACT CONTRACTOR, US, THE NEW CONTRACTOR, PACT, AND THE TELL COM OFFICE. THAT WE ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PROPERTY WIND DOWN OF OUR BUSINESS AND THE HAND OFF OF OPERATIONS TO THE NEW OPERATOR BECAUSE THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE ISSUES, AT LEAST 30 THAT I'VE PREPARED ON A CHECKLIST THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. IS THAT MY SIX MINUTES? THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THAT WAS YOUR FIVE MINUTES.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE NEW CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTIN ACCESS CENTER. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE. THIS IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP, MIKE MARTIN.

HI, MY NAME IS MIKE MARTINS. I'VE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTV EFFECTIVE FOUR DAYS AGO. MY BACKGROUND IS THE LAST FIVE YEARS, FOR FIVE YEARS I WAS THE SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR NEWS 8 AUSTIN, WAS A PART OF THE START-UP, WHICH, AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PLACES TO BE REAL INTEGRATED WITH THE COMPUTER, SERVER BASE TYPE TECHNOLOGIES. PRIOR TO THAT I WORKED WITH KVUE HERE IN AUSTIN, AND PRIOR TO THAT I WORKED AT ACTV AS A TEACHER TEACHING VIDEO PRODUCTION TO THE CITIZENS. MY WHOLE CAREER HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN TELEVISION BROADCASTING, PARTICULARLY THE AUSTIN AREA. AND ALL OF THAT IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT AUSTIN HAS OFFERED THIS GREAT SERVICE OF PUBLIC ACCESS OF VERY LOW COST, FREE VENUE IN WHICH PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE HIGH END OF PRODUCTION COULD BE ABLE TO LEARN AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS. I PERSONALLY HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE. [BUZZER SOUNDS] AND DURING THAT TIME PERIOD -- BECAUSE OF THAT I FEEL IT'S MY MISSION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A SYSTEM LIKE

THAT THAT PEOPLE CAN DO THAT, THAT THE PRODUCERS CONTINUE TO DO -- BE ABLE TO MAKE THE PROGRAMS AND PRODUCE THEIR SHOWS WITHOUT PRODUCTION, SO FINALLY THAT THE STAFF THAT SACRIFICED AND BEEN DEDICATED FOR DEAD CAIDZ CAN -- DECADES CAN MAINTAIN THEIR FUTURE WITH THIS SYSTEM. SO HOWEVER YOU VOTE, AND I'LL WRAP UP BECAUSE I KNOW I'M RUNNING LONG HERE, HOWEVER YOU VOTE AND SUPPORT, I FEEL MY DEDICATION TO GUARANTEE THOSE THREE POINTS, AND TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT HOWEVER WE END UP, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A GREAT PUBLIC ACCESS SYSTEM WITH THE EXISTING STAFF, AND THE EXISTING ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO PROGRAMMING THAT AUSTIN HAS BENEFITTED GREATLY AND HAS KEPT AUSTIN THE UNIQUE IDENTITY THAT MAKES IT SO GREAT. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. I SAW EARLIER THAT PAM THOMPSON HAS ARRIVED AS HAS STE FAN RAY. YOU WILL BE NEXT. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES EACH.

THANKS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO WAS WORKING SO HARD. WE JUST GOT A CHANCE TO WORK WITH MEL RISER AND DAN VOGLER AND THEY ARE WONDERFUL AND WE JUST WISH THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AS FAR AS WHAT RAUL SAID EARLIER ABOUT THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING, AND I'M ON THE PRODUCERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ACAC NOW, THAT THOSE WILL NOT BE UNDONE. AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AND HAVE A ROLE IN THE NEW THINGS THAT ARE INCORPORATED AND THAT THERE WILL BE FEEDBACK. AND ONE OF OUR CONCERNS RIGHT NOW IS THAT THE PRODUCERS WANT TO REMAIN AND OUR MANAGEMENT TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE IN TRANSITION. SO EVEN THOUGH RON DELLA WILL BE WORKING WITH THEM, WE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE THE TWO NONPROFITS THAT REALLY -- AS LONG AS THEY STAY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE RULES. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO FROM THE CITY THAT WOULD HELP RIGHT THERE. AND THEN TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S INDEPENDENT AND THAT IT REMAINS THAT WAY. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL.

THE ONLY GLITCH THAT WE'VE NOTICED IS THE SORT OF SECRET WAY ALL THIS STUFF WAS DONE, AND WE UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTRACT, BUT STILL IN ALL WE'RE JUST DYING TO SEE THE BY BYLAWS AND ALL THE THINGS BECAUSE IT'S SORT OF SCARY FOR US. WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE NOW, AND WE ALWAYS FELT LIKE IF THE RULES WERE FOLLOWED, WE WERE IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT THAT WAS OUR CONCERNS IS THAT THEY WEREN'T BEING FOLLOWED. SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL START OFF ON A GOOD WAY AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO NOT BUG YOU GUYS ANY MORE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE LOVE ACCESS AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT EVERYBODY THAT HAS HELPED HAS, AND THEY'LL CONTINUE TO HANG IN THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. THOMPSON. WELCOME, MR. RAY. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU. MY NAME IS STEVEN RAY, I'M A PRODUCER AT A.C.C. AND ALSO ON THE PRODUCER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND I PERSONALLY SUPPORT THE CONTRACT GOING TO PACKET OR PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION. I'VE HAD A COUPLE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK TO LINDA AND GARY AND HAVE A FEELING FOR WHAT THEY'RE BRINGING TO THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY HERE IN AUSTIN. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO -- ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAD, WHICH I ATTENDED WHEN THEY VOTED 4-2 TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION, AND UNFORTUNATELY NONE OF THEM ARE HERE RIGHT NOW TO SAY THIS, THEY FELT LIKE THEY WERE NOT GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THE DETAILS WERE. AND THAT'S WHAT THE TWO NO VOTES WERE ABOUT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THEY COMMENTED AT THE LAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING THAT A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT THEY WANTED TO ADDRESS WERE MORE CONTRACT ISSUES AS OPPOSED TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE R.F.P. AND I REALLY FEEL LIKE THE TELLY COMMUNICATION COMMISSION MEMBERS WANT TO HAVE SOME INPUT AND SOME COMMENTARY ON THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONTRACT THAT'S GOING TO BE NEGOTIATED. AND IF YOU'LL RECALL, THE CONTRACT FOR AUSTIN MUSIC PARTNERS, THERE WERE DRAFT VERSIONS

OF THE AMP CITY CONTRACT AVAILABLE. AND I'M WONDERING IF PERHAPS YOU COULD APPROVE THE PACKET AGREEMENT TODAY -- PACT AGREEMENT TODAY WITH AN AMENDMENT, IF ONE OF YOU CAN MAKE AN AMENDMENT, THAT SAYS THAT THE DRAFT CAN BE AVAILABLE FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PUBLIC CITIZEN COMMENT ON THAT CONTRACT AS WELL. AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IS COMING UP I BELIEVE NEXT WEEK. IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT WE DON'T TRUST PEOPLE IN THE PACT OR IN THE CITY, BUT MORE EYES LOOKING AT DOCUMENTS, MORE NEW IDEAS COME UP, SOME THINGS THAT MAYBE THE CITY OR PACT PEOPLE WOULDN'T SEE, MAYBE SOME OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION MEMBERS MIGHT SEE, I THINK THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL, RATHER THAN IT JUST GOING TO THE TAR OFFICE, THEY DRAFTING THE CONTRACT AND THEN IT GETS SIGNED AND PEOPLE GET TO LOOK AT IT AFTER THE FACT. SO I'D REALLY LIKE IT IF ONE OF YOU COULD MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO PROPOSING -- AN AMENDMENT TO ACCEPTING THE PACT AGREEMENT AND THEN VOTING IN FAVOR OF AN AMENDMENT THAT DRAFT VERSIONS BE ALLOWED PUBLIC COMMENTARY AT THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. RAY. SO LET'S SEE. OUR LAST SPEAKER SIGNED UP WAS RUSSELL KIRKLAND. IS RUSSELL HERE? WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU. I MOVED TO AUSTIN FROM SAN ANTONIO LAST YEAR. AND LIKE MANY I CAME SPECIFICALLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC AND FILM. THE AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN THESE AREAS, GIVING LOCAL UNKNOWN ARTISTS TO HAVE THEIR WORK SHOWN. AUSTIN IS INCREASINGLY GAINING A REPUTATION AS A MAJOR MUSICAL CENTER WHICH CAN ONLY STRENGTHEN THE CITY'S ECONOMY. BUT POOR DECISION MAKING ON THE CITY'S LEADERSHIP CAN DERAIL ANY SUCH PROGRESS. HISTORY HAS SHOWN US TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT IT IS TRUE. ANY LEADER MUST HAVE THE CAPACITY FOR LONG-TERM VISION AND BE ABLE TO SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF CAUSE AND EFFECT. CULTURALLY SPEAKING, I HAVE WATCHED SAN ANTONIO DRY UP, DUE IN LARGE PART TO LAUGHABLE AND INCOMPETENT CITY

MANAGEMENT. THE DAMAGE DONE IN A RELATIVELY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME WILL TAKE YEARS TO REPAIR IF IT EVER CAN BE. YOU DO NOT WANT AUSTIN TO GO DOWN THE SAME PATH, NOR SHOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT AUSTIN IS IMMUNE TO THIS. IT IS VERY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE. HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSICIANS TO BE SHOWCASED AND GET THEM NOTICED. I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF RATINGS ANM GOT, BUT EVEN IF THE NUMBER OF VIEWERS WERE SMALL, YOU CAN MAKE SURE THAT THE RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE WERE WATCHING. AND WHILE IT MAY ONLY BENEFIT A FEW INDIVIDUALS, ULTIMATELY IT AFFECTED THE CITY AS A WHOLE. PEOPLE TEND TO FLOCK WHERE THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE. THERE ARE VERY FEW STATIONS LIKE THIS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. A GENTLEMAN FROM LOS ANGELES INFORMED ME THAT THEY RECENTLY LOST THEIR OWN PUBLIC ACCESS MUSIC STATION. AND THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL SEEMS TO BE IN A CULTURAL DOWNWARD SPIRAL. THERE'S NO ONE REASON THAT CAN BE POINTED TO FOR THIS, BUT A COUPLE LA RATION OF MANY BAD DECISIONS MADE ALONG THE WAY. AUSTIN CAN RISE ABOVE THIS AND SHINE OUT OR SINK INTO MEDIOCRITY WITH THE REST OF THE NATION. IT CAN BE SAID THAT AMN SERVES THE COMMUNITY WHEREAS ANY REASONABLE PERSON CAN ASSUME THAT A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WILL ULTIMATELY SERVE ITS OWN PROFIT MARGIN. IF THIS NEW COMPANY IS WILLING TO ACCEPT LOCAL VIDEOS AND PLAY THEM WITH THE SAME REGULARLY, THEN GREAT, THAT'S WONDERFUL, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD THIS DOES NOT SEEM VERY LIKELY. IF THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT ONLY THEIR OWN INTERESTS, I URGE YOU, ESPECIALLY ANY NIELSON FAMILIES, TO BOYCOTT THE STATION UNTIL THEY CHANGE THEIR POLICIES. AUSTIN DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER MTV. AND I URGE THE COUNCIL TO NOT ONLY LET AMN KEEP ITS INTERNET STREAM, BUT LET IT CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE COMPETITION TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE. AND ON THAT NOTE, ONE HAS TO WONDER, WHY WOULD THE NEW NETWORK WANT EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO AN ARCHIVE THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF AIRING? THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION I CAN THINK OF IS THAT THEY WANT TO CURTAIL ANY POSSIBLE COMPETITION FROM PUBLIC

ACCESS. HANDING CONTROL OVER TO THEM WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS AT BEST. I DON'T KNOW THE REASONS WHY THE CITY -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] -- IS SO ANXIOUS, BUT I DO KNOW IT IS A HUGE MISTAKE. PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO AMN AND SUBSEQUENTLY AUSTIN THROUGH THE WEBCASTS. WHAT WILL THIS SAY TO THEM ABOUT A CITY THAT CAN'T EVEN SUPPORT WHAT SEEMS TO BE FAR REACHING BENEFITS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF OUR CITIZENS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM 29. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I THINK THE LAST SPEAKER WAS ALLUDING TO THE ISSUE ABOUT AUSTIN MUSIC NETWORK AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A NEW PRODUCER, I GUESS, OR PRODUCTION TEAM TAKING OVER CHANNEL 15 AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 1. WELL, ANYWAY, VERY SOON. AND THERE'S BEEN AN ISSUE WITH THE ARCHIVE AND ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVE, WHICH I'M HOPEFUL WE CAN RESOLVE BY WORKING WITH THE DIFFERENT PARTIES BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF VALUABLE FOOTAGE THERE THAT WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD NOT BE USED BY THE NEW PRODUCTION TEAM THAT'S TAKEN OVER, SO I HOPE THERE'S SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN ALL REACH ON THAT. BUT THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE'RE DEBATING HERE OR CONSIDERING AS A NEW PRODUCER OR PRODUCTION TEAM OR CONTRACTOR FOR OUR OTHER PAY CHANNELS. AND LIKE I SAID, WE'VE HAD A NONPROFIT THAT'S BEEN MANAGING THOSE CHANNELS FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES NOW, AND SO I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBER AND THE CURRENT E.D. WHO STEPPED FORWARD AND WERE VERY GRACIOUS IN WANTING TO HELP, BUT WE DO WANT TO JUST KIND OF SHARE WITH OUR RECOMMENDED TEAM HERE THAT BECAUSE OF ALL THAT'S OCCURRED OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE STEPPED UP AND BECOME INTERESTED. AND LIKE WE'RE SEEING, EVEN WITH THE ACTV TEAM, THEY RECENTLY BROUGHT ON SOME -- WHAT I THOUGHT WAS SOME VERY GOOD BOARD MEMBERS AND OBVIOUSLY SOME GOOD LEADERSHIP AT THE STAFF LEVEL. AND THAT'S A LOT OF TALENT IN THIS TOWN, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE

THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS PUBLIC ACCESS, IT'S FOR EVERYONE, SO JUST BECAUSE ONE GROUP DIDN'T GET IT AND THE OTHER ONE DID, THAT THOSE FOLKS AREN'T WELCOME. I THINK IT'S STILL OPEN FOR EVERYONE AND EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE IS WELCOME. WE ALSO HAVE SEEN, YOU KNOW, THE PRODUCERS BECOME VERY ACTIVE AND IDENTIFY MAYBE SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN TERMS OF POLICIES OF THE STATION OR OF THOSE CHANNELS, AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S BEEN A REAL POSITIVE THING AND HOPEFULLY THAT THAT ENERGY CAN BE CAPTURED AS WELL. AND THEN FINALLY I WOULD SAY THERE'S A THIRD PROPOSAL THAT I THOUGHT ALSO BROUGHT SOME GOOD IDEAS AND ENERGY TO THE PROCESS. AND HOPEFULLY THERE'S A WAY TO CAPTURE ALL OF THAT SO THAT WE HAVE A MUCH STRONGER ACCESS TELEVISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT EVEN IF IT ISN'T STRUCTURED AS A COOPERATIVE, PER SE, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS WHO HAVE VERY SIGNIFICANT THINGS TO OFFER, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE INVOLVED WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE WE PRESERVE THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE THAT WE HAVE THAT I THINK SO MANY OTHER CITIES WISH THEY COULD, BUT FROM THE BEGINNING WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE THIS LEVEL OF PUBLIC ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE NEED TO FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THEM. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS, AND WHO HOPEFULLY WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A VERY STRONG SYSTEM IN PLACE AS WE MOVE FORWARD FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION. SO WITH THAT, MAYOR, I WILL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 29 AS POSTED.

Alvarez: AND MAYOR, I WOULD ADD THAT WE CAN DIRECT OUR STAFF TO WORK WITH THE CURRENT PRODUCERS OR WITH THE CURRENT CONTRACTOR AND THE -- THE RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR TO FACILITATE THIS TRANSITION BECAUSE IT MAKES SENSE THAT AS A NEUTRAL PARTY MAYBE THAT THE CITY COULD BE THE CONVENER OR

FACILITATOR. SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE NEED TO SPEAK TO THAT PUBLICLY, BUT I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN ANYWAY. I SEE MR. STEVENS STEPPING UP.

WE WILL DO THAT, COUNCILMEMBER. WE'LL WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH BOTH PARTIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TRANSITION IS SEAMLESS FOR THE PRODUCERS AND THAT WE TRY TO SERVE BOTH OF THOSE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THAT TRANSITION AS WELL AS WE CAN.

Alvarez: AND REALLY, THERE WAS THE OTHER SUGGESTION ABOUT MAKING THE CONTRACTOR PUBLIC FOR SOME SOMETIME, BUT WE HAVE, I THINK, 30 DAYS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT. AND AT LEAST THE WAY THESE THINGS HAVE WORKED IN OTHER ARENAS, WE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE SOMETHING FOR FOLKS TO VIEW NEXT WEEK AT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, BUT -- SO I DON'T KNOW OF IF THE TIMING ON THIS ALLOWS FOR MUCH PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE LANGUAGE. DID YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON THAT?

WELL, I THINK IT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT HARD TO BE READY FOR THE MEETING NEXT WEEK. HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN MAKE THAT. I WOULD REQUEST FROM STAFF'S PERSPECTIVE THAT COUNCIL GO AHEAD AND GIVE THE CITY MANAGER THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. WE WOULD BE -- I THINK ONCE WE GET IT INTO THE FORM WHERE WE AND THE NEW PRODUCER AGREE ON IT, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHARE IT AT THAT POINT PRIOR TO EXECUTION, GET ONE LAST BIT OF FEEDBACK ON IT, PERHAPS SHARE IT WITH THE COUNCILMEMBERS, BUT STILL GIVE THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE IT AS SOON AS THAT PROCESS -- SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING FOR IT AND SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A CONTRACT IN PLACE BY THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

Alvarez: I CERTAINLY WOULD MAKE THAT REQUEST THAT BEFORE IT'S EXECUTED YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH THE COUNCIL AND THEN MAYBE IF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION WANTS TO DESIGNATE A COUPLE OF FOLKS TO MAYBE -- MAYBE THEY WILL HAVE THAT

OPPORTUNITY AND THAT MIGHT BE A WAY TO PROVIDE THAT INPUT.

