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PRESIDENT YATES: The Regular Louisville Metro Council Meeting of December 15, 2016, will please come to order.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to our 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.

Mr. Clerk, a roll call, please.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Shanklin.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Rick Tandy.

COUNCILMAN TANDY: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Hamilton.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member James

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Owen.

Council Member Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Aubrey Welch.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Fowler.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Butler.

Council Member Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Mr. Clerk.

MR. CLERK: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Pay attention.

MR. CLERK: I am, sir.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: For the last time in your life you'll hear this. Patrick Kelly Downard, District 16, present.

[ APPLAUSE ]

MR. CLERK: Council Member Stuckel.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: I don't know if they are happy that he is leaving... I'll figure that out. I'm here.

MR. CLERK: Thank you, sir.

Council Member Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Denton.

COUNCILWOMAN DENTON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Here.

MR. CLERK: President Yates.

PRESIDENT YATES: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Ackerson.

Mr. President, we have 23 in attendance and a quorum.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, would you also please have the record reflect that Councilman Ackerson and Councilwoman Butler both have excused absences?

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Next will I have my colleagues please join me in the moment of silence in the passing of the fathers of several of our dear colleagues?

State Senator Perry Clark, his father Paul Clark recently passed, as well as former council member Ellen Cox's father Earl Cox.

Everyone join me in a moment of silence.

[ MOMENT OF SILENCE ]

Thank you.

Council Member Benson, would you introduce this young man to us?

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. This is William Jones. He is a second grade student at Louisville Collegiate school. Enjoys playing piano, and flying airplanes.

William is the youngest founder of a non-profit kid aviation flight club at Bowman Field. Completed the pilot ground school and is part of the a peer-to-peer teaching team working with younger kids in an after-school program using aviation to teach and inspire.

William is a member of St. Matthews Episcopal church and he is joined by my daughter Laura and my son-in-law Michael Jones.

This is number eight y'all have seen. I don't know anything more important to me and I think almost everybody is your family and how they touch your life. My whole life revolves around my family, and I am so thankful that god has blessed me with these people. Thank you very much.

[ APPLAUSE ]

PRESIDENT YATES: William, thanks for being our page, and happy late birthday.

Mr. Clerk, are there any addresses to council?

MR. CLERK: Yes, sir, there are.

PRESIDENT YATES: Let me remind those addressing the council to please refrain from any profanity or making derogatory statements to council members.

Mr. Clerk, could you bring the first speaker forward?

MR. CLERK: Amy Luttrell.

AMY LUTTRELL: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. Most of you I think are already familiar with Goodwill because of all the thrift stores

we operate in Kentucky, nine of which are here in the Louisville Metro area, but tonight I want to make sure that you know the story behind those stores. First some basic facts about Goodwill.

We are relatively large for a non-profit. We have about 1,300 employees spread out in different locations around Kentucky. We are members of Goodwill International, but we answer to a Kentucky governing board. Goodwill is a living example of reuse and recycling. Every year we process over 50 million pounds of unwanted used goods. In the future, we will be making some changes that allow us to divert even more of those goods from the landfill. This is not our mission, but it is a wonderful side benefit. Goodwill is a social enterprise meaning that we operate businesses to help us carry out our mission. And our mission is to enable more people to become part of the workforce so that they have the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives.

Those stores you see in your neighborhood, each provide from eight to 20 jobs depending on their size, and most of those jobs are filled with people who have disabilities or disadvantages. We use those jobs to give people a chance.

In addition to those roughly 1,000 people with challenges who fill our jobs, we also help many other employers fill their jobs. We assist people with disabilities, people who have come out of the prison system, single moms who are on welfare, and people who have grown up in poverty and have never known anything but poverty. Just in the past few days visiting our stores I have talked with some of our employees. I met a woman who has traumatic brain injury, but she is able to get the job done

with some accommodations. I talked to a woman with one arm whose supervisor said she couldn't get along without her.

A young man with intellectual disabilities thanked me for his job, said it is the best job that he has ever had. And a man who has just recently joined us, I asked him what he was doing before he came to Goodwill, and he said nothing. These are people who tend to be left behind but who with the right support can meet employer needs, and then they have the dignity from being needed yourself.

In the future Goodwill plans to form closer partnerships with other non-profits, educators, and employers because we believe that by doing that we can enable more people to have opportunity to make their lives better. We appreciate the support of our communities, and we will do our best to return good value for that support. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Russell Greer.

RUSSELL GREER: Yes. My name is Russell Greer. You have a very important issue that I would like to bring to the council. It is called substandard housing for the handicapped population. What is going on, we have seven counties that are payees for the clientele and they are putting them in housing that has rats, roaches, kicked-in walls, asbestos, and you name it. And it is unsuitable for the clients. And I have brought it up to the chairman of the Seven Counties board, and he just blew me off. I brought it up with the CEO and their staff and they told me it is none of their business and they don't care, and they agree to disagree. I do believe that the council needs to step in under section 151 and make sure that clients at Seven Counties and any other people that pay rent of \$550 a month or better gets decent and affordable housing that they can live in

without going up here and getting sick or ending up in the hospital because it is costing taxpayers because it is Medicaid and Medicare people. And all the diseases they are getting, they are going to end up in the hospital and it will cost the taxpayer a lot more and it will cost me and you and everybody else a lot of money. We need to get it stopped.

And since the council has some sort of say, maybe you can get a hold of the CEO and board and ask them to look into this thing and stop it. If you have any problems or concerns and you want to talk to me, Steve Ott has my address, my phone number, and I will gladly keep in contact with you and go up here. And I will answer any questions that you have. Thank you. Have a nice night.

MR. CLERK: Alex Bradshaw.

ALEX BRADSHAW: I want to thank the council to talk about metro parks' desire to hire third-party groups to move city parks and benches for special events.

I'm a member of AFSCME. Many of our workers are those who keep metro parks beautiful and safe and clean on a daily basis. This was it was brought to the union's matter this matter was discussed on December 8th. The union is aware that no decisions have been made regarding this issue. Further, since our membership was made aware of the situation, metro parks has allegedly changed its tune about bringing in private contractors. We commend parks administration for changing their stance on this. However, we want to ensure we are getting a head start on a situation that has to potential to negatively impact AFSCME members.

The union finds it troubling and disheartening that the parks administration did not reach out to the membership before voicing their



desire to hire a third-party entity to move picnic tables and benches at special events. We are urging members of council to not take any action as a legislative body on such an issue in the future until AFSCME members and representatives have met with parks leadership or any other Louisville Metro department seeking to bring in private contractors.

Surely if Louisville Metro can afford to pay the lavish raises of certain members of the administration, and if they can afford to hire private contract workers to move picnic tables, they can afford to economically incentivize our membership to do these jobs.

As a union made up of public sector workers across the nation, AFSCME opposes efforts of privatization. Unfortunately, there are political forces in this country and certainly in this city that seek to privatize the public sector. But we are not accusing parks or Louisville Metro of such a scheme. However, we believe that bringing in private sector workers to do work historically performed by our membership is a slippery slope and sets a dangerous precedent.

AFSCME has seen this erosion happen to public sector workers across the country, but we don't plan to let it happen here.

Hiring the third-party workers would be a breach in our collective bargaining agreement. Metro government shall not subcontract outside the bargaining unit for worker normally covered by employees under the terms of this agreement for the purpose of reducing or employing the members covered by this employment. The contract leaves no room for interpretation on the issue.

AFSCME and other unions representing workers in the public sector should always be consulted on an issue like this. We know we have

strong allies and friends of the labor movement on council and we want to thank you for your continued support.

There has been a long well-funded war on the labor movement led by forces who don't want workers to have a voice on the job or say in their working conditions. With no much skewed information about labor it is forgotten that unions are the workers themselves. When you are inflicting harm on a union, you are inflicting harm on the families. Their voice should be heard by Metro Council, particularly when a department proposes outsourcing of their job. Thank you for your time.

MR. CLERK: Audrey Little.

AUDREY LITTLE: My name is Audrey Little and I live in Councilman Tandy's district. I attend First Unitarian Church, which is a member of CLOUT. I am here tonight to ask you to fund the affordable housing trust fund with an annual allocation of \$10 million. I have lived in affordable housing for 19 years. However, several people that I know are not that lucky. Some pay most of their SSI check on rent. Some have been on the waiting list for section 8 for years. Some are homeless. I pay enough for food, medicine, and enough to keep a roof over my head. And I am not alone. During the CLOUT listening process this fall 500 people told stories about impossible housing choices. 3,100 federal units are at risk which will make the problem worse. That's why we are here to ask you to fund the affordable housing trust fund with an annual allocation of \$10 million. Support people like me who are making very hard housing choices. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Daniel Cobble.

DANIEL COBBLE: Please see my attachment that I have given to the council.

I would like to share some of the ways my family is facing retaliation from government and how today's Russian story is fake news to influence the electoral college.

In 2013 I filed my second lien on the U.S. Department of Treasury for false imprisonment by the government. The IRS and Kentucky Department of Treasury then began confiscating our tax returns with bogus statements.

Finally this year I filed suit in U.S. tax court. See page one of my October 11th reply alleging harassment and fraud by the IRS. See page five of chief Judge Paige Marvo's U.S. tax court order dismissing my case, allowing IRS to continue their fraud.

I then realized IRS is committing mail fraud by mailing out these fraudulent statements. So see page one of my November 14th complaint to the U.S. postal inspector criminal division in Chicago. The postal inspector will soon be receiving my complaint against the department of treasury for illegally taking money from my social security checks.

The Metro Council has received my article one petition to congress against President Obama for treason. See page one of my October 19th petition identifying Obama's homeland security access to local voting databases in 40 states to cheat on election results. This is why the Democrats blamed Russia and so boastfully assured they would win the elections. My petition was also sent to various Republican congressmen running for re-election and other Americans. Apparently this notification forced homeland security to pull back from this traceable cheating,

allowing the November 8th elections to proceed free and clear. Again, today's allegations on the Russians is fake news to get electoral delegates to withdraw support from President-Elect Trump.

How do we know these elections were saved? Because in retaliation on November 18th the contents of my safe deposit box at PNC bank were rearranged with \$2,600 missing.

See the photo as exhibit A showing a new lock installed to replace the old and dented block. It was a government and PNC inside job.

PRESIDENT YATES: Do you want to finish your sentence? Our time is out.

DANIEL COBBLE: Yes, sir. See attached my petition to the governor on this matter. See attached the petition supporting a lawsuit to stop overpriced car insurance. Thank you so much.

MR. CLERK: Joshua Wysor.

I apologize if I didn't pronounce your last name correctly.

