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PRESIDENT YATES: The Regular Louisville Metro Council meeting of March 10th, 2016, will please come to order. Please stand for the pledge of allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance.]

PRESIDENT YATES: 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 Tandy.

COUNCILMAN TANDY: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Hamilton.

Council Member James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: 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 WELCCH: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Fowler.

Council Member Butler.

Council Member Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Stuckel.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Denton.

Council Member Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Engel.

Council Member Peden.

Council Member Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Here.

MR. CLERK: President Yates.

PRESIDENT YATES: Present.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Ackerson.

Council Member Hamilton.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT HAMILTON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Council Member Denton.

Council Member Engel.

Council Member Peden.

Council Member Ackerson.

Mr. President, you have 22 in attendance and a quorum.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Councilwoman Welch, would you please introduce your page?

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

Skyla, if you would stand up, please. This is Skyla Fields.

Interested in law and is in the law program at Fairdale High School. On the honor roll her entire academic life and aspires one day to be a judge. According to her mother who is with her today, Skyla is highly argumentative when she feels a situation is unjust. So she sounds like she may be a good lawyer before she becomes a judge. She loves to sing, swim, surf, and be in the midst of nature and seems to have lots of time for Netflix. Singing is one true hobby, since she sings day and night. She has served on a mission trip to Guatemala and stayed in an orphanage that housed over 100 children in 2015 and she was there for a week. Served in Louisville area nursing homes, cleaning up the community, including Louisville's Waterfront Park and does odd jobs for the elderly neighbors. Skyla is a great friend. She spends time listening to her peers vent about upsets in their lives and always offers words of advice and hugs. She will share her money, treats, or whatever she has so other don't feel left out. Her generous nature is inspiring. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Skyla as an honorary page tonight, and I ask that you join me in welcoming Skyla to the meeting.

[Applause.]

I have to add that I first met Skyla five years ago and she looked much younger. She is all grown up since the time that I met her. Her grandmother came to one of my very first coffee meetings for the people in the new district out in the area, and Skyla was very engaged

that day also. She had great questions, and I can only assume that she will do wonderful things in her career. Thank you, Skyla.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Green, do you also have a page?

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: I do. Niara, if you can stand up. Good evening, colleagues. The District 1 page tonight is Niara Snowden. She is a ten-year-old sixth grade honor student at the J. Graham Brown School where she is an active member on the middle school girls basketball team, a baritone player in the band, and a photographer. She came from all-state auditions before her. She is a young activist, volunteering wherever possible. Whether it includes planting trees at Shelby Park or serving meals to the less fortunate. As a resident in the historic park neighborhood she has participated in the revitalization process in the area since 2013, including planting flowers and vegetables at the Parklands neighborhood garden, assisting in the restoration and painting of the old firehouse and cleaning debris from sidewalks. She is a resident -- and is looking forward to transition to a home in the spring -- her mother graduated from the paralegal program at the University of Louisville and is my paralegal in my daytime job. She is out in the audience.

In her spare time Niara enjoys cooking, baking, playing with robots, playing with her friends and conducting research in the STEM field. She has plans on becoming a world-renowned music producers and is working on forming a functioning production company in the next two years. She is a vibrant young lady with big dreams continually working towards improving the city of Louisville and helping young people like herself understand that kindness and paying it forward are the keys to prosperity, longevity, and philanthropy. So, colleagues, please join me in welcoming Niara Snowden.

PRESIDENT YATES: Mr. Clerk, are there any addresses to the council?

MR. CLERK: We do, sir.

Mr. Tom Quick.

PRESIDENT YATES: As she's approaching, let me remind those addressing to the council to please refrain from any profanity or making any derogatory statements to the council members.

TOM QUICK: My name is Tom Quick, the human resources leader for GE appliances in Louisville. And I'm the board chair for Kentuckiana Works, and I'm on the boards of the JCTC foundation as well as leadership Louisville. I'm here this evening to highlight an important topic for all of us in Louisville. Employers in our greater Louisville community are experiencing a crisis. The ability to hire trained people with technical skills ready to enter today's workforce. The Louisville area's manufacturing sector is an \$11 billion industry. It is responsible for 17 percent of the region's economic activity. Manufacturers in the region have added over 14,000 jobs since the height of the recession in 2009. But challenging this growth for GE appliances and other manufacturers is a shortage of skilled workers and employees we need to make our product and troubleshoot and fix the advanced technology equipment we use to produce our products. Companies require employees with the latest advanced manufacturing skills and information technology skills to be software developers or network infrastructure professionals. These good jobs exist here in Louisville, but our local economy will not be successful to compete and grow without focusing on the technical skills required for our young people seeking these jobs in the 21st century economic and help the underemployed move out of low wage jobs into the middle class. I'm here tonight to ask for your support for the investment required to build an

advanced manufacturing and IT facility at the downtown JCTC campus. This investment will create a training capacity required to attain these technical skills for our fellow citizens, provide a focal point for Louisville-area businesses to work in partnership with JCTC and JCPS to solve this growing crisis, highlight to our young people in middle and high school that the technical skills education will open doors for them right here in Louisville with manufacturers and health care providers and employees seeking IT professionals. And be a high-tech center for learning, where students are proud to attend and attain the studies they need for the future.

The handout that I have distributed that you should all have today provides you with additional details about the need for the facility at JCTC and the benefits, including the positive return on investment. Your support is important and we would ask you to contact legislators in Frankfort and let them know that the Louisville community wants and needs this investment for our economic future.

JCTC, our community and technical college, should be at the forefront of the technical skills training that lead to jobs right here in Louisville. To compete and grow in the 21st century, we have to arm our citizens with 21st century skills, advanced manufacturing and IT facilities here in Louisville is one positive step in that direction. Thank you very much for the time.

MR. CLERK: Natalie Harris.

NATALIE HARRIS: Thank you very much for this opportunity. My name is Natalie Harris, and I'm the executive director for the coalition for the homeless as well as the new chair for the Louisville housing trust fund. The Louisville housing trust fund board is made up of community leaders who take this role seriously and continue to make great use of the

funds that have been allocated. I'm happy to report that we as a board have hired an experienced and enthusiastic new director, Christie McCravey, who was described as one of her references as the most knowledgeable person in Louisville about every aspect of housing development, from for-profit to nonprofit, rental to homeownership and both development and counseling. I'm also happy to report that you help through an NDF allocation and additional funds we were able to create a new economic benefit study which is provided to each of you in your packets today. In this report we emphasize that the affordable housing trust fund has a double impact of, one, creating jobs and development, and two, lowering community costs by maintaining housing for people who are now being evicted due to inability to pay their rent.

So thank you for your support and your faith, and I'm here today to tell you that we are also putting our faith in you. We know that you have heard from many about their personal need for affordable housing and from developers who are not able to address this need to a lack of housing subsidies that will make their projects cash-flow. Both of these arguments are supported by the report we brought you today. Please join us to ensure that we ensure a budget allocation for the housing trust fund this year and permanent funding for the future. The time is now in part due to Louisville cares, which you have already approved. I'm happy to have this new resource in our community, but this funding is by design limited, one-time, and must be repaid, limiting the uses and incomes that we can serve. During a recent meeting with local developers, they explain that in order to make this goal successful they will need subsidy in the form of grants and forgivable loans to make Louisville care successful for those it is designed to serve. The affordable housing trust fund is the perfect mechanism. This trust fund also will bring 42.6 million in

leveraged funds, 23.2 million in increased payroll, and 587 additional jobs to our community.

Finally, it is not just the trust fund that is putting our faith in you to bring this source for affordable permanent housing. We have sorted and distributed hundreds of yellow cards to citizens asking for your support. Please help us answer their call with a budget allocation for the trust fund this year and a commitment to find permanent funding in the future. Thank you for your time, support, and faith, and our faith is with you too. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Gracie Lewis.

GRACE LEWIS: Hello. My name is Gracie Lewis, and I'm a member of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression. What I wanted to address is Louisville's 10 million surplus. Again, West Louisville is being ignored. So I would like to see a portion of this \$10 million surplus spent on the following projects: \$1 million of these funds should be spent to rehab boarded up houses for affordable rentals, there are over 10,000 students in the Jefferson County Public Schools who are living in shelters and are in need of a permanent home. We have ex-felons who are being released from our prisons that have a major need for affordable housing. \$300,000 of these moneys could be used to repair streets and roads from 26th and Main over to Algonquin Parkway. And from 28th street from Main to Algonquin Parkway there are needs for major repairs in our streets. \$250,000 could be allocated for small business expansion and repairs for individuals West Louisville and Portland. \$1 million of these funds could be used to rehab and update homes in the California area. For too long this area has been neglected. \$200,000 could be used for TARC bus expansion. And this would enable people who are in need of employment to get to Amazon in Indiana, Bullitt county, and

Zappos and Riverport. \$1 million could be given for ex-felon work programs. This could be a program to get ex-felons to work cutting grass on vacant lots and doing other jobs to make our neighborhoods West Louisville look their very best. \$300,000 should be allocated to the parks and recreation programs for youth activities. I would like to say, in conclusion, 200,000 which could be allocated to the boys and girls club and community centers. This would keep our youth from out of the shopping malls and doing productive activities. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Eddie Davis.

EDDIE DAVIS: Good evening. I'm Eddie Davis. I live on south 43th Street in Louisville. I'm here to encourage the council to review the budgeting and back into committee. I think it is blatantly unfair to the west end. And considering the amount of representation and political power we lost during the merger, this is an opportunity for the council to show good faith by directing more funds towards the west end. So I would strongly suggest to the council that the budget go back into conference and they review the budget in light of the needs of West Louisville. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Deborah O'Gorman.

DEBORAH O'GORMAN: The reason I'm here tonight, we became a Jefferson County -- now we are a metro city now. But I get business first. I love it. And now that we get business first, it tells about Google in the west end and how AT&T is going to move in the east end. I live in downtown Louisville, old, Omni, embassy, all these beautiful hotels, and now we are getting more apartments. But you know what? The city council signed about ten years ago Time Warner with some of the only TV services underground and services downtown. The people downtown Louisville are in a monopoly. We are not in monopoly, not playing with

boardwalk. The people on low income and any income should have a choice. We have a choice coming in May. We have a choice. Let us choose whether we want AT&T or right now -- Google's not coming down there yet but let us choose from AT&T and Time Warner, they are not lowering their rates. They are telling us you have to have us only. AT&T is telling us we can't come to your area because of the contract. And every time I read it, business first today talked about Google. Google's doing this and that and it is getting bigger and bigger. Great. But she is not down there yet. But the Omni is getting bigger and we are getting all that stuff. I live on Second and Muhammad Ali. And any council member is not here. Your council area is there, Councilman James. The point is we need it. We are growing. Make this Internet feasible for the people that want more stuff. I went to Mercy Academy. Make it feasible for our income. Our income is not growing. We are on disability. Don't let us have to pay three-fourths of it for entertainment. You are stuck at home. Don't make three-fourths of it go to one monopoly company. This is America. Did you know that? We vote for you. So let's go, team. Say good-bye to one monopoly and make it a triopoly. I see what you are voting for later on. I stay on top of you and you stay on top of me. You are darned good. Let's get it right. Get rid of Time Warner downtown. Tell AT&T you are constructing enough wires in the ground, put AT&T there. We have enough wires going on downtown. Thank you and God bless.