SURE. WE WILL DO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ITEM 29. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTIONMOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. OKAY. I THINK THAT'S ALL OF OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS, COUNCIL. WE NOW GO TO OUR ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. LIKELY CAN ONLY GET THROUGH THE CONSENT PORTION OF THESE CASES BEFORE OUR 5:30 BREAK. WELCOME MS. GLASGO.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. OUR ZONING CASES FOR TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS. I'LL START OFF WITH THE ITEMS WHERE YOU HAVE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: ITEM NUMBER 60, CASE C-14-04-0196, HYDE PARK NORTH NCCD. STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER THE 29TH IN ORDER TO CONTINUE REFINING THE ORDINANCE. ITEM NUMBER 61, CASE C-14-05-70, T. WARREN INVESTMENTS. THIS IS A CASE THAT IS READY FOR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND THE CHANGE IN ZONING FOR THIS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3020 THROUGH 3404 SOUTH FM 973 ROAD IS FROM INTERIM RURAL RESIDENCE TO P WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. ITEM NUMBER 62, CASE C-14-05-49, THIS IS APPROVAL OF SECOND AND THIRD READINGS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 WEST 16TH SHEET. THE EXISTING ZONING IS G.O., WHICH STANDS FOR GENERAL OFFICE. THE ZONING THAT IS SOUGHT IS DMU-CO AND IT'S READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL. ITEM NUMBER 63, CASE C-14-05-66, THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 11704 THROUGH 11706 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD. IT'S FOR YOU TO APPROVE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ZONING FROM LIMITED OFFICE TO GR-CO. MAYOR, ITEM NUMBER 64 IS A CASE THAT WAS HEARD EARLIER BEFORE THE TWO NEW

COUNCILMEMBERS CAME ON BOARD, AND I KNOW IN THE PAST YOU'VE LIKED TO HAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CASE. AND ADDITIONALLY THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING THAT YOU CONSIDER THE ORIGINAL REQUEST AND NOT WHAT YOU APPROVED ON FIRST READING. SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST GO AHEAD AND LET COUNCIL APPROVE THE ITEMS THAT ARE FOR CONSENT, THAT IS 60 THROUGH 63, AND THEN WE CAN MOVE ON TO THE SECOND SEGMENT OF THE AGENDA AND DO CONSENT ITEMS AND BACKTRACK.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. OUR CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE'VE ALREADY HELD THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WOULD BE ON ITEM NUMBER 60 TO POSTPONE TO SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2005. AND TO APPROVE ON SECOND AND THIRD READING ITEMS 61, 62 AND 63. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

OKAY, MAYOR, THAT TAKES US TO THOSE CASES WHERE YOU ARE HEARING THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND WE START OFF WITH ITEM NUMBER Z-1, CASE C-14-04-30, THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1405 AND 1415 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE. THIS PROPERTY FALLS WITHIN THE EAST RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, WHICH IS ALMOST CONCLUDED. IT WILL BE GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. THIS CASE WAS INITIATED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. WHEN THE CASE CAME BEFORE YOU ON MAY OF THIS YEAR, YOU DIRECTED THAT THIS CASE BE POSTPONED UNTIL TODAY. WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS CONCLUDED BY NOW, BUT THERE WAS A SLIGHT DELAY AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SO WHAT STAFF IS REQUESTING IS THAT YOU POSTPONE THIS CASE TO NOVEMBER THE 17TH OF 2005. THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE PROPERTY OWNER HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING THROUGH

MEDIATION DURING THE SUMMER; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH A SOLUTION. THEREFORE STAFF WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE SEEK HELP FROM THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, WHICH WILL HELP GUIDE THIS PROCESS SO WE CAN THEN HOPEFULLY BRING THIS CASE FORWARD WITH THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HOPEFULLY COME TO COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER WITH HOPEFULLY AN AGREEABLE SOLUTION. ITEM NUMBER Z-2 AND Z-3 ARE DISCUSSION ITEMS, SO WE SKIP OVER TO ITEM NUMBER -- '62 4 AND 5 WILL BE DISCUSSION. NEXT IS Z-6, C-14-05-101. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 11111 SOUTH I-35 SERVICE ROAD NORTHBOUND. THE EXISTING ZONING IS INTERIM SF-2. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING GR WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY□□ COMMERCIAL. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT LR-CO, WHICH STANDS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. THIS CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER Z-7, C-14-05-102, THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 2110 BOCA RATON DRIVE. THE EXISTING ZONING IS INTERIM SF-2. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING LR, WHICH STANDS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT LR-CO. THIS CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER Z-8, CASE C-14-05-71, THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 3324 NORTHLAND DRIVE. THE EXISTING ZONING IS LR. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING DPVMENT R. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST OF GR. THE CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER Z-9, CASE C-14-05-78, THE PROPERTY IS AT 4615 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD. THE EXISTING ZONING IS SF-3. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING LO, LIMITED OFFICE, TO WHICH THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. AND THE CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER Z-10, CASE C-14-05-82, THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1701 WEST PARMER LANE. THE EXISTING ZONING IS GR-CO. AND LR-CO AND THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING GR-CO, TO WHICH THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS AND THE CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM Z-11, CASE C-14-05-96, LOCATED AT 12800 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD. OF THE

EXISTING ZONING IS DEVELOPMENT RESERVE. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING WLO, WHICH STANDS FOR WAREHOUSE LIMITED OFFICE. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS WLO-CO AND THIS CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER Z-12, STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER THE 29TH IN ORDER TO ALLOW STAFF AND THE APPLICANT TO FIEBL LIES THE -- FINALIZE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS CASE. ITEM NUMBER Z-13, CASE C-14-05-25, FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1706 AND 1708 WEST SIXTH STREET. THE EXISTING ZONING IS SF 3-NP. THE PROPOSED ZONING IS NO-MU-CO-NP, NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, MIXED USE, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY IN THE LAST WEEK AND THEY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE AGREED TO NINE CONDITIONS. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN FACILITATING THOSE MEETINGS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO READ THOSE CONDITIONS THAT HE HAS HELPED FACILITATE INTO THE RECORD. AND THIS CASE WOULD BE READY FOR FIRST READING WITH THOSE NEW CONDITIONS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER?

Leffingwell: THANK YOU. AND I BELIEVE YOU SAID THIS WOULD BE OFFERED FOR CONSENT ON FIRST READING ONLY?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Leffingwell: AND FIRST OF ALL, THANKS TO BOTH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE AND TO THE APPLICANT FOR WORKING SO HARD TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A VERY DIFFICULT CASE FOR US, I'M SURE. BUT I BELIEVE YOU ALL HAVE COPIES OF THE NINE RESTRICTIONS THAT THEY'VE AGREED TO. I'LL JUST BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, LET ME KNOW. BUT TO REITERATE, IT WOULD BE N.O.-MU-CO-NP, FIRST READING ONLY. THE FIRST IS THAT TO MOVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, EXCEPT THAT ALL VEHICULAR ACCESS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USE BE LIMITED TO A DRIVEWAY TO SIXTH STREET, AND I BELIEVE YOU ALSO HAVE A PLAT SHOWING A CONFIGURATION OF

THAT DRIVEWAY. AND IT WOULD BE OKAY TO HAVE TRASH AND MAIL SERVICE IN THE ALLEY ONLY. THE 145 VEHICLE TRIP LIMITATION RECOMMENDED BY STAFF WOULD BE ALLOCATED AS 68 TRIPS FOR 1706 WEST SIXTH, 77 TRIPS FOR 1708 WEST SIXTH. TRIPS ARE BASED ON THE EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE EXISTING HOUSES. ANY SITE DEVELOPMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO THE EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE IN THESE HOUSES. NUMBER THREE, A MASONRY FENCE WILL BE ALONG THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE TO SCREEN THE PARKING AREAS. FROM THE NONRESIDENTIAL USES ACROSS THE ALLEY. FOUR, COMMERCIAL TRASH DUMPSTERS WILL BE PROHIBITED. FIVE, THE SITE PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PRONE SOENING AND APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN WILL BE PURSUED WITH DILIGENCE OR THE NONRESIDENTIAL USE WILL CEASE. SIX, CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRIVEWAY AND MASONRY FENCE WILL COMMENCE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN BY THE CITY. AND AGAIN PURSUED WITH DILIGENCE BY THE CITY OR ANY NONRESIDENTIAL USE WILL CEASE. A PEN AND INK CHANGE TO NUMBER 7, CITY STAFF WILL BE DIRECTED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMITTING THE PROPERTY TO BE LEGAL, NON-COMPLYING, NONCONFORMING. ANY CHANGES TO THE SITE OR TO THE BUILDINGS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS ANY CHANGES TO THE SITE OR THE BUILDINGS TO CHANGE THE USE TO NONRESIDENTIAL EXCEPT THE DRIVEWAY AND THE WALL. THE INTENT IS THAT THE SITE WILL LOOK THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE DRIVEWAY AND THE WALL. THE APPLICANT WON'T BE REQUIRED TO MAKE MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE USE EXCEPT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ADEQUATE SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE PARKING PLACES. AND WE DON'T NEED TO PAVE UNNECESSARILY. IF A SEPARATE ORDINANCE IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THIS, THEN I'M ASKING THAT IT COME FORWARD AT SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] >>... WILL CORRECT THIS PROBLEM, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BETTER CODE ENFORCEMENT, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ARE FOLLOWED ACCURATELY. THOSE ARE THE CONDITIONS, I WILL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, I'LL TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. WITH -- FOR THAT AND FOR THE WORK ON THIS CASE. SO, COUNCIL, OUR CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE ZONING CASES THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC HEARINGSMENT BE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THOSE CASES WHERE WE WILL TAKE ACTION, FORMAL ACTION, APPROVAL ACTION. ITEM Z-1 WILL POSTPONE TO NOVEMBER 17th, 2005, ON ITEMS Z-6, Z-7, Z-8 AND Z-9, Z-10 AND Z-11, WE WILL BE APPROVING ON ALL THREE READINGS, CASE Z-12 WE WILL POSTPONE TO SEPTEMBER 29th 29th, 2005. AND ON CASE Z-13 WE WILL APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY. INCLUDING THOSE -- THOSE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS READY INTO THE RECORD BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

Leffingwell: COULD I FIRST SAY, I NEGLECTED TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO MS. GLASGO AND HER STAFF, THEY REALLY KNOCKED THEMSELVES OUT TO HELP FACILITATE THIS AGREEMENT. I WILL MOVE APPROVAL OF THIS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED ABOUT BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM 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. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, FOLKS, THAT TAKE US TO OUR 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, STAY TUNED FOR MUSIC BY ELIZABETH McQUEEN. WHILE I'M OUT HERE WITH PROCLAMATIONS, THE COUNCIL MAY BE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, ITEM 50 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND MAKE TAKE UP ITEM NO. 54, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION, STAY TUNED FOR LIVE MUSIC.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, FOLKS. WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY 5:30 LIVE MUSIC GIG AT THE AUSTIN STOP YOU. JOINING US

TODAY IS VOCALIST ELIZABETH McQUEEN, ELIZABETH HAS BEEN PURCHASING HER OWN BRAND OF UPBEAT ROOTS AND POP MUSIC FROM COAST TO COAST AND IN EUROPE. HER UPCOMING RELEASE, HAPPY DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING, IS TRIBUTE TO PUNK ROCK AND WILL BE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY OF 2006. IN ADDITION TO HER SOLO CAREER, WITH THE FIRE BRANDS, ELIZABETH IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE LEGENDARY AUSTIN SWING BAND ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING ELIZABETH McQUEEN.

THIS SONG IS INSPIRED BY LIVING IN AUSTIN.
[INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC] SONGS ABOUT AUSTIN, CALLED YOU GOT A DIRTY LITTLE SECRET THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS. [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [(music) SINGING (music)(music)] [NO CARRIERRINGCONNECT 57600 [(music) SINGING (music)(music)].

WHERE CAN WE HEAR YOU NEXT. TELL US ABOUT THIS -- ABOUT THE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL DEAL. STILL TOURING INDIVIDUALLY AND WITH THE BAND OR HOW DOES THAT WORK?

WELL, I'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH THE BAND ABOUT THREE MONTHS, THEY HAVE BEEN AN INTENSE THREE MONTHS BECAUSE IT'S THE SUMMERTIME AND THE BAND TRAVELS A LOT. WE ARE BACK IN TOWN FOR A WHILE. I'M GOING TO BE DOING SOME OF MY OWN STUFF. ACTUALLY, AT THE END OF OCTOBER, EARLY NOVEMBER, JASON ROBERTS AND I, THE FIDDLE PLAYER FROM ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL WILL BE PLAYING AT THREADGILLS, ALSO WHERE JASON PLAYS THE LEAD, I WILL BE IN THAT AS MINI GIRL. THE WHEEL BE PLAYING AT THE AUSTIN CITY LIMITS FESTIVAL ON THE FIRST DAY. SO I'LL BE THERE.

Mayor Wynn: DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE OR A CD. >>
Www.elizabethMcQUEEN.COM. LONG, BUT ONCE YOU GET THERE IT'S GOOD. ALL OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT CD'S, HOPEFULLY OTHER MERCHANDISE, TOO. SO ...

Mayor Wynn: GREAT. BEFORE YOU GET AWAY, THE SPECIAL PROCLAMATION THAT READS BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WHEREAS
DEDICATED EFFORTS AND ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S
STATUS AT THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, I WILL
NOW DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AS
ELIZABETH McKOREAN DAY IN AUSTIN, CALL ON ALL
CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THIS GREAT TALENT. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'VE NEVER HAD A DAY BEFORE.
THANKS, MAYOR. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHILE SHE BREAKS DOWN OVER
THERE, WE WILL START OUR PROCLAMATIONS. THESE ARE
FROM THE FOLKS OF THE AUSTIN RECOVERY CENTER, BILL
WIGMORE WILL SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE MONTH, THE
EFFORTS HERE IN AUSTIN. THE PROCLAMATION READS: BE
IT KNOWN WHEREAS 63% OF AMERICANS ARE AFFECTED BY
SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS, AUSTIN HAS THE HIGHEST
PER CAPITA NUMBER OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE
ABUSERS IN TEXAS, BUT EFFECTIVE HELP IS AVAILABLE.
WHEREAS WE SALUTE THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO
ASSIST THOSE IN RECOVERY AND THEIR FAMILIES,
ESPECIALLY AUSTIN RECOVERY, WHICH PROVIDES
TREATMENT AT NO COST FOR REASONABLE SELF FUNDED
FEES. WHEREAS IN KEEPING WITH THIS MONTH'S THEME,
HEALING LIVES, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, WE ENCOURAGE
THOSE WHO NEED ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT
TOWARDS THE PROMISING PATH OF RECOVERY. I WILL
WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
THIS MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2005 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY
MONTH IN AUSTIN. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. BILL WIGMORE
TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR EFFORTS HERE
LOCALLY, THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, BUT
ULTIMATELY THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. BILL?
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I WANT TO THANK THE STAY WITHTY OF AUSTIN, MAYOR WIN,
THE SINGER SAYS THERE'S A DIRTY LITTLE SECRET THAT
EVERYBODY KNOWS. WE ARE PART OF THAT, ALCOHOLISM,
DRUG ADDICTION IS RUNNING RAMPANT IN OUR
COMMUNITY. AS THE MAYOR SAID, TEXAS IS THE CITY WITH
THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING THE HIGHEST RATE OF BOTH

ALCOHOL HIM AND ELICIT DRUG ADDICTION. SADLY ENOUGH, TEXAS IS 50th AMONG THE STATES IN SUPPORTING SERVICES. SO WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM HERE IN AUSTIN. AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN THE TREATMENT FIELD REALLY NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND PRIMARILY WE NEED THE AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNITY. AUSTIN RECOVERY HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1967 AND FOR MANY WE HAVE BEEN THE LAST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK THAT PEOPLE COULD GO TO WHEN ALL OTHER DOORS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. WE'VE REALLY HAD THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WOULD HAVE COME TO US FOR HELP, MANY OF THEM HAVE GOTTEN IT FOR FREE, UNFORTUNATELY, ABOUT HALF OF OUR CLIENTS NOW HAVE TO PAY FOR SERVICES. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS POSITIONED OURSELVES TO BE AN AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD SOME OF THE HIGH PRICED TREATMENT CENTERS AND -- AND FOR THAT, WE'VE HAD -- WE'VE HAD TREMENDOUS HELP FROM A WONDERFUL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE HAVE THREE OF OUR FOLKS HERE, GG EDWARDS BRYANT, BILL McLELLAND, RANDY THOMAS, WE THANK SINCERELY THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE FINANCIAL AID THEY HAVE GIVE VERY MUCH US IN THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS COUNTY IN SUPPORTING THESE SERVICES WHILE OTHER PLACES IN TEXAS HAVE REALLY TURNED AWAY. SO -- SO WE HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF. IT'S REALLY GREAT THAT THIS MONTH IS BEING DECLARED RECOVERY MONTH. UNFORTUNATELY WHEN MANY PEOPLE RECOVER THEY KIND OF GO INTO THE WOODWORK AND SO THERE'S NOT A LOT OF ADVOCACY. I'M A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC, WORKING ON 33 YEARS. AS A RESULT OF MY SOBRIETY, WHICH WAS PASSED ON FOR GENERATIONS IN MY FAMILY, I HAVE THREE KIDS WHO IT LOOKS LIKE ARE GOING TO ESCAPE THIS ILLNESS. THE MORE WE COME OUT, MORE HELP, MORE WE GIVE ASSISTANCE TO OUR FAMILIES, FACE THIS ILLNESS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT IS, THE QUICKER WE ARE GOING TO BEAT THIS THING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THE SECOND PROCLAMATION IS BOMA, AN ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE REGARDING 911. OF COURSE ULTIMATELY THAT STAGGERING TERRORIST EVENT IN NEW YORK WAS INFLICTED UPON PRIVATELY

OWNED OFFICE BUILDINGS. WHICH IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT BOMA REPRESENTS. OF COURSE NOW WE ARE ALSO THINKING ABOUT REALLY THE STAGGERING RECOVERY THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE GULF COAST AREA, PARTICULARLY IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. VERY PROUD TO BE HERE WITH MEMBERS OF BOMA. IN A FEW MINUTES I'M GOING TO HAVE JOHN SUTTON COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EFFORT HERE LOCALLY AND THE ORGANIZATION EVEN NATIONALLY. THE OPERATION READS BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN, OR BOMA, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE STIRM, AUSTIN'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY E.M.S., CENTRAL TEXAS CITIZEN CORE COUNCIL, THE TEXAS BUILDING PROCUREMENT COMMISSION AND U.T. AUSTIN ARE DEDICATING SEPTEMBER 9th AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001. WHEREAS THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES COORDINATED BY BOMA AUSTIN ARE DESIGNED TO REMIND AUSTINITES HAVING APPROPRIATE SUPPLIES, CURRENT PLANS AND SUFFICIENT PRACTICE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE WHEN RESPONDING TO UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES. WHEREAS IT'S ALSO APPROPRIATE THAT WE REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WHO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE AND PREPARED IN SUCH TIMES. MANY OF THOSE RESPONDERS, BY THE WAY, ARE IN NEW ORLEANS AS WE SPEAK. THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 9th, 2005 AS A DAY OF PREPARATION AND REMEMBRANCE IN AUSTIN AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. JOHN SUTTON TO TALK ABOUT THE EVENT, THE CONCEPT BEHIND IT AND THE BOMA ORGANIZATION. JOHN?

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN, AND COUNCIL, FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND JOINING BOMA IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VICTIMS OF THE WANT TON ATTACK OF FOUR YEARS AGO. THESE LAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED HOW QUICKLY DISASTER CAN STRIKE. THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF THE MAGNITUDE, DEVASTATION CAN MATERIALIZE, IN A STORM SMART CITY

LIKE NEW ORLEANS. HURRICANE KATRINA HAS PROVED THAT THE DAMAGES ARE GOING TO BE EVEN WORSE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. IN AUSTIN, THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION TAKES EMERGENCY PLANNING VERY SERIOUSLY. BOMA PROPERTY MANAGERS KNOW IF YOU DON'T ENACT MET METICULOUS PLANNING IT WILL BE HARDER AFTERWARDS. BOMA PROPERTY MANAGERS, FIRE AND FOUL WEATHER EVACUATION DRILLS, PROVIDE DISASTER PLANNING EVENTS FOR THEIR TENANTS. BOMA HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO DEVELOP PRIVATE SECTOR COMMUNICATION EMERGENCY LINES TO CREATE COMBINED REACTION TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. IN AN AFFIRMATION OF THIS COORDINATION, THE OEM AND BOMA WILL CONDUCT A FIRE DRILL AND EVACUATION OF CITY HALL ON SEPTEMBER THE 9th. THE EVACUATION IS DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPAREDNESS AND PROCEDURES DURING AN EMERGENCY. THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BOMB SQUAD WILL ALSO PROVIDE A DEMONSTRATION DURING THE EVACUATION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, CAPITAL AMERICAN MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS AND THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF THEIR ROLES DURING A CRISIS. AS THE 9/11 ANNIVERSARY NEARS, AUSTIN IS REMEMBERING AND HONORING THOSE LOST ON 9/11. TO COMMEMORATE THE DEVASTATION OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER THE 9th WILL COM MEN'S WITH BOMA AUSTIN MEMBERS PASSING OUT REMEMBRANCE PINS AND CARDS TO ALL OF THEIR TENANTS. BOMA AUSTIN ALSO COORDINATED REMEMBRANCE, LIGHTING OF AUSTIN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS BEGINNING AT SUNSET ON SEPTEMBER THE 9th, CONCLUDING AT SUNRISE SEPTEMBER THE 10th. THE STATE BUILDINGS AND THE CAPITOL, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TOWER, CITY HALL, NUMERALROUS DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS WILL LIGHT THEIR UPPERMOST FLOORS TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF TENANT SAFETY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANKS TO THE STIRM AND THE CITY -- THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY HALL BUILDING MANAGER, ALSO A BOMA MEMBER. THE EFFORTS THEY ARE PUTTING INTO THE SEPTEMBER 9th EVENTS. THANK YOU. [

APPLAUSE] OUR LAST PROCLAMATION COME WAS GOOD TIMING, BECAUSE EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON WE HAD OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION, THEN HIGHLIGHTED OUR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT AMONG OTHERS THIS AFTERNOON. THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION IS ABOUT THE PROGRAM CANS FOR CASH, I'M JOINED BY OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WILLIE RHOADES WHO WILL SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM. THE OPERATION READS: BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS COMPETING AGAINST OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO SEE WHO CAN RECYCLE THE MOST ALUMINUM CANS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1st AND SEPTEMBER 15th. WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN RECYCLES MORE THAN 400-TONS OF ALUMINUM CANS PER YEAR AND RECYCLING IS JUST ONE ALUMINUM CAN SAVES ENOUGH ENERGY TO POWER A TV FOR THREE HOURS. WHEREAS WE ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECYCLE THEIR DRINK CANS THIS MONTH, SO AUSTIN CAN COME OUT ON TOP OF THE CANS FOR CASH CONTEST. THE CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS. THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER, 2005 AS CANS FOR CASH MONTH IN AUSTIN, AND ASK MR. WILLIE RHODES TO TALK TO US ABOUT THE PROGRAM, HOW TO MAKE SURE WE CAN GET ALL OF THE CANS PROPERLY COUNTED. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT THIS IS A SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT WE ARE GETTING A PROCLAMATION FOR THIS. LAST YEAR WHEN WE ASKED THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN TO SHOW US YOUR CANS, WE HAD A 15 TO 20% INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF CANS THAT WE COLLECTED DURING THAT TIME FRAME. HOWEVER THAT DID NOT GIVE US ENOUGH VOLUME TO REPLACE. THIS YEAR I'M ASKING YOU, GIVE US YOUR CANS, SHOW US YOUR CANS, PUT THEM IN THE BLUE BINS, WE WILL COME BACK AND PICK THEM UP FROM YOUR STREET. WE NEED YOUR CANS TO WIN THIS PROGRAM AND EVERY CITIZEN IN AUSTIN DOES THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE HAS WE WIN THIS YEAR. SHOW US YOUR CANS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION, IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM NO. 50, RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTER, NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. BACK IN OPEN SESSION. WHEN WE

LOST BROKE WE JUST PASSED THE CONSENT AGENDA ON THE ZONING CASES, ZONING CASES THAT HAD NO ONE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK OR IN CONTENTION. WE HAVE A BUNCH OF FOLKS OBVIOUSLY BY THE DOZENS HERE TO GIVE US CITIZENS INPUT ON THE PROPOSED '05 '06 BUDGET, THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST TO TAKE THOSE SPEAKERS NOW SO -- SO A FEW OF THEM COULD -- COULD ATTEND A MAN NT. HOWEVER THE FOUR ZONING CASES ONLY HAVE A TOTAL OF FIVE CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCIL, I THINK WE CAN GET THROUGH THOSE REAL QUICKLY, THEN HAVE A CONTINUOUS SERIES OF CITIZEN INPUT ON -- ON OUR PROPOSED BUDGET. SO WITH THAT, I WILL WELCOME MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NO. 64. LOCATED AT 6941 WEST U.S. HIGHWAY 290. JELSON. AT FIRST READING THE COUNCIL APPROVED LR ZONING, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONING. HOWEVER THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD STILL LIKE THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR C.S. ZONING. STAFF DID RECOMMEND AND THE OZONE ACTIONZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THE REQUEST FOR C.S. ZONING WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. THE APPLICANT ALSO HAS AGREED, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF FIRST READING, TO DO A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WHICH THEY HAVE EXECUTED AND PRESENTED TO STAFF. TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF COAL BASED TAR SEALANTS, ASPHALT SEALANTS, AGREED TO DO AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT CONTROL PLAN, ALSO TO USE MAKE IT ACTIVE PLANTS ON THE PROPERTY. NATIVE PLANTS ON THE PROPERTY. THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE IN THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO -- TO ASK HER QUESTIONS. IT IS READY FOR THREE READINGS OF WHAT YOU ORIGINALLY APPROVED ON FIRST READING. BUT AS I SAID, THE -- THE APPLICANT'S AGENT WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THIS AT SECOND READING FOR THE REQUEST OF C.S., GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES ZONING.

