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PRESIDENT TANDY: The Regular Louisville Metro Council Meeting of December 3, 2015, will please come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Shanklin.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Present.

MR. CLERK: President Tandy.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Hamilton.
Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Kramer.
Councilman Blackwell.

Councilwoman Aubrey Welch.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Fowler.

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Mr. Clerk, as always, I am very pleased to proclaim my presence.

MR. CLERK: Thank you, sir.

Councilman Stuckel.

Councilwoman Parker.

Councilwoman Denton.

Councilman Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Yates.

COUNCILMAN YATES: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Hamilton.

Councilman Blackwell.

Mr. President, you have 20 in attendance and a quorum.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Please let the record to reflect that Council Members Fowler, Denton, Johnson, Kramer all have excused absences.

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Let the record also reflect that Councilwoman Hamilton is en route to chambers, and mark her present upon her arrival. And also let the record to reflect that Councilman Blackwell is with us.

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT TANDY: And I believe that is all that we have as it relates to excused absences.

Next we will have introduction of our page for this evening.

So, Councilman Hollander, would you like to introduce your page?

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President.

Good evening. I have the pleasure of introducing Hayley Reed as the ninth district representative tonight. Hayley is 11 years old and she is in the sixth grade at the Shawnee Academy Middle School, a science, engineering, and magnet school. Lives in the Crescent Hill neighborhood. She is both an indisputable chocoholic and follower of anime characters. A cross-country runner and a leader for her team. Her goal is to qualify and participate in the Kentucky Cross-Country meet. Hayley likes her social studies class where she recently finished a project on the Chinese economy. She has always liked math, and this year found another subject that captured her imagination, art. She likes to draw in anime style in her free time, and her classmates love to purchase her work. She loves to learn new things and is quite adept at speaking with eloquence and poise. A tap dancer and ballet dancer, and is excited about the opportunity to learn more about Metro Council and represent her family and school in this capacity. And because I think we also ought to recognize mothers for all they do, her mother is here tonight and her grandmother. Her mother in particular I want to recognize. Sarah Reed is a third grade teacher at Field Elementary School and is the Kentucky Teacher of the Year for 2015. Sarah.

[Applause.]

Welcome and thank you, Hayley.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Let's give Hayley a round of applause for being our page tonight.

[Applause.]

Hayley, we are glad to have you. We will try to keep you busy this evening moving around and passing notes, doing everything we are not supposed to do in the classroom. So don't do this in class, but we will pass notes around here.

Next, Mr. Clerk, do we have addresses to Council?

MR. CLERK: We do, sir.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Would you please call the first addressee?

MR. CLERK: Representative Tim Riner.

PRESIDENT TANDY: As Representative Riner comes, let me remind all those who will be addressing the Council this evening to refrain from any profanity or making any derogatory statements to council members.

With that being said, Representative, always a pleasure having you here.

REPRESENTATIVE RINER: Thank you so much, President Tandy, and members of the Louisville Metro Council. Today I'm here as a voice of my constituents. The issue is whether it's right to allow a neighborhood and the health and safety of the people of that neighborhood to be placed at greater risk by a corporation without the consent of the people in the neighborhood.

Last month marked the 250th anniversary of the British imposition of taxation without representation on the 13 colonies. In a similar way, many of my constituents, including the leadership of the California neighborhood, have been totally excluded from the decision-making process that will determine whether an aerobic digesters are placed in their residential neighborhood. This is what I call tyranny of big money, suppressing the voices of the people and the public interest. It also occurs at the national and state levels of government. I'll give you an example.

In the 1970s, Senator George McGovern chaired the select committee on nutrition and human needs and was ready to release health recommendations supporting a diet with less salt and animal fats and more vegetables and fruits. Those recommendations were sabotaged and the committee itself was totally disbanded forever. That was the work of the corporations whose monetary interests conflicted with those recommendations. So government does not always stick up for the people's health and safety as it should. We know at every level that we are lobbied by those who are the moneyed interests, and it is not always the best.

Just about a month ago we had a lobbyist -- may not have been a lobbyist, but he was a lawyer for the nuclear industry that tried to make the case for Kentucky senators and representatives to change our laws to bring in nuclear plants. Questions were asked about how we could be assured that those plants would be secured from terrorist attacks, and the

answers were totally unsatisfactory. I think the same is true for the biodigester. When you have four two-story digesters located in an area that is residential close to the distillery, I think there is an opportunity for terrorists to do great harm to a community. It would be called a soft target.