JOSHUA WYSOR: Thank you for your time. I am the chief park steward for Louisville Metro parks. And I began at parks in 2012, as our previous mayor handed over office to our current one. When I started, my union seniority rank was 133rd. I am now only ranked 70th. Another young man hired in March was ranked 122 when he began and he is now only 86. That is a lot of disappearances we have seen between us two, many of which have gone to public works. Early on in the Fischer Administration overtime was slashed as many new hires replaced years of service. Then we entered a period of semi-intentional hiring freezes and sweeps.

Complaints sprung from every district as the grass grew in every district. Seeing as the trees are merely ID numbers and spreadsheet

numbers does a grave disservice to the legacy of the park system. The legacy supersedes key performance indicators and somewhere between landscape design and natural beauty.

The expanse of the great lawn at Shawnee fog outlined in fog and crisply cut grass is something the administration is ready to sacrifice -- -- face down gunmen and rescue drowning victims on roadsides. We catch the flu and we call in sick to record. We get red flagged by LouieStat when we do. We follow orders when we disagree with them and we know the outcomes. We work solo when murders have recently occurred. Due to short staffing this is the reality. In 2016, 30 workers were hired and 30 left. When parks was last here before the council for the budget hearings we were at 13% vacancy of 143 authorized strength. Now that rate has climbed to 17 and 18% and in days will climb even higher. The problem in parks cannot be solved with innovative reinventions to have wheel, better marketing.

Don't be fooled. We have qualified applicants. There is resistance coming from another source. Our workers are tired. We have seen how the parks system should run according to the public's expectations. Some of the only things that keep us going is seniority and overtime pay. Without that we would have lost more public servants last year. The overtime was accidental. It would never have been given as a goal from the outset. So when the administration decides to unilateral announce yet another decision abandoning past practice and our contractual guarantees against erosion, removing 500 acres per year from our mowing rotation, scaling back bleacher services, our union is beside itself at the hubris of this. Thank you.

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

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Council Members Leet, Stuckel and Parker, would you please introduce your guest for us?

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Colleagues, Councilwoman Parker, Councilman Stuckel, myself, and Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch have the honor and privilege to recognize mayor Susan Barto from the city of Lyndon tonight. After 27 years of service to the citizens of Lyndon, Mayor Barto will be retiring from the city on December 31st.

Mayor Barto has been instrumental in establishing Lyndon has a thriving community in which nearly 10,000 people call home.

She has constantly strived to improve the quality of life for Lyndon residents with park improvement projects, quiet zones, road paving, and drainage improvement initiatives. Mayor Barto has served the Louisville community as a whole as the representative for the Kentucky League of Cities and as the president of the Southern Municipal Conference Board of Directors. Also served with the National League of Cities.

Please help us this evening to thank Mayor Barto for 27 years of public service and congratulate her on her retirement.

[ APPLAUSE ]

So I'm going to follow my predecessors who in the past have read the whole proclamation, so if you will bear with me for a moment, I know she does not like the attention, but after 27 years, someone certainly deserves a few accolades.

To all whom these letters shall come, greetings. Know ye that Louisville Metro Council in the spirit of deep gratitude and appreciation for her service to the Louisville community, hereby honors and awards Susan M. Barto the certificate of distinguished service in recognition of her 27 outstanding years of service to the Louisville community as mayor of the city of Lyndon.

Whereas Mayor Barto has represented not only the city of Lyndon but the city of Louisville in her role as president of the Kentucky League of Cities and as president of the Southern Municipal Conference Board of Directors.

Whereas she has served the citizens of Lyndon with dedication and commitment to improving their quality of life through projects to improve parks, roadways, sidewalks, drainage, and much more.

Whereas the Louisville Metro Council wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for her outstanding service to our community since January of 1990.

Whereas the Louisville Metro Council recognizes December 31, 2016, as Mayor Susan Barto day.

Whereas we hereby confer this honor with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining. In testimony where have whereof we have caused these letters to be made and the seal of Metro Government to be hereunto affixed. Done in Louisville the 15th day of December, 2016.

Thank you.

[ APPLAUSE ]

If anybody else wants to add a couple words.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: I'm here because Susan and I met at the National League of Cities on the human development committee probably nine years ago when I started. How long were you on? Way before me.

But we were able to work together there at a national level representing our cities, and we have done some great work over the years to bring to the table our issues and many of our resolutions all the way to the federal level and were passed. So it is very important that our city is at the federal table. And she was there to guide me. We became fast friends knowing that we were from the same area. And I am jealous that you get to have endless weekends, and that is what this is about, your endless weekends. Congratulations.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: I first got to meet Mayor Barto, we served on the juvenile justice board of directors. That's the facility out on La Grange Road. And I guess we received by together for maybe eight or nine years. But then I began to know all of the things that she was doing for the community for Lyndon, which at the time I had a little bit more area than I have today. But she has just been an outstanding civic leader, and I'm happy that she is going to be able to retirement they are going to be missing her. But I know in her retirement she will have the satisfaction of knowing that she received by the public very honorably and well. Thank you, Suse.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Yes. I am honored to actually live in the city of Lyndon under the leadership of Mayor Barto. And I will say that she has always been very conscious of how she spent the city of Lyndon's tax dollars. The residents got a lot of good things with how she did fund



the money and resources. And she also cut our taxes. So I am really sad to see that she is going. She has been a great leader for our small city.

SUSAN BARTO: Y'all did enough talking. Thank you very much for the honor. Thank you. I have enjoyed it.

[ APPLAUSE ]

PRESIDENT YATES: Council Member Denton.

COUNCILWOMAN DENTON: I just want to say a few words about Susan as well. You can sit. You don't have to stand. I wouldn't do that to you. While I was in the senate for 20 years I got to know Susan. She preceded me and then stayed long after I left. But she is finally going to retire. You were great to work with and it has been an honor to develop the friendship that we have. And I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas parties. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Council Member Johnson, do you have a special proclamation to present?

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes. Colleagues, thank you for joining me tonight for a special proclamation for our friend Stephen Fein. I first met him when he served on the committee to build a downtown arena and I knew this was someone who had a dedication to our Louisville community. Throughout his years Steve has been involved in our community from his time serving in the army reserves, involvement with his church, over 30 years of organized labor activities and recently serving as C district county commissioner since 2010.

After retiring from 30 years as a TARC bus driver, Steve became the bus driver for the University of Louisville men's basketball team.

Steve Fein is a dedicated public servant and it is my pleasure to present him with this proclamation. I believe several of my council colleagues would like to also say a few words at this time.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President. And Thank you, Councilman Johnson. I would certainly be remiss if I didn't say something about Steve Fein. I met Steve Fein in the late '90s when I first was running for office. Steve is absolutely the best. He was the part of the Shively Democratic Club. He was very instrumental. We had the best speakers at that club of any club in the city, and I would like to thank him for all he does for the unions, with U of L, with the Shively Democratic Club. And I was happy to be one of the people who signed on to your proclamation. To congratulations and happy holidays.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I too want to say a few words about Steve Fein. We met when we actually both ran -- well, before that, but we both ran for the district 12 seat a couple years ago. And then the really exciting thing after the election was over with I invited those people, all the people who had run for the district 12 seat to join me and be part of an advisory committee because there were a lot of really good ideas that people had put in place and had campaigned on. And so Steve took me up on that, came to my first meeting that we had, and he still all these years later is at almost every one of the meetings that we have. It is that kind of commitment that he has that makes him the public servant that he is.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman. And I recall there were quite a few good people in that.

>> I think you are pretty close to one of them.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Welch.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Steve, I'm glad we are doing this here for you tonight. We first met when I ran in 2006, was appointed and had to run right off the bat. And you have always been supportive of me. I think everybody who knows Steve knows he is never at a loss for words and gave everyone a good conversation. He knows a lot about a lot of things. So thank you for being supportive of us in south Louisville where you also live. And we appreciate all you have done for the community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Pat Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Thank you. I have known Steve for a long time too, and he has done a lot of great work. One of the things that sticks out in my mind, there was unfortunately an incident when a bus driver was attacked. And Steve worked tirelessly, went to Frankfort and here locally to change the law. And today bus drivers, if you do happen to try to mess with one, it is a class D felony and that is thanks to Steve Fein and his great work. I appreciate getting to work with him on that a little bit, but job well done. Keep up the good work. Keep the team safe when you are driving them around. Okay.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

I have a story for Steve as well. Steve's a good person. He is a good man. Long before I decided to run for office, I liked to get involved

in other campaigns and other issues. And a lot of them weren't necessarily political at all, but more social issues and things. And I met Steve and I was thinking about running for office. I was about 26, 27 years old. And he was one of the few people in a race that no one thought that I should get into. He talked me into getting into it. He said if your heart is in the right place, if you have these values, you should absolutely go ahead and do it. And the person who has taken that endeavor to try to get involved. I actually look up to you because it wasn't about winning the campaign or winning the race. Because you have stayed involved no matter what because you believe in those values and those issues and you need continue to push that forward. So I have the utmost respect for you. Thank you for your dedication. Keep our Cards safe too on the road.

Anyone else in the queue?

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: I just want to say thank you, Steve, for all your hard work and dedication to this community at large. You have done a lot of great things. And we really need more people like you to step up to the plate to help us all. So thank you so much.

And if you are really retiring, you are going to find out you are busier now and you'll wonder how you ever got to do the things you did.

>> I think we have one more message from someone who wasn't able to join us here tonight. They sent a video.

>> Hey, Steve, congratulations on behalf of our basketball team on this great award you are receiving.

You know, when you get recognition for doing things for others, it really brings up the award. Volunteering all that time for other people is something the Cardinal basketball team's really proud of. Proud of you, proud of the award.

You have anything to say?

>> Proud of you, Steve.

>> Go Cards.

>> Anyway, maybe Mr. Fein would like to say something.

STEVE FEIN: Well, that last one was really totally unexpected because Rick doesn't say a whole lot to me. He makes sure I'm on time. Let me say this. When I was a young boy I grew up ten blocks from here at the corner of second and St. Katherine in a one-room efficiency apartment. Walked to school every day at St. Lewis. Graduated from there and went to DeSales High School and graduated from there.

Served in the armed forces with Colonel John Aubrey in one of the most rewarding times of my life. That's the only time I never raised my hand to volunteer because I was told that was not a good thing to do.

I had a couple jobs, working two jobs, which I would never do again. Drove a truck all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky and northern Tennessee then went to work for a Chevrolet dealership and worked all the ins and outs of working on cars. Went to the Transit Authority of River City and kind of the rest is history because when I was at TARC I received by on the very first code enforcement board. I was always on the labor committee. I served 30 years for the central labor council.