MR. CLERK: Travis Yates.

TRAVIS YATES: Good evening. My name is Travis Yates, and I own a property management company and I'm a local developer as well for affordable housing. I'm also the vice chairman of the affordable housing trust fund. They asked know come in here and speak as a developer, and I'm going to try. But what I kid did is I went back and looked at what we

did in the last five years and a couple things we did, we received a grant for -- Riverside apartments was a multifamily community -- is a family unit in Frankfort, Kentucky, and we were able to put in new doors, replace appliances all throughout with using federal dollars and using the weatherization program. In 2011 we did an emergency capital repair grant at Baptist towers on second street. We were able to take the 40--year-old elevators, if you know the building, and completely modernize them to today's traffic, computerize them and get them to where we won't have any stuck elevators or emergency calls. Also in 2011 I was able to secure a community block grant for the tallest building in west Kentucky and we were able to add an elevator -- and it allowed us to put a gurney in there so we can lay it down. What you used to have to do, literally when you were taking out someone you had to stand them up. And then the Hillibrand house we did a bond deal and renovated the entire building. We added an elevator, renovated two, changed it from a two-pipe to a four-pipe system so all the residents can contain their own climate. Changed everything on the inside. Changed the plumbing and that plumbing ended up making a savings of 51 percent water in the building from a financial side and we ended up only using 35 percent once we got down, which tells me in the walls we had mold and everything else and we never knew about it.

Then in Danville, Kentucky, we were able to get a \$900,000 grant from the federal home loan bank, it was a multifamily community there, very blighted, replaced the roofs, able to replace all the doors, mostly air conditioned units, all the roofs and redid the office and did everything with the landscaping.

Then in Lexington, Kentucky we were able to get in \$2,015,400,000 from the affordable housing trust fund down there and we were able to replace things down there. Roosevelt House, last year we did

\$22 million bond project where we did the full renovation like we did near Louisville. 320 elderly units. Jackson house, Princeton, and Paduca we will do next year. My point is developers don't ask you for the money. They go where the money is at.

MR. CLERK: Karyn Hascal.

KARYN HASCAL: My name is Karyn Hascal. I'm president of the Healing Place. I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity this evening to speak about the proposed contribution to the Healing Place capital campaign. Each of you has a packet of information that describes the project in some detail. I won't spend much time talking about the problem that we have in our community since I think it has been well-defined by the media over the past several months. The drug problem, specifically heroin, in our community is overwhelming. As the community's only open access no-cost beds, we are currently turning away over 300 men a month who are seeking help for their drug or alcohol problem. I do want to describe the funding for the redevelopment of the men's Healing Place campus at 10 And Market Street. We have been awarded a letter of inducement by Kentucky housing corporation for the use of low income housing tax credits in the amount of approximately \$9 million. The total cost of the project is \$24 million. We have raised nearly \$6 million in our capital campaign. We have been told that in order to move the project forward and break ground, or demolish buildings in our case, we need to have raised \$8 million in our capital campaign. You can see by the information in your packet that since we have raised the nearly 6 million in cash and pledges, we are near to our \$8 million benchmark. We have \$8 million in asks in the pipeline. That is, we have asked people for the contributions to the campaign in the amount of \$1.8 million. So we are very close to having the \$8 million that we need to break ground. This

funding from the city would help us get over this first hurdle and allow us to get started on this building. We would then have 24 remaining months to raise the \$9 million remaining on the capital campaign.

I also wanted to say that the conversation about the Healing Place in the community lately has really increased our visibility, and we had a large fundraiser on Friday night. Some of you were in attendance. All of you were invited. And it was a tremendous evening that I think was enjoyed by all. But we raised \$248,000 from the people in attendance at the event on Friday night, which obviously was a huge record for us and was very exciting.

This has been a tremendous opportunity. We are honored and humbled by your consideration of this project. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Barbara Boyd.

BARBARA BOYD: Good afternoon, everybody. I wish our all-volunteer organization had the ways and means to raise \$240,000. I think that is tremendous.

My name is Barbara Boyd. I am a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a retired educator.

I want to quote Dr. Martin Luther King. The day our voices become silent on any matter comes the time our quality of life as we know it ends.

As the newly elected chair of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression, I am asking as a voice from our community that Metro Council consider and allocate \$1 million from the surplus money to establish satellite youth development leadership offices under Metro Government. The purpose would be to recruit volunteers, money, services and opportunities for our children and teens across metro, making sure all centers, clubs, organizations working with children after school and on

weekends have the resources they need flourish. Perhaps many of you have forgotten the excellent job both democratic and Republican mayors did before merger to keep our children and teens engaged. Engaged youngsters stay out of trouble and become productive adults, which greatly lowers delinquency and crime. The \$1 million would be appropriated for this citywide venture. Idle hands are the devil's workshop. Please save our children. Save our babies. And I want you to know that the Kentucky alliance, like I said, is an all-volunteer organization. And we ask that you seriously consider our request because West Louisville is in dire need of help. If you come down and there and look around, you see the boarded housing. That's not a good look for our children. So please take this request under submission. And I have to say this. With the Kentucky alliance being an all-volunteer organization, we are not on the plantation. Please help us.

MR. CLERK: Reverend Dawn Cooley.

DAWN COOLEY: Good evening. I'm the Reverend Dawn Cooley and I'm the minister of First Unitarian Church, member of CLOUT, located in Councilman Tandy's district and I'm a constituent of Tom Owen, Councilman Owen.

For the past four months not one Metro Council meeting has gone by where you haven't heard stories from the victims of Louisville's affordable housing crisis. Young adults, senior citizens, parents, clergy, and so much more. Here's one story you didn't hear. A mother whose 47-year-old son still lives with her because despite his full-time job he cannot afford to find a home of his own. She worries every night about what will happen to him when he can no longer live with her. You also didn't hear the stories of teachers in our public schools who recognize the signs when their students become homeless. They don't turn

in their homework because they don't have a kitchen table or a desk to do their homework at. They come to school tired. They come to school late. And sometimes they stop coming to school altogether. Let me be clear. These are just a small fraction of the thousands of stories of people in need of affordable housing across the city and in every Metro Council district. We were disappointed and angry that another year has passed without our proposed ordinance being introduced to provide dedicated revenue to the affordable housing trust fund. We understand that the choice not to spend money and political capital on housing is a choice to spend money and political capital elsewhere, on luxury hotels, on downtown development, on grass cutting and paving streets. But we also understand that when we provide housing to those in need, less money gets spent in other areas of the budget because affordable housing provides jobs. It provides economic stability. It even increases health of residents. It increases employee retention. It increases school performance. And it saves money by reducing demand on other government services. Providing affordable housing frees up money by taking care of the residents of this compassionate city. It frees money up.

We are here tonight to move forward because we will not give up on fully funding the affordable housing trust fund. A budget is a moral document. It is a statement of priorities. And we ask that you prioritize affordable housing and all of its benefits. As a first step, we ask all of you to strongly advocate for \$5 million for the affordable housing trust fund in the upcoming budget. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Kathleen Parks.

KATHLEEN: Good evening, everyone, Mr. President, Metro Council members. My son was in the city a couple weeks ago. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia. I didn't say anything to him about how the community looks or

anything like that. The first thing he said to me is, what in the hell has happened to West Louisville? He grew up West Louisville as a window, went to Central High School. And also attended Christ the King Elementary School when the school was in operation in the community. He attended Foster Elementary School, just as I did. And I attended Shawnee Junior High School. In those days they were junior high schools before they were classified as middle schools.

Since 2003, I want to ask the council, are we better off for the merger? Maybe some communities are in the city. Maybe the east end of town, some of the other prominent areas of the community are economically better off. But it didn't do much good to the 80,000 residents that live West Louisville. Let's just be clear. I can remember years ago when I spoke before the council and I think Councilman Tom Owen asked the question about the arena at that particular time. He said do we need an arena? I said heck yeah, Indianapolis has one, Nashville has one. At that particular time there was an argument that possibly we didn't need an arena, there wasn't a clear vision at that particular time whether we needed an arena. But what happened? We did get an arena. And we are about to build six new hotels downtown. We have NULU, we have a beautiful downtown. What has happened to West Louisville? Forgotten. Yes, we have beefed up the safety budget, but what if we beefed up the budget for our young people who are suffering? They need jobs. Why don't we put together two to \$5 million for summer job training programs for the youth for this summer? I guarantee you we wouldn't have such a need for such a humongous safety budget. Yes, we have crime in the community, but why do we have it? Because the young people are not properly engaged. There is a lot of missed opportunities for West Louisville, 60 years overdue. And I'm asking that in body as a whole, 26 members, consider your conscience,

consider the history of this community, and put in \$2 million for summer jobs for our young people to get them off the streets cleaning up the communities and again developing the pride West Louisville that was once there when my son was a kid. Thank you.

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

PRESIDENT YATES: Council Members Blackwell and Kramer, do you have guests that you would like to introduce?

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: We do.

PRESIDENT YATES: Would you please introduce them?

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Colleagues, we have some visitors that have come a long way to visit our council meeting today so hopefully we show them a good example of our hospitality. With me today, of course councilman Kramer and I teach together in our day jobs at Mercy Academy, and I also have a teacher with me, a colleague, Sarah Sills, who is in charge of the program here, the guests that we have. And so I will turn it over to her to talk a little bit about the program.

SARAH SILLS: Thank you. My name is Sarah sills, as Councilman Blackwell said. And I'm here tonight with seven of our mercy girls, but we are also bringing tonight eight wonderful ladies from northern Japan who will be staying with us for two weeks. They are going to classes with our girls, spending the day as any other mercy girl would do. They are going to practices, they are going to some of the -- maybe some of them shadowing at their jobs and at night they are experiencing what Louisville has to offer. So they wanted to come here to want to see a little bit about how our government works here in metro. So they are here. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. And we have a proclamation for each of them. We will let Ms. Sills pass these out. And I will read one. They all say pretty much the same thing. To all whom these letters shall come, greetings. Know ye that the Louisville Metro Council hereby recognizes the young woman. So we are going to hand these off and allow they be passed. We are going to ask that the young ladies step in so they can get a picture. And one of the young ladies has something that she would like to say and we would ask if President Yates would come join the photo and hear from our students.

RYO ASO: Hello. My name is Ryo Aso. We are high school students from Japan. We are studying at mercy academy for two weeks. Thank you for welcoming us to Louisville. We are enjoying our visit. And here is a gift from Japan. I hope you like it.