Mayor Wynn: I'M SORRY, MR. GURN TEE AGAIN THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION WAS --

CROSS -- C.S.-CO, BUT COUNCIL ON FIRST READING
APPROVED LR ZONING.

Mayor Wynn: LR, RIGHT. COUNCIL, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

I UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS SOME EXTENUATING
CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THE -- WHEN THE LR WAS
APPROVED IN LIEU OF THE REQUESTED C.S.-CO. COULD WE
GET SOMEBODY TO ADDRESS THE CIRCUMSTANCE IN IT WAS
BACK IN APRIL OBVIOUSLY.

I CAN GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE CASE AND THAT
MIGHT HELP YOU OUT A LITTLE BIT. THE PROPERTY IS
LOCATED AT THE Y IN OAK HILL, IT'S PRESENTLY DEVELOPED
WITH A SINGLE FREESTANDING BILLBOARD. THE PROPERTY
IS ACTUALLY LOCATED ON THE OUT SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY
290. IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY WATERSHED. IT IS IN THE
BARTON SPRINGS ZONE. THE PROPERTY, AS I SAID, IS
CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT ADJACENT TO
OTHER TRACTS OF LAND CURRENTLY UNDEVELOPED. THIS
PROPERTY, IF THIS PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATED THE
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER COULD JOINTLY DEVELOP
THOSE PROPERTIES. THAT'S WHAT LED TO THE CITY STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION TO RECOMMEND ZONING SIMILAR TO
THE TRACT THAT WERE NEXT DOOR. THE -- AS I
UNDERSTAND IT, THE OAK HILL ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD WAS IN SUPPORT OR HAD NO OBJECTION
TO THE REZONING REQUEST. STAFF RECOMMENDED IT. AND
THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ALSO
RECOMMENDED IT. AND CHANGED SLIGHTLY THE STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE A DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICES
AS AN ACCESSORY ONLY TO THE RESTAURANT USES AND
HAD SOME ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO ALLOW THE TWAM
RESTAURANT USES THEMSELVES.

THOUGH BASICALLY EVERY PARTY IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS
C.S.-CO?

THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK THERE WAS A CONCERN AT FIRST
READING, WITH THE COUNCILMEMBERS, ABOUT THE SIZE OF
THE TRACT AND THE INTENSITY OF THE USE. I KNOW THERE
WAS SOME QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT S.O.S., SOME OF THE

ADJACENT PROPERTIES THAT WERE GRANDFATHERED. AND I THINK AT THAT TIME THE APPLICANT CAME FORWARD AND AGREED TO DO THE IPM AND TO DO THE -- TO DO THE NATIVE PLANTS, ALSO TO -- TO DO THE NO COAL BASED TAR SEALANTS.

THIS IS SUBJECT TO S.O.S., SO THAT -- IS THAT RESOLVED OR --

THE ISSUE OF THE S.O.S. ITSELF, THE APPLICANT I THINK HAS -- HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO S.O.S., IT HASN'T GONE THROUGH A FORMAL APPLICATION PROCESS UNDER 1704 TO MAKE THAT FINAL DETERMINATION BY STAFF. BUT HAS BEEN WILLING TO OFFER THESE THINGS, EVEN IF WE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO S.O.S. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WOULD TYPICALLY COME.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NO. 64. WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP EITHER WAY.

THIS IS READY FOR SECOND ONLY IF YOU DECIDE TO CHOOSE THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. THE OTHER CONDITIONS THE APPLICANT HAS AGREED TO DO.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT.

Dunkerly: STAFF AND ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING ONLY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-1 WITH --

6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ OFF THE DAIS.

Guernsey: THANK YOU, MAYOR, THAT BRINGS US TO OUR NEXT ITEMS THAT ARE UNDER THE ZONING PUBLIC HEARINGS. ITEMS Z-2 AND Z-3. THIS TIME I WILL INTRODUCE MARK WALTERS, FROM OUR DEPARTMENT, THAT WILL PRESENT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND THE RELATED ZONING CASE, IN WEST CONGRESS AREA.

IS THIS --

McCracken: IS THIS AN ENTIRE PLAN PRESENTATION

Mayor Wynn: WHAT IS THIS CASE AGAIN?

TWO WEEKS AGO ON THE 18th THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS EXCEPTION FOR ONE SMALL AREA THAT WAS EXCEPTED OUT. AND THIS THE HEARING JUST TO TAKE CARE OF THAT AREA, IT'S A SMALL AREA LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF STASSNEY AND SOUTH CONGRESS AVENUE. CALLED THE PLEASANT HILL SUBDISTRICT.

McCracken: MAYOR, DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS SIGNED UP FOR THIS?

Mayor Wynn: THREE SPEAKERS?

McCracken: ARE THEY HEAR?

Mayor Wynn: BETTY EDGEMOND, WHO I THOUGHT THAT I SAW EARLIER, MAYOR ROCAMORA, THOMAS HARPER ARE OUR THREE, I BELIEVE THEY ARE HERE.

McCracken: OKAY. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE TAKE A WHILE.

AT THAT TIME, COUNCIL EXEMPTED THIS AREA. THE MAPS ATTACHED TO THE BACKUP INDICATED THAT THIS AREA BASICALLY IS A SMALL SUBDIVISION AND THAT AT THE TIME WE PRESENTED THE PLAN THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT -- FROM SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS ABOUT TWO TRACTS, TWO RECOMMENDATIONS THAT STAFF HAD MADE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED MOVE TO

COUNCIL. AND THAT HAD TO DO WITH TRACTS 18 AND TRACTS 30. ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK, WE MET WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND CAME TO A -- TO A POINT OF AGREEMENT THAT STAFF WOULD FOR THE DISAGREE -- THAT STAFF WOULD NOT DISAGREE WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR THIS AREA IS PRIMARILY SINGLE FAMILY WITH THE SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A COMMERCIAL MIXED USE ALONG SOUTH CONGRESS AND OFFICE MIXED USE ALONG STASSNEY. THAT'S GENERALLY THE LAND USE PLAN FOR THIS AREA. THE ZONING FOR THIS AREA INCLUDES CHANGES IN THE PROPERTIES ALONG CONGRESS TO COMMERCIAL MIXED USE AND ALONG STASSNEY TO OFFICE MIXED USE AS WELL AS ALLOWING SMALL LOT AMNESTY, IMPERVIOUS COVER AND PARKING PLACEMENT RESTRICTIONS, PROHIBITING PARKING IN THE FRONT YARD, SECONDARY APARTMENT, GARAGE PLACEMENT, FRONT PORCH SETBACK, INFILL TOOLS AND DESIGN OPTIONS FOR THIS AREA. AND THAT PRETTY MUCH IS -- CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE TRACTS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. WALTERS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? SO WE HAVE -- ON THE COMBINED CASE Z-2, Z-3, THREE CITIZENS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, FIRST SPEAKER IS BETTY EDGEMOND, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M BETTY EDGEMOND AND REALLY AND TRULY, MARY ROCKELMEYER SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST ONE ON HERE, WE HAD PROBLEMS SIGNING IN, WE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT. JUST SO HAPPENED A LADY HELPED ME AND I GOT IN FIRST.

Mayor Wynn: MARY CAN GO FIRST IF YOU LIKE.

SHE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME. I'M JUST IN SUPPORT OF WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS AS THE SF 2, SF 6 ON TRACT 30 AND WHAT THEY WANT ON TRACT 18. AND THAT'S IT. I THINK THAT'S -- I THINK THAT'S COVERED BY Z-2 AND Z-3. SO I'M SPEAKING ON BOTH OF THEM RIGHT NOW. BUT I DID WANT TO TELL YOU, WE FOUND THIS -- THIS IS A DIVERSE AREA. THIS IS PEOPLE HAVE -- HAVE \$300,000 HOMES, THEY HAVE --

THEY HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS WAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND AT ONE TIME, WHEN YOU TOOK THIS INTO THE CITY IN 1968, YOU TOOK THE SUBDIVISION IN, THE CITY TAXES WERE \$1.29 PER 100 EVALUATION. NOW, WOULDN'T PEOPLE LIKE TO HAVE THAT NOW?

Mayor Wynn: WELL, THEY ARE A THIRD OF THAT NOW, THEY ARE 44 CENTS PER \$100 IN VALUATION.

WHATEVER, I TELL YOU, IT'S -- THE SCHOOL TAXES FOR THAT YEAR WERE \$78. BUT ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS AN OLDER NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE IT REALLY NICE BY BRINGING IN HOUSES. THEY ARE ACTUALLY BRINGING HOUSES TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THE SF ZONING WOULD BE THE VERY BEST THING FOR IT. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TALKED ABOUT AND WELCOME, MS. KIM. DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE A MISS OR A MRS. , WELCOME, LEE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAVE SEEN ME, IT AIN'T GOING TO BE THE LAST, I'M GOING TO SIGN UP FOR CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, AND YOU ARE GOING TO GET AN EARFUL I CAN TELL YOU. I'M A LOT MORE MOBILE NOW, MY LEG IS STARTING TO MEND VERY WELL. BUT THE CANE IS JUST A -- JUST A KIND OF --

Mayor Wynn: WEAPON IS WHAT IT IS [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU BETTY.

LISTEN TO MARY, SHE'S A LOT BETTER THAN I AM AT SPEAKING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MARY, ROCKELMEYER, SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT. IS [INDISCERNIBLE] HERE.

NO, SHE HAD TO LEAVE, SHE BROUGHT HER FAMILY AND HAD TO LEAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THREE MINUTES ARE PLENTY FOR YOU, RIGHT IF.

I THINK I WON'T NEED VERY MUCH TIME. PRETTY MUCH MARK HAS -- HAS COVERED EVERYTHING. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD AS MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I THANK

YOU FOR GIVING US THE POSTPONEMENT, THE TWO-WEEK POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE IT DID ALLOW US TO MEET WITH THE RESIDENTS AND ALSO WITH MARK AND HIS STAFF AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND WE DID RESOLVE SOME ISSUES. AND, ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARK PERSONALLY THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WERE -- YOU KNOW, GIVEN A LOT OF HELP AND OVERALL THE PLANNING PROCESS WAS VERY GOOD AND VERY BENEFICIAL FOR THE AREA. AND SO BRIEFLY WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME SIGNED LETTERS, WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING FOR BASICALLY TO KEEP SF 2 FOR TRACT 8 -- 18, THAT ONE IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD BECAUSE THERE ARE FOUR HOMES INVOLVED AND ALL OF THE FOUR OWNERS WHO HAVE THREE IN PARTICULAR HAVE RENOVATED THEIR HOMES AND THEY LIKED THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY WOULD LIKE TO STAY THERE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP SF 2 AND THERE'S A FOURTH HOME, THE OWNER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KEEP SF 2. AND THEN FOR -- FOR THE TRACT 30, IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. IT'S CURRENTLY A BUSINESS. AND SO THERE -- I BELIEVE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME ADDITIONAL -- ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION GOING ON AS FAR AS THE USE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT SINGLE FAMILY, ALSO. AND AS -- AS MARK PRESENTED THIS PAPER FOR ME, HE SAYS THAT SF 3 WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROPRIATE AND HE DOES NOT OBJECT. SO THE STAFF DOES NOT OBJECT. SO BASICALLY AT THIS TIME I KNOW SOME FOLKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAD TO LEAVE, BUT AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE HERE FROM OUR AREA. AND WHO HAVE MADE TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO COME HERE AND SHOW SUPPORT. SO I KNOW THERE'S -- THERE'S A COUPLE OVER HERE, AND SOME OVER HERE, IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO STAND JUST TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED JUST BRIEFLY. AND I APPRECIATE THEM COMING DOWN. AND I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT IT. WE ARE JUST BASICALLY REQUESTING THIS -- THIS TO BASICALLY PRESERVE THE EXISTING NATURE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT IS DIVERSE. IT IS A LITTLE ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON IT. OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, PEOPLE HAVE MADE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE -- WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO SEE THAT. THANK YOU

VERY MUCH. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS --

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MARY. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: OUR LAST SPEAKER WAS THOMAS HARPER.
WELCOME, MR. HARPER.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL, I
HAPPEN TO BE THE OWNER OF LOT 30 THAT'S IN QUESTION
HERE. ONE THING THAT WAS BROUGHT UP THAT I JUST
FOUND OUT ABOUT, THERE WAS A MEETING TUESDAY
BETWEEN STAFF AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ABOUT LOT 30.
WHICH I OWN. THAT I WAS NOT INVITED TO. THAT'S NOT A
REAL BIG ISSUE, I GUESS, BUT I'M HERE MAINLY TO TELL YOU
IDENTIFY BEEN IN BUSINESS, MY FATHER OWNED THIS LOT,
BOUGHT IT BACK IN 1962. '65 HE BUILT A BUILDING ON IT. WE
HAVE BEEN OPERATING A SMALL BUSINESS OUT OF THERE
EVER SINCE. I HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS 30 YEARS THERE
DOING THE SAME THING. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY
ISSUES THAT WE'VE HAD THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO
WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON. UNTIL NOW. AND I -- I
DON'T KNOW OF ANY RIGHT NOW TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. I
HAVE SPOKEN WITH MARY TODAY, I SPOKE WITH YOUR
STAFF YESTERDAY. THAT'S THE FIRST THAT I REALLY
REALIZED THIS. NOW, IF YOU KNEW ME VALUE ELL, YOU
WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT'S VERY UNUSUAL FOR ME NOT
TO BE RIGHT AT THE FOREFRONT AND OUTSPOKEN ABOUT
THINGS. AGAIN I WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THIS. I FEEL LIKE
UNFORTUNATELY OR FORTUNATELY HOWEVER YOU LOOK
AT IT, I'M GRANDFATHERED BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN THERE
FOR 35 YEARS. PRIOR TO YOU TAKING THIS PROPERTY
OVER. SO WE TRIED TO KEEP OUR BUSINESS DOWN. WE ARE
NO NO LARGER THAN WE ARE, AS A MATTER OF FACT WE
ARE SMALLER THAN WE WERE FIVE YEARS AGO. WE DO
HAVE, I TOLD MARY ABOUT THIS TODAY. WE DO HAVE A --
FREIGHT THAT'S DELIVERED TO OUR SHOP DUE TO THE
THEFT PROBLEMS WHEN WE DELIVER IT TO A JOBSITE. SO
THAT IS ONE DIFFERENCE THAT WE HAVE. I WILL BE HAPPY
TO WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON THAT. I DO FEEL
LIKE THAT I WOULD REQUEST TO COUNCIL, THOUGH, TO

DEFER THIS FOR 30 DAYS TO GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH STAFF AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SEE HOW WE CAN WORK THIS OUT. AGAIN, I DON'T THINK IT AFFECTS ME AT THIS POINT IN TIME, BUT IF I WAS TO SELL THE PROPERTY IT WOULD AFFECT ME TO SOME FORM OR FASHION. SO I'M HERE MAINLY TO ASK YOU TO GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO STAFF AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHO I HAVE BEEN A PART OF FOR 40 YEARS NEARLY. 30 BY MYSELF. SO THAT'S -- THAT'S MY PURPOSE AND TO TELL THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I'M NOT THERE TO MAKE PROBLEMS OR ISSUES AND NEVER HAVE. AND WE HAVE RESOLVED AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. I APPRECIATE THE TIME. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF THE CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON THESE COMBINED CASES, Z-2, Z-3. MR. WALTERS, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

ON THE MOTION SHEET IN FRONT OF YOU, THERE ARE A SERIES OF MOTIONS. THE FIRST ONE -- FIRST ONE WOULD BE -- WOULD BE MOTION Z-2. WOULD BE TO AMEND THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY APPROVING ON FIRST READING THE PLEASANT HILL SUBDISTRICT OF SOUTH CONGRESS COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. BUT TO EXCLUDE TRACTS 18 AND 30 WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN SEPARATE MOTIONS AND TO APPROVE ALL OF THIS ON FIRST READING ONLY AND TO SCHEDULE THE SECOND READING FOR OCTOBER 6th, 2005.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL ENTERTAIN THE MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON Z-2, Z-3 AND APPROVE THE MOTION AS OUTLINED BY STAFF AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

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

THE NEXT MOTION WOULD BE FOR Z-3 TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING THE PLEASANT HILL SUBDISTRICT OF THE WEST CONGRESS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION BUT TO SCREWED TRACTS 18 AND 30 WHICH WERE CONSIDERED IN SEPARATE MOTIONS, IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING TRACTS, 22, 23 A, 23 B, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32 AND 35, AND TO SCHEDULE THE SECOND READING FOR OCTOBER 6th, 2005.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. WALTERS, QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL? IF NOT I'LL ENTERTAIN THE MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE MOTION ON FIRST READING ONLY Z-3 AS OUTLINED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

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

THE NEXT MOTION INVOLVES TRACT 18, WHICH IS 106 THROUGH 200 WEST MOCKING BIRD LANE, EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES ONLY. AND CURRENTLY IT A SINGLE FAMILY LAND USE AND THE ZONING IS SF 2. STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR HIGH DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY WITH THE SF 5 NP ZONING DESIGNATION. AS PER THE MEETING, I MET WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON TUESDAY, TO SEE WHAT KIND OF ISSUES THAT THEY HAD AND WHAT WE COULD POSSIBLY RESOLVE BEFORE TONIGHT AND THEY RECOMMENDED THAT IT -- THAT THE LAND USE DESIGNATION STAY SINGLE FAMILY AND THAT THE ZONINGS GO TO SF 2-NP AND STAFF DOES NOT OBJECT TO THIS RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME. THIS WOULD BE TO APPROVE FOR FIRST READING ONLY. SO IT WOULD BE DETERMINATION WHETHER TO -- WHETHER COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO APPROVE THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION.

RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. WALTERS. QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL?

COMMENTS? THIS WILL BE FIRST READING ONLY REGARDLESS. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING TRACT 18 NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION, SINGLE FAMILY FUTURE LAND USE AND SF 2-NP ZONING. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0.

THE NEXT TRACT IS TRACTS 30 THAT MR. HARPER SPOKE OF, 103 RED BIRD LANE, ADDITIONAL PROPERTY THAT HAD BEEN SUBDIVIDED OFF THE INITIAL SUBDIVISION. CURRENTLY IT'S A COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY USE. STAFF INITIALLY THOUGHT IT WAS AN OFFICE USE, LOOKED LIKE A CONSTRUCTION OFFICE, NOT A PLACE WHERE MATERIALS WERE STORED. THAT'S WHY WE RECOMMENDED THE OFFICE MIXED USE AND THE OFFICE MIXED USE ZONING. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT I HAVE TALKED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTION SALES AND SERVICE TYPE OF USE, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE C.S. ZONING. SO CURRENTLY THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR OFFICE MIXED USE AND FOR THE ZONING WOULD BE LO-MU--NP. THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR SINGLE FAMILY LAND USE DESIGNATION AND SINGLE FAMILY ZONING AND I HADN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH MR. HARPER, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE WERE GOING TO ASK FIRST READING ONLY TODAY SO WE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM BEFORE WE COME BACK FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING. SO WE CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY WHEN THE BUSINESS BEGAN, BECAUSE IT WASN'T REAL CLEAR TO US WHEN HE WAS ANNEXED, IF -- BASICALLY A GRANDFATHERED USE THERE. WHEN IT STARTED OUT IN THE COUNTY. WE STILL HAD TO COME TO THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, TAKE THAT RESEARCH OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. SO THE MOTION BEFORE YOU WOULD BE EITHER TO APPROVE THE STAFF OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION OR SOME OTHER RECOMMENDATION. NOT STATED.