And I enjoyed every minute of this. I was a training instructor, union officer for nine years. And I even served a route that dealt with

the disabled, which was probably one of the most rewarding times of my life.

After I left TARC, I got kind of put on the spot by mayor Jim Jenkins. He said I want you to take over my job. I said Jim I can't be the mayor of Shively. He said I want you to be the 44th LD chairman. I said how much is the pay for that?

He said it is a volunteer job. I said here we go, in the same mode. So I did that for a great number of years. And then I was appointed to the Kentucky motor carrier advisory board by Governor Beshear, which I had to resign when I became a C district county commissioner.

The county commissioner's position is a voluntary position and I wouldn't have traded anything for all the money in the world for all the people that I was able to help and when I couldn't help them I had you people that I could actually turn to and say you need to go to these people and take care of that. My tenure will end on midnight on the 31st of December. Wouldn't change it for the world. But I have got the best job in college basketball. But when I was younger I heard a phrase from a politician that stuck because it was something that my mother and father had instilled in me.

One person can make a difference, but everyone should try. And that was from John F. Kennedy. So I will say this in closing, because I know you have a lot more important business instead of just doing this for me.

With this proclamation, I'll get up tomorrow and do the same thing I have been doing all these years. And I got three things to say.

Merry Christmas to every one of you regardless of what side of the aisle you are on. May you have a happy new year, and go Cards.

[ APPLAUSE ]

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: So anyway, I will read the Louisville Metro Council resolution.

It says to all whom these letters shall come, know ye that the Louisville Metro Council hereby issues the spirit of Louisville to Stephen Fein.

In recognition of your years of service to the city of Louisville we hereby confer this honor upon you. Congratulations on your many years of being an outstanding citizen of Louisville. Exemplified by your community development, volunteer and support as C district county commissioner.

And in appreciation we hereby confer this recognition without rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining. In testimony whereof we have caused these letters to be made and the seal of the Louisville Metro Government to be hereunto affixed. It is signed by Jessica Green, Barbara Shanklin, Mary Woolridge, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Tom Owen, Bill Hollander, Pat Mulvihill, Rick Blackwell, Vicki Aubrey Welch, Cindi Fowler, Marianne Butler, Dan Johnson, Madonna Flood, David Yates, and Brent Ackerson.

So thank you very much, sir.

STEVE FEIN: Thank all of you.

[ APPLAUSE ]

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Next we have approval of Council minutes for the Regular Metro Council Meeting of December 8, 2016. Any corrections or deletions?

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: I was listed as arriving at 6:23 last week, and actually I was taking pictures with my guests. So I would ask for a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that I was actually present at the roll call, please.

PRESIDENT YATES: Absolutely. Second?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: All those in favor respond by saying aye. The ayes have it. It will be amended to reflect that you were present and you were taking pictures with your guests.

Mr. Clerk, would you note that change?

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you.

Any other corrections or deletions?

Without objection, the correction's approved.

May I have a motion and second for approval of the council minutes?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. All those in favor respond by saying aye. Opposed?

Ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written -- corrected.



Next we have approval of the following Committee minutes, all in 2016:

Regular: Committee on Sustainability and Parks, December 8.

Regular: Intergovernmental Affairs and Annexation Committee, December 8.

Regular: Committee of the Whole, December 8.

Regular: Budget Committee, December 9.

Regular: Planning/Zoning, Land Design and Development Committee, December 13.

Special: Appropriations, NDFs and CIFs Committee, December 13.

Regular: Labor and Economic Development Committee, December 13.

Special: Budget Committee, December 13.

Regular: Committee on Appointments, December 14.

Regular: Committee on Contracts, December 14.

Regular: Committee on Sustainability and Parks, December 14.

Regular: Public Safety Committee, December 14.

Are there any corrections or deletions?

May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. All those in favor respond by saying aye. Opposed?

The ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written.

We have had communications from Coach Rick, so I don't think we have any from the mayor, is that correct?

MR. CLERK: Correct, sir.

PRESIDENT YATES: Our next order of business is the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar comprises item numbers 18-41. Are there any additions or deletions? Seeing none,

Councilman Johnson, I think you mentioned you had wanted to move items 42-44 to consent?

Absolutely.

Without objection, items 42-44 will be moved to the Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar now comprises of items 18-44.

Mr. Clerk -- and I just want to make sure the second item you wanted to have the resolution removed off the consent?

Okay. Mr. Clerk, a second reading of these items.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,000 IN DISTRICT 5 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND \$5,000 IN DISTRICT 6 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO BE HELD IN PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS THROUGHOUT DISTRICT 5 AND DISTRICT 6.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,000 FROM DISTRICT 22 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO CHILDREN HAVE OPTIONS IN CHOOSING EXPERIENCES, INC. (C.H.O.I.C.E., INC.), FOR THE "DARE TO DREAM" SPORTS LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING PROGRAM.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,000 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$4,000 FROM DISTRICT 22; \$2,000 FROM DISTRICT 24; AND \$1,000 FROM DISTRICT 23; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES, INC., FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACING THE FLOOR OF A FOOD PANTRY.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 102, SERIES 2016 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$125,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 17 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 17 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 102, SERIES 2016 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$15,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 20 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 20 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102, SERIES 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2016 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$20,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND TO THE DISTRICT 4 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND AND BY TRANSFERRING \$10,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 4 OPERATIONS.

APPOINTMENT OF LINDSEY STOUGHTON TO THE BUTCHERTOWN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC). TERM EXPIRES 3 YEARS

APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE WOOD TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF TRAVIS YATES TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF NATALIE HARRIS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. RENEE CAMPBELL TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2018.

APPOINTMENT OF JC STITES TO THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC) BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2018.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,720 TO PROVIDE TITLE III-B ACTIVITY SERVICES AS INDICATED IN THE KENTUCKY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S FISCAL YEAR 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$1,114,000 FROM THE LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT FOR REMEDIATION OF SHAWNEE PARK TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$350,000 FROM THE LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT FOR REMEDIATION OF LANNAN PARK TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$30,000 OF FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE SALT RIVER CONSERVANCY PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION BY JEFFERSONTOWN OF HILLRIDGE SUBDIVISION.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF KRS 65.7041- 65.7083 TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOURTH AND GUTHRIE DEVELOPMENT AREA, DESIGNATING THE METRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, INC., AS AN "AGENCY", ADOPTING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN, APPROVING ENTERING INTO A LOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE "RELEASED AMOUNT"

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF REGULAR REPORTS TO LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THE TAKING OF ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ORDINANCE.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (NOVEMBER 14, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2023) RELATING TO WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND LOUISVILLE CORRECTIONS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE NO. 77, CONCERNING CERTAIN SWORN EMPLOYEES OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT IN THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF CORRECTIONS OFFICER AND CORRECTIONS SERGEANT.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INCENTIVES TO MESA FOODS, LLC, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32. AN ALLEY CLOSURE ORDINANCE OF 626-656 BAXTER AVENUE, 1203-1249 E. BROADWAY AND 1014-1026 ROGERS STREET AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 16STREETS1011).

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DEER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND INCORPORATING ITS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTO THE CORNERSTONE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (CASE NOS. 16NEIGHPLAN1007 & 16NEIGHPLAN1008)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2, 5, 7 AND 10 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO LANDSCAPING-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).

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2023) RELATING TO WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 783 AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS OF AMERICA REPRESENTING LOUISVILLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET -- EMS BILLING SERVICES

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW CONTRACT - (ENERGY SAVERS, LLC - \$250,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (MICHAEL HERRICK- \$36,480.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (CEPHEID - \$40,000.00).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The Consent Calendar has been properly moved and seconded, requiring a roll call vote. Would the clerk please open the roll call.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 23 yes votes and 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The Consent Calendar passes.

The next item of business is Old Business.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 45, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CLOSING ZIB LANE, FRED LANE, FAULKNER LANE, PAUL ROAD WITHIN THE RENAISSANCE BUSINESS PARK AND LOTUS AVENUE, COTNEY COURT AND ORCHARD AVENUE WITHIN THE FORMER EDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 16STREETS1015). (AS AMENDED)

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. The committee-amended ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. The only reason this appears in front of us was to actually delineate what streets were actually in the renaissance business park and those who were in the subdivision formerly known as Edgewood subdivision.

This is in Vicki Aubrey Welch's district. She may have a few words to say about that. It is a continuation of a project in her area.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Welch, would you like the floor?

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Sure. This is in the renaissance zone which has been a 25-year project which helped a whole neighborhood move. And now it is an industrial area with warehouses going up. And it is nearly filled now. So these street closures were just getting rid of the

small neighborhood streets there to allow for longer, larger roads within the warehouse district.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for the explanation.

Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a quick question for Ms. Welch, and that would be I know we are closing these streets, and my question doesn't revolve around these individual streets, but the whole area over there, the streets still exist and they have become -- they dump and hang out. Are we going to actually pick up the pavement at some point or are we leaving that up to the airport authority, who I think controls the ground?

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: The pavement, did you say?

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Yeah. There is a lot of abandoned streets over there.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: They get repaved as the warehouses go in.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: But we are not going back and reclaiming the land until somebody builds something?

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Probably not.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: That's what I wanted to know.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: You don't know where they are going to be located until the warehouses come in. But they are building all the way back to South Park Road now. So it is pretty far back there. What needs to be paved is miner's lane on the edge for those schoolkids to have a nicer bus route. And they need a playground, if anybody wants to help



them with some money on a playground. Cheri and I are going to do that.  
Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman. Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote.

Will the clerk please open the voting.

Without objection, the voting is closing.

The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 23 yes roll call votes and 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The amended ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 46.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5501 LOVERS LANE AND 5502 BILLTOWN ROAD CONTAINING 0.21 ACRES AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 15ZONE1059).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval, please?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance is before us. To you, Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. If you notice it is a very small piece of property. It is actually an addition to an area that is already rezoned and it is to allow a food store gas pump and another little store on the side. And all of that 0.20 acres will not be

used as anything. It will be part of the buffer zone. This is in Councilman Robin Engel's district, so he may have something to add to that.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman flood.

Councilman Engel, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Yes, Mr. President, just briefly. I appreciate the chair's description. She did it very well. One comment. There was no opposition to this development, so I would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Excellent. Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote.

Will the clerk please open the voting.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 23 yes votes and 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 47.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM M-2 INDUSTRIAL AND OR-2 OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1125 AND 1127 LOGAN STREET CONTAINING 0.22 ACRES AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 16ZONE1018)

Read in full.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded.