PRESIDENT YATES: Just for the record, I believe that the gift is for the council as a whole.

Councilwoman Flood, would you please introduce your guests.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: I'll go ahead and tell you this incredibly story as they walk in. I am happy to welcome the St. Athanasius championship fifth and sixth grade boys basketball team and the cheer leaders. The fifth and sixth grade number two boys team finished the season with an 11-2 record. They were 6-one in the league. They went 3-0 in the city tournament and won the city championship. Every player played in every game they attended. Every player scored. Every player contributed to the success of this team. They won as a team and they lost as a team.

The fifth and sixth grade number one team won the city championship 34-32, with an impressive come-from-behind sudden death double overtime victory. The team finished the season with an overall

10-four record and a 3-0 record during the city championship run. Every player participated in every game they attended. Every player had a key role in this team being successful.

Additional accomplishments of this team includes national honors society, honor roll for academic achievement. It has been ten years since St. Athanasius has won a championship in boys basketball and 26 years since their number one team has won the city championship. These players have represented their schools, their families, and this community with great sportsmanship and class. The cheerleaders that were there to cheer the teams, they participated in every game and played a key role in the victories. I would like to personally thank the parents and school leaders for their efforts. Every person who get involved in school athletics spends a great deal of time and energy with very little recognition. I would like to recognize coaches Mike Dick, Kevin, Jamie, Jeff S, Julie D, Amy J, April Davis, Sheila hicks and Erica B. As well as the basketball coordinator, Tami H, booster club president Dan Williams, athletic directors Jake McKinney and Ryan Cobb. Both teams and cheerleaders would like to thank the principal, Margie Reece, a wonderful leader, who see it is importance of athletics as well as academics. Congratulations to you all.

[Applause.]

I have a plaque for them to display in their school trophy for each team and for the cheerleaders.

PRESIDENT YATES: As they are clearing out, I want to understand everyone for their patience. I understand we are having some heating challenges. If anyone wants to remove their jacket, no one will think less of you. But they are working on that at this time.

Councilwoman, you had a second set of guests that you would like to recognize?

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Yes, thank you very much. It is my privilege to recognize the Okolona Fire Department, who with a lot of hard work and dedication they achieved class one ISO rating. And I'm joined by several of the department members. This is Chief Gosnell who would like to address the council and tell them what it took for these accomplishments.

CHIEF GOSNELL: Thank you. I appreciate the kind words. Just a couple things and quick bit of history. In 2008 the Okolona Fire Department was visited by the insurance services office and they did an evaluation on our fire department. In that time the way the insurance services office works, they classify fire districts from the scale of one to ten with one being the best exemplary fire suppression program and ten is a program that doesn't meet the criteria for their program. At that time in 2013 we were a class three and moved to class two, which was a great accomplishment for our organization.

When the ISO evaluates a community they look at a standard set of criteria. The needed water flows, distribution system within the community, emergency communications, our communications system and 911 system and dispatch systems, they look if the fire department and they take a very close look at the fire department itself and they evaluate us on our equipment, our staffing, our training, our geographic placement of fire apparatus and fire stations, and our community risk reduction, which are our fire prevention programs, community outreach programs and things of that nature.

Okolona underwent an ISO evaluation in the last few months and as of November 1st, 2015, our classification rating is now an ISO

classification rating of one. That is a major accomplishment. Not only from our fire department, but from our community. Our partners in the emergency services. And again, the other thing that helped us get to that point was the support we get from Metro Government, this council, the decisions that you folks make on the Public Safety Committee, and support the emergency services. Those are the things that allow us to improve as a fire district and as an emergency service for the community. So for that I would like to thank you all for your support. That helped us achieve the ISO class one rating.

The other thing I would like to thank, Council Member Flood for her support. We tried to partner with Councilwoman Flood and some of the other council members, Ms. Welch over there as well and some of the other ones to do other things for the community, and we partnered with Councilwoman Flood for about ten years in the doing our part for the heart program that I think started at this council about ten or so years ago and it expanded into a nice program where she sends packages overseas to our troops that are serving overseas, and we have partnered with Councilwoman flood and helped her with that project for the last several years, and we are very proud of that. Again, the ISO classification one rating is a great accomplishment, but also we like to help give back to the community and support other groups, and Council Member Flood, we would like to pay hear great deal of gratitude for the things that she has done and for the things that he'd that she has allowed us to be a part of as part of the fire district. Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: I have a plaque for the department, but I also wanted to remind the viewing public if you live in the Okolona fire district when you renew your homeowner's insurance, please make sure to

tell your agent that you are living in a class one ISO rating district so you may get your premiums lowered. And a business, if you are business located in the Okolona fire district, please make sure that you say that.

CHIEF GOSNELL: Absolutely. Thank you so much. Thank you, folks.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for your service.

[Applause.]

Council Member Woolridge, would you introduce your guests?

COUNCILWOMA WOOLRIDGE: Good evening, colleagues. And thank you, Mr. President. And I truly would like to introduce my guests. And I would like for them all to get up here real close to me. The folks from Louisville chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Also from the grocery store. And we have the young lady from big brothers and big sisters of Kentuckiana. These are partners that help with Christmas baskets, Thanksgiving baskets. Not only did they deliver them, they bought these items that went in them. We also have a young man here from the national association for black veterans, and we were just happy to have such a wonderful, wonderful partnership year after year to deliver meals to folks otherwise who probably would not have a very good holiday. We have plaques for each and every one of them. I would like to read one of the plaques and you can put the names on them.

It says the Louisville Jefferson County Metro Council hereby recognizes the Louisville Kappa league of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., in appreciation for your continued commitment, loyalty, dedication, support, untiring and unselfish efforts put forth to those in need during the holiday season. The Louisville Metro Council admires the Louisville alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for its efforts to purchase and deliver holiday meal baskets to needy families throughout

Kentucky and southern Indiana. There are many families in our community that need help, especially during this time of year. Kappa Alpha Psi is a dedicated organization of caring individuals in our city, and I'm happy to recognize them.

Kappa Alpha Psi began this annual initiative after deciding those in need should not go without food on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Joining them in the effort was the Louisville Kappa silhouettes, First Choice food market, big brothers big sisters Kentuckiana and the national association of black veterans. Let's give these people a hand for all of their efforts and for all their do.

[Applause.]

And at this time I would like for the president of the Louisville chapter Mr. Lucas if he could say some remarks. Come to the mic.

GUEST SPEAKER: Thank you, Councilwoman Woolridge. As she said, we have expanded our partnership this year to add the national association of black veterans. Also, we expand our area. We actually reached out to families in Shepherdsville this year as well as and we were able to deliver baskets to them this year.

We want to thank Council Member Woolridge, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and First Choice to enable that we are able to be successful each year in the endeavor. It is our goal to ensure that we reach out to more and more families each year to let them know that we do care about our community and we also want them to know that everybody knows that no kid should go Christmas among without a meal or anything in their house. We want them to know that Kappa does care about them and it will be there for them no matter what.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you. At this time we would like the owner of First Choice market to come up with remarks. We couldn't make it without that market on Wilson Avenue.

JAMES NEWMAN: My name is James Newman, with value market grocery stores here in Louisville and we own and operate the First Choice market. I really can't take any credit. This is my team that has been involved here. Lamont Griffin and Josh May. They work in the community every day and are a big part of it and I'm proud of them and the partnerships that they have helped create. And working with this great program. So thank you. Appreciate it.

GUEST SPEAKER: We would also like for the young lady from big brothers and big sisters to make a few remarks.

GUEST SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I think what is really special about this recognition is not only the baskets that were delivered but the fact that many people don't realize that a lot of these men are big brothers. Not only do they deliver the food baskets but they take time every week to be a friend in the life of a child, forever changing their future. And you put on your hat and gloves on a very cold day, walked into the homes, and gave words of encouragement. Not only did they deliver the baskets, many stepped up that day after hearing about that situation, the families that we were providing the baskets to, to become big brothers, Eric has been a big brother for six years to Ramon, and many others. Thank you for all of you do.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: And we would like for our veterans to come up and make a few remarks. Normally we don't have someone this camera shy.

Again, I would like to pass out these certificates. I have already read it. We had 20 volunteers from Kappa and Kappa silhouettes.

We had Gary S from big brothers and big sisters and we have had the favorite hardest working people at the grocery store, Josh Mays and Lamont Griffin. They are some of the hardest people working there. I go in there probably two or three times a week to make sure they are doing their job.

I want to thank you for all you do in the community. A lot of people had a good holiday because of your effort, and again thank you. At this time I would like to hand them out. And I want to take a little time and call their names. I just think they are worth calling their names right here on this Metro TV.

Robert barber, Deondre, Rafeal, Edie, Marvin, Norm Gray, E. Marshal, Harry Morris, Melvin, Eric Stout, Timothy Stringer, and Isaiah Washington. Please make sure all your brothers -- and we have the silhouettes. These were the wives of these men out on this cold morning. Nicky Farris, Beth, and Yuki Weaver. Thank you for all you do. We have Gary S and Lamont Griffin also Josh Mays. We will make sure the grocery store gets one. And thank you all, colleagues. We appreciate everything.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Leet, would you like to introduce your guests for us, please?

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Good evening, council members and members of the community who are watching this evening. I would like to welcome Cheri Craig of KentuckyOne Health. I would like to honor them with a proclamation this evening.

As we all heard earlier today, those of us who were present for the press conference, and most of y'all were, so thank you very much for being there, you may hear me repeat a couple things. But I will talk quickly. Cancer does not recognize demographics, doesn't know age, sex, religion or ZIP code. I would venture to guess there isn't a single

person in the room today who hasn't been impacted by the diagnosis of cancer in some way. My colleagues and I on the Louisville Metro Council know that early detection is one of the most important factors to surviving cancer. Whether you have a family medical history, lifestyle or other factors that indicate you are at a greater risk for cancer or if you are in a low risk group with no symptoms of the disease, regular screenings are critical to successfully diagnosing and treating cancer. This is why I led the effort among my colleagues to help raise nearly 50,000 for the new van that was parked at city hall today.

Cancer death rates are falling nationwide. Kentucky continues to rank worst in the country for its number of cancer-related deaths each year. Kentucky had a lung cancer death rate that is nearly 50 percent higher than the national average, ranking us the highest in the nation. It is my hope that this new van will help us reduce that number significantly by offering screenings for the early detection of lung cancer. The van will also have the ability to offer screenings for six other types of cancer, including breast cancer, cervical cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, and head and neck cancers. This new van has the ability to bring quality health care to the people who need it most by parking it directly in your neighborhood. I am thankful for the leaders of Kentucky one health and my council colleagues who joined me in this worthwhile endeavor aimed at improving our community's health.