I think that there's a reason why God created people and not gold in his own image. And that reason is gold has no heart. And I would implore you to work with Councilwoman Woolridge, who has some great ideas about good locations for these biodigesters that would not harm the neighborhoods. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Mike Kolb.

MIKE KOLB: Thank you. My name is Mike Kolb, and I live in Councilman Owen's district. I attend Saint John Paul II Catholic Church, which is a member of CLOUT, Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together.

We are here tonight to ask you to fund the affordable housing trust fund through a small increase in the insurance premium tax. This ordinance needs to be passed by March 23rd to provide funding for next year. Thousands of families like mine need this investment in our community. My family is just one face of Louisville's affordable housing crisis. This past Saturday my daughter got married. She and my son-in-law, who is a veteran, both work full-time, and he has been working a second job as well which means 70 plus hour work weeks. But they still live paycheck to paycheck. How is it that two people working 110 hours every week still can't afford a down payment on even a modest home? It seems unfair to me that owning a home is out of reach for families and hardworking veterans like my son-in-law. This keeps me up at night. And if needed, I don't know if I'll be able to cosign a home mortgage loan if required. And even still, I don't know what that would mean for me yet for my savings, and it may affect whether I will be able to retire when I planned.

So tonight I ask you to remember that affordable housing, our crisis, isn't just about homelessness. There are thousands of young couples in every neighborhood and every one of your districts who are

struggling to establish stable homes for their families because housing is so expensive.

We are proud of the allocation of funds to the Louisville Cares initiative, but let's remember how big is this crisis? 21,000 families are on the wait list for housing assistance. 24,000 families spend more than half of their income just on housing. And JCPS, by its own report, tells us that 7,000 students were homeless at some point last year. Louisville Metro's own strategic plan says that we need to develop nearly 65,000 new affordable units in order to meet market demand. The 46 homes that the trust fund created with minimal funding just isn't enough. And the 750 homes that Louisville Cares hopes to create won't be enough either.

To make a real dent in this crisis, we need a fully funded trust fund with a dedicated source of funding. If we want to keep young people like my daughter and son-in-law in Louisville, we need to give them a chance to get started. That's why we are here to ask you, fund the affordable housing trust fund by a small increase in the insurance premium tax by March 23rd. Thousands of families just like mine can't wait any longer, and you shouldn't either. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Curtis Woods. Curtis Woods.

Ailiyah Alim. Ailiyah Alim.

Kore Severance. Kore Severance.

Carol Clark. Carol Clark.

CAROL CLARK: Thank you, Metro Council, for allowing me to speak. My name is Carol Clark. I live in the California community. I live there and I have worked there for 25 years. I would like to address Councilman David James. You were elected by the people for the people, but we have yet to see you represent us in our plight against Star Energy and Methane Plants. I think my --

PRESIDENT TANDY: Ma'am, excuse me. When addressing the council, you can address the issues. You can talk about it how it relates and affects the community and your thoughts on that, but as it relates to specifically talking to or about a particular council person, that is against our rules. If you remember when I read the admonishment from the

beginning, it said that we appreciate if you don't use any profanity -- which you didn't -- or making any derogatory statements to council members.

CAROL CLARK: I didn't think that was derogatory.

PRESIDENT TANDY: I understand that. And I'm not trying to eat into your time. You still have your three minutes. You can make your address.

CAROL CLARK: I think my T-shirt speaks for itself, but we are not interested in methane in our communities. We have -- between 12 and 13th on Oak, we have quite a few chemical plants. We also have the granary at 15th Street. We have Brown and Foreman at 18th Street. We have Heaven and Heel. I don't know how much more California will hold before we cave in. We are entitled to fresh air. We are entitled that our homes remain valuable. We don't want our homes to depreciate in sales when it comes time to sell your home because we have all these industries here. So we are saying no to methane. We don't want it. And we would like to have our council people to support us. And we also want to thank Mary Woolridge for standing with us in our plight against it. This is not only a California community issue, but it will be a west end issue. So I ask that you all support us in our plight against no methane.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Mr. President, that concludes the addresses to Council.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Next we have some guests, and we will begin with Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President, point of order.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Yes, Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: A couple more speakers arrived.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Oh, they did? Okay. Which speakers arrived?

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Four and five.