Councilwoman Flood again.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you. This is to allow for commercial office space to go in there. This building, they will be rehabbing the buildings and reutilizing the parking areas there are that. Also they will have access from the alley behind and the railroad property. This is in Councilman Tandy's district. He may have something to add.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Tandy, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN TANDY: Let me go into my Tom Owen. This building back in -- from the Kingsley Democratic Club. If you are familiar with the intersection, it is the building that is prominent on that corner. The building will be a restaurant on first floor with offices up above it. It fits perfectly with the neighborhood. And I certainly urge your approval.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for that explanation, councilman. Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this also is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. The clerk will please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing.

The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 22 yes votes and 3 in the voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance passes.

A reading of item 48, please. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. One second.

Councilman, did you have something, Councilman Stuckel?

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: You reported as three not voting. It was four.

MR. CLERK: The number said three but I counted afterwards, four not voting. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: Just want to keep you on your toes.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman. Mr. Clerk, would you please record without objection Councilman Johnson's vote as a yes on item 47, unless we need to open that up for voting?

MR. CLERK: Without objection, we are okay.

PRESIDENT YATES: No objections?

Without objection, item 47 will be recorded as having Councilman Johnson as a yes vote.

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT YATES: A reading of 48, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO R-5A RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY AND OR-1 OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4208 TAYLORSVILLE ROAD CONTAINING 82,747 SQUARE FEET AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 16ZONE1026).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILMAN FLOOD: Thank you. It is to allow for office space and for 12 units of apartments, condominium units. The offices they are talking about is utilizing an existing structure that is on there. There will be 30 parking spaces for the 12 units that they are building, which is probably closer to the maximum end of what is allowed for parking, but if you take into consideration 12 units, there could be two parking spaces per unit, which is a little on the hefty side, but then there is also six

parking spaces for guests. The other ten spaces will be for the office building that will not necessarily have anything to do with the 12 units that are being built.

There was a lot of questions and concerns. There was a lot of opposition. However, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to pass this on to us. Some of the concerns were the CARST area in the report, but we have been informed by the planning staff they will have to remedy and come back with planning staff before they build anything on there.

This is in Councilman Kevin Kramer's district and it is my understanding he would like to address the council.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman Flood.

Councilman Kramer, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN KRAMER as pointed out, there was a large contingent of persons living in Houston acres, which backs up against this property, who were present at every opportunity and raised concerns about the development. Raised concerns about parking, drainage, several concerns about buffers. At the end of the process they were able to negotiate some changes. I think their preference would still be this not be done. It is along Taylorsville Road and the building there will stay intact. Folks living in Houston Acres will have condominiums now as their back porch view instead of the field that is there. There is a bit of opposition.

I have gone through the public record and I can't find anything in the public record that suggests the Planning Commission was in error in any of their findings. And as I understand my role here tonight, my role is to look at the record and determine if the Planning Commission made any mistakes or did anything wrong. I can't find where that is true. I get the

sense that rather I like the development or not, that's not my vote tonight. And so I just want to share with my colleagues there is considerable opposition, but all of the proper rules were followed, and it was approved as Councilwoman Flood said unanimously by the commission.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for your explanation and comments.

Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this is also an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. The clerk will please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 22 yes votes, 1 present, and 3 not voting. The one present vote is from Council Member Kramer.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you. The ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 49, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM W-3 WATERFRONT TO C-M COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2700 BUDDEKE DRIVE CONTAINING 8.31 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 16ZONE1062).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second, please.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. This will be for the headquarters for the QSR automations, Inc. There will be a 51,220 square foot office space, 20,000 square feet in warehouse space. The parking will actually be behind the buildings instead of up front. It is

currently being used mostly as outdoor storage. So this will probably really improve that area.

This is in Councilman Bill Hollander's district so I'm sure he would like to address the council.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Hollander, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a more appropriate use of the property and a more appropriate zoning for that use. And so I urge approval.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Due to my close relationship to this project, I need to abstain.

PRESIDENT YATES: So noted. Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this ordinance requires a roll call vote. Would the clerk please open the voting?

Without objection, the voting is closing. Still closing. Without objection, the voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 22 yes votes, 1 abstention and 3 not voting. The one abstention is Council Member Leet.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance passes with the one abstention.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 50, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE ZONING REQUEST TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM R-R RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14005 TAYLORSVILLE ROAD CONTAINING 5.89 ACRES AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 14ZONE1064)

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: Motion and second, please.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. And actually when you vote tonight a yes vote will be upholding the denial of this change. Some of the reasons and probably one of the most important reasons that the denial was that the area is not fully served by utilities, as the site does not have sewers, and sewers are not planned for this area for some time. The soil report for this site indicates that the site has limited suitability for septic tank absorption. It was dated that 96% of the soil in that area would not support a septic system.

Also they were saying the proposal is located in a rural low density residential area so there's not a sufficient number of population to even support a C-1 in this area. Also there is a lot of underutilized area that is already developed that would accommodate a C-1 strip like this. This is a denial.

This is in Stuart Benson's district, and I am sure he would like to talk.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman flood.

Councilman Benson, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President. To me this is one of the most dangerous intersections in the whole county. If I can avoid it, I will. It is at South Pope Lick Road and Taylorsville Road. There is a truss where people have climbed on the truss to outrun a train. There's a bridge right there by South Pope Lick Road and Taylorsville Road



that goes over the creek and it is a two-lane bridge. There needs to be a light. There might not be a lot of people living out there, but traffic is unbelievable. Going to Spencer County, Taylorsville Lake Road. We need a turn lane but they won't build a light unless there's a turn lane. And we have to rebuild the bridge and it will cost \$2.7 million.

So to have anything in that area, until we solve the traffic problem, there has been five people killed right there. So a lot of times I don't agree with Planning/Zoning, but I do this time. I appreciate you voting yes for this.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Council Member Benson.

Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, the clerk will please open the voting.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 24 yes votes and 2 not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 51, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FOR 146 PROPERTIES FROM VARIOUS ZONING DESIGNATIONS, INCLUDING R-4 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, R-5 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, R-5A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, R-6 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, R-7 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, OR-1 OFFICE RESIDENTIAL, OR-3 OFFICE RESIDENTIAL, C-N COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, C-1 COMMERCIAL, C-2 COMMERCIAL, C-M COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING, AND M-2 INDUSTRIAL TO PD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND CHANGING THE FORM DISTRICT FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TO TOWN CENTER FOR 93 PROPERTIES AND FROM TOWN CENTER TO NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 3 PROPERTIES; AND ADOPTING THE PD PLAN AND GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTIES FRONTING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF FEENBUSH LANE

BETWEEN FEGENBUSH LANE'S INTERSECTIONS WITH VAUGHN MILL ROAD AND BEULAH CHURCH RD AND ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN AN AREA GENERALLY BOUNDED BY BEULAH CHURCH RD, DELIGHTFUL WAY, HAPPINESS WAY, OUTER LOOP, APPLE VALLEY DR, VAUGHN MILL RD, BRISCOE LN, GLASER LN AND WATTERSON TRAIL, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 236.26 ACRES AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE HIGHVIEW PD PLAN, AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (16AREA1004).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. This came out of the committee with a unanimous vote. It is a zoning and form district change for 146 properties.

Since then after speaking with Councilman Peden, he could not be in attendance that day simply because he was at work at our school system, but we have noticed that part of the land use under the central corridor sub area, it says there will be no drive-through facilities. If you put that in there that will eliminate not only fast food restaurants but it will eliminate banks. And he said that was not the intent of this zoning change. So he was going to ask, I believe, if I'm not speaking out of turn, that it be tabled.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Peden, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Thank you. And actually since I spoke to Councilwoman Flood before tonight's meeting I made a phone call to -- the process that we just voted on on the Consent Calendar with Deer Park where multiple people were appointed by the mayor and approved by us. It has been going on for a number of years. There is a neighborhood group that put this together. Not once at any presentation do I remember seeing drive-throughs being eliminated. I made a couple calls to a couple people and they said they don't remember that either. Within Kendall Baker with develop Louisville and the consultant, Gresham Smith, I just wanted to confirm some of that. Sending it back to committee, tabling it here.

Mr. Whitty has legal questions. He is more to this case more or less with the retirement of John Baker moving to private practice. I might have to -- just so we can expedite this I'll take some NDF money and keep him on the clock for a little while longer.

Nonetheless if we can just delay the vote until the next committee. Again, Councilwoman Flood has given the option of tabling it here. Either way it gives me a chance to make a few phone calls is all I'm really asking.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: I think he is just doing this so I won't get to vote on it.

>> That is benefit number three.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Peden, is that in the form of a motion?

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: I'm going to -- Mr. Whitty suggested sending it back to committee. Councilwoman Flood suggests leaving it here at the

council level. And I have to admit I'm at a bit of a loss because this is the last meeting of the year and I don't know when committees will be reformed and I don't know when the next meetings will occur and so on. About the only thing that is concrete is the first meeting of the year. And I'm not sure with the holidays everybody will be able to do what they want to do. If the keeper of the calendar were here, that would make it easier.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Flood, would you like to address that?

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: If we table at this level, January 5th is the organizational meeting. We can have the answer maybe by then and be done with it. Otherwise it will go back to a committee that we haven't established. And I think the drop-dead case is not only February 17th. But it just would be out faster if it was tabled and we got the answer.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: And I'm perfectly fine leaving it here and therefore no real discussion in committee, just more real answers. See everybody here on the fifth.

PRESIDENT YATES: Will you make a motion?

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: I make a motion it be table at the council level until January 5th.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: All those in favor respond by saying aye. Those opposed?

The ayes have it. This will be tabled here at the council level until then.

>> He was the second to that, so isn't he required to be here?

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Obviously you don't know Roberts rules.

PRESIDENT YATES: Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 52, please.

MR. CLERK: A RESOLUTION OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE LOUISVILLE ARENA PROJECT AND TO PRESENT SUCH NEGOTIATED SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

Read in full.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The resolution is before us.

Normally this would go to Councilwoman Butler, who has an excused absence.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to -- we started off with an ordinance and went to a resolution. We had a robust discussion. I'll let Councilman Downard discuss the details of that discussion and where we are at today.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Downard, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you, Mr. President. Robust is probably putting it shortly. There was an awful lot of very good, solid give and take, a lot of people. We really peered around the corners trying to find out where we wanted to be. Where we wanted to be was in control. That's where we ended up. Here is what I think it said. We actually made this a resolution. It will come back to us for approval, this agreement. It can't happen by itself. And before that the contribution levels from the

university to the arena authority will increase. You can put a lot of adjectives on it but when it comes back we will decide whether it is reasonable or not, and I think it will be.