THANK YOU, MR. WALTERS. QUESTION ON THE -- EVENING
ON THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION OF THE MIXED USE OFFICE L.O., MR.
HARPER'S EXISTING BUSINESS WOULD BE --

WOULD BE NON-COMPLIANT TO THAT.

ALL RIGHT. SO EITHER WAY, EITHER OF THESE TWO
RECOMMENDATIONS IT'S LEGAL NON-COMPLIANT.

AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE NEED TO CONDUCT
FURTHER RESEARCH TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY WHAT THE
STATUS IS.

QUESTIONS OF STAFF COUNCIL? COMMENTS? IF NOT I'LL
ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR FIRST READING ONLY, TRACT 30.
COUNCILMEMBER KIM? WE HAVE A STAFF PLANNING
RECOMMENDATION OR A NEIGHBORHOOD
RECOMMENDATION. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TO
APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY THE NEIGHBORHOOD
RECOMMENDATION, TRACT 30, SINGLE FAMILY FUTURE LAND
USE, SF 3-NP ZONING.

Thomas: I'LL SECOND IT, BUT I WANT TO PUT SOME EMPHASIS
ON IT.

Mayor Wynn: SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER
COMMENTS?

Thomas: I UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD
LIKE. BUT I WOULD LIKE STAFF TO GET WITH MR. HARPER
AND SEE IF REALLY THIS SF, IF IT'S GOING TO BE SF 3,
WOULD -- WOULD AFFECT HIM AND REALLY WHAT HE WANTS
TO DO AND -- IN THE FUTURE. BECAUSE IF IT'S GOING TO
AFFECTING THEM, WE MIGHT HAVE TO VISIT THAT AGAIN.
BECAUSE I THINK HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IF HE
WANTED TO SELL THE PROPERTY, THAT MIGHT AFFECT
WHAT HE WANTED TO DO. SO WE MIGHT SEE IF WE CAN
COMPROMISE WITH THE NEIGHBORS AND SIT DOWN AND
TALK WITH HIM. THOROUGHLY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER
COMMENTS? MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO

APPROVE FIRST READING ONLY THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION TRACT 30. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? SHOW THE MAYOR VOTING NO ON A 6-1 READING.

THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. WALTERS.

Guernsey: MAYOR, THAT BRINGS US TO OUR LAST TWO ZONING ITEMS. I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, THEY ARE RELATED, ONE A PLAN AMENDMENT, ONE IS AN ACCOMPANYING ZONING CASE.

Mayor Wynn: YES, PLEASE.

Gurensey:: LET ME PRESENT BOTH CASES FIRST. Z-4 IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT, NPA 050018.01, BRENTWOOD/HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 57 NORTH LAMAR. AND IT'S TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO ALLOW A MIXED USE DESIGNATION FOR THE PROPERTY. IT'S RECOMMENDED BY THE STAFF AND ALSO BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE NEXT CASE IS Z-5, C14-04-050090, CITY INITIATED CASE FOR A PROPOSED WIRELESS TOYZ CELL PHONE STORE, AT THE SAME LOCATION, AT 5700 NORTH LAMAR. THE CURRENT ZONING IS PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING AND THE PROPOSED ZONING IS NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MIXED USE, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, CURRENTLY. AND PREVIOUSLY THE TENANT WAS A 7-11. IT'S LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LAMAR BOULEVARD AND COME KOENIG LANE, IN FRONT OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBSTATION. DURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, THIS PROPERTY WAS

DESIGNATED FOR P PUBLIC ZONING AND IT WAS DESIGNATED FOR A CIVIC TYPE OF USE. AT THAT TIME, THE 7-11 WAS ACTUALLY IN OPERATION, STAFF DEEMED THIS TO BE AN ERROR IN PRESENTATION TO YOU. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL OR MIXED USE AT THAT TIME. THE CITY NOW HAS ANOTHER TENANT THAT WOULD LIKE TO MOVE INTO THE SPACE, IT WOULD REQUIRE A ZONING CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE FUTURE TENANT GOING FROM THE SERVICE STATION FOOD SALES USE TO A GENERAL RETAIL SALES USE. ON THE PROPERTY. THERE'S NOT AN INTENTION AT THIS TIME FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO EXPAND TO UTILIZE THIS TRACT NOR THE ELECTRIC SUBSTATION TO UTILIZE THIS TRACT. STAFF DID BRING THIS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ATTENTION. AT THIS TIME, OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THERE'S NOT A DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM, HOWEVER, STAFF DID -- DID HOLD TWO OPEN SESSION MEETINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND RECEIVED THEIR INPUT. THE BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD DID NOT HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THE CHANGE OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP NOR THE ZONING, BUT DID HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THE PROCESS AND DID NOT AGREE WITH THE STAFF'S INTERPRETATION THAT THIS WAS AN ERROR. THERE WAS MORE AN OBJECTION TO THE PROCESS ON BRINGING THIS FORWARD AS A CORRECTION AS OPPOSED TO THE ACTUAL LAND USE CHANGE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING. STAFF DID RECOMMEND THE CHANGE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, ALSO THE ZONING CHANGE, SO DID THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE NEIGHBORHOODS. WHEN THEY RECOMMENDED THE LR-MU-CO-NP ZONING IT DID PROHIBIT THE FOLLOWING USES WHICH INCLUDED CUSTOM MANUFACTURING, SERVICE STATION, OFF-SITE ACCESSORY PARKING AND TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL I THINK THAT'S SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: WE DO.

Guernsey: AT THIS TIME, I WILL PAUSE, IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS. AS I SAID BEFORE THIS IS A CITY INITIATED

CASE, MY PRESENTATION WAS THE APPLICANT'S AND THE STAFF PRESENTATION.

Leffingwell: I HAVE A QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: YOU SAID THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE IT DIDN'T CONFORM TO THE NORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD AMENDMENT PROCESS? NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS? WHAT WOULD BE THE NORMAL PROCESS?

Guernsey: WELL, STAFF POINTED OUT THIS WAS AN ERROR. TYPICALLY, WHEN WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, MANY TIMES IF WE HAD A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CONTACT TEAM.

Leffingwell: THEY DISAGREE WITH THAT, THOUGH.

Gurensey:: THEY WOULD BRING THAT FORWARD OR COUNCIL AND COMMISSION COULD BRING THAT FORWARD. STAFF BROUGHT THIS FORWARD BECAUSE WE INTERPRETED IT TO BE AN ERROR DURING THE PROCESS. BUT THE INTENT WAS NOT TO TAKE THE CITY TRACT OF LAND THAT WAS CURRENTLY BEING USED AT THAT TIME FOR A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, THE 7-11 TYPE OF BUSINESS. GAS STATION, CONVENIENCE STORE. AND DESIGNATE THAT FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL OR MIXED USE ON THIS PROPERTY.

Leffingwell: BUT ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE CORRECT, THAT IT'S NOT A TECHNICAL ERROR, WHAT WOULD THEY DO TO -- WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO CONFORM TO THE PROCESS IF THEY ARE -- THAT THEY ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT.

Guernsey: WELL, WE WOULD PROBABLY END UP GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ASK THEM TO BRING THIS FORWARD. SHORT OF THAT WE WOULD COME TO CITY COUNCIL AND ASK THE SAME THING. STAFF WOULD BE BRINGING BACK A REQUEST. IF WE HAD A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CONTACT TEAM, WE COULD REQUEST THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CONTACT TEAM TO INITIATE, BUT

WE DON'T HAVE ONE AT THIS TIME FOR THE BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.

Leffingwell: ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING NOW ANYWAY?

Guernsey: WELL, STAFF BROUGHT THIS FORWARD WITHOUT GOING TO THE COMMISSION OR COUNCIL ASKING I GUESS THE PERMISSION TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS FIRST. WE JUST INITIATED IT AND BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZED IT AS AN ERROR AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD DISAGREES.

Leffingwell: HOW MUCH TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS?

Guernsey: WELL, WE HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE COMMISSION AND WE ARE BEFORE YOU NOW. SO IT WOULD BE A VERY SIMILAR PROCESS. WE WOULD SEND THIS BACK, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE'S A TENANT ACTUALLY WHO -- ACTUALLY IN THE AUDIENCE THAT'S TRYING TO MOVE IN AND UTILIZE THIS SPACE. TO GO BACK TO COMMISSION, TO COME BACK, IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH TO COME BACK BEFORE YOU TO MEET ALL OF THE LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Leffingwell: YOU DO THE EXACT SAME THING THAT YOU ARE DOING NOW ONLY A MONTH LATER AGAIN?

AT LEAST A MONTH LATER, MAYBE A MONTH AND A HALF IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TIMING OF THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Leffingwell: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. MR. GUERNSEY WAS CORRECT, WE HAVE ONE CITIZEN THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US, DON LATEN BURR WELL, WELCOME BACK, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCIL AND ESPECIALLY NEW COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS DON LATEN BURRWELL, I WILL TRY TO BE BRIEF. I AM HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING WHAT EXISTS CURRENTLY OF THE

BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CONTACT TEAM. I WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. AND OUR STICKY WICKET, AS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL POINTED OUT IS THE Z-4 PORTION OF THAT. OUR TEAM VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO OPPOSE THIS PLAN AMENDMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS QUALIFIES AS A PLAN EXEMPTION. I WAS AT THE MEETING WHERE THIS -- WHERE THE ZONING OF THIS TRACT WAS DETERMINED AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. AND IT IS NOT AN ERROR AS STATED BY STAFF. THE CITY'S LACK OF INTERNAL PLANNING AND REALLY ESSENTIALLY CHANGING THEIR MIND DOES NOT AN ERROR MAKE. AN ERROR IS A TYPO OR SOMETHING THAT DID NOT GO INTO THE PLAN WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION AND WE DISCUSSED THIS IN PARTICULAR. AND YOU MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THE -- AT THE LETTER FROM GAIL McDONALD IN YOUR PACKET RELATIVE TO THAT. AFTER -- AFTER OUR FIRST MEETING WITH THE CITY, AT THE SECOND MEETING, REALIZING THAT THE CITY WAS -- WAS NOT GOING TO GET OFF OF THEIR POINT OF -- OF THE FACT THIS THEY CONSIDER THIS AN ERROR, WE JUST ASKED THEM FLAT OUT, YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY STOOD ON THAT. THEY BASICALLY TOLD THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM THAT WE HAD NO SAY IN CON OCCURRING OR DISAGREEING WITH THE STAFF'S DETERMINATION REGARDING PLAN EXEMPTIONS. NOR DID WE HAVE ANY RIGHT OF APPEAL. TO COME DOWN HERE MAKING OUR CASE. WE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY THEN AT THAT POINT SINCE -- SINCE THAT PORTION OF THE -- OF THE DISCUSSION WAS OFF OF THE PLATE, TO CONSIDER ONLY THE ZONING. AND THAT WE SAID AT THAT POINT IN TIME THAT IF WE WERE CONSIDERING THIS IN THE REGULAR -- AS A REGULAR PLAN AMENDMENT IN THE REGULAR CYCLE, THAT WE COULD IN FACT SUPPORT THE L.R.-MU-CO-NP AS PRESENTED HERE TONIGHT. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISSENT. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS BILL HAZE. I RUN THE WIRELESS TOYS IN SOUTH AUSTIN. WE'VE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE CITY SINCE LAST NOVEMBER FOR THIS PROPERTY, AND IN ACTUALITY YOU

GUYS APPROVED THE LEASE I THINK IN JUNE BEFORE WE KNEW THERE WAS AN ISSUE. I UNDERSTAND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S CONCERN ABOUT THE PROCESS. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS WITH THE STAFF FOR MANY MONTHS. WE'VE MET WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE'VE MADE THE CHANGES TO THE PLANS THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAS ASKED FOR. NO ESSENCE I DON'T THINK -- IN HE IS SONS I DON'T HAVE THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BUSINESS. I THINK WE'VE MADE GOOD INROADS WITH THE ASSOCIATION THERE. THEY'RE ARGUING ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT IT'S GOING THROUGH. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY ASKED US WOULD YOU MIND COMING BACK IN FEBRUARY. WELL, WE'RE A SMALL BUSINESS, MY PARTNER AND I. THIS IS HOW WE SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES. AND FEBRUARY WOULD BE A HUGE BURDEN ON US TO WAIT AND NOT RUN A BUSINESS UNTIL THEN AND THE FINANCES COMING INTO OUR FAMILY. SO THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION WE COMMISSIONED THIS FOR TWO, TWO AND A HALF HOURS AT THE ZONING COMMISSION -- AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THEY ALSO AGREED -- THEY CHASTISED THE STAFF FOR BRINGING IS UP AS AN ERROR, BUT THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS AN ERROR AND SAID WE DON'T EXPECT MANY ERRORS COMING IN AT THIS POINT. THEY AGREED IT WAS AN ERROR, THE STAFF'S AGREED IT'S AN ERROR. AND EVEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CHANGE, AND I THINK THEY WOULD WELCOME OUR BUSINESS INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO I GUESS I WOULD ASK THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS SO THAT WE CAN GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS THERE AND DO THE RIGHT THING AND DON'T PENALIZE US FOR GETTING WRAPPED UP IN CITY PROCESSES. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HAYES. MAYOR AND COUNCIL NEVER CHASTISES STAFF, BY THE WAY. [LAUGHTER]
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH, WE SHOULD UP HOLD THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. I THINK IN THIS CASE IT WOULD PRODUCE AN UNACCEPTABLE RESULT, AN UNACCEPTABLE HARDSHIP. TO MR. GURNSEY, -- SO MR. GURNSEY, I GUESS ALL OF US FURTHER THE CONCERN FROM THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION, BUT WHAT

IS THE MOTION TO MAKE TO APPROVE?

WELL, THE MOTION ON THE FIRST ITEM WOULD BE TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT, TO CHANGE IT TO THE MIXED USE DESIGNATION. AND THIS WOULD -- THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST MOTION THAT YOU MAKE. THE SECOND MOTION YOU MAKE WOULD THEN BE ON THE ZONING CASE. AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WHAT'S REALLY BEFORE YOU IS THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND THAT'S THE WAY THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DRAFTED FOR YOU, WHICH WOULD BE FOR LR-MU-CO-NP WITH THE PROHIBITED USES I HAVE LISTED EARLIER.

FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH ONE?

THAT'S CORRECT. AND IT WOULD BE -- IT IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS ON BOTH ITEMS.

McCracken: OKAY. I'LL MOVE FOR APPROVAL ON Z-4 OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ALL THREE READINGS.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE ON CASE Z-4, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ALL THREE READINGS. AND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: DO YOU HAVE THE LAND USE, LIKE A COLOR VERSION OF THE LAND USE MAP, BECAUSE THE BACKUP IS PRETTY HARD TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. BECAUSE THIS IS RIGHT IN THE CORNER AND I GUESS OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL. IS THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT?

THIS IS THE TRACT WHERE THE CURRENT 7-11, IT'S BEEN VACANTED. ACROSS THE STREET THERE'S ANOTHER TYPE OF GAS STATION/CONVENIENCE STORE. TO THE NORTH OF THE VACANT 7/11 IS WHERE THE WATER TREATMENT AND SUBSTATION IS LOCATED. TO THE EAST IS THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE HIGHWAY

DEPARTMENT, STATE TROOPERS, AND THEN THERE'S A LARGE TRACT OF LAND THAT'S JUST RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT'S UNDEVELOPED AT THIS LOCATION, AND THEN YOU HAVE RETAIL FURTHER DOWN. CURRENTLY ON THE EAST SIDE RIGHT ALONG LAMAR BOULEVARD, THE PROPERTY ZONED CS-NP, AND THE TWO TRACTS TO THE SOUTH, THE SOUTH ACROSS THE STREET, KOENIG LANE, AND A LITTLE BIT FURTHER DOWN, ARE BOTH ALSO ZONED WITH A MINIMUM OF CS BASE DISTRICT DESIGNATION. THEY MAY HAVE CONDITIONAL OVERLAYS AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. ALL THE PROPERTY TO THE NORTH OF THIS TRACT IS ZONED P PUBLIC CURRENTLY.

Alvarez: SO THE TRACT ACROSS THE ROAD THERE IS CONVENIENCE STORE?

TO THE SOUTH. AND THEN TO THE EAST IS THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THEN AS I SAID BEFORE, IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST AND TO THE SOUTH, YOU HAVE CS ZONING. CS-NP ZONING TO THE EAST, CS-MU-CO-NP ZONING TO THE SOUTH. AND WHAT STAFF IS BRINGING FORWARD IS A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS INTENSE THAN THE SURROUNDING CS ZONING. I GUESS YOU COULD SAY ON THE TWO ADJACENT CORNERS.

Alvarez: OKAY. AND THE ISSUE WITH PROCESS IS THAT IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE YEARS AGO, BUT I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BEEN ABOUT -- ONLY ABOUT A YEAR. BUT THEN THE ISSUE IS THE PROCESS WAS JUST THAT THERE'S SPECIFIC TIMES WHEN YOU CAN BRING THESE CASES FORWARD, AND THAT'S THE ISSUE WITH THE PROCESS.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: ALL RIGHT. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I NORMALLY LIKE TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS AS WELL, BUT

I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN THAT THIS IS GOING TO IMPOSE AN UNDUE HARDSHIP AND FURTHER WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK HERE. IT'S FOR NO REASON, WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK HERE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. AND PASS HOPEFULLY, AS I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY OBJECTION TO THE CHANGE, SO I DON'T SEE ANY PURPOSE TO DELAYING IT FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME AND IMPOSING THE HARDSHIPS, SO I'LL SUPPORT THE MOTION.

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

MOOI. YE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? THE MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO ON ALL THREE READINGS. THANK YOU, MS. BROWN.

McCracken: AND THAT'S ON Z-5 TOO, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ALL THREE READINGS.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN AS HEARD, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM ON ALL THREE READINGS, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. 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.

THAT CONCLUDES THE ZONING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. GURNSEY AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILE WE GOT THROUGH THAT. SO COUNCIL, THAT NOW TAKES US TO OUR POSTED PUBLIC HEARINGS. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US. LET'S SEE, TECHNICALLY WE HAVE POSTED SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. BECAUSE OF OUR BUDGET PRESENTATIONS TODAY WE HAD OUR UTILITY BUDGET

PRESENTATION, SO WE HAVE POSTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS TO RECEIVE COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RATE AND FEE CHANGES TO AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, A SEPARATE ONE FOR OUR PROPOSED AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE, AND TO RECEIVE COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RATE FEE INCREASES FOR THE DRAINAGE FEE, AND TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. I THINK WITHOUT OBJECTION WE COULD SIMPLY, AS THE VAST, VAST MAJORITY OF CITIZENS HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ITEM NUMBER 66, WHICH IS THE -- TECHNICALLY THE PROPERTY TAX RATE, MY INSTINCT IS MOST FOLKS ARE HERE TO GIVE US COMMENT GLOBALLY ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT AFFECTS OUR INDIVIDUAL FEES IN OUR UTILITIES AND OUR AD VALOREM TAX RATE. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, I THINK WE CAN CALL UP ALL OF THESE TOGETHER AND JUST HAVE ONE LARGE -- SLIGHTLY LARGER PUBLIC HEARING. AND THEN I'M TOLD AT THE BEGINNING OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 66, WHICH THIS WILL BE PART OF, I SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2005, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2005, AND/OR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M. IN CITY HALL IN THESE CHAMBERS, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS. THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: MAYOR, I HAD A QUESTION FOR MR. STEVENS. MAYBE MS. SCHUBERT IS GOING TO DO IT.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

McCracken: MS. SCHUBERT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE GRAPH TEED UP FOR THIS EVENING ABOUT THE COMPARISON OF WHAT YOUR PROPERTY TAX -- CITY PROPERTY TAX BILL IS IN THE BIG FIVE TEXAS CITIES.

I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE THAT. THEY'RE PULLING IT UP RIGHT NOW.

McCracken: AND WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WAS THE PROPOSED TAX RATE, BUT WHAT WE HAVE THIS WEEK IS I UNDERSTAND A CHART SHOWING WHAT YOUR TAX BILL

WOULD BE -- YOUR CITY PROPERTY TAX BILL AT THE CURRENT TAX RATE IN AUSTIN, SAN ANTONIO, DALLAS, HOUSTON AND FORT WORTH. IS THAT RIGHT?

I BELIEVE SO.

McCracken: SO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, WAS THERE -- AGAIN, WE HAD THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET THIS AFTERNOON, WHICH IS OUR STANDARD PRACTICE. DID STAFF WANT A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET OR -- MY RELIGIOUS WOULD BE OF COURSE TO GO DIRECTLY TO CITIZEN COMMENT.

