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>> Mayor Adler: I want to recess the meeting -- the city council meeting and let's go ahead and convene the Austin housing corporation meeting. It is 2:54, October 19. We're in council chambers, 301 west second. Take us through our agenda.

>> Rosy truelove, president Austin housing finance corporation. There are posted items as noted a 10:00 meeting, items 1 and number 5 are withdrawn from the -- from the agenda for the corporation. Items 4, 7 and 8 offered on consent. 7 and 8 from the addendum.

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Item 4 a resolution appointing interim city manager to a number of our partnership organizations and filling vacancies left by city manager Bert Lumbreras. Bonds to be submitted to the Texas bond review board and item 8 is setting a public hearing to receive public comment on the issuance of those bond dollars to be set for the 9thment I offer those three items on consent and then we have three public hearings to work through.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. Which items are you offering on consent?

>> 4, 7 and 8. 7 and 8 coming off the addendum.

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. 4, 7, 8. Do we have any speakers signed up on any of these, 4, 7 and 8? Anybody speaking? Is there a motion to approve the consent? Councilmember kitchen, seconded by the mayor pro tem. Discussion? Ms. Houston.

>> Houston: I just have a quick question. I'm having a hard time finding my paper. Can you tell me where exactly they are located?

>> Located on the addendum posted to the agenda.

>> Houston: So can you just tell me area of town they are located in?

>> Oh, okay. 7 and 8 are -- it's 3300 oak creek drive.

>> Mayor Adler: These are district 7.

>> District 7. Thank you. I appreciate that. Do you need a copy --

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>> Houston: No, no, I'm fine.

>> Mayor Adler: Those in favor of the consent agenda raise your hand.

>> [Inaudible]

>> Mayor Adler: Items 4, 7 and 8 on the consent agenda. It was posted.

>> [Inaudible]

>> Mayor Adler: Okay. I understand. We're about to have a public hearing on the hearing posted items. Go ahead and take the vote. Those in favor of the consent agenda raise your hand. Those opposed? Consent agenda approved. Take us through the public hearings.

>> The first one is number 2, which is a public hearing and receive comment regarding issuance of up to \$20 million of multi-family housing revenue bonds to be issued by the Austin housing finance corporation, a development by Austin DNA housing, LLC, for affordable , multi-family development known as night even gale located in the good night planned unit development.

>> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry, this is what?

>> Number 2.

>> Mayor Adler: Let's go ahead and convene the public hearing. Mr. Peña, do you want to speak?

>> I do, mayor. Which is the item we're speaking to?

>> This is a public hearing on multi-family revenue bonds for dma housing project known as the nighten Gail and goodnight ranch P.U.D. In district 2.

>> One quick question, where are they going to be located at, the goodnight.

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>> District 2, 5900 Charles drive.

>> One of the things I want to make perfectly clear --

>> Mayor Adler: You can go ahead and sit down.

>> One of the things I want to make perfectly clear is this, is that you know we have -- you -- and I'll get to the point, is that Austin sues state over housing. Some of these apartment units are going to be I guess offered for veterans or it could be for anybody that has a housing voucher. They're not accepting vouchers at this time. This is one thing -- I'm going to educate you all very much right now. The secretary of government affairs and had you had secretary chief of staff are working on this issue because a lot of landlords are not accepting H.U.D. Voucherrers, that's a veterans affairs voucher, a federal voucher, you're supposed to accept, that you don't deny it. I want to educate y'all on this, it might not be applicable to this, but maybe it is to others but they're refusing vouchers and to me it's a criminal offense and the senator's office, chief of staff, I spoke with him to let him know what is happening. It might not be applicable to these items or this item on the agenda but I have to go, but I want to let y'all know that this ain't kosher, this ain't good so we have a lot of people that might have been able to access or renter these properties but it is -- rent these properties but it is a highly discriminatory process and I want to make absolutely sure to every one of you all veterans don't deserve this type of slap in the face. This is supposed to be open to everybody. Is it just some people in some areas? Can you tell me? Can the young lady tell me.

>> Mayor Adler: This is your time --

>> I understand that. This is something to think about because this is what you wrote about, Austin sues state over housing because they don't accept vouchers. I want you to be abundantly clear about this, it is highlight discriminatory.

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I don't care what part of town it is, by federal statute you're supposed to accept these and it ain't happening. So I'm leaving it up to you to educate yourself because I'm tired of educating y'all, I'm tired of going around this issue of not accepting vouchers have my veterans are out there homeless. You dig?

>> Mayor Adler: Yes, Mr. Pena while you're up threw, we can queen the public hearing on items 3 and item 6.

>> Please.

>> Mayor Adler: I don't know if you want to have the testimony you just gave incorporated in all of those.

>> That's all I wanted to say. I need to go. The issue is this. We have too many homeless veterans, too many homeless people I want you -- you're an attorney. I ran for justice of the peace. I lost by 200, I got the enforcement of the Austin police, dps, sheriffs, whatever, but this is illegal for them not to accept the vouchers on any type of housing initiative the city of Austin has or federal-wise or otherwise. Make it abundantly clear because the feds are going to come down on y'all.

>> Mayor Adler: Got you. Thank you.

>> I'm not through yet. I have a couple of time. I just want to make sure right now on the air, open -- open public air because that ain't kosher. I don't want a heart attack, I don't want cancer but I'm sick and tired of my veterans being shafted. Thank you.

[Buzzer sounding]

>> Mayor Adler: Thank you. We're currently concurrently the public hearings on items 2, 3, 6. Item 3 was the \$50 million revenue bond in district 3. For the Rebecca baines Johnson property and item 6 was the resolution to be submitted to tvhc, Texas department of housing community, concerning the property located at 5900 Charles Muir drive. Anybody else wishing to speak? Is there a motion to close the public hearing in those three matters?

[3:04:00 PM]

Councilmember pool makes the motion, seconded by councilmember Renteria. Any objection? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Public hearing on those three items is closed unanimously. Do I have the address wrong on which one?

>> Number 6.

>> Yes?

>> Number 6 was \$413 million of housing revenue bonds for the housing first oak springs development for a permanent supportive housing at 3,000 oak springs drive.

>> Mayor Adler: I was looking at number 5. Thank you for that correction. Thank you. We've closed the public hearing in those three things. Is there action that you need us to take?

>> No.

>> Mayor Adler: Is that all the business we have?

>> That is all the business we have.

>> Mayor Adler: At 3:04 I adjourn the meeting of the Austin housing finance committee.