PRESIDENT TANDY: So four and five are -- oh, okay then. All right.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: I just happened to recognize them.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Ms. Alim, would you like to go first?

AILIYAH ALIM: Sure. First I would like to apologize for my tardiness. So my name is Ailiyah, and I'm a senior at Mercy Academy. Together with me are the members of my group, Hopes for Homes. We are a service department based off of our religion class. Each class chooses a different topic. Our mission is to remove the barriers for people to attain affordable housing. Excuse me, I am really short.

We have spent the last four months learning about housing and the factors that cause homelessness and spent 400 hours feeding the hungry or playing with the children at Volunteers of America. We raised money to fund our project through car washes, small donations and yard sales. Our group educated the public in public forums. Now the seniors of Mercy Academy are here to ask you to pass an ordinance by March 23rd to fund affordable housing.

92,000 families in Louisville cannot afford their rent or mortgage. Nearly 7,000 students at JCS experience severe housing instability. There were 21,000 families on the affordable housing waiting list. Louisville Metro's strategic plan claims that we have to build 65,000 houses to meet market demand. That's all.

KORE SEVERANCE: May I begin?

PRESIDENT TANDY: Yes. You are Ms. Severance?

KORE SEVERANCE: Yes. With all these numbers, it stands to reason that we create a trust fund to ensure this goal is met. Current housing projects are not making the cut but this trust fund can. We know this because it happened in Lexington. In Lexington a trust fund was created for affordable housing last year. The fund has already raised \$5 million. And yet in Louisville we build 49 homes in seven years which boils down to seven homes per year. My group and I do not believe this number is acceptable. But the trust fund wouldn't just affect the number of people who are living in the street. It would increase test scores from JPS students because homelessness is a clear link between how well a child does in school. A child who does well in school won't feel the need to turn to crime to make ends meet, resulting in a dramatic decrease in crime. These are more than enough reasons to fund affordable housing permanently. The seniors at Mercy Academy are asking you to vote in favor

and show this impoverished and homeless that you care, 21,000 families have waited long enough.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Curtis Woods.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right, Mr. Clerk.

MR. CLERK: Mr. President, that does now conclude the addresses to Council.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

Next we will now go to guests. Councilman James, would you like to introduce your guests?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Colleagues, how are you all doing this morning -- or afternoon, I should say. With me some of these faces may look familiar to you. This is the Louisville Crashers, and they are a local band that has hit the bigtime. And they do a lot of great things in our community by volunteering their time for free to play at many different fundraisers throughout our community. So I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to them for all the work they did by presenting them with this proclamation, even though I have a proclamation for each of you I'll just read one of them.

And this is what it says. To whom all these letters shall come, greetings. Know ye that Louisville Metro Council hereby proclaims the Louisville Crashers --

Whereas the Louisville Crashers were founded in July of 2008 and is one of Louisville region's premier bands.

And whereas the Louisville Crashers is widely recognized as one of the nation's best party bands for their unparalleled energy, musicianship and professionalism.

And whereas the Louisville Crashers have members in the band who have been certified as gold and platinum selling artists by the Recording Industry Association of America and the Canadian recording industry association.

And whereas the Louisville Crashers have appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the Late Night Show with Conan O'Brien and the Grand Ole Opry and MTV.

And whereas Louisville Crashers have worked tirelessly to support many nonprofit organizations and their causes that include the MS Society, Susan G. Komen foundation, Blessings in a Backpack, Recipe to End Hunger, Alzheimer's Association and the Musician's Emergency Relief Fund and many, many more.

And the Louisville Crashers band members are Max Maxwell, Mark Maxwell, Howard -- I always mess this up -- Gitly and Jerry Gitly and Shane Vest and Larry Eisenberg.

We hereby proclaim this all the rights, responsibilities thereunto appertaining. In testimony whereof we have caused these letters to be fixed and made with the seal of the Louisville Metro Government here on this 3rd day of December, 2015. Thank you.

[Applause.]

>> There we go. Thank you. I thought we were here to give hair advice. That's what I was told.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Easy fella. Easy.

>> I'm sorry. We thank you very much. We love this community. We love this city. That's why we called ourselves the Louisville Crashers. It gets us in trouble every time we go to Indianapolis and play, or Lexington or anywhere else, but very proud of this community and our families. Owned Mom's Music for a long time and our dad gave his everything to the musicians of this town, and I'm very proud of that. I'm very proud of the young people who showed up to this council meeting tonight. That's where it's at.