McCracken: I'M ASKING A QUESTION RIGHT NOW.

Mayor Wynn: I'M SORRY. PARDON ME.

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE CHART THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, COUNCILMEMBER. AND WHAT THIS SHOWS IS TAX RATES FOR 2005-2006 FOR MAJOR TEXAS CITIES, PROPERTY TAXES FOR DIFFERENT HOME VALUES. AS YOU CAN SEE IN AUSTIN AT THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF .4395 ON 100,000-DOLLAR HOME, IT WOULD BE \$440 PER YEAR. THAT IS THE LOWEST OF ALL THE TEXAS CITIES. THIS CHART DOES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY EXEMPTIONS THAT THESE CITIES GIVE, SO IF YOU LOOK ACROSS THE BOARD AT ANY LEVEL 100,000, 150, 175 OR 200,000, THOSE ARE ALL THE LOWEST TAX BILLS THAT CITIZENS IN THOSE RESPECTIVE CITIES WOULD BE PAYING AT THE VARIOUS LEVELS IN COMPARISON TO AUSTIN.

McCracken: AND I BELIEVE THE CHART THAT WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THIS EVENING IS THE CHART FOR THE CURRENT TAX RATE OF 44.3% -- 44.3 CENTS. THAT'S WHAT I HAD ASKED TO SEE TONIGHT.

COUNCILMEMBER, I DON'T HAVE A VISUAL RIGHT NOW. I COULD EITHER TALK IT THROUGH IT OR WE COULD COME BACK TO THIS IN ABOUT 10 MINUTE.

McCracken: I WAS TOLD THREE HOURS AGO THIS WAS GOING TO BE READY TO GO AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING. IS

IT NOT IN ANY OF THE POWER POINTS?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS. THEY WERE JUST CHECKING.

Futrell: VICKY, DO WE HAVE A PAPER COPY WE COULD POP UP ON THE PROJECTOR?

IT'S VERY SMALL.

McCracken: I COULD READ THE VALUES FOR YOU FROM THE COMPUTER. YOU COULD RETYPE THEM IN ON THE POWERPOINT IF THAT WOULD HELP.

ALL RIGHT, SIR. I BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE ASKING FOR. IT'S ONLY SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. ALL RIGHT. THIS CHART HAS BOTH RATES. AS YOU CAN SEE RIGHT HERE, THIS IS THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THIS IS WHAT THE EFFECT WOULD BE IF WE WERE AT THE NOMINAL RATE IF WE STAYED AT THE SAME TAX RATE AS WE HAVE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AND THEN IT SHOWS THE REST OF THE CITIES IN TEXAS. AS I STATED EARLIER, AS YOU CAN SEE ACROSS THE BOARD, AUSTIN, WHETHER YOU LOOK AT THE PROPOSED RATE OR AT THE RATE THAT WOULD BE IN EFFECT IF WE KEPT THE SAME TAX RATE RIGHT NOW, BE STILL FOR A 100,000-DOLLAR HOME, 150,000, 175 OR \$200,000 ARE LOWER AND IN SOME CASES SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN OTHER TEXAS CITIES.

McCracken: YEAH. AND I THINK FOR EVERYBODY TO REALIZE THAT'S NOT AN ERROR, OUR TAX RATE IS ALMOST HALF AS SMALL AS FORT WORTH'S, FOR INSTANCE. THERE'S IS 86.5. THAT'S NOT A TYPO, RIGHT?

THAT'S NOT A TYPO. THESE ARE ALL CORRECT RATES.

McCracken: AND JUST SO WE HAVE IT CLEAR, THEN WHAT THAT SHOWS IS FOR INSTANCE YOUR INCOME QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE MORTGAGE THAT YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR, BUT UNDER WHATEVER HOME THAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO BUY, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY LESS IN TAXES IN AUSTIN ON CITY PROPERTY TAXES THAN ON ANY OF OUR -- OF THE OTHER BIG TEXAS CITIES ON THIS CHART, RIGHT?

THAT IS CORRECT, COUNCILMEMBER.

McCracken: AND ALSO WE GOT SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE -- OF HOW MUCH THE TAX SAVINGS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY RESULT IF WE WERE TO CUT THE TAX RATE FROM THE CURRENT TAX RATE TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. AND THE INFORMATION I BELIEVE WE HAVE RECEIVED BACK IS THAT THE SAVINGS WOULD -- IN THE IMMEDIATE QULAN HOME OF 1 -- MEDIAN HOME OF \$161,000, IT WOULD AMOUNT TO A \$1.48 TAX CUT PER MONTH ON A MEDIAN HOME.

YES, THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

McCracken: THE POINT OF BRINGING THIS UP IS WE HEAR A LOT OF TALK THAT WE'RE A HIGH TAXED JURISDICTION AND IF WE'RE OPERATING OFF BAD INFORMATION OR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING FISCALLY, THAT CAN DRIVE THE WRONG TYPES OF DECISIONS. I THINK WHAT THIS CHART SHOWS IS THAT THE TRUTH IS THAT WE HAVE -- THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY THE LOWEST TAXED JURISDICTION OF ANY OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE STATE. WE'VE ALSO LEARNED TODAY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER POLICY BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED KEEPING THE CURRENT TAX RATE AND NOT CUTTING IT BELOW THE CURRENT TAX RATE. FOR STARTERS, IT WOULD RESULT IN ONLY \$1.48 REDUCTION PER MONTH FOR THE AVERAGE FAMILY. AND WE HEARD SOME TESTIMONY LAST WEEK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO GET CUT -- ABOUT GOING THERE -- THE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE CUTS WOULD BE ABOUT IF THEY'RE FLUFF OR NOT, AND THESE ARE THE CUTS I BELIEVE THAT THE STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER COUNCILMEMBER'S QUESTION IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS, WE'D HAVE TO CUT -- IF WE CUT FROM THE CURRENT TO THE EFFECTIVE, WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT TREATMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT PROPERTY CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS, WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WOULD BE CUT, THE REOPENING OF LIBRARIES WOULD BE CANCELLED AND LIBRARIES WOULD BE SHUT AN EXTRA DAY A WEEK. WE WOULD CUT PUBLIC SANITATION. WE WOULD CUT PARK

MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING -- WE WOULD CUT MAINTENANCE TO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTER TRAINING AND HOMEWORK HELP. WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT FUNDING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO CUT FUNDING FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS IF WE WERE TO CUT THE CURRENT TAX RATE TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. AT THE RECURRING THEME OBVIOUSLY IN THIS BUDGET SESSION HAS BEEN WHETHER THE BUDGET TRENDS WERE ON. I KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A LOT OF THE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN HERE. WE DON'T NEED THE CHART, BUT CAN YOU TELL US IF WE KEEP UNDER THE CURRENT TRENDS ON OUR BUDGET OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS WHERE WE ARE MOVING ON WHAT PERCENTAGE PUBLIC SAFETY -- PRIMARILY PUBLIC SAFETY SALARIES WOULD TAKE OUT OF THE BUDGET.

COUNCILMEMBER, THE LAST ANALYSIS WE DID FOR YOU SHOWED YOU -- THIS IS THE ANALYSIS THAT IF WE ADOPTED THE CURRENT FIREFIGHTER PROPOSAL, THAT ANALYSIS SHOWED US THAT OUR INCREASE IN PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS WOULD EXCEED OUR INCREASE IN NEW REVENUE IN THE YEAR 2009, I BELIEVE.

McCracken: AND MR. STEVENS, AS I RECALL, THE PROJECTIONS YOU ALL HAD WAS THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD CONSUME 93% OF OUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN 10 YEARS IF WE WERE TO GO DOWN THE PATH AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE UNION. IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S IF WE ASSUMED THAT THE CITY ACCEPTED THE FIREFIGHTERS PROPOSAL AND THAT IF IN TURN WHEN THE POLICE CONTRACT CAME UP FOR RENEWAL IT WAS RENEWED UNDER ESSENTIALLY THE SAME TERMS AS THE FIREFIGHTER PROPOSAL WAS. THAT ANALYSIS DID SHOW THAT UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS AND ASSUMING AGAIN THAT THERE WAS NO REVENUE SOLUTION PROVIDED, THAT IS, THAT THERE WAS NO TAX INCREASE PROVIDED TO HELP PAY FOR THOSE INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS, THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD CONSUME 93% OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN 10 YEARS.

McCracken: IN FACT, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZE THE

A 17.5% PAY OFFER TO THE FIRE UNION. UNDER THE PROJECTIONS UNDER THOSE TRENDS, HOW MUCH WOULD PUBLIC SAFETY CONSUME OF THE CITY BUDGET IN 10 YEARS?

87%.

McCracken: AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DOWN EITHER PATH WOULD REQUIRE EITHER MAJOR TAX INCREASES OR IT WOULD REQUIRE BUDGET CUTS THAT WERE LARGER THAN THE COMBINED BUDGETS OF OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OUR PARKS AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS COMBINED, IS THAT CORRECT?

ASSUMING THOSE TRENDS IN PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS REMAIN THE SAME, YES, THAT'S TRUE.

McCracken: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, COUNCIL? IF NOT, WE'LL GO TO OUR CITIZEN INPUT. WE'LL START WITH ON MARY MCDONALD. WELCOME. AND IS LISA HENCELY HERE? LISA WAS GOING TO DONATE TIME TO YOU MARY, SO YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS, COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, DUNKERLEY, KIM AND LEFFINGWELL. MY NAME IS MARY MCDONALD AND I REPRESENT BOMA AUSTIN, BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION. I AM NOT HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT JUST TAXES OR JUST NOT RAISING FEES, I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT TRUTH IN TAXATION. CITIZENS OF THE CITY NEED TO BE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW WE ARE FUNDING CITY SERVICES. A PUBLIC RELATIONS SPIN IS HAPPENING HERE, AND IT MAKES PEOPLE LIKE ME APPEAR AS IF WE ARE TIGHT-FISTED AND UNCARING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. WHICH IS COMPLETELY WRONG. THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN MANIPULATED OR INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN MISLEADING ABOUT OUR LOWEST TAXES COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES IS SHORT ON THE TRUTH. ONE MAJOR FACT IS THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN TAX RATE IS LOWER THAN OTHER CITIES, BUT THERE'S NO MENTION OF

THE FACT THAT OUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS ARE HIGHER THAN ANY CITY IN THIS STATE. [APPLAUSE] TRUTH IN TAXATION IS WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW, SO AUSTIN'S TAX RATE BRINGS IN MORE MONEY THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN THIS STATE BASED ON THOSE ASSESSMENTS. A MAJOR FACT, OUR UTILITY BILL IS REALLY A TAX BILL. THIS IS A HIDDEN TAX, BUT TRUTH IN TAXATION, THIS IS A TAX. MAJOR FACT, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS CONTRIBUTING 70% OF AUSTIN ENERGY'S PROFIT AND INCREASES. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS IN THE DEMAND CATEGORY AND THOSE USAGE FEES ARE ALREADY EXTREMELY HIGH, AND NOW YOU'RE PROPOSING TO GO HIGHER. TRUTH IN TAXATION IS WHAT'S REQUIRED RIGHT NOW AND TODAY. TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT THE INCREASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FROM 2002 TO TODAY. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU. I'M GOING TO PASS THIS OUT AND I WANT YOU TO DISCUSS TRUTH IN TAXATION BECAUSE I'VE GOT AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT'S BEEN GOING AND HOW IT BEEN GOING SINCE 2002. WHAT YOU SEE IS A BILL OF A TYPICAL CENTRAL TEXAS PROPERTY FOR JULY 2002, FOR JULY 2003, FOR JULY 2004 AND JULY 2005. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THIS TRUTH IN TAXATION. TRY TO ALSO REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE PASSED ON TO SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. ON ENERGY DEMAND AND FUEL CHARGE FROM 2002 TO TODAY, INCREASED 57.61%, PASSED ON TO ALL SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. ON ANTI-LITTER, DRAINAGE AND TRANSPORTATION FEE, FROM 2002 TO TODAY, INCREASED 109.14%. [BUZZER SOUNDS] PASSED ON TO ALL SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. LET'S TALK ABOUT TRUTH IN TAXATION. WATER FEES, 2002 TO TODAY, 17.5%. THESE ARE PASSED ON TO ALL SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. SOLID WASTE FROM 2002 TO TODAY, 53.85%. THESE ARE PASSED ON TO SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. FLOW CHARGE, WHAT IS A FLOW CHARGE? I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S OKAY. 2002 TO TODAY, 58.37%. PASSED ON TO ALL SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS.

Mayor Wynn: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. PLEASE CONCLUDE. NO, SHE DOESN'T. IF YOU WERE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, YOU COULD DONATE HER TIME TO HER.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: JOHN SUTTON. OKAY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. WE ARE NOW HERE BEFORE YOU TO DISCUSS RAISING THESE FEES ONCE MORE. LET'S TALK ABOUT TRUTH IN TAXATION. THIS IS A HIDDEN TAX AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MUST ANSWER WHAT ARE THESE FEES FUNDING. IS SOLID WASTE FEE FUNDING CODE ENFORCEMENT? ARE ALL THESE FEES TRANSFERRED? WHAT WHAT FUNDS? WHICH FUNDS, WHY? ARE ALL THESE -- ALL OF THIS IS NOT TRANSPARENT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY PROVIDING YOU WITH THESE REVENUES, THUS THIS HIDDEN TAXATION. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY REQUIRES TRUTH IN TAXATION. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WAS AWARE OF ALL OF THIS, THERE WOULD BE A REVOLT AND I WILL BE LEADING THAT REVOLT. ALL OF YOU WHO KNOW ME PERSONALLY KNOW WHAT THAT I DO WHAT I SAY. AND YOU DON'T WANT TO RAISE THESE FEES OR TAXES WITHOUT TELLING THE TRUTH. YOU DO NOT WANT THE SMALL BUSINESS TENANT TO CARRY THIS BURDEN WHILE THEY ARE QUESTIONING WHAT ARE THESE FEES FUNDING? TRUTH IS WHAT IS NEEDED AND TRUTH IS WHAT'S REQUIRED. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, -- ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE NECESSARY BEFORE YOU ASK THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO FUND THE CITY BUDGET WITH THESE HIDDEN TAXES. WE ARE AGAINST INCREASING FEES WITHOUT THOSE ANSWERS. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MCDONALD.

McCracken: MAYOR? [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: SHE DID RAISE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD SOME TESTIMONY ABOUT EARLIER TODAY. AND SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR MR. GARZA -- BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE FUEL CHARGE WHICH AS WE HEARD TODAY, AUSTIN HAS THE LOWEST UTILITY BILLS IN THE STATE, OF THE BIG CITIES, BUT THAT EVERY CITY HAS TO BUY NATURAL GAS, AND SO MR. GARZA --

WHILE WE'RE -- WHILE WE'RE GETTING JUAN DOWN HERE, LET'S COVER A COUPLE QUICK THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, IN THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS, BOTH MEDIAN AND AVERAGE VALUES, WHICHEVER ONE WE CAN GET FROM THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT ON HOMES, ARE PRESENTED AS WELL AS TAX RATES IN ALL OUR FORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE INCREASED PLANS FOR THE DRAINAGE FEE AND FOR WASTEWATER WATER, ENTIRE SECTIONS OF THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO THOSE, THE REASONS FOR THEM, WHAT THE INCREASES ARE, THE HISTORICAL TRENDS ON BOTH. FOR THE DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE, WE'RE IN THE LAST YEAR OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF INCREASES. THERE'S BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION IN WITH EVERY ONE OF OUR BUDGET YEARS ON THE NEED FOR THAT DRAINAGE FEE AND WHAT IT'S BEING USED FOR. BASICALLY TO HELP WORK THROUGH OVER AN 800-MILLION-DOLLAR DRAINAGE ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE CAN HAVE THE SAME KIND OF DISCUSSION ON THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SIDE. THE UTILITY TRANSFER IS A VERY -- FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT WHAT FUND IS YOUR GENERAL FUND PORTION OF THE BUDGET, YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT NOT EXACTLY, BUT IT'S A SIMPLE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT. YOU CAN THINK ABOUT IT AS A PIE WITH FOUR SLICES IN IT FOR SOURCES OF FUNDS. PROPERTY TAX IS ONE SLICE, SALES TAX IS ANOTHER SLICE, THE UTILITY TRANSFER IS A THIRD SLICE, AND THEN THERE'S A FINAL SLICE THAT YOU CAN CALL OTHER, AND IN THERE IS FEES, FINES, FRANCHISES, WHEN YOU PAY A TRAFFIC TICKET IT GOES INTO THAT CATEGORY. THE UTILITY TRANSFER MAKES UP A QUARTER OF OUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET, BUT THAT UTILITY TRANSFER HAS A VERY STRAIGHT-UP FORMULA. IF WE WERE A PRIVATE UTILITY INSTEAD OF A PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY, A UTILITY YOU OWN, THAT UTILITY WOULD PAY TAXES, THAT UTILITY WOULD PAY FRANCHISE FEES, THAT UTILITY WOULD PAY DIVIDENDS TO ITS STOCKHOLDERS. YOU PUT ALL OF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS TOGETHER AS THE OWNERS OF THIS UTILITY, THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN GET A RATE OF RETURN BACK FROM THE UTILITY. THAT GOES IN TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THINGS LIKE PARKS, LIBRARY, POLICE, FIRE, E.M.S. BUT IT IS EQUIVALENT TO WHAT A PRIVATE UTILITY WOULD BE INVESTING BACK

INTO A COMMUNITY IF IT WASN'T PUBLICLY OWNED. ON THE FUEL CHARGE, JUAN.

TOBY IF I COULD ADD, THE DIVIDENDS WOULD NOT STAY WITHIN THE CITY, THEY WOULD GO TO WHEREVER THE OWNERS OF THE STOCK WERE. LET ME TALK ABOUT THE RATE MORE IN GENERAL AND THEN I'LL TALK TO THE FUEL FACTOR. THE RATE THAT WE CHARGE OUR CUSTOMERS CONSISTS OF THE BASE RATE AND THE FUEL FACTOR. THE BASE RATE WAS ADOPTED -- SEVERAL RATES THAT WE CHARGED WERE ADOPTED BACK IN 1994 AND WE HAVE NOT CHANGED THEM SINCE. THE FUEL FACTOR IS CONSIDERED A PASS-THROUGH. THE BECAUSE OF THE FLUCTUATING NATURE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. OUR ENERGY COMES FROM COAL, NUCLEAR AND IT COMES FROM NATURAL GAS. NATURAL GAS HAS IN RECENT YEARS HAS REALLY BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE AND MUCH MORE VOLATILE THAN THE OTHER TWO FUELS THAT WE USE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COST OF GAS IN THE LAST -- SINCE JANUARY HAS ALMOST DOUBLED IN THE COUNTRY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NO UTILITY COULD POSSIBLY PLAN FOR, SO MANY YEARS AGO THE STRUCTURE WAS SET UP SO THAT THE FUEL PORTION OF THE BILL WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY A PASS-THROUGH TO THE CUSTOMERS. OUR FUEL FACTOR IS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE STATE. THE LAST TIME WE COMPARED IT WE MAY HAVE FOUND ONE OTHER UTILITY THAT CHARGED A SMALLER PORTION, BUT IT IS A VERY, VERY ATTRACTIVE FUEL FACTOR. WE HAVE NOT CHANGED THE FUEL FACTOR IN TWO YEARS. AND IN THE MEANTIME, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, GAS HAS GONE FROM ABOUT FOUR DOLLARS 4.25 UP TO \$10 A DAY. ODAY. AND THOSE ARE THE FACTORS WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD THE LINE. FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS, SAM HILL -- SAND HILL CAME ON LINE AND IT'S MUCH MORE EFFICIENT. AND SECONDLY THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE HEDGING PROGRAM THAT WE ARE USING TO HEAT OUR TARGET ON THE FUEL FACTOR TO TRY TO KEEP OUR RATES REASONABLE.

Futrell: JUAN, SPEAK TO HOW DOES EVERY UTILITY HANDLE FUEL CHARGES?

THEY PASS THEM THROUGH. >>

Futrell: AND HOW IS THAT STRUCTURE SET UP? WHO SETS UP THAT STRUCTURE?

THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION. SO IT'S A REGULATED RERMENT OF A UTILITY FOR A FUEL CHARGE TO BE A PASS THROUGH.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 7, WHICH DEREGULATED A PORTION OF THE MARKET, THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS ALLOWED TO ADJUST THEIR FUEL FACTOR TWICE A YEAR, AND THEY HAVE TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

Futrell: SO WE HAVE ACTUALLY HELD IT CONSTANT WITHOUT DOING WHAT YOU COULD HAVE DONE AS A PRIVATE UTILITY IN RAISING IT TWICE A YEAR.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Futrell: AND WHEN IS THE LAST TIME AUSTIN ENERGY HAD A RATE INCREASE?

BASE INCREASE SINCE 1984.

SO OVER 10 YEARS. 11 YEARS WITHOUT A RATE INCREASE ON THE UTILITY SIDE.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Futrell: THANKS.