So I have a quick proclamation that says to whom these letters shall come, greetings. Know ye that the Louisville Metro Council hereby recognizes and celebrates its dedication of Kentucky one health mobile cancer screening unit. In recognition of their dedication to early detection and prevention of cancer across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Having raised over \$1 million, we celebrate and dedicate this new

state of the art mobile cancer screening unit. This new mobile cancer center has the capacity to bring screenings for seven different kinds of cancers to people in neighborhoods throughout the Louisville area.

Therefore be it resolved that the Louisville Metro Council we hereby confer and pay tribute to Kentucky one health by way of this proclamation with all rights, privileges, responsibilities thereunto appertaining. In testimony we have called these letters to be made and the seal of Metro Government to be hereunto affixed. Thank you and here is Cheri Craig.

CHERI CRAIG: Thank you, Councilwoman Leet and thanks to all of you for this wonderful proclamation. It means so much to us. We were pleased to be able to launch the new horses and hope cancer screening van here at Louisville Metro hall today. We appreciate your support for the van. Together in the partnership we can address the high incidence rates of cancer in the community and improve access to care. Thank you again.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Kramer, would you like recognition?

Councilwoman Parker, would you please introduce your guests?

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: I know everyone's glad that this is the last one. But these are an important couple in my district. The mayor has had a goal of making Louisville the culinary capital of the world. And so much of our local economy is dependent on our restaurant industry. This is why I'm always encouraged when I see a successful, unique business that chooses to invest their talent and entrepreneurial spirit in district 18, especially at that time in history when we have had more business closures than business start-up, which is why tonight I would like to honor guy GENOUD and Stacey Duncan. They are the owners of Brasserie Provence. They were selected as Kentucky restaurateur of the year.

District 18 recognizes the time, talent, and treasure that it takes to start and create a successful business venture.

Whereas small business owners are the lifeblood of the economy and drive two-thirds of the local economic activity and when we support small businesses jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture. I would like to present this proclamation to Guy Genoud and Stacey Duncan for their wonderful efforts. Thank you very much.

GUY GENOUD: Thank you very much. I appreciate that. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Would you like to say the best thing on your menu?

GUY GENOUD: Firstly, if you can understand my French accent, or Rouville, it was named after a French time that all you people knew. We are a French restaurant. I consider myself to be the only French restaurant in town owned by French people. We are American as well. But otherwise born in France. We opened Brasserie Provence two and a half years ago where Tony Roma's used to be -- -- more businesses are open -- meetings are popping up over there. We have new technologies that are being put in the office over there. We have a new -- -- half a mile away from the restaurant. This area is in great development and we are very pleased to be part of this community. We are doing every day best that we can to provide our guests and clients the best way to your food and service that can be offered. The only way for you to find us is to come over. If you are in our neighborhood, come to visit and come over and have lunch or dinner with us. We would love to see you there. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Woolridge, do you have a special proclamation to present?

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Thank you.

At this time I would like to read a proclamation proclaiming March as women's history month. It reads as follows:

A Proclamation By the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council
To all whom these letters shall come, Greetings. Know ye, that the Louisville Metro Council hereby proclaims March as Women's History Month:

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has issued a resolution every year since 1987 for Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," and.

WHEREAS, former President Clinton noted in his 1998 Women's History Month proclamation "Once disenfranchised, American women now serve at the highest levels of government, as Justices of the Supreme Court and in increasing numbers in the Cabinet and the United States Congress. Women are cracking the glass ceilings of corporate management to lead some of our country's most prominent businesses.

As parents and partners, entrepreneurs and artists, politicians and scientists, women are helping to build an America in which all citizens, regardless of gender, are free to live out their dreams. Thanks to the efforts of women leaders, little girls across America today know far fewer limits than did their mothers and grandmothers. However, there still remains work to be done to create a more just America, and we must rededicate ourselves to ending the discrimination that women still face.

We must continue our efforts to help women succeed at work and at home, to be free from violent crime, and to enjoy quality health care.

In doing so, we will confirm our conviction that "We, the people" includes us all".

And WHEREAS, these words still hold true in the year 2013. And WHEREAS, the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council wishes to further recognize the contributions of women on a local level and to ensure that every woman looks within herself and aspires to her highest potential.

NOW THEREFORE, THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, HEREBY PROCLAIMS MARCH 2016 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" Done, at the Louisville/Jefferson Metro Council, this the 10th day of March 2016.

And I would like all the women to stand and take a bow for all we do not only in the month of March but all we do. Thank you, women. Stand and take a bow. All the women.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT YATES: That goes for the women in the seats too. There you go.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman. It looks like the seats have cleared out quite a bit, maybe because of the heat. I apologize. We have workers onsite working on that right now so hopefully something will get done.

Next we have approval of Council minutes for the Regular Metro Council Meeting of February 25, 2016.

Any corrections or deletions? May I have a motion and Second for approval.

>> So moved.

PRESIDENT YATES: Second?

>> Second.

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

Next we have approval of the following committee minutes, all in 2016.

Special: Community Affairs & Housing, February 25.

Regular: Committee on Contracts, February 25.

Regular: Committee of the Whole, February 25.

Regular: Planning/Zoning, Land Design and Development Committee, March 1.

Regular: Public Works, Bridges and Transportation, March 1.

Regular: Appropriations, NDFs and CIFs Committee, March 1.

Regular: Public Safety Committee, March 2.

Regular: Government Accountability and Ethics Committee, March 2.

Regular: Committee on Appointments, March 3.

Regular: Budget Committee, March 3.

Regular: Ad Hoc Committee on Land Development Code, March 7.

Special: Committee on Appointments, March 10.

Are there any corrections or deletions? May I have a motion and Second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The minutes have been properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written.

Mr. Clerk, do we have any communications from our mayor?

MR. CLERK: We do, sir.

PRESIDENT YATES: Could you Please read those into the record.

MR. CLERK: Dear President Yates: In accordance with the Ethics Commission Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Ethics Commission:

Susan Rhodes, reappointment, term expires June 30, 2018.

Terry Conway, reappointment, term expires June 30, 2017.

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President Yates: In accordance with the Brightside Operation Brightside Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Brightside Board of Directors:

Douglas Edwards, new appointment, term expires March 24, 2018.

Metro Council approval of these appointments is not required.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President Yates: In accordance with the Science Center Board Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Science Center Board of Directors:

Anne Edwards, new appointment, term expires July 1, 2018.

Jean Lee, new appointment, term expires July 1, 2018.

Metro Council approval of these appointments is not required.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President Yates: In accordance with the Volunteer Fire Protection District Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Harrods Creek Fire Protection District Board:

Jeremy Urekew, new appointment, term expires June 30, 2020.

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President Yates: In accordance with the Library Advisory Commission Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Library Advisory Commission:

Melanie Warren McCoy, new appointment, term expires December 31, 2017.

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Read in full.

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

Our next order of business is the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar comprises item numbers 29-34 Are there any additions or deletions?

Mr. Clerk, a second reading of these items.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$23,000 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$15,500 FROM DISTRICT 18; \$7,500 FROM DISTRICT 11; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ALEX R. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 104, SERIES 2015 PERTAINING TO THE 2015-2016 CAPITAL BUDGET PERTAINING TO A COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 SIDEWALK PROJECT.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM/UNIVERSITY OF

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM FOR JEFFERSON COMMUNITY
COLLEGE - \$106,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET
ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING
NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (DRELLISHAK AND
DRELLISHAK, INC. - \$25,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET
ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING
NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (SIMON AND
COMPANY, INCORPORATED - \$53,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET
ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING
NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - ROBERT
GUSTAFSON (\$123,000.00).

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. The Consent
Calendar has been properly moved and seconded and it is requiring a roll
call vote. Mr. Clerk, would you open the voting? The voting is closing.
The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: There are 25 yes votes and one not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The Consent Calendar passes.

The next item of business is Old Business. Mr. Clerk, a reading
of item three five.

MR. CLERK: APPOINTMENT OF LULA HOWARD TO THE BOARD OF ZONING
ADJUSTMENT. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2019.

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The appointment is before us. Is there any discussion?

Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Thank you, President Yates. We had a very lively special appointment meeting today, and I will discuss item 35 and 36. What we found is that Ms. Howard does appear to be a wonderful candidate, and I would urge us to push this appointment through. There are multiple issues that are going on with the appointments in the city. Specifically, we kind of focused today on the BOZA board and the Planning Commission. As it relates to BOZA, there are two individuals who have continued to serve in expired terms and on the Planning Commission out of the ten individuals there are six individuals left continuing to serve. And the opinion that I got from the county attorney's office on Tuesday, they indicate that because of that this council and the mayor no longer has jurisdiction at all as the appointing authority, and so what has essentially happened is de facto reappointment by the Planning Commission even though there is no record of that actually in the Planning Commission minutes or records. So there is a lot of cleaning up on things that we are going to have to get done and tighten up this process. Because as far as I see it there are major problems. But as far as it relates to Ms. Howard for the BOZA board and for the Planning Commission, that did pass unanimously at the committee meeting today. I do believe that she is a good candidate.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for the explanation, Councilwoman.

Is there any further discussion on this item? Hearing none,
this is a resolution --

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you. I just wanted to follow up.
For all of you who have been on the appointments committee in the last ten
years, starting eight years ago when Councilman Blackwell asked the
question of, How can I let people in my district know how they can apply
for things? We are working on it. What we found out today is pretty
disturbing, there in excess of 200 people sitting on boards with terms
that has been expired and no one has been let known. So we are keying in
on the process. And Councilwoman Green and the chairman have tried to do
this. I think we are getting closer. We thank you all for the comments
you made. It is a little disconcerting. Ms. Howard is an excellent
candidate. She served on it before and she was really good. But I just
want to let you know it was kind of a lively meeting. Live puts it
mildly, I guess. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President. What I'm
hearing is very disturbing too. And I need to kind of understand what my
colleague Councilwoman Green said. Folks are sitting on these boards and
their term has expired and there is nothing we can do about it nor the
mayor. How did this happen? How do we make sure does not happen again?
Can anyone speak to that, Mr. President?

>> What I can say is that my understanding is that this is the
way that it has always been done and that it is legal, in quotation marks.
But what I find is it is a circumvention -- we got a good start there.
There is much work that can be done, but it is unconscionable and it is

unacceptable that the only answer is that, well, it is legal and this is the way it has always been done. And that is essentially the response that we have received.

>> Thank you for that explanation. And I am glad that you tighten this up. The way it has always been done is not acceptable on this council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, President Yates. I was going to ask my fellow colleagues to speak louder. I'm having a challenging time hearing people. So if you could just speaker louder. I know we have some debating issues coming up and I would love to be able to hear everyone speak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman. Our clerk has already communicated with Metro TV because of the fans that hopefully they will increase the volume a little bit as they are working on cooling this place down a little bit.

Is there any further discussion on this? Hearing none, this is a resolution allowing a voice vote. All those in favor respond by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. The resolution passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 36.

MR. CLERK: APPOINTMENT OF LULA HOWARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD. TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1, 2018.

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The appointment is before us. Is there any discussion?

Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Just what I previously said. And Ms. Howard, if her confirmation is accepted, she would actually be on BOZA and on the Planning Commission. There is one member who serves on both boards. I do believe that she is an excellent candidate and it did pass unanimously out of committee. There were questions regarding -- given the fact that she had previously served three terms in the past and maybe going into a fifth term, but the county attorney's office has informed us that is not an issue. So I would urge you to approve this appointment.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: I would like to know. I served on that appointment committee years ago. I would like to know if the questions are still asked where the person that is being appointed resides, whether they are a Democrat or Republican, African-American or whatever, whoever. Are those questions still valid to ask? And if so, I would like to know, just have this information about Ms. Howard.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: I know that she is an African-American female and fits well with the diversity requirements.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Can you tell me what district she is from?

PRESIDENT YATES: When those appointments come over, they come with the geographic area, council district which they serve and pertinent information to that individual.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, President Yates. I hate to do this to my colleagues, but I was going to request a roll call vote on this one, as I need to abstain. It Dawns on me that in the coming months I will be representing some clients before BOZA as well as the Planning Commission, and so my apologies in regards to item 35. I'm wondering if we can also go back to that item and do a roll call so I can abstain from that as well.

>> Motion to reconsider 35.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Motion to reconsider. That is properly before us. All those in favor of a motion to reconsider say aye. Opposed? The motion to reconsider is before us. Mr. Clerk, would you please open up the voting for item 35?

All those in favor respond by raising your hand. Those opposed? Those abstaining, please raise your hand.

Mr. Clerk, would you note Councilwoman Leet as an abstention.

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT YATES: Number 35, I don't believe there is any more discussion. This would normally be allowed through a voice vote, but, Mr. Clerk, can you open up the roll call so that Council Member Leet may abstain?

>> Mr. President, I clicked in. Not for discussion, but Councilwoman Woolridge asked what district Ms. Howard is from. She is from District 26.

PRESIDENT YATES: The voting is closing. Thank you for that, Councilman. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 25 yes votes and one abstention. The one abstention is from Council Member Leet.

PRESIDENT YATES: The resolution passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 37.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR MID-YEAR OPERATING NEEDS BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 103, SERIES 2015 RELATING TO THE 2015-2016 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT. AS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER (AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION).

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Is there any discussion?

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I'm going to speak to item 37 and 38 at the same time. They are companion. One is operating and one is capital. And before I begin, I really need to thank Councilman Hollander and President Yates and Councilwoman Leet for their work and help and all of this as well as all the members that comprised and went back and forth.

As you know, we have been working on this piece of legislation for over six weeks. And it was changed tremendously from what it looked like when it first came over to us. We have much more going to paving. We have stuff going to help with our heroin epidemic. And we moved things around a bit. Overall, it is a good piece of legislation. It came out of committee unanimously but I want to talk about some of the highlights in it.

We have got -- and this is all for a projected revenue surplus that the administration believes we will have. That's why we have the

mid-year budget adjustment. We haven't done one in a number of years. It is rare, but I'm glad we are able to do this.

The St. Matthews Library will get \$1 million. It will be matched by the City of St. Matthews with 3.5 million. That is really a \$4.5 million project. The tiger grant for Dixie Highway, \$500,000. Federal dollars are 16.9 million.

The central business district sidewalk, 500,000. And it is matched with state transportation funds of 1.5 million. Rebound, a program part of the Urban League is receiving \$350,000 to purchase and rehab vacant homes for families. 250 of this will be matched for a total of 600,000 that this will spend on this particular project. There is a spreadsheet on your system that we received from the Urban League to show you how the money is being spent. On average they say about 75,000 per home. So they hope to do a little over seven homes with this money. And these will be homes that families will be able to get into.

Zoo deferred maintenance, we have \$250,000. Summer works program, adding 400,000, so the total for the year is 600,000. And our facilities, we have had deferred maintenance in all of our metro facilities, city hall included. But the roof at the second division LMPD is in need of a replacement and that is half million dollars.

The Healing Place capital, Karen H spoke earlier tonight, that's a half million dollars and that will be matched.

This leaves 5.250 million for additional paving, just over half the projected revenue surplus. And if you count the council-designated funds, the total is raised to \$5.7 million that will be spent on paving.

The above passed unanimously in committee and I hope it will tonight as well. It was definitely a compromise that was worked on over

the past several weeks. And again, I thank everyone for their willingness to be fiscally responsible and weigh the many needs within our community.

Additionally in our fiscal year budget that we passed last June there is language in the appropriation for QCCT, that any unused funds go towards paving in the community. It appears as though this will come to fruition at the end of the year and we will have close to \$2 million in paving at that time. As we work on this budget adjustment, we must also keep an eye on Frankfort as they are working on the state budget. While there is much good legislation, there is also legislation with unfunded consequences on local governments, and it is prudent to keep that in mind as we go forward.

And believe me, the administration hears us individually and collectively that paving is a priority. As they prepare the next fiscal year budget it will be a priority for this administration as well. In addition, they will look at the contract as it goes out to bid later this fall so that we have a timeliness component in the paving contract. We all know that streets throughout our community need paving, and we need them paved sooner than later. And today just this evening President Yates announced an ad hoc committee with the task of getting better understanding of all the fiscal needs of our community as well as the financial well-being of metro Louisville. Committee members will appear from the administration and directors about needs in their departments about capital projects put on hold from financial years.

We all know the escalators at the hall of justice need replacing. I have been speaking about that for years. The elevators as well.

So we will hear about those hurdles, other road blocks and opportunities for our community as we recover from this recession. Now I

would like to turn over my time to Councilwoman Leet, my cochair. She is going to speak about a couple other amendments.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman, would you like to be recognized?

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, President Yates. Thank you, Councilwoman Butler. It has been a good process in this first compromised situation. I always feel there's always room for improvement, and there is clearly no way to satisfy everyone. I won't go through the entire list again. Councilwoman Butler covered it adequately. But I wanted to emphasize a few points that I think are extremely important. One is the St. Matthews Library improvement project. Clearly that has a great impact on district seven constituents and I'm in full support of providing that match at the present time in order to ensure that the planning and design phases can begin immediately to address the needs of that library. It is the highest circulation library in the entire Metro Louisville. It is in dire need of improvement. And I hope that my colleagues will support that.

Also, I wanted to mention on paving. We all know that paving's important. And to the extent that I have supported paving projects, I only have about 22 center lane miles of county metro roads in my entire district. But I am willing to cooperate and collaborate with all of my colleagues to recognize that there is a community-wide need ensure that our infrastructure gets back to at least moderate rates so we are not lagging behind. I do believe that if we try break down and look at it between Democrats and Republicans, if you look at what is proposed presently, about 37.7 percent of the roads that are going to be paved are in Republican districts, which comes very close to matching. Very close to matching the proportion within our council. And then lastly I wanted to speak about the Healing Place. We do know there is a US epidemic going

on with heroin and opiate overdoses. Every 25 minutes someone in the United States dies from overdose. That now exceeds the rate of fatal auto accidents. This is a significant issue for our community. So I hope that you all will agree with me in support of the \$500,000 for the Healing Place so they can begin to put a shovel in the ground as early as possible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Council Members Butler and Leet. Thank you for working in a bipartisan fashion in order to get this done. Council Member Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Very briefly. At the Budget Committee meeting last week I told the members there that we had looked at all the revenue sources that are coming in but nobody looked at any of the expense accounts at all. So I asked that I would take a look at that and if I found some more I would come back and ask for that to be allocated to paving. I will do that. There is one item in operating and I will come back and refer to it when we talk about the capital budget. And then somebody can rearrange it. If you approve that change we can amend these different things rather than do them one at that time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.
Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I was just going to call the question.

PRESIDENT YATES: Okay. The question's been called. Is there any discussion on this? He's called the question. Without objection, no objection. Would you open the roll call, please? The voting is closing. The voting is still closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 26 yes votes.

PRESIDENT YATES: The amended ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 38.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR MID-YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 107, SERIES 2013 RELATING TO THE 2013-2014 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2014 RELATING TO THE 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND ORDINANCE NO. 104, SERIES 2015 RELATING TO THE 2015-2016 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT. AS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER. (AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION).

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: The committee-amended ordinance is before us for discussion.

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, thank you. I'm not going to repeat myself again. This is the capital budget component. We just passed the operating one. So I urge your support. We had committee last week, it came out unanimously and it was definitely hard work and compromising on everyone's side. So again, thank you.

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

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you, Mr. President. As I just mentioned, last Thursday in the Budget Committee we discussed the \$9.9 million in amendments and one of the things that I mentioned at that time to the committee seemed to be in general agreement that there was nobody objecting, let's put it that way, that if we can find more money coming out of the expense adjustments that we would come back and put that

towards paving also. Actually, what I'm going to suggest is we add back the 250 that has been deducted from the zoo. They went from 500 to 250. I suggest we put it in there and the remainder going to paving.

I asked the committee, told them, that I would try to work with Daniel Frock, and he is still here. Is he still back there? And I asked if I could work with him and see if there are ways to find somewhere between two and a half million and \$4 million in expense savings that could be brought to you tonight and be adjusted to this spending plan. On the zoo for 250 and then paving, 2,000,950.

The committee then heard from John W about the zoo, we all heard what they need and we all heard from the director of public works on their needs for paving. So where they are going is not an issue. We needed to locate in expense savings. It had to be explainable and definable and we had to be able to verify it was there. Daniel and I met on Friday with Councilman Hollander and Beth Stenberg and Kelly Watson. We left the meeting, Daniel was going to get back to me Monday with the results of his research. He called Monday afternoon, talked to him on Tuesday. He said he was not going to be able to help and he would prefer to do it later. So I said okay, well, I will set out on my own, so I did.

I will tell you what I tried to do. I was looking for \$4 million. There were two items, one is the LG&E franchise fee, which I thought would come over on the budget, I can't verify it so I'm not going to do anything with it. I wanted to try to do something else, the LG&E thing was a big one but we needed to go in on as many things as we could and we came back with two items, should be fairly simple. One of them I talked about at the budget meeting last Thursday and that was salt. We have a \$2.3 million budget for salt. We have spent 1.5 million and the

salt needs are full. Unless you think there are more salt needs between now and June, we should be okay. You know how much we have used.

And the other item -- that is the one that will go back to operating.

The other one is for QCCT. Very unusual item. Let me explain to you how it works. In 2015 we allocated \$5 million to the QCCT to the trust fund, don't put nit the budget. Ship the dollars off to Frankfort and it sits in the trust fund. When that happened, it stayed there. At the end of last year is when we came back during the budget and we said that they had used 1.4 million and the 3.6 million we would leave it in the trust and when this year was over, June 30th of 2016, whatever is not being used will come back to us and be used in paving. That is the wording that is in our budget document last year. So the question was, well, we think they only used 1,400,000, that isn't really good enough. I'm not going to stand and tell you I will guess it is about the same. So I got with the people, the president of the university hospital who manages the QCCT and comes to our budget every year and asks about it. And I got with him and said can you tell me what you are going to need during this year for 2016? Because whatever's left the state will then sometime in the next couple months ship it back to us.