[Applause.]

So thank you, David. Thanks, everybody for whatever we are. We do our best.

>> We thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT TANDY: Next. Councilwoman Woolridge, if you would introduce your guests.

COUNCILWOMAN WOORIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would like to ask my colleague, Councilwoman Jessica Green, if she would join me here at the podium. I would also like to ask my attorney, Brandon Lawrence, if he would join me here.

I am thrilled and happy this evening to honor a few young people, the Louisville Packer football team. They play in Algonquin Park. And we know of all the things young people do. These young people are staying out of trouble. And they are staying out of trouble because of the mentors that they have. And let me just read you just a little of the history about the Packers.

The Louisville Packer Football Cheer Organization started seven years ago under the guidance of Darryl Johnson, Cory Johnson, Jay Johnson, Christina Johnson, and Rodney Johnson. The vision was rote and the plan was simple. Get the inner city youth off the streets of Louisville and introduce them to a game of football and cheerleading under the leadership of positive, engaging, coaches and mentors. Seven years later, God has blessed the Louisville Packers to remain one of the top successful and fruitful little league football cheer organizations in the city. Let's give them a hand right here.

[Applause.]

The junior division of the Louisville Packers, led under the leadership of Darryl Blue Johnson, had a remarkable football season this year. They just concluded with an astounding record of 14 and 2. An extraordinary group of coaches, mentors and parents made this possible. Today we honor the Louisville Packers' junior division for your tireless efforts and diligent determination to not only serve as coaches and mentors but as role models and supporters. I would like to ask Mr. Brandon Lawrence if he would come up and introduce these young people and have them come to the podium, and also introduce your coaches, and then I would like for Councilwoman Green to say something. She is very much in tune with this particular team that plays in Algonquin Park.

BRANDON LAWRENCE: Thank you very much, Council, and Councilwoman Woolridge, Councilwoman Green. Thank you for the opportunity. These guys, these young men, they work hard on the field, in the classroom, in the community, and they are just good guys. And they wanted to come and see what it is like to be seated at council.

I told them about President Tandy and David Yates and Councilman James, Councilwoman Bryant-Hamilton -- these are the ones that I know -- Councilwoman Shanklin, and they wanted to see how it was done.

And I told them that, hey, if you keep on going in the direction that you are going in, just like Stevie Wonder said, your limit is the sky. If you are moving in the positive, your destination is the brightest star. That's what he said. And these are the coaches, Thomas Smith, Blue Johnson. They will introduce the players since they know them much better than I do.

>> Thank you for this opportunity. I would like to call up a very special group of guys. Blood, sweat, and tears every day, day in and day out on Saturdays and on Wednesdays. I would like to call up Ed Metrius, Mr. Tyler Gibson, Antoine Hendrix, Dejour Johnson, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Tim Street, Mr. Andre, Mr. Tony Finn, a coach, Mr. Cisco, Mr. Michael Jackson, Mr. Keandre Bell "Boopie." Mr. Darius, Mr. Deandre Ryder, last but not least, Mr. Daniel Sweeney. And I want to thank my son that stays on my heels all day every day, Mr. Darryl Johnson Jr. And we are the Louisville packers.

[Applause.]

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: I just wanted to welcome the packers here. They are with MYLA league, that's the league that my sons play with. We are Rams fans, and I have a son who was a junior Ram. So I was down there as you were fighting for your life at Papa John's, and I was at that game at Papa John's and although you did defeat a District 1 team, the yellowjackets, you are all right with me. You have an organized program, wonderful coaches. Packers are one of the best, most organized teams in the league. I want to commend your coaches who are here, my colleague and friend Brandon Lawrence who works tirelessly with this league. He loves this team and works hard. So this is what it is all about, trying to keep male, particularly men of color, little boys, out of the streets. And so we commend your coaches and parents for having you here. So the sky's the limit for all of you young men. Congratulations for a job well done.

[Applause.]

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: And last but not least, we want to especially thank the parents for working with these young people. And if anyone out there looking at this tonight and they want to join up with the Packers, they need to give us a call and we will tell you how to contact them. And at the time I think we are going to take a picture of everybody

with the Packers, the parents and everybody. Thank you again, colleagues, for indulging me. Appreciate it.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT TANDY: Thank you, Councilwoman Woolridge and Councilwoman Green. And thank you all for coming down here. I don't know if you knew it but you have a packers fan in Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Go Pac go. I know you follow the Green Bay packers.