Also the arena authority is asking the state to extend the term of their TIF and raise the cap.

Understand that the arena authority is running three negotiations. They have an agreement with the mayor, an agreement with the university, agreement with the state. So they are trying to do those three different negotiations kind of concurrently. And I think what this does is say we will be willing to do this if they do theirs. And also if they do theirs to the amount we think is appropriate. So it will come back to us. And that has turned out to be where we want it to be. I started out with an ordinance and I am fully in support of this as it turned out here.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

And I also want to point out Scott Cox, the chair of the arena authority, he asked me today if it was necessary to ask questions. As we took a moment earlier, his father passed away. And I told him that was not necessary.

Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: -- -- in this resolution to add an item C because the problems with the arena aren't necessarily monetary. The problems with the arena could be that it is not being utilized enough and could probably make a whole lot more money if there were a whole lot more dates that are being given away to the University of Louisville. There is no reason for the University of Louisville to have the day before and the day after. There is no reason for the University of Louisville to have

complete control of the boxes. You could actually have somebody else come in and use those boxes if it was another person and buy them for the same price the university's paying. You could have two different people using those boxes.

Another thing, if there was another team. And you know I know a little bit about that. When you have the advertising around the edge of the arena, should be able to be changed so that you can have it for the University of Louisville one day and somebody else the next day. There are things that do that now. Those are things that I think the mayor should be asking about, because I really feel like we need to put this little thing in here, being nice to the University of Louisville, which I am, and saying that -- I am adding C. The University of Louisville or Louisville athletic association agree to new terms including the day before and after U of L games, luxury box terms and advertising rights.

And I will make that motion.

PRESIDENT YATES: In the form of a motion. Do we have a second?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: It has been properly moved and seconded. Is there any further discussion on the motion for amendment by Councilman Johnson?

Councilman Downard, you are in the queue.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this. The luxury boxes are not owned by the University of Louisville or are they owned by the arena. The arena sells those. The university sold them for the arena to corporations. And you don't get to tell those people when they get to use the box. Jim King

was notorious, every time there's a concert they will send out to the box holders, will you please let us use your cost and we will give you half the income?

He said, "I furnished it. There is nobody going in there unless I'm there. Period." About half of those are dark during concerts because the owners say I'm sorry I'm not letting somebody I don't know in there to use that box. Now that's done.

The day before and after U of L games has been a myth for 100 years. The day after the game, any game, has never been held for the university. They have no control over it. The day before is, and that is because nationwide with every NCAA basketball team when you travel in you have the right to say, can I have a shootaround the day before?

And every team, especially in the ACC, requires it, you have to give that team a chance to do that. It is not unusual. I can tell you they have had them come and do a shootaround between 10:00 and 2:00 and have a concert that night. That has happened before. The university has very often -- very often is the wrong term -- every time they can has changed the dates. They have gotten the ACC to approve changes in dates for games so they can have a really big concert come in. So I know Dan means well on trying to do this, but we are really trying to get them -- the mayor doesn't get to ask for this anyway. He has to ask the arena authority to ask for it. It is better to go after the things that we are all three trying to put money in and they can come back and tell us how we are doing it or not. Keep it about the dollars and let them run the arena. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Woolridge.



COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: -- -- (off mic).

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you.

Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I'm not sure when is the appropriate time, but just the case it is a voice vote, if we end up having to vote on the amendment or on the resolution itself, I will need to abstain. I have a county attorney's opinion that he indicates that I should remain silent and also not vote. So I'm just kind of announcing that early and getting that out there in case someone thinks cat's got my tongue.

PRESIDENT YATES: We would all know something is wrong if you were silent. Thank you for the explanation, and we will have a roll call vote. We will have a couple abstentions, I'm sure.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: And of course the reason is that I'm a lifelong employee of the University of Louisville.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President. As most of you know, I have not been shy about saying that I think the University of Louisville needs to contribute more to the situation. But I don't think we should put in this additional paragraph. I really -- and I have two reasons for saying that. I think that the renegotiation of the lease and the terms is covered by paragraph A. And if in fact we can get more money, funds, and receipts into paying for the debt by doing some of these things in paragraph C, I hope the mayor will negotiate that. I also think that we should not tie the mayor's hands, and that is frankly one of the reasons why I opposed the ordinance, tie the mayor's hands to any particular negotiating tragedy. I think we should tell the mayor you have some

authority subject to coming back for approval if you get these things from the University of Louisville and from the state in the way of the TIF. So I am glad, I urged Councilman Johnson to mention these things. I think that's fine. But I don't think it is appropriate to put them in the resolution.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Thank you, Mr. President. Due to my employment at the University of Louisville foundation and the county attorney's opinion of perceived conflicts of interest, I will be abstaining from this vote.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman, for that explanation.

Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I would like to say that I disagree with Councilman Downard, that this needs to be looked at anyway. And I would really appreciate it if you would put it in this issue because other it may not be touched, and I think that it needs to be talked about in this paragraph because it is really important for having anything else in that arena.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman Johnson, for the explanation.

Before us, if no one else is in the queue, we have Councilman Johnson's amendment to add item C, which would state the University of Louisville or athletic association agrees to new terms including the day before and after U of L games, luxury box terms and advertising rights.

Moved by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Woolridge, and that would be up for a vote.

All those in favor of adding that in there respond by saying aye. Opposed?

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Recorded abstention, please.

PRESIDENT YATES: We may have to open for a roll call vote to record the abstentions on the amendment.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The vogue is closed.

MR. CLERK: 1 yes vote, 20 no votes, 2 abstentions and 2 not voting. The two abstentions are Council Members James and Owen.

PRESIDENT YATES: The floor amendment fails. Is there any further discussion on the resolution?

Seeing no one in the queue.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: I voted no but it didn't show.

PRESIDENT YATES: Can we make sure that Councilman Downard is recorded as a no vote?

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Is there any further discussion on the resolution?

Hearing none, the clerk will please open the voting so we can record the abstentions.

I can hear them clicking so I know they're voting.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 22 yes votes, 2 abstentions and 2 not voting. The two abstentions are Council Members James and Owen.

PRESIDENT YATES: And the resolution is adopted with two abstentions.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 53, please.

MR. CLERK: A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING Louisville Metro GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN THE LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RATE CASE FILED WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval, please?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. The resolution is before us.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This item passed out of the committee unanimous with a number of committee members requesting to sign on as cosponsors. It was originally sponsored by Councilman Hollander, and I will yield the floor if he should have any additional comments.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Hollander, would you like the floor?

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm very happy to see so many people signing on to this. I think particularly, and we have had extended discussion about this so I won't go on, but I think particularly the increased fixed rate charges are concerning to low income people and also to energy conservation efforts in the community. And I'm very glad that really after this resolution was proposed the mayor and the

county attorney have announced they will be intervening and they have in fact filed the motion to intervene today. I appreciate the support of council members for this resolution.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Stuckel.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: I would like to be listed as a cosponsor.

PRESIDENT YATES: Absolutely. Without objection, Councilman Stuckel is a cosponsor.

Council Member Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Due to my wife's employment with Louisville Gas and Electric, I will be abstaining on this matter.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: I too would like to be listed as a cosponsor, please.

PRESIDENT YATES: Without objection, Councilman James Peden as a cosponsor.

Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: I would like to be added as a cosponsor.

PRESIDENT YATES: Without objection, Councilwoman Green will be added as a cosponsor.

We are having some technical difficulty with my queue.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to echo what my colleague Councilman Hollander said. I'm so glad this resolution is before us. And as I said at the committee level, this is a problem for a lot of people, low income people. These people that we

tried to give an increased minimum wage to. So I hope the mayor can work with LG&E to make sure this fixed rate does not take place.

People in older homes, they cannot afford any additional LG&E. And every month seems like there's a different company increasing prices, MSD, the water company, LG&E, the telephone companies. So I would like to see this resolution passed and the mayor really take charge of this situation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman, for that explanation.

And I have several, because the queue is having difficulties, but I have several people who have pointed out they would like to be sponsors.

I know that Council Member Mulvihill has to abstain.

Councilman David Tandy.

COUNCILMAN TANDY: I need to abstain as well.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Tandy as well. In the essence of time, would everyone like to be added as a cosponsor to this?

Without objection, outside of Councilman Tandy and Councilman Mulvihill because of the potential conflict of interest. And Councilwoman Butler. We will add as cosponsors.

Is there any further discussion?

Clear queue.

Hearing none, this normally requires a voice vote, but we will bring up a roll call vote to record the abstentions, please.

Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 20 yes votes, 2 abstentions and 4 not voting. The two abstentions are Council Members Tandy and Mulvihill.

PRESIDENT YATES: The resolution is adopted with two abstentions.  
Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 54, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET  
TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND TO  
PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN. (AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION)

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: May I have a motion and second for approval,  
please?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. The  
committee-amended ordinance is before us.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to just  
start off by thanking all my colleagues for they support. In particular,  
Councilman James and Councilwoman Hamilton.

I also wanted to in particular thank Councilman Downard. We know  
this is his last night, and I just wanted to take a moment, because I  
think obviously we all know that he was known as the financial star  
amongst us. And I just wanted to say thank you again for all the support  
and coaching over the last few months. So thanks.

The Metro Council received the mayor's proposal for spending  
additional funds available as a result of year-end review last week. And  
with only a view to review the proposals we held a meeting on Friday where  
members brought forth a number of questions and understanding that action  
was necessary this week we continued our dialogue through to a special

meeting on Tuesday of this week and spent an additional two hours to move through that process.

And we even further continued efforts to understand and come up with solutions through the safety committee last evening where they spent nearly three additional hours trying to understand Chief Conrad's plan. For all the successes we can talk about in the budgeting process, none are more important when people are scared for their safety and well-being or more importantly their children and loved ones. That is exactly what is occurring in the neighborhoods, especially in the ten to 15 neighborhoods discussed by Chief Conrad. The proposal today offers a variety of proposals, some of which are old, such as additional overtime. Some are new, such as the use of interceptors. And some are programs like crime stoppers, ones that we have used in the past.

What is clear is this council has and will continue to give our police what they asked for. Let me say this again. We will give our safety officials whatever they ask for. We depend on these leaders to be forthright with their requests just like this year's budget and every budget prior. With this vote we will be giving Chief Conrad and Mayor Fischer everything they have asked for and more.

Now it is up to the administration to use those resources to get the results, results that have been absent for the past two years. I believe this process led to a good dialogue between the council and the administration and amongst community activists who are working to improve our conditions. Hopefully these conversations will lead to results and some additional peace. So I ask you for your support. I will be voting yes for this budget amendment.



PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you. Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. The clerk will please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing.

The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 24 yes votes and 2 not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The amended ordinance passes.

Thank you for everybody's work on that.

Our next item is new business. But before going to that, and I promised Kelly Downard that I would go to him -- you know Kelly, he always has to be difficult -- first. I do want to say thank you to our three members who are leaving.

We have a short presentation and some things to give to our members. Kelly had asked to have the floor for a minute first.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you, Mr. President. And I couldn't leave without just one last address to my colleagues.

I will do this individually. Some of them are very serious and some are just kind of just funny. Take your pick. You have to look at it.

Jessica, I want to thank you. My wife, Mrs. Claus, who almost gave me pneumonia while collecting for the toy drive.

Barbara, I want to give you a chair from my office to replace the one that you wore out in Edmond's office.

Mary, thank you for all your hard work on the Walmart store. Appreciate it. I must say to all of you, pay attention. It is not necessarily over. I also enjoyed working with you for the Algonquin pool.

And one of the nicest things is -- I want you to go and tell your husband -- I'm no longer accepting any responsibility for your behavior.

David, I don't have to say anything to you because you are bugging out with me, but I have enjoyed working with you. It has been interesting, I think. I appreciate it. Another VanDe guy. My daughter went to VanDe and she thinks you are really great.

Cheri, we just did really great work together eliminating debt for the Neighborhood House. \$1.1 million over nine years. And I really -- that was something that I will always remember, and I assume that you will too. It was fun. We went down there and they burned the mortgage for us. It was great. We got to light it.

Angela, you don't need a coach. I told you earlier. Your control of the mid-year adjustment meeting proved that. Very well done.

Tom, you are bugging out with me also. But we have worked pretty well together over 14 years. And I think one of the hallmarks was even though we disagreed often, there's never any animosity, and I thank you for that. It was fun.

Bill, you've got your plate full, but your car has learned to like my car. They spend a lot of hours together. Sometimes it is just the two of them out there.

Pat, I want you to take this the right way.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Hit the rewind.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: In all truthfulness, I wish you weren't there because I wish Jim King was still here. But you have caught on very quickly, and I have appreciated it. You got to carry on the future

organization work. And you filled that chair. It is a big darn chair to fill. You did a good job on it.

Kevin, you have provided wonderful leadership over these last 14 years. But who will get to listen to your two-hour speeches now? It was always easy to understand where your point of view was on most issues, especially after you stated them over five times.

Rick, ten years ago you started something in appointments. You asked a very basic simple darn little question. You said, How come nobody from district 12 ever gets appointed to anything? After researching this for years, we have gotten this further down the line. We get ten or 12 different characters for the appointees and a list of people who are interested, but we are nowhere near there yet. I am counting on you to keep it going. Because it is just too important.

I saved you, David. Don't worry, I didn't skip you. I'm saving you.

Vicki. Thank you for your leadership and the partnership in the recent landmarks case. We were right, and I appreciate it. It was fun working with you on it.

Cindi, there are thousands of animals in this community that are alive because of you. I want to thank you from me and from Sadie, if you remember.

Marianne's not here, but I'm going to tell you something. Many of you don't know that Marianne Butler and I have been communicating a lot in recent weeks. Texts, phones, talking, etc. And I told her something last week, and I want to repeat it for you. I said, Marianne, sometimes we have agreed, sometimes we have disagreed. Sometimes we have even

undermined each other. We were very best when we agreed and work together. She agreed on that.

District 16 has been terribly fortunate to have been represented for the last 14 years by my very best friend. Glen, you have been critical of the Planning/Zoning committee. Let me tell you something. Glen is the only person on this Metro Council who understands after we pass a zoning change he actually knows what is going to happen next. The rest of us shove it off. You are critical, Glen. Thank you Glen, I walked and knocked on doors for you to help get you elected. I stood on the corner of Hurstbourne Lane and Shelbyville and waved signs on election day to try to help get you elected. It was a good choice by me.

Is Julie still down there? No, she is not. Let me tell you something. I will talk to the rest of you anyway. Julie is pretty smart, she is buttoned down, but watch out, folks. If she has an idea, pretty soon it is going to be your idea and you won't even know how and when it got there.

Stuart, can you help me? Can you train me as a tool die maker, please? I have worked out here for 14 years and I am broke.

Dan, in all seriousness, if there was ever an NBA team that comes to Louisville, it is going to be because of you. And I mean that. There will be no further comments about you. I call the question.

Robin Engel is one of the good people who will look me in the face and tell me I'm wrong. Seriously. And it is a good thing -- Robin would be so much better if he had any energy.

James, at one point you carried three jobs. I don't know how you did it, but you did. You worked harder on land development issues than

anyone on this council, continuously day in and day out. I didn't always agree with you, but you worked hard on it. You also go on a whole lot more vacations than the rest of us.

Madonna Flood, my good friend. The planning and zoning process in this community is stable because of Madonna Flood. And we get to support our troops and our veterans through her hard work. Thank you.

President Yates, you have done almost as good a job as president as that guy from District 16 did in 2004. Almost. Almost.

Brent's not here, but I'm going to say it anyway. What to say about Brent? There are a lot of adjectives you can say about Brent Ackerson. Smart, unpredictable, some call that loud and crazy. But Brent is very serious, and when he is back I'll be gone. But he is very serious about the U of L TIF at Shelbyhurst. I am too. I thoroughly agree with him. So listen to him when he gets working on it.

Okay, David. Zing. Okay. I joined you at your wedding reception, and we have been friends ever since then. I would be happy and proud to claim you as my friend when you are the law and order mayor. There, I said it.

Couple more. I just want to talk about Steve Haag. In 2002 poor Steve took us all under his wing. I had run a few companies and I wondered what this young kid was going to teach me. Wow. I'm still learning from him. He had the talent to instruct without ordering. He calmed me down often. That is hard. He even occasionally calmed Robin down. That's hard. I could never have done this job without Steve Haag, and I'm a better person.

Beth Stenberg. She came to work here in the beginning and I as the first caucus chair hired her. She and I have dug into the budget each year and we have gotten better at it. I'll tell you the truth. I have been taking credit for her work for years, and she let me do it. But it is her that does it.

Debbie Carol, goodness gracious, she has been with me for 18 years. She has been a friend and partner and we ate lunch almost every day down in our office. I did not think there was ever a day we didn't laugh. She runs the district office which allows me to run on council business. She knows how I think and is usually way ahead of me.

I nicknamed her radar. Anybody remember M.A.S.H., Radar O'Malley? I got tired of saying give me a copy of X, and it was on my desk already. It was the truth. She is concerned I'll be a nightmare constituent of District 16. She is right.

Debbie has come to have a lot of control over me at work. She just sort of tells me what I'm supposed to be doing and I do it. Then Elizabeth Hoppin came to work if for me and she and Debbie have total control over me. Jim King, as you know was my close friend, said Elizabeth was one of the two or three most effective people he had ever worked with. And I agree.

Now we get to my family. Thanks to all my family, but especially my wife Denise, who is in bed recuperating from a medical procedure this morning. Denise controls me at home. As you can see, some woman controls me everywhere. It is okay.

Denise always says yes to all the crazy dinners, the parties we go to. She changed her life to work every day for 18 months so I could run

for mayor and get killed by Jerry. But she did it, and she just smiled. All the late dinners, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 o'clock when we get out of here, like tonight, she did it. Every time. She was always happy to listen to the good and bad that happened every day. She shared my excitement over things that might seem esoteric and silly to many people. She needed great patience. Honey, I know you are listening. Save me a glass of wine. Thank you.

[ APPLAUSE ]

Mr. President, if I could just say one more thing.

PRESIDENT YATES: Please do.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: That is something that I want to say to all of you. Partisanship, it has its proper place in supporting political philosophy, no question. It doesn't have a place in just beating up on someone because you can. Jim King and I were very most proud of the two nights a month we went to dinner with our wives that we always looked for a way to agree on major issues and budgets while providing all of you with as much as you probably could that you asked for. We came up with the 17-9 theory which is a way to split every budget item and not fight about it. We went to the caucuses and tried to hammer out an agreement that we could sell to 14 of you and most of the time it was all of you. Differences by region, gender, race, orientation and others all came into play, but not at the expense of each other. We always wanted as many winners as possible. The city was the winner. Jim is no longer here. January 1st I will not be here. Somebody has to step up to the challenge or this council will become what Frankfort has been and what Washington is, an embarrassment. That's it. And I am done.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Owen, Councilman Tandy, and Councilman Downard, I could say personally from coming on to the council in 2010 I have had the opportunity to work with each one of you, butt heads with each one of you and learn from each one of you. And I can tell you sitting here today I have seen you do the same thing with all my colleagues here, and I think that is what makes us great, and your leadership is going to be missed. Your work is going to be missed. Each one of you bring very distinct characteristics and talents. You represent very -- the constituent bases that y'all represent bring something different to the table. And I can tell you I know each one of you has sat in this seat as well. I admire each and every one of you. And on behalf of the Metro Council, on behalf of the city of Louisville, I thank you, and we owe you a great gratitude.

We do have a few tokens that we have put together that we would like to be able to present to each one of you. And I imagine as we are getting that together there are several people that want to click in the queue. I sincerely mean it from the bottom of my heart I enjoy your friendship, and I absolutely admire each one of you. And thank you for your service.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President. And I would like to echo exactly what you said about my colleagues, Councilman Downard, Councilman Owen, and Councilman David Tandy, who I call Councilman Counselman, because he was both a council member on this Metro Council as well as a counsel at law. I have enjoyed working with you all, all three of you. Couldn't have had better colleagues to work with. You



all took the good side of me along with the bad. And I didn't really have a bad side. I think Kelly probably thought I had a bad side. But again, it has been a pleasure. I certainly will miss you guys. And I may be calling on you. As a matter of fact, I may even have this council to call some of you back as consultants because we very well may need something like that because as we said we know Councilman Downard is a guru when it comes to the budget, and so I'm already advocating for something like that as we speak.

Again, you all be blessed. It has been wonderful. Happy holidays. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, prosperous and safe. All of you be blessed.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

And as people -- I'm going to go down the queue, but I would like to have our outgoing colleagues, Councilman Owen, Tandy and Downard, could you step down?

As people give you accolades, I would like to give you a token on behalf of council.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: I don't know the protocol. Speak to Kelly and Tom?

PRESIDENT YATES: I was going to have each member come up and speak to that member.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: Since Kelly spoke, I will get to him and then the other two. Is that all right?