McCracken: AND MR. GARZA, CAN YOU REMIND US HOW DOES OUR BASE RATE COMPARE TO THE OTHER CITIES IN THE STATE?

WE ARE -- OF ALL THE LARGE CITIES THAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT RECENTLY, ONLY SAN ANTONIO HAS RATES LOWER THAN WE DO. WE ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN DALLAS, HOUSTON, CORPUS CHRISTI, FORT WORTH AREA. WE HAVE VERY, VERY ATTRACTIVE RATES. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND HELPING OUR CUSTOMERS TO

WEATHERIZE THEIR HOMES AND THEIR BUSINESSES, OUR CONSUMPTION HERE IS LOWER THAN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE. I HAVE LOOKED AT THIS IN COMPARING OUR AVERAGE BILL TO THE AVERAGE BILLS IN SAN ANTONIO, ADJUSTING FOR DIFFERENCES IN THE WEATHER, DIFFERENCES IN THE SIZE OF THE HOUSES AND CONSTRUCTION AND OUR RESIDENTS ARE STILL USING LESS ELECTRICITY HERE THAN THEY ARE THERE WHEN ADJUSTED FOR ALL THOSE FACTORS.

McCracken: AND THE PURPOSE OF ME ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS IS NOT TO ATTACK ANYONE. IT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AS POLICYMAKERS ARE OPERATING FROM THE BEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION. AND SO WHAT WE'VE DISCOVERED IS THAT IF YOU HAVE AN INCOME THAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR A 100,000-DOLLAR MORTGAGE, YOU ARE GOING TO PAY LESS IN CITY PROPERTY TAXES IN AUSTIN AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY LESS IN UTILITY BILLS. AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN WHAT IS THE GREATEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE WORLD, I BELIEVE. AND SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DECIDE IS WHAT IS AN INVESTMENT, WHAT IS THE RETURN FOR THAT INVESTMENT THAT PEOPLE ARE MAKING, THAT'S WHAT A LOT OF FOLKS ARE HERE TONIGHT TO HEAR. BUT YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE BEING FAIR ABOUT IT AND THAT YOU'RE OPERATING FROM ACCURATE INFORMATION. AND I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN OPERATING FROM A BASELINE OF ASSUMPTIONS THAT THE DATA DOES NOT SUPPORT. AND SO IT WAS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT THERE ARE VERY REAL CONSEQUENCES IF WE CUT BELOW THE CURRENT RATE AND NOT TO MENTION THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ENDORSED STAYING AT THE CURRENT RATE. SO IT'S NOT EVEN AN ANTI-BUSINESS POSITION. AND I THINK A LOT OF FOLKS IN THIS ROOM THIS EVENING ALSO ENDORSE STAYING AT THE CURRENT RATE SO THAT WE CAN INVEST IN THE THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. >>

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS? SO WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR SPEAKERS NOW. OUR NEXT SIGNED UP SPEAKER LOOKS LIKE ADRIAN MOORE. IS ADRIAN MOORE HERE? WELCOME. AND SOME FOLKS WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. IS SANDRA JONES IN THE ROOM? HELLO. HOW ABOUT SUZANNE HERSHEY? HOW

ABOUT DIANE BRIDENSTEIN. WELCOME. HOW ABOUT TED MIDDLEBURG? IS TED HERE? SO ADRIAN, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME.

THIS WILL BE BRIEF, MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. ADRIAN MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNCIL ON AT RISK YOUTH. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT WITH THE MAJORITY OF YOU VERY BRIEFLY ABOUT OUR BUDGET REQUEST. I HAD THREE POSITIVE POINT OF INFORMATION THAT I WANTED TO BRING TO YOU THIS EVENING, SEVERAL POINTS OF DATA THAT ARE RELATIVELY NEW AND SIGNIFICANT AND POINT TO THE NEED FOR US TO INVEST IN YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS WHO ARE AT RISK. NUMBER ONE, THE SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOL STUDY BY THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THIS LAST SCHOOL YEAR POINTS TO THE FACT THAT THERE WERE 8500 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN VIOLENT-RELATED ACTS, EITHER VERBAL OR PHYSICAL AGAINST OTHER STUDENTS OR AGAINST TEACHERS. THAT FIGURE, 8500 CASES OF THESE WERE ACTUALLY STUDENTS RATHER THAN INCIDENTS, BUT 8500 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN VERY SERIOUS, VIOLENT-RELATED ACTS REPRESENTS A 17 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR. SO WE CAN SEE THAT YOUTH VIOLENCE IS GOING UP. IT'S IN OUR SCHOOLS. SECONDLY IN LOOKING AT THE F.B.I. UNIFORM CRIME REPORT DATA THAT WE REPORT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS, IN INDEX CRIMES. THREE OF THOSE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. AND THESE ARE FOUR KIDS BETWEEN 10 AND 19 YEARS OF AGE, SCHOOL AGE KIDS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME TERRIBLY SCARY -- SERIOUSLY VIOLENT OFFENSES. MURDER RATES HAVE GONE UP FOR THIS GROUP OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT RATES HAVE GONE UP OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. ROBBERY RATES HAVE GONE UP OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. COLLECTIVELY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THIS GROUP OF KIDS, 10 THROUGH 19-YEAR-OLDS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR -- THEY'VE BEEN CHARGED, THEY'VE BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH 25 MURDERS, 425 ROBBERIES, AND 635 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS. THAT SAYS

THAT KIDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME VERY, VERY SERIOUS, WHAT WE CALL INDEX CRIMES, CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION. WE CAN PREVENT. WE CAN INTERVENE, WE CAN REDIRECT ANY NUMBER OF THESE KIDS. THE THIRD POINT I WANTED TO MAKE IS THERE'S A COST EFFECTIVENESS ARGUMENT FOR INVESTING EARLY ON WITH KIDS WHO WE KNOW ARE GOING INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE HAS A STUDY OUT POINTING TO A COST FIGURE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR EACH HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT WHO ENTERS INTO A LIFE OF PETTY CRIME FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. IN AND OUT OF DRUG ABUSE, PETTY THEFT, ASSAULT AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. TWO MILLION DOLLARS IT COSTS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. TALLY UP THE COST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, FOR COURTS, FOR PROSECUTION, PUBLIC DEFENSE, PROBATION, JAIL, TIME FOR INCARCERATION TIME AND PAROLE TIME, ADD BACK TO THAT THE LOSS IN CHILD SUPPORT THAT THESE FOLKS DON'T PAY ALONG WITH THE ADDED TAX REVENUE THAT THEY DON'T PAY, TWO MILLION DOLLARS. THE PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAMMING THAT KERRY HAS WITH THE AT RISK KIDS WHO ARE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE IDENTIFIED EARLIER REPRESENTED IN THE 8500 CASES, IT WILL COST US \$600 FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE. THAT'S FOR A YEAR OF GROUP SKILLS TRAINING, INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING, WORK WITH PARENTS, AND SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS. SO LET ME CONCLUDE AND SAY THAT WE CAN'T REALLY BUILD, WE CAN'T BUDGET ENOUGH COURTS, ENOUGH POLICE, ENOUGH PROBATION, ENOUGH JAILS, ENOUGH PRISONS OR PAROLE. WE SIMPLY MUST ACT SOONER. WE KNOW WHO THESE KIDS ARE. THERE ARE SCIENCE BASED PROGRAMS OUT THERE. KERRY USES THESE AND WE GET GOOD RESULTS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU THERE AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THERE ARE SEVERAL FRIENDS OF KERRY. COULD I HAVE YOU FOLKS STAND, SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS, SEVERAL FRIENDS OF KERRY HERE? WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE AND RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MOORE. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: OUR NEXT SIGNED UP SPEAKER IS STEVE ADAMS. STEVE ADAMS? WELCOME. AND IS CELESTE ADAMS HERE? HELLO. WELCOME. SO STEVE, YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CARL TEMPER.

THANK YOU. I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT THE WOMAN FROM BOMA WAS SAYING IS IT'S THE TAXES THAT ARE CREEPING UP ON US THAT REALLY GET US IN TROUBLE. I'M LOOKING AT A PROPERTY TAX FOR A FRIEND OF MINE. YOU'RE RIGHT, AUSTIN DOES HAVE ONE OF THE LOWEST CITY PROPERTY TAXES, TRUE, BUT IT'S EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S KILLING US. AISD IS AT 1.623. TRAVIS COUNTY IS AT .487. TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS AT .077. AND THE A.C.C. IS AT .09. ALL ADDING UP TO 2.7211. THAT'S SIX GRAND, SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. WHEN YOU ADD UP \$20 HERE AND YOU ADD ANOTHER \$20 THERE BECAUSE TRAVIS COUNTY IS ASKING TO RAISE THEIR TAX RATE ALSO, I'M SURE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS GOING TO WANT MORE MONEY THEMSELVES, EVERYONE IS GETTING A STEP BY STEP. EACH AGENCY CAME TODAY ASKING FOR MORE MONEY. THE AUSTIN ELECTRIC, THE WATER. THE ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T ASK FOR IT WAS SOLID SERVICES. AND I'VE GOT TO COMMEND THEM FOR THAT. THEY WERE THE ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T ASK FOR MORE MONEY. IT WAS IN THE PAPER AUGUST 29TH SAYING THAT THE FIREFIGHTERS AND THE BLISS BASICALLY COULDN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE IN AUSTIN. TWO-THIRDS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS LIVE OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN. SIX OUT OF 10 FIREFIGHTERS LIVE OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN AND THEY MAKE A PRETTY GOOD SALARY. I WOULD BRING IT UP TO THE POINT THAT MAYBE OUR TAX RATE NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT, INSTEAD OF RAISED, MAYBE EVEN LOWERED AND LOOK AT AREAS WHERE WE CAN SAVE MONEY. I REALIZE EVERYBODY WANTS TO HAVE A LIBRARY OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO HAVE THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST ITEM TAKEN CARE OF, BUT NOT MANY BUSINESSES ARE OPEN EVERYDAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. IF WE HAD ONE DAY CLOSED ON THE LIBRARY LIKE WE HAVE NOW, IF THAT SAVES US THE MONEY RATHER THAN RAISING TAXES, MAYBE WE NEED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY OR LOOK AT AREAS

THAT WOULD SUBSIDIZE A LIBRARY HERE VERSUS A LIBRARY THERE. BUT THE TAXPAYER IS -- IT'S JUST TOO MUCH. YOU KNOW, I REALIZE THAT IT'S ONLY AN EXTRA \$10 ON THE CITY TAX RATE BY RAISING IT FROM -- ON A 200,000-DOLLAR HOME, AND A LOT OF THE HOUSES HERE IN AUSTIN ARE EITHER OVERAPPRAISED OR BASICALLY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THAT AMOUNT, IT'S BASICALLY ABOUT A 10-DOLLAR DIFFERENCE. NOW, \$10 HERE AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM MUCH, LIKE I WAS SAYING EARLIER, BUT WHEN YOU ADD IT UP TO THE AISD, CITY OF AUSTIN, THE TRAVIS COUNTY, THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, A.C.C., THEN YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE RAISE PRICED IN THE GAS RATES THAT WE'RE HAVING TO PAY OFF OF THE SITUATION DOWN IN LOUISIANA, ALL GOODS AND SERVICES ARE GOING UP, THE MONEY WE'RE GIVING TO SAMSUNG THE FIRST TIME, FREESCALE, SAMSUNG THE SECOND TIME WITH THE \$50 MILLION WE'RE PROJECTING TO GIVE THEM, IT ADDS UP QUICKLY. IT'S A LOT OF MONEY. WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE MADE ON CSC, VIGNETTE AND OTHER COMPANIES THAT WE HAVE GIVEN TAX BREAKS TOO, YET THE TAXPAYER IS THE ONE WHO ALWAYS WINDS UP PAYING. THERE'S GOT TO BE A STOP SOMEWHERE. WE HAVE GOT TO BRING CONTROL OF THIS TAXATION. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST COST OF LIVING IN THE STATE. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH? I REALIZE THAT AGAIN I'M GOING TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THAT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE \$10 EXTRA DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A LOT, BUT WHEN IT'S ADDED TO THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT WANT MORE MONEY, IT IS A LOT. I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT. I HOPE YOU MAKE THE CORRECT DECISION. ITEMS LIKE -- HERE'S ONE OTHER ITEM I NOTICED TODAY WHEN AUSTIN ENERGY WAS GIVING THEIR PRESENTATION. THEY ARE GIVING \$3.5 MILLION IN SOLAR REBATES. AND I WONDER WHY THE COMPANIES THAT ARE RECEIVING THEM, LIKE THE SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS GETTING \$100,000 IN REBATES TO PUT UP SOLAR PANELS. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM A ZERO INTEREST LOAN. OR OUT OF THE 3.5 MILLION THAT THEY'RE SPENDING THEY GAVE LAST TIME FOR THE SOLAR PANELS, WHY DON'T WE DO THOSE IN ZERO INTEREST REBATES? MR. GARZA WAS SPEAKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE DOING ADDITIONS ON HOMES, ETCETERA, TO TRY TO MAKE THEM MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT. THOSE ALSO, INSTEAD OF

HAVING REBATES FOR THESE AMOUNTS, WE CAN HAVE ZERO INTEREST LOANS. MIKE LEVY SENT YOU E-MAILS SAYING HE GOT A THOUSAND DOLLARS HERE AND THERE BACK ON SOME AIR CONDITIONERS HE WAS FORCED TO BUY ANYWHERE TO REPLACE AN OLD AIR CONDITIONER. AND HE KEPT WONDERING WHY THE CITY WAS GIVING HIM MONEY. AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHY INSTEAD OF GIVING MONEY BACK, OF ITEMS THAT ARE A HOMEOWNER'S OR BUSINESS OWNER OBLIGATION, WHY DON'T WE GIVE THEM ZERO INTEREST LOANS TO BUY THAT, PAY THE CITY BACK AND WE HAVE THAT MONEY AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO HAS GOT THE MONEY TO PEOPLE WHO NEED THE MONEY. PLEASE TAKE THAT TO HEART. I HOPE YOU TAKE THE TIME AND THINK ABOUT WHAT I'M SURE ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO MENTION. BUT THINK ABOUT THE TAXPAYER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: NEXT SPEAKER IS CARL TEMPER. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY KYLE GILLMAN. WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REGINA ROGOLF.

THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A WEEK, SO IT MUST BE BUDGET SEASON. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, AND I'M GOING TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU THAT I'M WITH BOMA AUSTIN, THE BUILDING D MRNGS ASSOCIATION. I HAVE A GREAT JOB. I'M A PROPERTY MANAGER. I PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE A CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE PLACE TO RUN THEIR BUSINESSES SO THEY CAN -- ENTERPRISES SO THEY CAN FEED THEIR FAMILIES. ON TOP OF MY DUTIES WHICH INCLUDE FIELDING CALLS ABOUT JANITORIAL SERVICES AND OVERFLOWING TOILETS I TRY TO MAKE OUR PROPERTY AS AFFORDABLE AND EFFICIENT. WE KEEP OUR RENTS COMPETITIVE AND FAIR OF THE THE DOWN SIDE THAT I HAVE TO MY JOB IS THERE ARE FACTORS I CAN'T CONTROL, THE OPERATING EXPENSES. UNLIKE AN APARTMENT LEASE OR HOME MORTGAGE, OFFICE LEASES ARE DIVIDED INTO RENTAL COST AND THE OPERATING EXPENSES. THE OPERATING EXPENSES ARE COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE, TAXES, INSURANCE AND OTHER. THE TWO GREATEST PORTIONS OF OUR OPERATING EXPENSES ARE THE TAXES AND UTILITIES, AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BOTH HERE TODAY. WHEN DISCUSSING AMONG OURSELVES HOW TO CONVEY THE HARM THESE OPERATING EXPENSES ARE TO OUR INDUSTRY, WE

COMPLETED OUR RESEARCH AND DISCOVERED THAT OUR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, PAID FOR BY THE SMALL BUSINESSES BECAUSE OUR OPERATING EXPENSES ARE PASS THRU TO THEM, WE PAY FOR ALMOST ALL CITY SERVICES EXCEPT FOR FIRE, POLICE AND E.M.S. THE CITY IS PLAYING A SHELL GAME. THE CHART IS FRANKLY A FRAUD AND SO ARE THE UTILITY RATES THAT WERE JUST QUOTED TO ME. WE ARE DISCUSSING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAXES AND WE'RE ALSO DISCUSSING THE COMMERCIAL UTILITY RATES THAT I PAY. WE PAY A DEMAND CHARGE. WE ARE DEMAND CHARGE CUSTOMERS. I RECENTLY MANAGED A BUILDING IN DALLAS, AND I PAY AT LEAST TWO CENTS -- I REMEMBER WHEN I RAN WITH SOME OF YOU ALL TWO YEARS AGO, WE PAY AT LEAST TWO CENTS A KILOWATT HIGHER THAN WE DO IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH 170,000-KILOWATT HOURS A MONTH, THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT. THIS YEAR HIGH APPRAISALS RATES, NEW TAXING DISTRICTS, HIGHER UTILITIES, WE'VE GOT NEW COUNTY BONDS PROPOSED, CITY BONDS PROPOSED, AND NOW HIGHER FUEL COSTS ARE TAKING THEIR TOLL ON THE SMALL BUSINESSES WHO ARE THE TENANTS WHO I LIKE TO FEEL I REPRESENT TODAY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE STRESS TO YOU BECAUSE SO MANY OF YOU KNOW US PERSONALLY, MARY AND I REPRESENT BOMA AUSTIN TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE CITY. WE'RE NOT PAID FOR THIS. WE DO THIS AS VOLUNTEER WORK. WE'RE EFFECTIVELY VOLUNTEERS. WE HAVE A PASSION FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT AND FOR OUR INDUSTRY. I WOULD ARGUE AT THIS TIME THAT RAISING OUR TAXES IN A YEAR WITH EXPONENTIALLY HIGH APPRAISALS AND FUEL COSTS IS NOT GOOD GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT COUNCIL INSTITUTE THE HIGHEST NO, NAL TAX RATE AVAILABLE. IF THIS IS TRUE, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DELAY ANY UTILITY RATE HIKES UNTIL NEXT YEAR WHILE WE CAN STILL BUDGET FOR THEM. MEANING THE WASTEWATER FEE HIKES AND SOME OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY HIKES WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DELAYED AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO GET IN FUTURE, WE'D LIKE TO GET EARLIER WARNING ABOUT THESE RATE HIKES SO WE CAN BUNGT THEM IN FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND WARN OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THEIR OPERATING EXPENSES ARE GOING TO BE X AND GO AHEAD AND LET

THEM PAY FOR THEM OUT THAT WAY. THANK YOU.

Futrell: OKAY. I CAN'T STAND IT. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER EVERY COUPLE ONES, EVIDENTLY. SOMEONE MENTIONED EARLIER THAT CSC RECEIVED TAX BREAKS. CSC RECEIVED NO TAX BREAKS IN THEIR INCENTIVE PACKAGES. AT THAT TIME ALL THE PROPOSAL IN PLACE ALL USED NON-TAX INCENTIVES. THE ONLY THING THAT CSC RECEIVED IN THEIR PACKAGES WERE WAIVED DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THEIR ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT PIECE. SO IF THERE WAS SOME FOREGONE REVENUE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THERE WERE SOME INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AND SIDEWALKS AND UTILITY, BUT THERE WERE NO TAX INCENTIVE. WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A TAX ABATEMENT POLICY IN PLACE AT THAT TIME.

Mayor Wynn: IF I CAN, WHAT CSC REPRESENTS IS THIS WAS PUBLICLY OWNED, STILL PUBLICLY OWNED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND IF YOU DROVE AROUND DOWNTOWN AUSTIN, THE WORST LOOKING REAL ESTATE YOU SAW YOU OWNED AS A TAXPAYER AND IT WAS DELIVERING ZERO INCOME, ZERO REVENUE TO YOU AS THE OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY, NOTHING. AND NOT ONLY WAS IT DELIVERING NOTHING, IT WAS SUCH BAD LOOKING REAL ESTATE, IT BROUGHT DOWN THE ASSESSED PRIVATE PROPERTY VALUES AROUND IT. CSC CAME DOWN HERE AND PUT 87 MILLION DOLLARS OF PRIVATE TAX BASE ON YOUR PROPERTY, WE STILL OWN THE LAND, AND THEY PAY 100% PROPERTY TAXES ON 87 MILLION DOLLARS OF PRIVATE TAX BASE, PUMPING INTO OUR GENERAL FUND EVERY YEAR.

Futrell: A COUPLE OF QUICK THINGS SO NOMENCLATURE IS ALL THE SAME. THE BUDGET IS ACTUALLY PROPOSED -- THE USE OF THE WORD NOMINAL, NOMINAL MEANS THE CURRENT TAX RATE. IT'S SYNONYMOUS WITH THE WORD CURRENT.

I APOLOGIZE. I MISUNDERSTOOD.