PRESIDENT TANDY: But again, congratulations on a great season. I want to make sure that you continue to do well in school and make that your focus. Football is a wonderful sport. Learn the lessons from it because it will stay with you for the rest of your life. And we will talk more a little bit later on. I could go on and on about football. I used to do that back in the day, way back in the day, but good luck to all of you.

Councilman Engel, do you have your guests?

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Yes, sir, Mr. President.

Mr. President, council colleagues, it is our great privilege to honor and celebrate the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award winners as our special guests this evening. These schools represented our Saint Gabriel Catholic, St. Albert the Great, St. Margaret Mary, St. Gabriel Archangel, Christian Academy Middle School.

This year each of these schools received a phone call from the United States Department of Education of their selection as a national recipient of the 2015 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. With this news, then came the memorable opportunity for these folks right here to travel to Washington D.C. on November 9th and 10th to personally receive this special award from the United States Department of Education. In order to receive this prestigious award, a school must be designated as being exemplary, high-performing schools, high-performing meaning that the achievement of the school's students in the most recent year tested places the school in the top fifteen percent in the nation in reading or English language arts and mathematics as measured by a nationally normed test or in the top fifteen percent of its state as measured by a state test. If a nonpublic school administers both state and nationally normed tests, the

school must be in the top fifteen percent in both. The graduation rate for nonpublic high schools must be nine five percent or higher in the current test year.

The department invites them, the Council for American Private Education, called CAPE, to nominate up to fifty schools for this recognition. To make this award even more impressive, only fifty nonpublic schools were selected nationwide. Out of fifty nonpublic schools, five were in Jefferson County. Making these schools in the top ten percent nationwide of outstanding education excellence. How about that, folks?

[Applause.]

So we are very honored. And now we kind of get the chance to recognize our schools that we represent individually. And so all my colleagues behind me will recognize their schools. And I will talk about St. Gabriel's, the largest school in the archdiocese, 738 students. They are represented by Pam Fieldsman, Kathy Schivers and Jennifer Schultz, who I know personally because they put up with my kids, and they put up with my kids for a number of years. Tonight, folks from St. Gabriel and St. Mary's and St. Albert and St. Margaret Mary and Christian Academy.

Know ye that the council hereby honors and celebrates and recognizes tonight December 3rd, 2015, as your National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Celebration 2015 National award recipient, starting with St. Gabriel's, congratulations. Pam Fieldsman.

[Applause.]

PAM FIELDSMAN: Thank you so much, Councilman Engel. I appreciate that. It is very much an honor to be recognized here among our civic leaders. I appreciate your presence here and your honor. And on behalf of St. Gabriel I accept this award. Thank you so much.

>> Thank you very much.

Councilwoman Parker, take it away.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: I have St. Margaret Mary in my district, and I also happen to be a graduate of St. Margaret Mary. I went on to Wagner High School, a great high school, but everything I learned in 7th and 8th grade was just repeated in high school and I had a really easy

time in high school because of my time at St. Margaret Mary. This is going to Wendy Sims. Thank you.

[Applause.]

WENDY SIMS: I just want to say on behalf of St. Margaret Mary School I am so honored to be here and celebrate our wonderful school and our strong community. It is a pleasure to be here with you all and I accept this for St. Margaret Mary's school. Thank you.

>> I think I just got the nod. I'm here to celebrate St. Mary's academy. St. Mary's opened in 2007 as a result of the merger of two schools, mother good council and the immaculate conception. This award is especially important, a very high honor for such a very young school. I congratulate principal, her faculty and staff on an exceptional job, very well done.

[Applause.]

>> Thank you so much, Councilman Downard, and also for the Metro Council, thank you all for this wonderful honor. And I do accept this on behalf of St. Mary academy and all of our students, parents, our parishioners, all those who support our school, and especially our students. They are the ones who worked so hard to earn this award. So thank you all so very much.

[Applause.]