PRESIDENT YATES: Please.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: I just want to say to Kelly, because we have been here since the beginning. And you will all remember

that we were here when metro first came into play that before we even got started we got together in a bipartisan manner and wrote the rules and procedures that we still operate under today. And I think that was a good beginning to show the bipartisanship. Because there had never been any Republicans since the board of aldermen days in '68. So it was a new thing learning how to work together in a bipartisan manner.

I admire your financial aptitudes. And that first year you were the chair of your Republican caucus and I was chair of the democratic caucus, and we had these nice beautiful offices on the first floor, and I left but you never did. You still have that nice office down there. And then Barbara got it and nobody ever left. So I don't know what happened to the rules after that.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Barbara got down there and wouldn't leave.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: But I have admired your work. We have been serving together every year on the Budget Committee, and some years I chaired and some you chaired. But we always worked together. And that was where we were able to make the great contribution and work together for the Neighborhood House. And I will always be so thankful for that \$1.1 million that we got to retire their debt and burn that mortgage, and I wish you well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: And, colleagues, if you would join me, Councilman Tandy, if you would join me down here, and Councilman Downard as well.

The next person in the queue may go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: That's me. I have been here not that long but I will tell you that prior to coming as an outsider looking in I

looked at Tom and David and Kelly as three people who are really thought as the lifeblood of this body. Since being here for the last two years, that has absolutely been the case. I have watched David -- he is one of only a few of us who have young children, and so to watch him and his beautiful wife Caroline balance that and to understand what I go through as a parent, bringing kids back and forth, choir rehearsal, soccer. It is wonderful to talk to David about that. And so we will miss you.

And then Tom, I just kind of think of you as an elder statesman. When I have had questions you have been easygoing to talk to. I appreciate that.

And Kelly, I have adopted all my kids of mine but Kelly has taken me underneath his wing since I have been here. It is very funny that a poor black girl from West Louisville has gotten my uncle out in the east end and we somehow managed to work together cohesively and to where able to put a lot to rest about some of the bipartisan issues and to work and to get things done. I appreciate what you did with me on appointments this year. I appreciate you freezing your body off during our Mr. and Mrs. Claus for the last two years. I will miss you immensely. And I agree we will have to drag you in or put you on the payroll to give you institutional knowledge, because we are missing and losing a heck of a lot with losing the three of you all.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: You know I'm the shy one around here so I don't do a lot of talking. But I do want to say that all three of you are leaders. Every one of you have been a president and a darned good president. I can't say anything negative. And I just hate to see you

leave. And Kelly, I will be in your office looking for that chair that you are going to lend me before somebody takes it.

I will miss all three of you. Thank you for all you have done for us.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: I will say Kelly mentioned earlier that I have a tendency to ram my point home. And so for your sake I actually wrote down some comments so it wouldn't be too terribly broad.

It is my honor to share a couple thoughts with you this evening about Kelly Downard.

Kelly was recognized as a leader right from the beginning. In the first year of merged government he received by as minority caucus chair and in second served as President of the Council. He has received by as chair or vice chair of at least one committee in each of his years on the council. As much as he was seen as a leader he also served as a great mentor. We were all new to this form of governing and yet many of us looked to Kelly as if he had the seniors. I know that when we were invited to events, my wife would want to know what the appropriate dress was, and I would stop in Kelly's office. He would call Denise, and then I could give Julie a heads up about what she should be wearing. Maybe that is Denise doing the mentoring, but we all know that we have asked Kelly for advice on multiple occasions.

What those of us who came to know Kelly learned quickly was the depth of his compassion. He may be a bit frustrated from my he thinking this but we all remember a couple years ago Kelly came in hairless. What many don't know is a member of his family was going through chemo and he shaved his head in solidarity.

That was evident in his career choices. He was active in creating the community development bank, that secured loans for economically distressed neighborhoods. He is still standing with those to ask we will part to -- Walmart for coming back to the neighborhood.

There is no one on the council who works harder than Kelly.

While we may not always agree with him, we know we can count on him to have done the research. I believe everyone will agree Kelly's service on the Budget Committee has been invaluable. He will be sorely missed.

I say good-bye to Kelly for the last time as a colleague. But it brings me great joy to claim Kelly as a friend forever.

Kelly, thanks for all you have done for the community, for the council, and especially for me. I'll miss seeing you here, but my sincerest hope for you is that well-deserved retirement.

And as for Tom and David, I want to mention that I voted for all three of those guys for president at least once and I think encouraged all three of them to consider a second run for president. I hate that you are leaving. I was looking forward to encouraging yet another run.

Also Tom I thought you came where the building. So there is no way your warranty is expired. That can't be true. We are going to miss you guys.

I won't miss David as much because I'm going to annoy the bejesus out of him and we will get more golf in.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Each one of you has inspired me in your own special way. I learned from you that it is important to dig a little

deeper because sometimes we have more in common than we do not in common. I'll see all three of you later, but I would like to say may all be good and may all be well and may in your lives angels dwell. Thank you for your friendship over the years. I will miss all three of you all, but I will catch up with you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: I'm going to miss all of you guys. And one of the things that I find most amusing, sometimes when I am out at the grocery store people will say hey, Mr. Tandy, how are you doing?

And so --

COUNCILMAN TANDY: It's the hair style.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: It's the shaved head. And I always say he is the tall one. So I'm going to miss you, David, and your advice and timely calls when things are going on and the phone calls and text messages you send me. And just being there. I have been very thankful for that and I'm going to miss you.

Kelly, you were there in the very beginning. You were actually the first Republican to ever endorse me when I ran for the very first time. So I appreciate that. And I appreciate the things you do. You seem to have perfect timing. You know when things are going sideways and you will call and say this is what I think you need to do. I always appreciate it. You may not know it, but it came right on time, and I appreciate everything you have done.

Tom, you are like the historian that I learned from every time I talked to you, I learned something. The three of you all together are an

anchor in this body. And we have all learned from you, and we are going to miss you, and I'm going to miss you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: I'm going to start from the far left for no reason other than Tom's on the far left there. You are our far left. We often hear folks doing a lot of talking and no walking. That's not Tom Owen. When Tom Owen stands up for bicycle safety and bicycle rights, bicycle lanes, he does it because he genuinely believes in this thing. And I caught on firsthand when we took office and Tom was asked to be a speaker on Fern Creek. And he actually biked to Fern Creek. And I could not -- this is a guy that walks the walk and talks the talk, folks, when I saw that. Not only that, when I saw his bike on the TARC bus oftentimes because it might be raining or something and he got the TARC bus to transport his bike out to a speaking engagement.

I have told him already that he is and will always be our staff historian. He never misses a beat to speak to a group in Louisville about this great city. And I don't suspect that will stop anytime soon.

Tom, it has been great.

Councilman Downard, I have never seen somebody who takes to heart, takes to heart every single issue that is discussed. And if he thinks that he might have missed the beat on an issue one council meeting or one committee meeting, he is at it the next morning and he is working to compromise and to bring the best piece of legislation forward. He mentioned that I was one of the few that looks at him and tells him that he was wrong. That didn't happen often. We had a great working relationship. And when he and Jim King put their mind to something, there

was nothing that they could not figure out from a budgetary standpoint that would not be good for the taxpayers of this community. And for that, Councilman Downard, you'll always be remembered.

Councilman Tandy, when he flew into office here in this council, I travel all over the state of Kentucky for my job, and talking to the fine folks of Owensboro after Councilman Tandy joined office, they said you have a good man. Right, Councilman Tandy?

I know he loves Owensboro. Not just Democrats, but Republicans as well. Councilman Tandy's love for his wife and family is so impressive. I will always remember that. You are true leaders and will always be remembered. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Blackwell.

Stuart Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thanks. I'll be quick. In my lifetime I meet a lot of phonies and I tell people all the time when you meet Tom Owen, he is the real deal.

And can't tell you, Tom, how much you mean to me and in council. He is the funniest guy, I think. He says the darndest things that make me laugh all the time. When I tell people he thinks everybody should ride a bike, he does. And I just love that. I love people who are consistent. And when I talked to me about an issue, he will listen to me and we will have dialogue.

And to me that is all I ever ask from anybody. Let's talk about it and maybe I can add something to it. But I always gain from him.

Kelly, most people don't know this, but I'm not necessarily thinking of myself as a leader, but I'm definitely not a follower. I know



where I'm going and I go. When it comes to dollars, I ask him what he thinks?

And I go with him. The guy knows what he is doing. When it comes to spending the money the right way, I love it. I really am going to miss your expertise, Kelly. Not that some other people aren't good with numbers, but I know you do, so I really appreciate that. And David, you were beside me in my office on the second floor. You are a really nice guy. There's not a lot of people that want to talk about Jesus with me, but he is the real deal, and I really -- I know where his heart is. And a number of times people could cut on me about something and he stood up for me. And I thought that is really a nice guy. David, thanks, too. Appreciate all you guys.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I just wanted to say I knew all of y'all and I appreciate knowing y'all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I too want to thank all three of you. Certainly, David, you have brought really a strong presence on the council. We were all very excited when you came to council. You had tough shoes to fill right off the bat and you stepped up and did that. And you also took on the very, very tough job of stepping in as president when Jim passed. And that too was big shoes to fill. And you did a really great job of stepping up and being our leader at that time.

Tom, certainly going to miss when I first came on the council, Tom would say to me you have two minutes and 37 seconds to talk about

whatever it was. I'm going to miss that, miss him calling us to order with his hands in caucus. I don't know what we are going to do with that. And most importantly, a sense of history and a sense of context.

You think you know your district well and you have got a case coming before Planning/Zoning and you think you know it and he gives you the context. Like do I live in district 12?

Because he knows what it was back in 1933 or whatever. We will certainly miss that.

And Kelly, I hope we all take seriously your challenge for us to continue in a bipartisan mode. You certainly have been a bipartisan leader and looked for bipartisan solutions. So I hope that we do that. You joked earlier about being broke from working down here. And certainly if you take your salary and divide it by the hours you put in, you no doubt are broke because you make the least per hour of any of us down here. You are always down here. Bill is pretty close. We appreciate all thank you very much done for us and all the leadership you have provided, and we certainly will miss all three of you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman Blackwell.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to keep my comments pretty short and sweet but I have immense respect for all three of you. I'll add an extra comment for Councilman Downard because I have known him the longest. He called me up one day and said I heard your name, I hear you know something about environmental stuff, can you help me out on my campaign?