Futrell: THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT IS KIND OF CONFUSING. EFFECTIVE -- HOLD ON A SECOND. YOUR TIME IS THROUGH, SO I HAVE A CHANCE TO ANSWER MINE. THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE IS THE TAX RATE THAT BRINGS IN THE SAME AMOUNT

OF MONEY AS THE YEAR BEFORE. WE PROPOSED ABOVE THE EFFECTIVE, BUT BELOW THE NOMINAL, WHICH IS THE CURRENT RATE, AND IT IS NOT THE HIGHEST RATE. NO, NOMINAL IS NOT THE HIGHEST RATE THAT CAN BE LEVIED IN A BUDGET YEAR. IN ADDITION TO THAT, RERATES BAITS WAS ANOTHER ISSUE. JUAN, ARE YOU STILL HERE? JUAN, JUST QUICKLY, ROGER, WHOEVER, CAN YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THE REBATE ISSUE QUICKLY? IF YOU DIRECTORS WOULD COME CLOSER DOWN TO THE FRONT SO WE DON'T TAKE SO MUCH TIME? WE DON'T GIVE REBATES FOR THINGS YOU HAVE TO BUY. THE REBATES ARE WHEN YOU BUY A PARTICULAR KIND OF --

YES, COUNCILMEMBER, ROGER DUNCAN WITH AUSTIN ENERGY. THE REBATES PAY THE DIFFERENTIAL COST BETWEEN AN APPLIANCE THAT YOU HAVE TO BUY ALREADY AND A HIGHER EFFICIENCY APPLIANCE. IT DOESN'T EVEN PAY 100% OF THE EXTRA COST FOR A HIGHER EFFICIENCY APPLIANCE, JUST ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE A CONSUMER TO GO TO THAT HIGHER EFFICIENCY.

Futrell: SO JUST QUICKLY, THAT'S -- WE SEE A LOT OF THOSE E-MAILS TOO, BUT THAT JUST IS NOT THE TRUTH OF THE PROGRAM. SO THOSE ARE PROBABLY THE BIG ONES. I GUESS ONE OTHER REAL QUICK THING, THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING IN OUR MOST RECENT ANALYSIS, DALLAS IS ACTUALLY RIGHT AT AUSTIN'S COST OF LIVING NOW. WE DO HAVE A HIGH COST OF LIVING, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, WE HAVE ASKEWED HOUSING RIGHT HERE IN AUSTIN. BUT WE ARE NO LONGER -- NO LONGER HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE HIGHEST. OUR MOST RECENT ANALYSIS SHOWS WE ARE NECK AND NECK WITH DALLAS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS TO GET THROUGH.

McCracken: MAYOR, ONE THING. I THINK ON THAT POINT, THE DATA ALSO SHOWS THAT OUR AVERAGE INCOME IS A LOT HIGHER THAN DALLAS'. AND IN FACT THE COST OF CITY GOVERNMENT AS A SHARE OF PERSONAL INCOME HAS DROPPED -- HAS GOTTEN -- TAKEN 20% LESS OUT OF PERSONAL INCOME. THAT'S CONTINUED FROM 1990 TO 2003. WE LIVE IN A GREAT CITY. WE ALL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO

INVEST IN THIS GREAT CITY. AND SO IF YOU LOVE AUSTIN AND YOU WANT TO MAKE IT BETTER, WE'VE ALL GOT TO CONTRIBUTE TOGETHER ON IT AND WE'RE CONTRIBUTING AT A MUCH LOWER RATE THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE STATE.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. CONTINUING ON WITH OUR CITIZENS' SIGN-UP. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CARL GILLMAN, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REGINA. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS KYLE. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I ALSO AM A MEMBER OF BOMA AUSTIN. I OWN A SMALL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, EVERYBODY ASSUMES WE'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THESE HUGE DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES. WE'RE NOT. I HAVE A NICHE MARKET. I ONLY MANAGE PROPERTIES UNDER 100,000 SQUARE FEET. I HAVE DONE THAT BECAUSE MOST OF THE BIG MANAGEMENT COMPANIES DON'T WANT TO HANDLE THESE PROPERTIES. THEY ARE THE ONES REALLY BEING HURT BY THESE HIGHER TAXES, EACH AND EVERY TIME ANYTHING GOES UP, IT'S COMING OUT OF MOST LIKELY A PERSON, A RESIDENT OF AUSTIN WHO BOUGHT A PROPERTY FOR THEIR SMALL BUSINESS AND USED PART OF THAT PROPERTY THEY HAVE LEASED. SO THEY HAVE TWO CHOICES. THEY EITHER ABSORB THESE COSTS IF IT'S TAXES, IF IT'S UTILITIES, INCREASE IN FEES FOR PERMITTING, WHATEVER IT IS, THESE ARE ABSORBED OR THEY TAX IT THROUGH TO THEIR TENANTS IN THEY CAN. TENANTS HAVE TWO CHOICES. THEY ABSORB IT OR THEY PASS IT THROUGH TO ALL THE GOOD CITIZENS HERE TONIGHT. WHAT THAT MEANS IS -- THAT'S USUALLY WHAT HAPPENS. WHAT THAT MEANS IS EACH CITIZEN, EVERY TIME THEY GO INTO A NEW BUSINESS GETS INCREMENTALLY HIT WITH A HIGHER EXPENSE. SO YOU GO SEE YOUR DOCTOR, YOU GO SEE YOUR CAR MECHANIC, YOU GO SEE WHOEVER, YOU'RE PAYING AN EXTRA DOLLAR OR TWO. AND YOU DO THIS ALL DAY LONG. ADD THAT INTO YOUR TAXES, THIS IS A HUGE AMOUNT WE'RE PAYING. AND WE REALLY NEED TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL. WHAT ARE WE DOING -- ARE WE GETTING OUR BEST BANG? I DO COMMEND YOU. I KNOW IT'S A HARD JOB. I DO IT ALL TIME LONG. BUDGET PROCESS HAS

NO REWARDS AND LOTS OF PAIN, BUT WE REALLY NEED TO GET TOGETHER ON THE UTILITY BILL. I CAN'T SAY I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING. I WOULD RECOMMEND WE SET A TAX FORCE BETWEEN B ON OMA, COUNCILMEMBERS OR AUSTIN ENERGY, WATER, WASTEWATER, SIT DOWN WHAT ARE THESE BILLS, TRIP GENERATION, IF YOU HAVE SO MANY TRIP GENERATIONS, YOU PAY MORE TO GO TO A DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR YOUR TRANSPORTATION COSTS. I DON'T KNOW -- I DON'T KNOW IF THE CITY MANAGER WILL EXPLAIN THAT IN A SECOND, BUT WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I AM GOING TO STAND WITH MARY AND WHAT I AM GOING TO DO IS START EXPLAINING THESE FEES FOR MY TENANTS. HOPEFULLY THEY CAN EXPLAIN IT TO THEIR HAINTS COMPLOOINTS AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE CITIZENS REALLY KNOWING THE TRUTH ABOUT THEIR TAXES AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

Futrell: ONE THING THAT WE'LL COMMIT TO YOU, MAYBE ONE THING THAT WE WILL DO THEN IS SIT DOWN SO THAT WE'LL PUT AUSTIN ENERGY, WATER AND WASTEWATER, I'LL ASK OUR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, JOE CANALES, SOFA SILL AT A TIME THE MEETING WITH BOM A A, AND WE'LL SIT DOWN, TAKE IT LINE BY LINE, SHOW YOU COMPARISONS AND METHODOLOGY QUESTIONS, LIKE THINGS, HOW THAT'S DETERMINED -- AND WE'LL WORK IT THROUGH WITH YOU. SO AT LEAST WE HAVE SOME FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THE TABLE WITH WHICH TO MOVE FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. IS JOY STALLINGS HERE? I NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE HERE. WELCOME. HOW ABOUT BONNIE GARDENER. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

I AM REGINA ROGOTH, I ACTUALLY INTENDED TO DEFER MY PRESENTATION SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF AUSTIN INTERFAITH COULD MAKE THEIR PRESENTATIONS WHEN THEIR MEMBERSHIP WAS HERE. BECAUSE OF THE TIMING, I SAW THEY LEFT. SO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE MY PRESENTATION FIRST. MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS, CITY MANAGER, COUNCILMEMBERS, I AM REGINA ROGOTH. AND THE VOLUNTEER CO-CHAIR OF AUSTIN

INTERFAITH. ON BEHALF OF THE 60 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, I AM HERE TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF THE 5% CUT TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES. AND FOR TAKING THE TIME INDIVIDUALLY TO MEET WITH US. I AM ALSO HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING THE NOMINAL TAX RATE SO THAT ADDITIONAL DOLLARS CAN BE INVESTED IN THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE NOMINAL TAX RATE PUTS PEOPLE FIRST. WITH ME TONIGHT ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE GROUPS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AS WELL. WITH THE MEMBER OF ASA AND OTHER SUPPORTERS PLEASE STAND. AS I SAID EARLIER, THE AUSTIN INTERFAITH STUDENTS HAD TO LEAVE, THANK YOU. THE GROUPS REPRESENTED HERE PROVIDE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO LOW INCOME AND UNDERSERVED MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY AND ARE THE CITY'S TRUE SAFETY NET. IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT TRUE THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT THESE SERVICES UNTIL THE NEED FOR THEM ARISES. BUT WHEN THERE IS NEED, THESE SERVICES CAN MAKE THE CRITICAL DIFFERENCE IN A PERSON'S WELL-BEING. AND MAKE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE WE ALL SHARE. WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME IS THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON YOU AS OUR CIVIC LEADERS TO ASSURE THAT THESE SERVICES CONTINUE TO EXIST AND TO -- TO THRIVE SO THAT WHEN THE NEED OCCURS, AS WE ALL KNOW WILL HAPPEN, HELP IS AVAILABLE. THE RECENT DEADLY HURRICANE IS A POWERFUL REMINDER, MORE THAN KATRINA HERSELF, IT WAS THE CITY'S FAIL YOUR TO SHORE UP THE LEVEES THAT HAS RESULTED IN MUCH OF THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN NEW ORLEANS. WE LOOK TO YOU TO SHORE UP THE SAFETY NET IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT THE NOMINAL TAX RATE.

THANK YOU, MS. ROGOTH. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, REGINA. NEXT SPEAKER OPHELIA ZAPATA. FOLLOWED BY DAN GONZALEZ, FALLED BY JOE TOMAIN.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS AND COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS OPHELIA ZAPATA, CO-

CHAIR OF AUSTIN INTERFAITH, MEMBER OF SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH. MAYBE OF OUR LEADERS -- MANY OF OUR LEADERS HAD TO LEAVE, WE HAVE BEEN HERE OVER TWO HOURS, STUDENTS HAD TO GET BACK TO CLASS, THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL OF US HERE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF INITIATIVES SUCH AS CAPITAL IDEA, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, AND THE PRIME TIME AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM THAT BENEFIT FAMILIES OF AUSTIN. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN FORCED YOU TO TRIM THE BUDGET, AUSTIN INTERFAITH LEADERS WORKED WITH YOU TO PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF THESE INITIATIVES. NOW THAT CUTS CAN BE RESTORED, WE ARE HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE TAXES NECESSARY TO INVEST IN HUMAN CAPITAL. INITIATIVES SUCH AS ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, CAPITAL IDEA AND THE PRIME TIME AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CAN ONLY MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER. AN INVESTMENT ON THE CITY'S PART WILL BE RETURNED TO ALL OF US AS PARTICIPANTS BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF AUSTIN AS TAXPAYERS AND ACTIVE CIVIC PARTICIPANTS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. ZAPATA. DAN GONZALEZ. BE FOLD BY LOOKS LIKE JOE TOME.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS FATHER JOE TOME, PASTOR AT SAINT IGNATIUS IN SOUTH AUSTIN AND A CLERGY LEADER FOR AUSTIN INTERFAITH. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FUNDS THAT THE COUNCIL HAS GIVEN TO ESL AND ALSO TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. IN ORDER TO ALLOW OTHER INITIATIVES SUCH AS CAPITAL IDEA TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE NOMINAL TAX RATE FOR THE UPCOMING BUDGET. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WILL MEAN A SMALL INCREASE IN TAXES. AND AFTER TO WHAT WE REFERRED TO THIS EVENING, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY BOLD STATEMENT. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THE BENEFITS THAT WE ALL RECEIVE IN RETURN. WE ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT AN INCREASE BECAUSE WE ARE MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL. HUMAN CAPITAL. THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR AUSTIN COMMUNITY. THIS INVESTMENT,

LONG TERM TRAINING FOR LIVING WAGE WILL BE PAID BACK WITHIN SIX YEARS. IN MY CONGREGATION, THERE'S A PARISHIONER WHO RECENTLY BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN, QUITE PROUDLY AND SPEAKS ENGLISH, WILL TAKE ESL PROGRAMS TO DO THIS. HIS GOAL IS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CAPITAL IDEA SO HE CAN BUILD A CAREER FOR HIMSELF AND THUS BETTER SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. I KNOW THAT THE PAST SUCCESS OF CAPITAL IDEA INSPIRED MANY OTHERS IN AUSTIN TO OFFER THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAPITAL IDEA CAN PROVIDE THEM. THE COUNCIL'S HELP IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO REACH THE POTENTIAL ABOUT THE SAME TIME ALLOWING THEM TO EARN A LIVING WAGE, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FATHER. LET'S SEE, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FANNY EKENBALLAH, SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT, FOLLOWED BY HERBERTO GONZALEZ.

GOOD EVENING, THANK YOU MAYOR AND TO MAYOR PRO TEM AND TO OUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US BE HERE TO -- TO SAY TO YOU THAT WE ARE PROUD OF AUSTIN INTERFAITH AND THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. AND THEIR STAND FOR SUPPORTING AND HAVING AVAILABLE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO THRIVE AND GROW AND DEVELOP IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE NEEDS THAT ALLOW THEM TO HAVE BASIC LIFE NECESSITIES, WHILE THEY TRY TO WORK, ARE GO TO SCHOOL -- OR GO TO SCHOOL OR EARN A LIVING FOR THEIR FAMILIES. WE ARE PROUD OF THE AUSTIN INTERFAITH VISION OF CAPITAL IDEA. AND WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO THE CITY, THE COUNTY AND STATE AND OTHERS WHO HAVE FUNDED THIS PROGRAM AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET INTO IT AND TO GET THE EDUCATION, THE SKILLS THEY NEED SO THAT THEY CAN GO OUT AND OBTAIN JOBS AND BECOME TAXPAYERS TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND GET OFF THE TAX ROLL THROUGH TANF, WORK SERVICES, UNEMPLOYMENT, OTHER THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO FALL BACK ON WHEN THEY CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. RIGHT NOW, WE STILL NEED THE MONEY. WE NEED IT DESPERATELY. LET'S

LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T AFFORD TO GET THEMSELVES UP AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEY NEEDED TO GET THEMSELVES UP. AND MOVE OUT OF HARM'S WAY. CAPITAL IDEA IS THERE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE SKILLS, THE OPPORTUNITIES TO GO TO SCHOOL, TO EARN A G.E.D., TO LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME EMPLOYED, PRODUCTIVELY, PAYING TAXES, LIVING WAGES, SO THAT THEY CAN PAY FOR THEIR HOUSING, PAY INSURANCE, HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE IN THEIR JOBS. WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND WE ARE ASKING YOU IF -- TO PLEASE PUT BACK THE MONEY, RESTORE THE MONEYS THAT HAS BEEN CUT. SO THAT WE CAN ENABLE PEOPLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF THEMSELVES. AND THE SPEAKERS THAT FOLLOW ME WILL BE TALKING ABOUT WHAT CAPITAL IDEA HAS MEANT TO THEM. HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM. AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE KEEP IN MIND WHAT WE ARE SAYING AND PLEASE KEEP US AND YOUR CONSIDERATION AS YOU MAKE DECISIONS ON WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THIS NEXT BUDGET. WE DON'T NEED MORE PEOPLE GOING INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE DON'T NEED MORE PEOPLE GOING INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND ALL THE THINGS THAT CONTINUE TO DRAPE OUR CITIES. -- DRAIN OUR CITIES, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] ALBERTO GONZALEZ, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY BRYAN PENNINGTON.

I WILL NEED LESS THAN THAT. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS HERBERTO GONZALEZ, I'M A GRADUATE OF CAPITAL IDEA. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE UNITED STATES I WAS 15 YEARS OLD AND I WORK PICKING TOMATO, EGG PLANTS AND PEPPERS. MY DREAM? WAS TO SAVE MONEY AND GET AN EDUCATION. BUT I HAD TO SEND MONEY TO MY MOTHER IN MEXICO TO HELP HER WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEREFORE I WAS NEVER ABLE TO SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO RETURN TO MEXICO AND GO TO SCHOOL. I WORKED IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT JOBS. I WORK AS A DISHWASHER, A JANITOR, AND A PACKER IN A FACTORY. I DIDN'T HAVE AN EDUCATION AND I COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. I WORKED VERY HARD FOR MINIMUM WAGE.

I STARTED WITH CAPITAL IDEA IN JANUARY OF 2001. I RECEIVED MY ASSOCIATE'S OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY IN AUGUST OF 2003. I AM VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT I NOW WORK FOR AUSTIN ENERGY IN A POWER PLANT AS AN INSTRUMENTATION TECHNICIAN. ANSWER I AM ABLE I PLAN TO GO TO TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO GET MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGINEERING. AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS ALL POSSIBLE. [APPLAUSE]

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: BRYAN HENNINGTON, FOLLOWED BY IRENE CASIAS.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS BRYAN HENNINGTON, I'M A SINGLE FATHER OF THREE. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA'S INVESTMENT INTO MY LIFE. CAPITAL IDEA DID MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE A GRADUATE WITH A TWO-YEAR DEGREE IN NETWORK ADMINISTRATION. AND IN ADVANCED COMPUTER CERTIFICATIONS. AND THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE IT'S MADE IN MY LIFE. I HAVE WORKED FOR HIGH-TECH COMPANIES FOR NEARLY -- OVER 15 YEARS, BUT IN UNSKILLED NON-TECHNICAL POSITIONS SUCH AS SHIPPING AND SALES. I TRIED TO GET TECHNICAL SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS ON MY OWN. AND EVEN ENDED UP SPENDING ABOUT \$6,000 TO GO TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL. BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH. I STILL ENDED UP GOING THROUGH FIVE LAYOFFS. EVERY TIME I GOT A NEW JOB, I FOUND MYSELF EARNING LESS AND ONE OF THE LAST JOBS THAT I DID -- THAT WAS LAID OFF FROM I WAS STARTING OUT AT \$10 AN HOUR. OF COURSE THAT'S NOT ENOUGH IN TODAY'S TIME WITH THREE KIDS TO TAKE CARE OF IN THIS SITUATION, \$10 DOES NOT PAY FOR MUCH. NOW WITH MY DEGREE, I HAVE THE THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE TO BACKUP MY HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYERS ARE WILLING TO PAY ME A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN WHAT I WAS GETTING BEFORE. I CURRENTLY WORK AT SETON INSTALLING AND TROUBLESHOOTING LEADING EDGE TECHNOLOGY FOR AT LEAST ABOUT \$16 TO START AT THIS TIME. AND SOME OF MY FELLOW GRADUATES WITH THE SAME CERTIFICATIONS AND A COUPLE OF YEARS EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN PROMOTED

TO OVER \$25 AN HOUR. WHICH IS EQUIVALENT OF A \$50,000 A YEAR. I'M VERY THANKFUL TO THIS PROGRAM THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM AND WHEN I'M ABLE TO, I WOULD LIKE TO INVEST MY TIME AND SERVICES INTO THE PROGRAM AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. IRENE CASILLAS, FOLLOWED BY BILL McLELAN?

GOOD EVENING, I'M IRENE, 30 YEARS OLD, A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. I MIGHT KNOW SOME OF YOU BECAUSE I WAITED TABLE FOR 10 YEARS AT ANGIE'S, I WAS A WAITRESS THERE GETTING A MINIMUM OF 2.50 AN HOUR PLUS TIPS. I DID THAT FOR 10 YEARS. WHEN I HEARD ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA, THEY GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET EDUCATED. I AM THE FIRST COLLEGE GRADUATE IN MY FAMILY. THERE IS EIGHT OF US, I AM THE FIRST ONE TO GRADUATE. I AM A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE. AND I'M CURRENTLY PURSUING MY ADN, WHICH IS AN RN AT AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH THE SUPPORT OF CAPITAL IDEA AS WELL. WHEN I AM HERE TO TELL YOU IS THAT BY INVESTING IN CAPITAL IDEA YOU ARE NOT ONLY INVESTING IN ME OR MY FAMILY, YOU ARE CHANGING THE WAY MY FAMILY THINKS AND THE STYLE AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND YOU ARE CHANGING OUR COMMUNITY ITSELF. SO IF WE EDUCATE AND WE TAKE MORE TIME IN EDUCATING THE PEOPLE, WE WILL BE -- MORE TAXPAYERS AND OFF THE TANF, OFF THE SYSTEM. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, THE LAST YEAR THAT I WORKED AS A WAITRESS MY TAX PAYMENTS, IT WAS \$5,000 A YEAR. LAST YEAR THAT WAS MY FIRST YEAR AS A NURSE, IT WAS \$32,000. SO SIGNIFICANTLY RAISING AND NOW I CAN - - I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM AS MUCH AS I DID BACK THEN BECAUSE I AM NOW IN SCHOOL AGAIN AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF CAPITAL IDEA, BECAUSE CHILD CARE IS VERY EXPENSIVE, BOOKS, TUITION, EVERYTHING THAT YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, THE ONLY THING IS THAT I CAN TELL YOU THAT IS -- IS THAT I CANNOT OFFER MY CHILDREN AN EDUCATION THROUGH THE PAY THAT I'M GETTING NOW. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: I THINK BILL HAD TO LEAVE PERHAPS. ROBERTO MARTINEZ, FOLLOWED BY CINDY CRUISE.