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: It is my honor and privilege this evening to acknowledge and recognize St. Albert the Great school, which is located in the wonderful District 7. It is a great place to learn and the entire faculty, staff and parish community take seriously the mission to prepare students to be socially responsible people in order to make a positive contribution to society. A myriad of talented and dedicated people ranging from administrators, counselors, special needs coordinators, teachers, IT support, care professionals, maintenance staff and parishioners work together to support, nurture and educate the students at St. Albert the Great. In fact, they have some very notable alumni. Chris Burke, you may remember, major league baseball player, played for the Houston Astros, Arizona Diamondbacks, and before retirement in ten played for the Louisville Bats. Chris attended St. Albert's in the 90s. Bill Platsky, a Los Angeles Times sports analyst, attended in the seventies.

And our Mayor Greg Fischer graduated in the seventies. Probably wouldn't want me to say what year.

Earlier today the mayor sent over a congratulatory letter for each school as he too is proud of the accomplishment for the five schools. It should come as no surprise that this is the second time St. Albert the Great has been awarded the status of National Blue Ribbon School. They received it first in 2004. They are a wonderful school. I visited there. I have met the principal, Bernadette Cooper, who could not be here tonight because they are also having an open house this evening to introduce new students to the school. But I do want to welcome Jonnell Richardson, the director of development at St. Albert the great.

JONNEL RICHARDSON: Thank you.

[Applause.]

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Congratulations.

JONNELL RICHARDSON: On behalf of Bernadette Cooper, our principal, she was sad that she was missing this but spending some good quality time with our families tonight. St. Albert would like to thank you very much for the recognition and for this beautiful plaque. We are very proud of our school and our community. We have some great students and we are telling them every day to work hard and so when we won the blue ribbon for the second time this was showing them, yes, working hard pays off. Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

>> Colleagues, Councilwoman Julie Denton was unable to attend tonight, so she has asked me to present this blue ribbon school of excellence award to Christian Academy Middle School. Assistant Principal Rebecca Mason. Congratulations.

[Applause.]

REBECCA MASON: At Christian Academy Middle School we would like to thank you for this honor of being recognized on behalf of our Superintendent Kim Greener and Larry Woolridge. It is an honor to take it back and show our students as well that the hard work that they have done in order for this to be received has been appreciated and acknowledged. So thank you very much.

[Applause.]

>> Can we get a picture here? One other comment as we talk to students, and it is great to see the Mercy High school students over here. I know a couple of them -- anybody go to these schools? Oftentimes we will hear from our students at high school that they appreciated the curriculum at the grade school level they received because they see a lot of that at the high school level. So these schools are preparing our young folks that we represent very well. So congratulations to all the schools. We are going to get one picture and you are all free to do what you want. Congratulations again.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT TANDY: Thank you, Councilman Engel. And for the rest of the colleagues who recognized who recognized these great schools.

Next we will have the approval of our council minutes for the Regular Metro Council Meeting of November 19, 2015.

Are there any corrections or deletions?

>> Move approval.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Properly moved and seconded. They are before us. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All opposed? The ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written.

Next we have approval of the following Committee minutes, all in 2015:

Regular: Committee on Sustainability, November 19.

Regular: Committee of the Whole, November 19.

Regular: Ad Hoc Committee on Land Development Code, November 30.

Are there any corrections or deletions? Seeing none, is there a motion to approve?

>> So moved.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Is there a second?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All opposed? The ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written.

Mr. Clerk, do we have any communications from the Mayor?

MR. CLERK: We do, sir.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Please read those into the record.

MR. CLERK: Dear President Tandy:

In accordance with the Deputy Sheriff Merit Board Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Deputy Sheriff Merit Board:

Robert Herre, re-appointment, term expires June 13, 2017.

Claus Behr, re-appointment, term expires June 13, 2017.

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Those appointments needing Council approval will be forwarded to the Committee on Contracts and Appointments.

Our next order of business is Old Business. Mr. Clerk, a reading of item number 11.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING--APPLICABLE SECTIONS ARE MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH BELOW IN EXHIBIT A--WHICH IS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT TO UPDATE THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 14AMEND1003).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Do we have a motion?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Properly moved and he seconded. It is before us. Any discussion?

Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Yes. This is simply some accompanying language to the mixed residential development incentives that we approved probably a couple months ago. They were -- I suppose the Planning/Zoning staff were counting on us passing a much broader package, and therefore they had referenced some other language that is already in the code because we didn't pass the broad package but a much more specific one they needed to change the reference points. And that's all this does.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Okay. Any further discussion? Seeing none, this is an ordinance that calls for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. The voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 20 yes votes and -- 21 yes votes -- and there is still something wrong.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Councilman James is not here.