I'm running for mayor. And I said I'll see what I can do to help. And we worked together, and I deeply respected him then. And I have gotten to know each of you over the last two years. And one thing I know for sure, you all know I love numbers, but I see one plus one plus one is way more than three standing in front of us. And you'll be greatly missed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President. I really admire the leadership of all three of you. Rick really said what I wanted to say as a new council member along with Council Member Leet and Council Member Green in 2015, it was very apparent what a tremendous loss Jim King was to the council. And I particularly admire David, you stepping in and leading us very well through that period. It was really important.

Kelly, I admire your work ethic and I admire your leadership, and you will certainly be missed for a lot of things, not just the budget side.

Tom, it is great sitting over here in the corner and getting hand-written notes from Tom Owen. I got one tonight. I get one pretty much every meeting. But my favorite is, and I don't know what sort of facial expression I had, but it must not have been good because I got in great big letters "patience." That's all it said. And so I try to take that to heart here. And if you see me being impatient next year it is because Tom Owen retired.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: I have had the pleasure of working with Kelly and Tom since 2002, and I always seem to be changing roles, and I'm in my newest role here. I have known David because Carol and his kids, we were in swim lessons together many moons ago. I have had the privilege to work with all of you, and you all bring something unique and different to the table. But at the end of the day what you bring is you get the job done, and you do it with respect.

The measure of success in my life as I look at it is did you make it better after you were there?

Did you bring something and take it and make it better than you found it?

You certainly have. And your districts, this council, and this city are grateful for what you all have done, and you will be missed. But good luck in everything you do and don't be strangers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you.

Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say I think someone used the term anchor a while ago. And there is no doubt you are all a firm foundation. We are losing close to 200 years of experience and David's retiring. The best part about that is Kelly knew that was coming when he looked over here. But seriously, the two of you have been here since the beginning.

David has been here for quite some time. This has got to be what it felt like when the Yankees started to lose GEHRIG and Ruth and everybody through that. Because you guys have been the all-stars as far as work ethic and knowledge.

Just the fact that all three of you have been president of this council and trying to herd these cats. We are the ones that are worse off, and you guys are the ones moving on to bigger and better things. And the void will be hard to fill.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Fowler.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: I have a hard time not crying. I just want you all to know how much you have meant to him since I have been on the council and how much you have helped me, your mentorship and friendship. You'll be greatly missed. We will have a hard time looking for that go-to person. Thank you all for all you have done for our community. Thanks.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Welch.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: I appreciate all three of you. I came in 2006 and all three of you voted for me for the appointment. I thank you for that. All three of you have been mentors to me in one way or the other with different issues throughout these years. But what I wish for you all as a nurse is great health for the rest of your years, for you and your families, for great, quality family time, because I know from this job that our families give up a whole lot with this position. And go forth and do great things. And if every you are in Florida, look me up if I'm there.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Hamilton.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: I think I have known Tom the longest among my three retiring colleagues. Going back to our days on the board of aldermen and when I was the clerk and came about. I have cherished your knowledge, your appreciation for local history, and your unique ability to at just the right moment inject the present realities

with the prospective of the past. And you have connected past, present, and future for all of us.

And I appreciate you so generously sharing your knowledge about my district and West Louisville and so many things at just the right moment. It was like well. I have some of your books, your videos and also. So I want to thank you for that and the institutional memory has been invaluable.

David, it is hard to believe you have been here as long as you have. When I think about 11 years, there was no Kennedy, no Solomon, there was no Caroline, or just at the beginning, and the baby girl. And it is just amazing. You have been a friend and a seatmate, and we have shared district boundaries and worked together on a lot of projects in the Russell and Portland neighborhood.

I just admire your passion and your friendship and your moving oratory. When David Tandy speaks, you have another calling. I don't know if you are getting ready to be called to the pulpit, but if you are ever so inclined, the community would benefit.

I want all of you to continue your leadership. You have set a fine example for all of us and you will be sorely missed.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Shanklin.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: I just had something quick to say to Tom. When I first came down here to Metro Council Tom came to me and he knew my brothers and my -- well, he at the time when we were kids he was working at the boys and girls club, right?

And every now and then if he sees someone in the paper that has died or whatever, he will say, well, Barbara, was that so and so whatever?

He goes way back. And I lived over in the Portland area and he knew all my family pretty much. Tom, I appreciate you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

I'm going to come down now to give out the presentation.

I was naive to think it would be quick. I used to follow Councilman Tandy around when he was running for mayor and I was running for election. I used to hate to follow him speaking. As y'all know he is one of the best public speakers out there. Every time he gave a speech, and he said it was the five Bs of public speaking. Be brief, brother, be brief. That's what I was trying to do. You have all touched a lot of people, so I think it was right for each person to make their thoughts and statements. Thank you for your service, and I will come down and give your presentation.

>> Will David and Tom get to say something as well?

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Mine would be very, very brief.

>> You are going to have to be on the microphone.

PRESIDENT YATES: Let's give your presentation.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I can speak very, very quickly.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Tom Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Thank you very, very much.

PRESIDENT YATES: The mic is yours, Tom Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I just want to say that here's the key for me. I get excited by a legislative body that represents the entire community that I love. And it excites me so much that I have frequently described

each of you, not by name, but each of us with a beanie on our head. And attached to the beanie is an aerial, a receiving of information. And the 28,000 people beam into you from your districts from your diverse districts, from the diverse people you represent, and then we come together in respect for one another and try to hammer out something. And what I have always said, the beauty of our hammering out is that it is a very happy alternative to fighting in the streets. And that's what we are about. So whenever I think of you, think back on you, I will think of all of you with that beanie on your head with the aerial on top. Thank you.

[ APPLAUSE ]

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Downard, your dedication for your years of public service.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: And Rick asked me to come in one night and sign this. And halfway through he said oh, heck.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: And I think you promised that you wouldn't share that story.

PRESIDENT YATES: I have already propped you up on your public speaking.

>> Be brief, brother. Be brief.

COUNCILMAN TANDY: Let me say that the only thing that you can say at a time like this is to say thank you. I want to thank the people of the fourth district who gave me the opportunity to serve on the Metro Council. I am one that also recognized there is nothing that happens by happenstance. Everything is divinely ordered. So I found it very telling that tonight as I say my last words inside the chamber that I'm actually standing next to the podium where I started. I started as a citizen. I



will leave this council as a citizen and continue to be one. Because I firmly believe of all the titles that you can have, and there are many that are very important to me. Clearly you recognize for me being a father, being a husband, is critical and vital to me. You can call me whatever else you want me to be, but if you call me a father and good husband, I think I have done a good job.

I'll pause and say thank you to Carolyn, and Kennedy and Avery and Solomon for sharing this journey with me and being with me along the way. When I came on to the council, Kennedy was 18 months and being held by Carolyn when I was being sworn in right here. And now she is as tall as Carolyn is and here comes Avery and Solomon and they have opinions too. And at the same time too I had hair. I goes to show you time does march on.

But I want to say thank you to them. I want to say thank you to Robin Hawkins, to Mabel Monroe, Rob Payne, Del Josey, Charles booker and Kedra King. All those people were my legislative aides or staff assistants. All of us know here that we may get the accolades but they are the ones that keep things going. And in particular in my office, I can tell you we had a lot of activity going on. And they helped me serve the public and they did so admirably. And I want to say thank you to them.

And I also want to finish out by saying thank you to the people of the fourth district. You gave me this opportunity to serve and to be your voice here on the Metro Council. And to do all that I could to try to help move this city forward. And so like Councilman Mulvihill said, I too recognize and try to measure success by did I make things better than they were before I got there?

And I hope that that is something that could be said here.

I also want to end where Councilman Downard ended his comments as well, and that is to continue to caution our body not to be one that is divided by partisanship.

The thing is, and Councilman Hollander recognized this, we attorneys were trained in precedent. And part of the reason we are trained in precedent is we realize words matter, right?

I remember when I came up here on the council that there were some folks at the time who didn't know me from Adam. But there were some folks who were like David will be too partisan. He was the treasurer of the democratic party, been this big democratic. I don't know if I will be able to work with him. The funny thing, on the opposite side, there were some folks who thought I was going to switch to the Republican party because I was friends with and still am friends with trey Grayson and we were seen together having lunch at the state capital. And everyone thought he was going to switch parties. I don't think George will mind me saying this, but when I was being interviewed and asked for his vote for me to be on the council, he made me sign a note -- this is George Unseld and I had a conversation in his office. He made me sign a note saying you to promise me you are not going to switch parties. And I signed it. And he said this is just between us and he stuck it in the drawer and he never had to pull it out. But I say all that to say this.

Don't have preconceived notions about folks. We do have more in common than we do differences. We are just more divided than we are -- we are not divided. We are just disconnected from each other. So I hope we take the chance to connect with one another. You gave me honor twice of

being elected president unanimously. I don't take that lightly. And I truly appreciate that. I appreciate the fact that now go from 11 years to now that now I have got Republican friends and democratic friends that I can truly call my friends that we can go and play golf together, that we can have fierce debate and disagreements about but then have that aha moment, like Kelly you and I did when we were trying to pass ban the box. And we were going back and forth. I don't know if you remember that. Because we had the conversation, going back and forth, Kelly asked one simple question. Said can you change this, this, and this. And I had to stop for a minute. Yeah, I think we can. We took a break and got the deal done. That's what I hope we see more of down here. So you said to us that you are losing a lot by losing us. I don't think that's the case. You have got the talent in this room and you are getting more talent onto council. Barbara sexton Smith will be a great council person. The other two are going to be great council people as well. And you have that talent and ability within you, otherwise, you wouldn't be here. So I'm not worried about the future, in part because, Stuart, I know who holds the future. And I look forward to being that citizen, to being that parent, that husband, that active citizen in our community.

And like Madonna Flood says, I'm not saying good-bye, I'm just saying I'll see you later. Thank you so much, and God bless.

[ APPLAUSE ]

PRESIDENT YATES: The first floor conference room has been cleaned up. Third floor conference room. There's cake and things. If anybody would like to use that, you are more than willing.

As you leave chambers, please do so quietly so the clerk may read new business. I ask the council members who wish to speak on announcements to remain in the chamber and request on your system.

New business comprises items 55-56. Will the clerk please read these into committee.

MR. CLERK: The following legislation will be assigned to the Committee on Contracts:

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (DR. MARK JORRISCH, M.D. - \$90,000.00).

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

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF A SECTION OF HIGH WICKHAM PLACE TO JAMES THORNTON WAY AND BEING IN Louisville Metro (CASE NO. 16STREETS1016).

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: With no further business to discuss and without objection, we stand adjourned.

There are no comments and no people wishing to speak.

[Regular Meeting adjourned.]