And I got a letter here and you are getting a copy of it that says they need for this year 1.5 million. That will leave a little less than \$2.1 million in the trust they will send back to us, by law and what our ordinance has said, so that will come back. They are aware that was going to happen and people at the state had to be reminded but they are now aware also.

What I am saying is of that 2.1 million, what I want to do is allocate 2 million of that right now to paving. I want to send a message

to director burns that she can get the resources she needs to do it, number one. Number two, I want to try and make sure that that comes back and we have allocated our dollars to paving in the budget right now so there isn't any question to any of our constituents who call us and ask us is the paving going to be done? Yes, it is. And I guess we can change our budget, but we don't ever take money out of paving, that I'm aware of, and I would like to get it in there. And the Budget Committee seemed to indicate that if I came up with the thing and if I could prove their value, they would do that. I will ask the county attorney and our financial person to redo all of these numbers on the bug documents because I don't want to read it all again. Just doesn't work that way.

With that said I'll be happy to answer any questions. You have two documents. One is the letter from the QCCT dated today -- they left a press conference today and went back and checked the numbers and sent me a text. That's where I came from. And then the amendment that I proposed and have gone through with several of you to talk about the two things that are very simple which we are going to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: I sat in the Budget Committee meetings. I made it clear --

PRESIDENT YATES: I believe the fan is blowing directly on your mic. There you are.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Was not a fan of the compromise reached. Made that very clear also. However, what I did hear at this Budget Committee when it passed 10-0, the compromise, before it passed we had discussions about priorities. And everyone on that committee on that day and even myself and others who weren't voting members nodded our head in

agreement. When Councilman Downard said if I can go find this money, will you let me put it towards paving to make up a true compromise?

Essentially, at that point we were saying we wanted money to go strictly to paving, a number of us did. A number of other folks said we have some other priorities. And everyone was in agreement, there was a gentleman's agreement at that time, everyone can go back and watch it. And said if you find that money you can put it towards paving and you can make up the money to the zoo. That was what was agreed to. And what I would hope is this body here today will recognize its due diligence. He has given you the e-mail. It has been proven. He has not here saying let's go after the LG&E money. Even he says that is potentially speculative. So he has taken that off the table. He has put on solid, hard, fast dollars that say that we can capture another essentially 2.8 million which will put another -- to replenish the zoo, which the \$250,000 is which we took from the zoo, which we all at that time agreed to.

And then number two was it will put another 2.55 million towards paving. And I would ask this body recognize that compromise. There was talk of even substituting my ordinance for this one and adding back in what it refunded. There was two ways to approach this. And the way that was chosen to move forward with Councilman Hollander's amendment by substitution and the extra money found go towards paving. And I'm going to ask this body to hold true to that commitment here tonight for all the reasons that we have discussed previously. That being how far in a hole this government has put itself, the administration, previous administrations and this body, the whole that we have put ourselves in. This will enable us to start to chip away at that. And I appreciate the compromise. I didn't speak out earlier. Having gone through my rant about the debt and everything else, a lot of you were probably surprised

by that. I recognize the will of this body on that compromise. But at this time I'm asking that we further that compromise and do what we said we were going to do and capture as many dollars for paving as we can to deal with the red line deficit that we have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Bill Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you, Mr. President. I will try to speak up as best I can. Let me say that I do not think it is a good business practice to take money from an operating budget or a fund without a full discussion and testimony at a Budget Committee. I remember when we had a discussion of the short term rental ordinance and there was a motion made on this floor to add an insurance requirement. And Councilwoman Leet said -- and it carried the day. But this had never been discussed at the Budget Committee. We have not discussed at the Budget Committee these particular raids on operating funds or on the QCCT. I don't believe the QCCT was ever mentioned at the Budget Committee meeting last week. And certainly I didn't and I don't believe anyone there had a blank check that whatever Councilman Downard came up with we would put all to paving. Let me talk a little bit about the two things that he has come up with.

First, salt. It is very hot in here tonight and I am probably not going to convince anybody given the heat that it might snow again. But if you will check the fourth biggest snowfall in Louisville history was in late March. We are acting a little bit early to pull out all the operating money and salt money at this stage of the game. This budget was for the entire year and it takes us through June 30th. That's the first point.

On QCCT, I hope very much that the money will be here on June 30th and that it will go to paving and that we won't see a future need for QCCT. But let me just remind people what QCCT is and why this

money is there. It funds indigent care at the University of Louisville hospital. It has not been needed as much in the last few years because of the Affordable Care Act and because of KYNECT and because it worked very well in this state. It is under attack in Frankfort now. I have no idea what is going to happen in Frankfort in the next 15 days or what the needs will be. But to pull out QCCT money now instead of June 30th, which is what our ordinance says, seems irresponsible to me and not a good business practice. We may know more about this at the end of the session but I don't think today is the time to do that. And finally, let me just say call me conservative but --

>> I will.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Thank you very much. The e-mail that I have from Cheri Craig doesn't say this is guaranteed money. What it says is we project that this is what we are going to take out of QCCT this year. And we are going to go spend it. We are going to go spend it on the zoo. And I want to spend it on the zoo next year in the budget. And we will spend it on the roads because of this projection. And I will also say the next line in the e-mail from Cheri Craig they project they will need two and a half million dollars in QCCT next year. I think we should look and see what happens in the session in Frankfort before we start raiding any of these funds. I don't think it is either conservative or a good business practice. So I would urge defeat of the amendment.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. I have a question for the county attorney. I just want some clarification here. If we already passed an ordinance with our budget that says funds are directed to a specific department if they are not used, is this amendment necessary

since we have already passed the ordinance? I would imagine that that's law and we have given the direction of for the appropriation of where it should go.

>> I don't have the ordinance in front of me that you are referring to so it is a little difficult to answer that question. But if there is an ordinance that was passed it remains good law.

>> Councilman Downard gave us the language. Perhaps Councilwoman Denton can hand to it you and you can see. The amended version. Down in the bottom part one E 3 C.

>> Councilwoman Butler, if you could give me an opportunity to review the document and I will chime back in.

>> Thank you. Just to echo Councilman Hollander, it has snowed here in late March. It snowed here in April. I just think in a year that we have got money and directors are being good stewards of their funds, it doesn't set good precedent to go in and sweep out their money. Also, they have to balance their budget at the end of the day. We don't know what other costs they may incur. We are getting ready to enter tornado season. Yes, that's not salt, but are we going to need it for additional landfill? Going to need it for other things if they have to go out and do a cleanup? We all remember the flood we had in 2009, and the flooding that came through with Ike. We had several things right there together. I don't think it sets a good precedent to go in and start taking money from these directors who are good stewards and fiscally responsible without first discussing it with them at a committee meeting. And whenever the county attorney's ready to answer, if we could get that from her.

PRESIDENT YATES: I may go to another speaker and then come back.

Councilman Dan Johnson.

>> -- -- off mic.

PRESIDENT YATES: Do we have a second? It dies for lack of second.

Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I share Councilman Hollander's concern about the QCCT and only because, like you said, that the whole Affordable Care Act is under attack in Frankfort. And it is hard to know what effect that will have, what will pass and what won't pass, what happens in the next few days. It might be a little premature, especially since we have it in our law that -- we passed it in a budget that we will use that for paving.

The salt makes a little more sense to me. The QCCT makes me more nervous.

The other thing that I would point out is when we hear from public works about the paving once we get to this point in the paving, they were telling us that it is difficult for them to do neighborhood roads, a lot of their thoughts about what additional money they were going to be putting in is for some of the longer stretches that they can do. Well, maybe that works for some council districts but in my area a lot of them are neighborhood roads. So I'm a little hesitant to put more money in that can basically only be used for long stretches, because that's what public works told us. I would almost rather see us at the end of the budget take this money, which I am presuming will still be there, and add that to the total paving budget and also allow us to be able to use more of it for neighborhood roads, which is more of an issue in my district than the long roads. So thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for pointing that out. Councilman. Councilwoman Green.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: Someone may have answered my question. But is this \$2 million for the QCCT -- how much would be left in there? Would that completely deplete that fund?

>> It would be depleted anyway in June. Take it down to \$80,000.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN: My position would be that if we have issues with the amount of money that is coming out of the account in the proposal, why not talk about maybe perhaps doing a different amount? If you have concerns, take it down to 80,000, maybe we put an additional 1.5 million or 1 million. We have rainy day funds and surplus funds. We have to wake up. It is raining here. Raining here in Louisville and our constituents need help. They need help with services and also roads. For us to take the position that the money is set here, we have not done anything with it but let's continue to sit on it so somebody can feel good about having a big fat account is not the best usage of the dollars and not the best that I think we should do for our constituents. I believe we should be improving the lives of our citizens. If we can improve it by putting money into paving or putting something back into the zoo, I don't think that is a bad thing. I think we have to get over the BS thinking about who makes amendments and having concerns. Just get over and if there's a good thing that we can do for our constituents in the city of Louisville, I think that we ought to do it.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. To worry that it is going to snow is about as big a farce outreach as to worry that Frankfort is somehow going to immediately kill KYNECT and Obamacare is going away tomorrow. It is asinine. We have two barns filled with salt. If not we have fallbacks. There is money from the LG&E franchise fee. We

have not been able to ascertain that. But there are speculative dollars we can come back and talk about more shortly. But today we will talk about hard concrete dollars. So we have the ability to handle if there is an Ike or the what if the snopocalypse that comes through. I don't anticipate a department person to short sell themselves. They will err on the side of caution, 99.9 percent of the time. When I see these numbers saying 80,000 should cover us, then that tells me that's a pretty solid guess. That's going to the department themselves. They are not shortchanging themselves. This is numbers that we can count on. We have more potential LG&E. We have the rainy day fund. We have got lots of avenues that if we had to shore up. The one problem we continue to not shore up is our paving deficit. Our rainy day fund is \$66 million. That's what we have sitting in the account rainy day fund. Our paving deficit, the debt we have created is twice that. \$112 million. If this is about spending choices, well a number of the choices that are in this compromises that before us without the amendment, the library, for instance, St. Matthews library is not dependent upon our \$1 million to break ground. They have squirreled away \$3.6 million over years. They are moving forward. Their train left the station a month ago. They are not waiting on our dollars there.

The Healing Place, as great a program as they are talking about, they have to raise \$24 million. The \$500,000 isn't going to be the make or break there. There is a number of things in this budget that we could wait on, but we are not. So to hold up other dollars that are out there, we shouldn't. Put them towards the roads and lets start chipping away at the deficit. A deficit that will empower us, once we get a solid plan in place, a solid place to start addressing the roads will free up a lot of other CIF dollars so District 26 or any district in the room no longer has

to focus on roads. Once we come up with a plan that will free it up for sidewalks and beautification and other things that will improve the quality of life for our residents. There's no reason in the world to sit on these dollars again.