MR. CLERK: 21 yes votes and five not voting. That's what threw me off.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. So the ordinance passes.

Our next item of business is item number 12.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of this resolution.

MR. CLERK: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THROUGH ITS STAFF WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES, RESEARCH "SHORT TERM RENTAL(S)" AS A LAND USE AND PROPOSE POSSIBLE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ADDRESSING WHAT "SHORT TERM RENTALS" ARE AND IN WHAT ZONING DESIGNATIONS THROUGHOUT LOUISVILLE METRO THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE, HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT THESE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THEREON, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Is there a motion?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Properly moved and sale of cocaine. It is now before us. Any discussion?

Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Thank you. I'm sure all of you are aware that we have a short term rental code change coming through the Public Safety Committee. This is the companion piece that needs to go through and to change the Land Development Code, but as you are all aware, in order to do that we have to ask the Planning Commission to actually take action, and that's what this resolution is doing, simply asking them to start the process on their end and then they will send us back some form

of an ordinance which we will then be allowed to tweak and change and make it all work out.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Okay. Any further discussion? Seeing none, this is a resolution that calls for a voice vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All opposed? The ayes have it. And the resolution passes.

Our next item of business is New Business. Colleagues, as you leave the chambers please do so quietly so the clerk may read new business. I would ask those council members that wish to make announcements to please remain in chambers and request to speak on your system once it has been made available. New business comprises items 13 through 33.

Mr. Clerk, will you please read those items and assignments to a committee.

MR. CLERK: The following legislation will be assigned to the Ad Hoc Committee on Land Development Code.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 1 AND 4 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO ATHLETIC FIELDS-APPLICABLE SECTIONS ARE MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH BELOW IN EXHIBIT A (CASE NO. 15AMEND1004).

The following legislation will be assigned to the Appropriations, NDFs and CIFs Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 171, SERIES 2015 BY ADDING \$400 FROM DISTRICT 11 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE ALREADY APPROVED \$18,250 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$18,650; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE WAR AGAINST VIOLENCE CORPORATION FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "YOUTH ALERT!" VIOLENCE PREVENTION/HEALTH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM AT SENECA HIGH SCHOOL.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,650 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 13, 9, 14, 24, 22, 11, 12; \$250 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 16, 15, 21, 2, 1, 8, 25, 17, 20, 23, 4; \$200 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 3, 7; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO GOOD HEALTH IDEAS, INC., DBA COLON CANCER PREVENTION PROJECT, FOR DESIGNING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Budget Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 103, SERIES 2015 AND ORDINANCE NO. 104, SERIES 2015 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$40,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 16 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 16 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK'S 2016 BUDGET.
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S 2016 BUDGET.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Committee on Contracts and Appointments.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT HERRE TO THE DEPUTY SHERIFF MERIT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 13, 2017.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLAUS BEHR TO THE DEPUTY SHERIFF MERIT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 13, 2017.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH TREE HOUSE ISLAND, INC. (\$50,000.00).

The following legislation will be assigned to the Committee on Health, Education and Housing.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,250 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Committee on Sustainability.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$97,200 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR CONTINUATION OF THE DESIGN PHASE FOR THE LOUISVILLE LOOP

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST MEDORA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECT
ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$81,000 OF
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION
CABINET FOR CONTINUATION OF THE DESIGN PHASE FOR THE LOUISVILLE LOOP
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST DODGE GAP BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECT
ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Labor and
Economic Development Committee.

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TWO (2) PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF W. MUHAMMAD ALI BOULEVARD, 30TH STREET AND
W. MARKET STREET AND OWNED BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT
AS SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING ITS
TRANSFER.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INDUCEMENTS TO
FIRSTSOURCE GROUP USA, INC., AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED
AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32.

The following legislation will be assigned to the
Planning/Zoning Land Design and Development Committee.

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF EMERY ROAD FROM RIEDLING DRIVE
TO ITS SOUTHEAST TERMINUS AT OAKLAWN SUBDIVISION AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE
METRO (CASE NO. 15STREETS1007).

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A 10' WIDE ALLEY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE
OF IOWA AVENUE, 110' WEST FROM THE WEST SIDE OF 4TH STREET AND RUNNING
NORTH A DISTANCE OF 60' CONTAINING 600 SQUARE FEET AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE
METRO (CASE NO. 15STREETS1016).