GOOD EVENING MAYOR, GOOD MEANING MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. IN MY 40 -- 45 YEARS HERE IN AUSTIN, THIS I THINK IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, I'M PROUD TO DO THAT. ESPECIALLY TO COME AND TALK ABOUT ONE OF MY -- OF MY ORGANIZATIONS IN MY HEART.

Mayor Wynn: TEXAS A&M. NO. [LAUGHTER] SORRY. ROBERTO IS AN AGGIE.

A&M, TOO.

Mayor Wynn: COULDN'T RESIST, SORRY.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE AGGIES, YES. I AM ON THE BOARD OF CAPITAL IDEA SINCE ITS FOUNDING, ALSO A LEADER WITH AUSTIN INTERFAITH OF 13 YEARS AND BEEN INVOLVED WITH SOME THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE 13 YEARS IT'S BEEN IN EFFECT. SO I AM REALLY DEDICATED TO MAKING AUSTIN A BETTER COMMUNITY. WE ARE REQUESTING TONIGHT \$50,000 AS ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT. CAPITAL IDEA. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE DOLLARS THAT ARE -- THAT WILL NOT BENEFIT WHO IS SPEAKING TODAY. THEIR FUNDING IS ALREADY -- ALREADY ALLOCATED. THIS MONEY IS -- IS SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE IN THE WAITING LIST CAN JOIN CAPITAL IDEA. ELSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE AN INVESTMENT, THE CITY'S \$50,000 WILL GENERATE ANOTHER \$25,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE MEADOWS FOUNDATION. THUS THE CITY INVESTMENT WILL ENABLE 15 MORE OF THE 98 PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE IN THE WAITING LIST RIGHT NOW. THAT'S 16 MORE LIVES THAT WILL BE CHANGED. FOR BETTER. HELPING PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR EDUCATION AND THEIR CAREER, NOT ONLY AFFECTS THEIR LIVES AS -- AS IRENE JUST MENTIONED, IT AFFECTS THEIR WHOLE FAMILY, THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND SONS AND DAUGHTERS. AND CAPITAL IDEA THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS HAVING A STRONG, POSITIVE EFFECT IN AUSTIN. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, ROBERT. CINDY CRUZ, WELCOME,
THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY HELEN.

I WON'T BE THREE MINUTE. I'M THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES WITH TIME WARNER CABLE. I'M ALSO A
FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER AND CURRENT OFFICER ON
CAPITAL IDEA'S BOARD. AND I ALSO STARTED WITH AUSTIN
INTERFAITH WAY BACK WHEN WE WERE DOING THE SUMMER
YOUTH PROGRAM AND I SAID WE NEEDED ADULTS TRAINED.
WE NEED ADULTS TRAINED SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM IN
FULL-TIME JOBS. AND THAT'S WHERE CAPITAL IDEA CAME
ABOUT AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE MANY DEDICATED
TRAINED ADULTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR WORKFORCE. WE
ALSO HAVE SEEN A STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT FROM
CAPITAL IDEA, FOR TIME WARNER'S INVESTMENT, IN
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THEM, MARKETING AND TECHNICAL
EXPERTISE. AND EMPLOYING GREAT PEOPLE TO
COMPLEMENT OUR THOUSAND STRONG EMPLOYEE BASE IN
AUSTIN. FOR THE 20 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN IN THE
EMPLOYMENT FIELD, I HAVE NOT SEEN A MORE
SUCCESSFUL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MODEL. AND IT
TRULY CREATES PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS WITH LONG-TERM
CAREER GOALS AND SKILLS. YOUR COMMITMENT TO
FURTHER INVEST IN OUR PARTICIPANTS WILL GO FAR TO
HELP ME AND MANY OTHERS KNOW THAT WE ARE SPENDING
COMMUNITY MONEYS WISELY AND IN A WAY THAT PROVIDES
REALIZABLE RETURNS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK
YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Futrell: OKAY, I HAVE TO GET THIS IN Q□□□□□□□□□□□□
DIRECTOR WANTS ME TO REMIND EVERYTHING THAT WE DO
[INDISCERNIBLE] CAPITAL IDEA IN ADDITION TO A FUNDING
RELATIONSHIP, BUT THE PARTNERSHIP TO TRAIN AND
EMPLOY LINEMEN, WHICH WAS SOMETHING ACTUALLY THE
MAYOR PRO TEM JUST RECENTLY ASKED ME ABOUT. WAS
THAT THE WAY WE COULD OPEN UP OUR LINEMEN JOBS TO
MORE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, HELEN, THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED
BY ROSE LANCASTER. [APPLAUSE]

MY NAME IS HELEN NASHVILLE, I'M SPEAKING TODAY AS AN
INTERESTED CITIZEN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE

COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THEIR REALLY HARD WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE THUS FAR IN THE BUDGET. THUS FAR. IT'S A JOB I DON'T ENVY YOU WITH SO MANY NEEDS, SO FEW RESOURCES. I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE MAKING SURE THAT OUR POLICE AND FIREMEN ARE AMONG -- ARE THE HIGHEST PAID IN THE STATE. BUT ALSO TO TRY TO HOLD THAT PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET DOWN TO JUST A LITTLE OVER HALF THE BUDGET, BECAUSE WE NEED THE OTHER HALF TO RUN THE CITY. AND FINALLY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THE NO, NOMINAL RATE. THOSE COSTS WILL PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN THE SHORT RUN. THANK YOU.

ROSE, WELCOME, THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY NANCY NEVILLE.

I'M ROSE LANCASTER SPEAKING AS AN INTERESTED CITIZEN. APPROVING BUDGETS IS ALWAYS A HARD, HUGE CHALLENGE, BUT IT'S MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU DO. IT REPRESENTS VALUES, PRIORITIES, DIRECTION FOR THE CITY AND I APPROVE THE CURRENT TAX RATE. MY APPEAL IS AS YOU BALANCE THE MANY NEEDS OF THIS CITY, THAT YOU INCLUDE ENHANCING THOSE PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT THOSE INDIVIDUALS CAUGHT IN THE SAFETY NET WHO DEPEND UPON COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO LEAD A VALUED LIFE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE HOMELESS AND MENTALLY ILL PERSONS AMONG OTHERS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, ROSE. NANCY NEVILLIE, I THINK?

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH, KAREN LANGLEY YOU ARE NEXT. AND KAREN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AFRINDA VARIABLE, RICH TYSON. KAREN YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I'M KAREN LANGLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FAMILY ELDER CARE, AND A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN AREA HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION. I SUPPORT THE NOMINAL TAX RATE PROPOSAL WITH A BUDGET THAT WILL REFLECT MEETING CRITICAL NEEDS AND ENSURES A QUALITY

COMMUNITY. CURRENTLY PAYING FOR POLICE, FIRE AND E.M.S. EATS UP 65% OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND AND PROJECTIONS ARE THAT IT WILL GROW EVEN HIGHER. WE NEED TO ENSURE BALANCE TO THE CITY BUDGET AND ITS PRIORITIES. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, AS A BIG PICTURE, AS WE BELIEVE THAT MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO A COMMUNITY'S WELL-BEING, WE URGE YOU TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST IN THE BUDGET PRIORITIES. INVESTING IN HEALTHY FAMILIES, PROTECTING THEM FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ASSISTING WITH BASIC NEEDS, DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PROTECTING OUR ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FROM NEGLIGENT, ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION, WORKING WITH LITERACY PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS, WILL PROVIDE BETTER OUTCOMES WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS TO CREATE SAFE COMMUNITIES. OUR PRISON POPULATION IS FULL OF EXAMPLES OF UNMET NEEDS. INVESTING IN HUMAN SERVICES BRINGS IN A STRONG RATE OF RETURN TOWARD A QUALITY AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY. IT'S A PAY NOW OR PAY MUCH MORE LATER. SCENARIO. TONIGHT, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO GIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT RESTORATION OF THE FIVE PERCENT CUT IN HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000 TO MEET CRITICAL NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN EDITORIAL AND IN DEPTH REPORTING ON THE ANNUAL COST FOR PUBLIC SAFETY HAVE POINTED OUT A NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS THAT THIS AREA THREATENS TO SWALLOW AND OVERWHELM OUR CITY'S TAX REVENUE AND THREATEN OUR PARKS, LIBRARIES AND OTHER CRITICAL QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES. WE URGE YOU TO FIND WAYS TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN BALANCE IN OUR CITY BUDGET. HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDES THE SAFETY NET TO ENSURE THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND. AND THAT THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN LIVE SAFELY IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, KAREN. THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY [INDISCERNIBLE] THANK YOU, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS EFRAIN DAVILA, PROGRAM DIRECTOR IN TRAVIS COUNTY. I HAVE BEEN ALSO

A CHAIRMAN OF THE CRIME VICTIM FUND WHICH HELPED ALL OF THE VICTIMS SERVICES AGENCIES IN AUSTIN. AND I'M IN FAVOR OF THE -- OF TAX PROPOSAL, NOMINAL TAX PROPOSAL WITH RESTORING THE FIVE PERCENT INCREASE THAT WAS LOST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. THE REASON THAT I'M HERE IS THAT SOME OF US, LIKE TO TOUT AUSTIN AS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY, PROBABLY IN THE WORLD. BUT WE HAVE TO BALANCE WHAT WE DO WITH BRINGING IN NEW BUSINESSES AND SUPPORTING COMMERCE WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE. I PERSONALLY WORK WITH THE JUDGES TO SUPPORT ABUSE AND NEGLECTED KIDS. THE JUDGES WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US EVERY CASE THAT THEY COULD. WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ABOUT 50% BECAUSE OF FUNDING SHORTAGES. SO INSTEAD OF -- INSTEAD OF WORKING WITH KIDS THAT HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY ABUSED IN TERMS OF ABOUT 2600, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO WORK WITH -- WITH THE HARDER CASES, THE MORE -- YOU KNOW, ACUTE CASES, ONLY ABLE TO DO ABOUT 1300 A YEAR. TO ME, THAT'S SHAMEFUL. AND WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO -- WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO TOUT THE CITY AS BEING ONE OF THE BEST CITIES IN THE WORLD, WE ARE FORGETTING THE KIDS, HOMELESS, THOSE THAT ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND THE ELDERLY AND WHICH ARE DISENFRANCHISED. TO BE THE BEST CITY IN THE WORLD WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS ALL OF THE CITIZENS NEEDS IN EVERY ASPECT OF THIS CITY. CERTAINLY WE HAVE A GREAT CITY. AND WE HAD GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. BUT I HAVE SEEN PRETTY MUCH THAT THE DIKES AROUND OUR SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ARE CAVING IN. WE ARE GETTING SATURATED. WE ARE NOT GETTING MUCH ASSISTANCE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS CUT BACK. CONSEQUENTLY THE STATE CUT BACK, CONSEQUENTLY THE COUNTY HAS CUT BACK. AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR NOW THE CITY TO STEP UP AND HELP US. WE WOULD NEVER ABANDON THOSE -- THOSE THAT NEED US THE MOST. I THINK YOU HAVE COUNTED ON THESE AGENCIES TO DO THAT. WE HAVE STEPPED UP, TIGHTENED THE BELT, DONE MORE WITH LESS, BUT IT'S TIME BECAUSE WE NEED THE HELP AND THE -- DEMAND HAS JUST INCREASED TO REALLY LOOK AT MAKING

THIS -- THIS WHOLE CITY THE BEST CITY IN THE WORLD, THOSE THAT ARE DISENFRANCHISED, THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING ABUSED, NEGLECTED, HOMELESS, BOTH DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTED AND ELDERLY. IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY AS A WHOLE TO STEP UP AND TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. AND THAT MEANS BUSINESS FOR EVERYBODY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. [BUZZER SOUNDING]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. DAVILA. DR. LAURA PRESLEY. WELCOME, IS JULIA STILL HERE? HOW ABOUT JANICE GERNART? JANICE HERE? DR. PRESLEY YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. HELLO, I'M DR. LAURA PRESLEY. I WORK HERE IN AUSTIN AS A SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIST FOR ADVANCED MICRODEVICES. AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAFE PLACE, I'M HERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE NOMINAL TAX RATE PROPOSAL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED RESTORATION OF THE \$500,000 FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HERE IN AUSTIN. FOR SAFE PLACE, THIS WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES. FROM A PERSONAL STANDPOINT THIS IS VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. BECAUSE I GREW UP AS A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I REMEMBER HEARING THE SCREAMS AND PLEAS OF MY MOTHER AS SHE WAS BEING BEATEN BY MY DAD. SHE WOULD END UP WITH BRUISES ON HER FACE, ALL OVER HER BODY. BACK IN THE 1970'S, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS THERE WAS ABOUT NO PLACE TO GO FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS LIKE MY MOM. AND MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. SO WE LIVED WITH THE VIOLENCE AND PAIN. FAST FORWARDING TO MY OWN LIFE AS AN ADULT, AS EXPECTED AND PREDICTED, I REPEATED WHAT I GREW UP WITH. AND I WAS ALSO BEATEN 18 YEARS AGO BY MY FIRST HUSBAND. FORTUNATELY, MY SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT THAN MY MOTHER'S. MY TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND MYSELF, WE WERE ABLE TO GO TO THE HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER AND THERE I LEARNED HOW TO END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE FOR MYSELF. BUT NOT JUST FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR MY DAUGHTER, TOO. I WENT ON TO COMPLETE MY Ph.D. IN CHEMISTRY AT U.T. AS A

SINGLE MOTHER, AND MY DAUGHTER RIGHT NOW IS A JUNIOR AT ST. EDWARD'S AND WE HAVE BEEN FREE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR FAMILY FOR 18 YEARS. AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY WITHOUT THE FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN OUR STATE OF TEXAS. I JUST WANT TO [INDISCERNIBLE] TO THE \$400,000 FOR THE GENERAL FUNDING IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THESE FUNDS ARE INCREDIBLE IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, NOT JUST THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY. ESPECIALLY AT THIS CRITICAL TIME, WITH THE FUNDING CHALLENGES FACING MANY OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND IN A TIME OF INCREASED NEED FOR SERVICES, PLEASE APPROPRIATE THE ADDITIONAL \$400,000 TO THE GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING. I'M CONFIDENT THAT I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY WITHOUT SUCH FUNDING. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] DR. PRESLEY. LEON BARISH, WELCOME, LEON, THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY PETER FLAG MAXIMUMAN. FOLLOWED BY JOHN NEITHRA.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, WHEN FUNDING CUTS WERE MADE THROUGHOUT THE CITY BUDGET, ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FRIENDS OF DEEP EDDY STEPPED UP AND TOOK CARE OF CITY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT HAD TO BE CUT. WE HELPED OUT WITH FACILITY AND PROGRAMMING AT DEEP EDDY, WHICH IS A MUCH LOVED FACILITY IN THE CITY. AND NOW THAT THINGS HAVE IMPROVED A LITTLE BIT, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WOULD SUPPORT THE NOMINAL RATE SO THAT WE CAN RESTORE SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THAT HAD TO BE CUT DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS AND TAKE CARE OF OUR FACILITIES, WHICH ARE IN DIRE NEED OF HELP. IN PARTICULAR, AS YOU KNOW, THE DEEP EDDY BATH HOUSE. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. I OWN THE OFFICE FROM WHICH I OPERATE MY SMALL BUSINESS. AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, I'M PREPARED TO PAY THE NOMINAL RATE. AND I THINK THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHER SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN THIS CITY WHO ARE ALSO PREPARED TO PAY THE NOMINAL RATE. AND I THINK THE REASON THEY ARE IS BECAUSE WHEN A -- WHEN A FAMILY HAS A LITTLE BIT EXTRA

MONEY, THEY INVEST THAT -- THAT FAMILY TYPICALLY WILL INVEST THAT MONEY IN THEIR FUTURE. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE CITY IS AT THIS POINT. WE'RE NOT RICH BY ANY MEANS, BUT WE HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE FATHER WHO SPOKE A MOMENT AGO, IT'S NOT A SMALL PRICE TO PAY. RATHER IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF THE GREATEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE NOMINAL RATE. THAN

THANK YOU, MR. BARISH [APPLAUSE]

YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. PETER FLAG MAXIMUMAN.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M PETER FLAG MAXAN, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER ASSOCIATION. WE ARE THE PRIVATE NON-PROFIT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ONE OF THE PREMIER LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS IN THE STATE. IF NOT THE SOUTHWEST. WE ARE ALSO THE MAJOR CITY ARCHIVES WHEREAS SUCH 22nd CENTURY HISTORIANS WILL COME TO LEARN WHAT YOU DID WAY BACK IN 2005. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO ADVOCATE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN GENERAL AND THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER IN PARTICULAR. LIKE OTHER CITY AGENCIES, WE LOST NEARLY HALF OF OUR STAFF IN THE BUDGET CRUNCH SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AND THINGS HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY REDRESSED IN THE LAST YEAR AND IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. BUT WE WOULD URGE YOU TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER AND ADD TWO STAFF POSITIONS FOR US AS OUTLINED IN THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU. ALSO TO PROVIDE GREATLY NEEDED COMPACT BOOKSHELFING FOR THE 75-YEAR-OLD FACILITY. THINGS ARE IN A TERRIBLE -- TERRIBLE SPACE CRUNCH RIGHT NOW, WE REALLY FEEL LIKE WE DO A GREAT DEAL FOR THE COMMUNITY NOW WITH JUST A LITTLE MORE FUNDING WE COULD DO A GREAT DEAL MORE. AND IF THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE FUNDING WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL. AND ACCORDINGLY, OUR BOARD MEMBERSHIP, PAST, PRESENTS AND FUTURE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FOR YOUR SERVICE. JOHN, WELCOME, THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY JEFF TRIGGER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. JEFF TRIGGER, JEFF MAY HAVE HAD TO BY CHR TO BE FOLLOWED BY HOLLY GILLMAN. MOOREHOUSE? MORRISON. GO AHEAD, CHRISTOPHER, COME UP YES. GO FIRST. THEN LAURA'S STATEMENT.

THANK YOU MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL. FIRST LET ME SAY THAT I'M THE DIRECTOR
OF THE MARSHAL CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,

L.B.J. SCHOOL, YOU HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT UNMET NEEDS, THE NEED TO MOVE TOWARDS THE NOMINAL TAX I JUST WANT TO ECHO MY SUPPORT FOR ALL OF THE UNMET NEEDS THAT I THINK THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD TONIGHT. THAT'S NOT WHY I CAME AT LEAST SPECIFICALLY THIS EVENING. I'M ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF DEEP EDDY BOARD, YOU HEARD LEON BARISH OUR GREAT PRESIDENT TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT PROGRAM. WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, SINCE WE GOT STARTED BASICALLY WORKING ON MAINTAINING THE POOL, INCREASING AND RESTORING THE SUPPORT FOR THE BATH HOUSE, THIS REALLY IS, I KNOW THE MAYOR HAS BEEN THERE SEVERAL TIMES WITH US OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, IT'S A WONDERFUL FACILITY. BUT LIKE SO MANY THINGS, IT FELL VICTIM TO POOR MAINTENANCE OVER THE YEARS. THIS THING WAS BUILT SOME 60 YEARS AGO, WAS THE FIRST WPA PROJECT IN CENTRAL TEXAS. IT'S ABSOLUTELY ONE OF AUSTIN'S JEWELS. WE WON'T ARGUE THAT OUR PRIORITY NEEDS ARE THE SAME AS HOMELESS PEOPLE OR FOR TRAINING. THOSE ARE VERY, VER[REDACTED] NEEDS. BUT ... WHAT I THINK WE CAN OFFER YOU, WE HAVE RAISED ABOUT \$350,000 OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, MAINLY THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS, I THINK WHAT WE CAN GUARANTEE TO YOU IS IF THE CITY WILL MOVE TOWARDS THE NOMINAL TAX RATE AND PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME BUDGET SUPPORT, WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU 100% RETURN ON YOUR MONEY AS AN ECONOMIST, WE DON'T USUALLY SEE RETURNS LIKE THAT VERY OFTEN. WE'VE HAD A 60 YEAR PAYOUT ON THE WPA'S WORK IN BUILDING THIS FACILITY. I THINK IF WE COULD JUST DO THAT MUCH, THAT WOULD BRING US TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE NEED TO GET THIS RESTORATION GOING. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE BEEN OUT THERE AND SEEN WE ALREADY GOT THE ROOF DONE. WE STARTED AT THE TOP, WE NOW NEED TO PULL IN THE REST OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINISH THE JOB. AND WE'LL YOU. SO I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU AGAIN, GO TO THE NOMINAL TAX RATE. IT'S A MODEST INCREMENT TO THE AUSTIN TEAR TAXPAYERS TAX BILLS, WE ARE HAPPY TO PAY IT AND AGAIN IT WOULD BE SUPPOR JEWEL. THANK YOU

VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MR. KING. A STATEMENT FOR LAURA
MORRISSON.

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