To Councilman Downard's credit, he has not gone into the gray speculative areas, he has gone in the steadfast numbers. And I encourage everyone to go back in the room and watch last Thursday night's Budget Committee. Watch it. Heads were nodding. There was discussion about if you can go find it then God bless you, we'll put it towards paving. That was the discussion. If you don't believe me, go watch the video. Actions will speak louder than words. And I am just asking this body to follow through with that commitment. If we are truly talking about compromise here tonight let's seek that compromise. We are here. I'm willing to meet it. Again, I didn't talk poorly about my disbelief in the compromise earlier and I will hold back further discussion on that. The priorities are priorities. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. When you are talking about the QCCT money it already states in the budget ordinance that the money is going to paving if it is not spent. So it is kind of a moot deal. It is just about when they get it, today or four months when the budget ends. And I can't ever remember when we started taking money away for projects other than mid-year adjustment. It just seems an odd concept. And also I would like to remind those of us who have been on this council for any length of time -- and Beth probably knows this more than any of us -- during budget hearings, we always for years and years always brought up the revenue projections to get projects that the Metro

Council wanted. And what would happen when there was not enough money to cover -- the budget was short, the department heads took the hits. They had to find the money anytime that the revenue projections were off. They had to find the money to cut out of their departments. Not the Metro Council budget, but the department budget. The money is not going anywhere. Why not then bring the director of public works in here, the director of QCCT and let them say they don't need this money. If they say I don't need the money, I'm all ready for taking it and sweeping it for paving. But I would like to hear the directors and the people who we are taking the money from up close and personal in the chambers in the committee meeting like we normally do things and come in here and talk to us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Yes, Mr. President. And I will be brief. I will say just a couple things that folks have already said.

The money isn't going any place. I think that's what I'm hearing folks say. The other side of that equation is I'm hearing folks say we can't get this paving done right away. So if we put this money in here tonight from QCCT, for the zoo and for additional paving, the money will be there. I mean, can we get all this paving done overnight? I don't think so. That's what I'm hearing. But the other side of the equation is if we leave nit the departments, like Councilwoman Flood said, bring in the departments and let us tell us this. But I guess I sort of take Councilman Downard's word that he found this money. I have no reason to doubt that he found it. I can live with it either way it goes. I can live with it if we leave it there and sweep it at the end of the year for paving or if we sweep these accounts now and the paving's not going to be

done before the first of June, first of July. So it will still be there either way is all I'm saying, Mr. President. So I can live with this either way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Bryant-Hamilton.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT-HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I hear everyone's passion and concern. And I share a lot of it in some areas. And in some areas I don't. And from last meeting you mentioned heads were nodding. Whatever. But what I want to say is that I applaud the president for hearing your concerns about paving, all of us. I ride down my streets as well. And last the Budget Committee anticipated about -- that there would be money from QCCT. So we said, okay, we will put that towards paving. We anticipated there would be money left from LG&E franchise fee over what we projected would be coming in by March 31st. We said that goes towards paving. So it is in the like we are not thinking towards paving, we are not thinking about getting a plan. And as I was about to say about the president, setting up this ad hoc committee to address the paving, the infrastructure needs, to look ahead and get a plan, let's not be shortsighted and try to rob the kitty now. We have a lot of needs to address besides paving. We heard speakers tonight with other great ideas that we could possibly come back with in the budget. But I think that if we are raiding this, we are not in a deficit. We will probably have more money at the end of June. We are on track for a record. And you heard the guy come in from out of town talking about how well Louisville is doing and how well we are above the rest of the state and many states. So we will be used to this embarrassment of riches. But I think we should go ahead and pass this amendment by substitution and not have what Councilman Downard has proposed at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I am urging siding on the side of some caution and support Councilwoman Leet and Councilman Hollander's compromise proposal.

A couple things come to mind quickly. Salt, public works budget. I think the point made about the public works department needing to end June 30th with a balanced budget, we don't know what demands there will be on the public works budget. Therefore, I would like to keep their budget whole. Secondly, calling on the colleague implying that the rainy day fund was somehow exorbitant, I will say that municipalities in order to get a good bond rating are required to retain a substantial rainy day fund. So to imply that we have plenty of money stashed away in a rainy day fund and if we need it we can pull it down is not at least the way I understand it.

And then finally in our discussion and the two sides represented in our discussion, I think are you doing much for paving is getting a bum rap. Let me tell you what I mean. Last year I think we did somewhere in the ten to \$12 million range for paving. If we pass what has been proposed by the Budget Committee, we will be moving it to 19 towards 20 million. That's almost double over what we did last year. So I don't think it is correct to allow those folks listening over our shoulder to suggest that, well, this council is somehow really, really holding back on money for paving. In fact, of the \$9 million that has been made available to us that we didn't expect, over half of it is indeed going for paving for crying out loud. And I think the public needs to hear that. We are not somehow whacking away at paving dollars. We in fact are almost doubling what we did last year. Between now and June the thirtieth, and

we will get another real good lick at paving dollars come July 1st. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Hollander.

COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER: Let me just say very briefly this has nothing to do in terms of who has made the amendment, my opposition to it. It has to do with what I think is good business practice. I don't think you go in in the middle of the year and take money out of people's operating budgets without calling them in and talking about it and having regular order at a Budget Committee hearing.

I would also really echo the point that Councilman Owen made. It alarms me, frankly, to hear any of my colleagues say, well if we end up taking more and they need it in QCCT we will raid the rainy day fund. We have bond ratings in the city and raiding the rainy day fund is not advised. It is very bad business. So I think good business practices, conservative business practices, offer staying where we are with the amendment by substitution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Kevin Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you. My comments would simply be we keep throwing stuff out there as if we are raiding things and taking things away. I certainly don't want anybody to think that is listening that we are raiding road funds. I don't think that's the case at all. It is a question of trying to repair roads that are in horrible disrepair. We all know what the numbers are, 112 plus million dollars. I am not suggesting that tonight we are taking money away from roads. I'm simply saying we realize it is a problem and we have to deal with it. I think -- the conversation about taking money away from QCCT, the head has

sent us a letter and we all have it in our possession. The ordinance too, we also have a copy of the ordinance that says that effective June 30th any remaining funds as of June 30th, 2016. There will be remaining funds. And those funds are going to go to roads. Right there in black and white. What the discussion tonight does is simply say instead of waiting until June 30th and knowing that the funds are available then and then waiting until December when we get the -- everybody is talking about we will get the money in June. We will not. If the money is available, it will be available in December. And we will have lost the ability to put it in the spring paving budget and it puts it in the fall budget. If we wait to spring mid year adjustment you can't talk about it until next year spring paving cycle. Unfortunately, to suggest that the money is not going to be there, we have a letter from president saying it will be there.

We have some institutional memory, for the sake of the viewing public. We understand what happened with QCCT and how it was necessary for us to fund them. We know that two years ago we funded them well beyond what they needed. Last year we funded them beyond what was needed. That's why the language is in there, because we knew they would not need it. We were told that we are right that they wouldn't need it. I think it is unfortunate we are throwing this out there as if we are taking a risk on something that is in desperate need. It is not really a risk. Just a question of do we want to use the money now in two different paving cycles, spring of this year and fall of next year, or do we want to wait and get the money a year from now and use nit that cycle. It is a debate about dollars and cents as much as it is about nothing. Do we want to use the money in this cycle or wait? I can't think of a reason why waiting makes more sense.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: I'll give you one. One of my concerns is we are putting everything into this cycle and public works is saying we can't do neighborhood roads. That's a huge concern for me. That's one of the reasons. But to Councilman Kramer's point, I don't think we want to wait a whole other cycle but I don't understand why we can't make the same amendment we are making tonight on July 1st.

And I will happily support you and cosponsor the amendment on July 1st when we know for sure the money is there. We have already knead commitment as a body in our budget last time we made a commitment that any money left over is going to paving. So if someone says tonight, councilman says we are wavering on our commitment to paving, no we are not. The budget says it is going to paving. So tonight we have a choice of voting for this amendment which says, yeah, and tonight, once again we will say it is going to paving. We said that already. Redundant. No question it is going to paving. Anything that comes out is going to paving. Wait until July 1st to do this amendment again and then we will be able to pave some neighborhood roads, not just big long stretches.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you, Mr. President. Just in case my cohort and my friend Mr. Johnson gets back up there, he has been nice enough to back off twice, I'm not sure I ever made a motion to make this an amendment. So I would like to make that motion and see if there's a second.

>> Second.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Now it is official. He calls the question. I'm in the game. Let me address this.

We have two domes of salt. Anyone that thinks we need more, I'm out of that conversation.

QCCT, if we don't allocate it and put it in the language right now, July 1st, you can't do it. You'll get the same argument. We have 47 departments and we want to make sure what will happen before it all comes back and it will be December 1st which is the earliest we have ever done a year-end adjustment.

Let me tell you about this. Never before have we done a mid-year adjustment. I didn't do this. The administration brought it to us and I sat in the meeting and said I'm sorry I if I missed the first meeting, but you are doing a midterm adjustment on \$10 million in revenue you found extra. Did you look at expenses? The question was no. And I said at that time on the air, everybody heard it, let's give awe you a hint. Salt is one of the places I'm going. Since that time, it has been a week, not one person has called and said we need the money for salt. Not one person who is in charge has decided to say that. I don't know how we have an objection to it.

It says we used to increase revenue. Going to okay v to call my colleague to task a little bit. In 2008 Jim King stopped that. We stopped adding revenue and we started getting additional dollars allocated to the council for council purposes. So we don't add money to it anymore and we are not going to because it is a bad idea. Folks, I just came to the idea, said I wanted to do some research on it. If someone thinks the Affordable Care Act is getting changed in Frankfort, don't understand the law, it is not going to change in Frankfort. And if somebody changes -- if you want to go through all the arguments, I'll be happy to do it because it is not going to change. I talked to the people at QCCT about that. They understand how it is going to work. The biggest change

is a change in the definition of eligibility for Kentucky Medicaid. Went up an additional ten percent. That has been announced there is an attempt to take that away. That would make us like 46 other states. And it never changes. The people who are eligible right now would not be eligible federally. They are not. Only eligible in Kentucky because of that ten percent rule. That one was paid for for three years by the federal government. It is no longer being paid by the federal government.

So we are either going to pick it up or it will go away. Somebody knew that. I think the timing was kind of curious, but that is what is going to happen. Nothing else can change. If you don't want to do it, just don't do it. But I asked you to do it and people said, you know, and there was a lot of nodding, councilwoman. There was. And so I spent five days working on it and now you come back and say we don't think we really meant that. It's okay. But what you are doing is you are setting yourselves back and just saying we will wait until somebody feeds it to us like we did in that appointments meeting, just fright I think what was going on. And I'm afraid that goes on again. I will watch you. You watch. This is not going to come back to paving. I'll tell you right now. It can't. They will find a way and it will be darn-well needed. You have seen it how many times? I have been on this budget for 13 years. There will be something darn well needed. We would like to, but we can't.