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE 12' WIDE ALLEY BOUNDED BY W. LIBERTY
STREET AND W. MUHAMMAD ALI BOULEVARD AND THE 12' WIDE ALLEY BOUNDED BY S.
THIRD STREET AND A 12' WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO
(CASE NO. 15STREETS1006).

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE STREET NAMES FOR ALL OR PORTIONS OF
THE FOLLOWING STREETS: CEDAR LANE, ELM DRIVE, EVERGREEN AVENUE, LAKE
LOUISVILLE DRIVE, WALNUT AVENUE, WILSON AVENUE, WITLOW AVENUE AND WOODLAND
AVENUE AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 15STREETS1019).

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING CHAMBERLAIN LANE FROM MINT SPRING BRANCH ROAD EAST TO BROWNSBORO ROAD AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 15STREETS1015).

The following legislation will be assigned to the Public Safety Committee.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT OF \$50,000 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET, KENTUCKY STATE POLICE (KSP) TO BE USED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TARGETING AGGRESSIVE CARS AND TRUCKS (TACT) INITIATIVES.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Without objection, we will stand adjourned.

Next we will have announcements. And we will begin with Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Thank you, Mr. President. A few things real quickly. Obviously the one big announcement is this Saturday which will be December 5th and from dusk until 10:00 p.m. will be Bardstown Road Aglow. I know at 6:00 p.m. there at Wendy's there's a massive evergreen tree growing naturally. And we have turned that in to almost the city's tallest Christmas tree, holiday tree. It is just wonderful. It is brightly lit and we will flip the switch. Kind of inaugurating and starting Bardstown Road Aglow. There's an ugly sweater contest, just a whole lot going on. So we would like to invite the community -- well, at least 50,000 Louisvillians -- if you would come to Bardstown Road Aglow on Saturday the fifth from dusk until 10:00 for Bardstown Road Aglow. Looks like the weather will be good.

In addition to that I wanted to remind folks that for area codes 40204 and 40205 the Highland Community Ministries will be collecting Christmas presents as well as canned goods for pantries and needy families in the ZIP codes. And the easiest way to do it is HCLouisville.org to get the details. You can drop off things for Highland Community Ministries.

I know this is stretching it, taking it to late January, January 31st, 2016, which sounds like a long time away, but it is not because it

is time to sign up because there are a limited number of tickets sold, and the folks who have been there to Tyler Park wine tasting at Mid City Mall, it is really a special event. And it raises money for the improvements matching local funds and other things for improvements in Tyler Park itself. So that's on January 31st, 2016. I think that's far enough out. I'm done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. Thank you, Councilman Owen. Next we will have announcements by Councilwoman Shanklin.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make an announcement that on Saturday in Newberg Park we will be having a Christmas party. Lighting up Newberg, we will have a lot of presents we are giving away and refreshments. The weather is supposed to be nice. Supposed to be at least 55 degrees. So it won't be too bad. We will have hot dogs and a lot of different things to eat. Quite a few presents. Come on out and enjoy. Thanks.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. Thank you. And what was the date and time?

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: It is from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock we will be in the park and it will be Saturday December 5th.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Saturday December 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Newberg Park.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: In the park. And the park is already lit up and it is really pretty. We are hoping everybody comes out. Thanks.

PRESIDENT TANDY: Very good. And finally we will have announcements by Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Thank you, President Tandy. Please help Mr. and Mrs. Claus collect toys. We encourage people to collect unwrapped toys for the women at the correctional center. As an added treat, Mr. and Ms. Claus will be collecting toys at the corner of sixth and Jefferson from 9 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Everyone who attends will receive a donuts at the new Dunkin Donut and is a delicious cup of coffee from the Schnitzelburg location. Toys can be dropped off during normal business hours. While all gifts are appreciated donations should not be connected to violence of any sort. The gift collection days are Wednesday

December 2nd through Friday December 11th at city hall at sixth and Jefferson on the first floor 9 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m. And if you need any additional information feel free to call my office at 574-1101. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT TANDY: All right. Thank you, Councilwoman Green.

So, ladies and gentlemen, that concludes our meeting for this evening. Our next council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17th, at 6:00 p.m. Until that time, we wish everybody Godspeed and we hope that you have the beginnings of a wonderful holiday season here in Louisville. Until next time when we see each other, God bless and God bless the people of Louisville. Good night.

[Regular Meeting adjourned.]