With that said, I'm through. You guys got to do what you got to do. But good grief. We have a lot of things that have happened, and I'm going to tell you this. Don't send me out to do another one of your jobs for you because I'm not going to do it. I'm tired. I'm tired of doing work that people ask me to do. I do it and somebody says maybe I don't want to do it that way. It's okay. It's all right.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilwoman Leet.

COUNCILWOMAN LEET: Thank you, President Yates. I wanted to take a couple moments to clarify a couple things that my colleagues have said. Perhaps there was a misinterpretation.

Councilman Hollander stated earlier that I had expressed concern in the past about an insurance requirement. It is a completely different than what we are talking about here. These items are clearly transparent in the public. They are line items in budgets. We are not passing something new and putting additional requirements on businesses. What we are simply doing is choosing to make a business decision regarding our city and what we are going to be doing. I wanted to clarify the difference in that first.

Secondly, I also wanted to clarify and make sure that Councilman Owen did not misinterpret my support for Councilman Downard's amendment on the floor. Good business does take a lot of important decision-making. We use trends. We use forecasting. And we accept a certain amount of risk to conduct good business. And I feel that what is proposed by Councilman Downard is still good business. I know there will be those who disagree with me and we will all have an opportunity shortly, I hope, to register our opinion about whether we think this amendment is good business. I think it is. We have left too much in the past. We have history that shows us that we have overbudgeted for the QCCT in the past few years. We have a statement from KentuckyOne stating they have an anticipation of an expected overrun, and we are not zeroing it out. It is not taking it to a zero balance. Also in regards to the salt. If we already know -- I can't expect that it is nearly March 15th and even if we had another snowfall, to Councilman Downard's point, we have a stockpile. We don't have to run out and buy it tomorrow. It is there. And certainly

we are not zeroing that one out either. So I'm going to support this amendment in addition to the other amendment, and that's my position.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Clarify something.

Earlier when I was talking about our \$66 million rainy day fund it wasn't to say wow we have all this money. \$66 million is a lot of money and I do recognize that we need a large rainy day fund to substantiate our bond rating and the city's solvency. It wasn't to say that we have this huge chunk of money. It was to emphasize the debt on the road is twice that huge chunk of money. That \$66 million great piece of comfort that we have for the rainy day fund, our road debt is twice that, 112 million and change. Twice that piece of comfort. That's how important what we are talking about is here. I trust public works. I know that there has been problems, but I see them sitting out here and I say give them the money. Park it in their accounts and let them go to work and start chipping away at this. The talk of waiting. When we wait, we change our minds. And a perfect example of that is in one week we have changed our minds, apparently so, because everybody as far as I'm concerned, the commitment that I felt from my colleagues on that Budget Committee, the ten that voted that night, it seemed pretty clear to me, and I'll go back and watch that tape again from that meeting. And I predict it will seem pretty clear again what the commitment was.

What I'm asking here tonight is not to wait. That we recognize how big this debt is and we go ahead and move that money over there and say start chipping away at it. It is as simple as that. It is rare

that -- Kelly, you and I agree in the last eight years I can count them on a hand the number of times we have agreed. This is one of those times. Our roads, it is not a Republican or Democrat principle or conservative principle. It is a financially sound principle that will empower this body to do great work, brick and mortar work, but more importantly, it will empower us to do great people things, invest in people by having solid business positions today and chipping away at this debt is a huge chance to make sure that a decade from now, two decades from now this body will still be able to invest in people and not solely brick and mortar. So I encourage us to please move at chipping away this \$112 million albatross around our necks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilwoman Fowler.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to start by saying that whatever we can do to increase our paving dollars we need to do. I just think that it is fiscally responsible to do so. We are in a deficit in our paving. We are never going to catch up if we don't start somewhere. And I know that the original amended version that was voted on last week in budget allowed for additional paving. But I just think that the money that could come from the QCCT could get lost and not be used for paving or it could be decreased the annual budget at budget hearing time during that process that the funds could be decreased. And we still end up with just the same amount that we had to again with. So I think this is a way of ensuring that we do get \$2 million ahead.

And I understand from talking to Jeff Brown, of the \$5 million, \$2 million is dedicated to neighborhood roads. So that helps you, Councilman Blackwell. I was just asking and that's what he told me. I will be voting for this and I hope that you all will too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I would like to offer an amendment on this amendment to change it from 800 on salt to 400 on salt.

PRESIDENT YATES: Do we have a second? It has been properly moved and seconded. Is there any discussion on this amendment on the amendment?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Question.

PRESIDENT YATES: I have a huge pool. This is the amendment on the amendment.

Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: I couldn't hear the amendment.

PRESIDENT YATES: His amendment on the amendment was to reduce the allocation of the assets from salt from \$800,000 for \$400,000 to be applied for paving; is that correct?

>> That's correct.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Tandy.

COUNCILMAN TANDY: And then to leave, as it currently is, leave the additional \$2 million from QCCT in there? That's your motion?

>> Yes.

PRESIDENT YATES: Is there any other discussion on the amendment on the amendment? All those in favor on the amendment of the amendment say aye. Those opposed? In the opinion of the president, the nos have it. The amendment on amendment fails.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I still have the floor. And I want to call the question.

>> Objection, Mr. President. There are still three people in the queue who have not had a chance to speak.

PRESIDENT YATES: All those in favor respond by calling the question respond by saying aye. Those opposed? In the opinion of the president, the nos have it.

Back to the amendment by Councilman Downard.

Pat Mulvihill.

COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL: Thanks. I'm not on the Budget Committee but I did have a conversation impromptu this morning with public works. And I kind of echo what Rick was saying in terms of capacity. I think between March and June 30th. There is a tipping point which if you put the 2 million from QCCT in there they won't be able to get to it. And on June 30th -- there has to be a mid-year adjustment transfer. But then you have new money coming in July 1st and those moneys will be used for paving. Unless this document's changed, that money won't be used for paving in the next fiscal year. That's how I see it. Thanks.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Councilman Owen said if we paid -- we would have 16 million for the paving of the roads. We understand that we have to have \$16 million every year just to hold it even. \$112 million, like Councilman Ackerson says, we have to pay \$20 million for a lot of years. To me, I think everybody's pretty much made up their mind how they are going to vote. I don't think the mayor's really interested in this particularly, or either already put it in the budget or said we need to take care of this road problem. We have a lot of people in our country who are upset with government. They think nobody listens. It would be interesting if people who are upset with the roads, maybe it is not 112. Maybe our roads are great and we are overestimating what the problem is. If they could call or e-mail the mayor and say, hey,

could you help us get our roads in better shape? It would then be interesting, he would say, hey, council, we are all together, let's work together and get our roads in good shape. That's what we need. We need the mayor to be on our side saying, hey, the roads need to be improved.

And so as Councilman Johnson said, we probably need to call the question, but everybody needs to speak on this. But to me it needs a little bit more leadership. Because if we are \$112 million to make our roads adequate, that sounds like a lot of money. But somebody is right, and one of the problems, they say, well, they can't do it. Well, if somebody puts the money there and says we think it is important, then maybe they will hire some people and we will get more people and make it a problem we can try to work and solve. And so to me I know everybody has made their mind up. I am for this and I think it is a good idea.

Councilman Downard went hard trying to look for some money.

As far as I know, nobody has a monopoly on looking into a budget. Just like I tell my students, nobody has a monopoly on ideas. So if you have a lot of people coming with ideas, and you say I'm not going to take your idea, I'm only going to take my idea, to me that hurts us. I think we ought to listen to everybody and decide let's do what will be best for everybody. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilwoman Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank you. Many of us on the Budget Committee, we voted for the compromise budget ordinance, Councilwoman Butler's, because we thought that we had had the compromise with Kelly Downard to go back and find some more money with paving. Otherwise, I would have liked to have had the opportunity to vote for councilman Brent Ackerson's ordinance. I would have liked to see half a million dollars

for the Healing Place. As I had stated prior, I was looking at this not as a project surplus money for projects, but surplus money to fix problems. As I stated before, I feel like the two most critical problems our city was facing at this point in time was our underfunded road issues and our young people that are dropping over from overdose. And those are the two most critical problems facing our city. I felt like most of these other projects could have waited four to six months in the budget. But as far as our roads are concerned, AAA just issued a report that Americans spend \$3 billion on car repair because our infrastructure is so underfunded. This past budget, we got 5 million extra dollars for our roads, but we bonded them. You should never in my opinion bond what is a normal function of government. Yeah, you can bond a one-time project. But it is ridiculous to bond road repair. So I will never vote for that again, bonding road repair. So my point is when we get extra dollars and we have such a horrific problem with our roads that has been neglected for decades and it is not a priority across the street, we need to get the money when we can so that we can get it and we don't have to bond for it. And this is why I am supporting Councilman Downard's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. I think the only thing we should be considering here is the \$800,000 for the salt. Because the QCCT money is already in the budget that will come to us at the end of the year. And if we have already got it in writing that they are only going to use this amount of money so we know it is coming, public works knows it is coming, it is my understanding -- and if this is not true maybe Ms. Barns can send me an e-mail later -- that our contractor for paving has first right of refusal. So that means this person who has a

contract for the city actually could get everything if they don't refuse any of the work. I know the last year I had to wait and wait just to get speed humps. And, like my council partner from district 12, have a lot of subdivision roads that are in great need. And the last plan that I was given shows nothing but huge large roads, and that's not going to help my constituents if I can't do some of the subdivision roads that are in horrible shape. And they are rated low. One of my colleagues said they are not rated low. Yeah, they are rated low. And the new list is due out any day according to the last e-mail I got from public works on March the first saying that we will get another list rerating our roads. So what we are talking about is \$800,000 because the other money is going to paving.

PRESIDENT YATES: Ms. Martin, did you have an answer?

SARAH MARTIN: Sarah Martin, county attorney's office. The budget passed in 2015. It remains good law. The language that has been read by Councilman Kramer and others still remains. True, the remainder of the funds from the QCCT will go to public works. The Downard amendment is specified, but it is in question whether that be a violation in state law since they require that funding be up to a certain level and it is a projected amount of \$2 million. It is not something the county attorney's office has been asked to in advance of this meeting to review so I'm not sure what we would sign off to in terms of legality.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

>> Mr. President, excuse me.

PRESIDENT YATES: For Councilman Downard would you please explain that one more time?

>> It is required by state law that there be a certain amount of funding in the QCCT and what your proposal does is remove \$2 million of projected money.

>> That's not the case. QCCT is a trust fund. And we did it in the budget of 2015. We put in \$5 million and when it came next year they only used \$1 million, we said keep what you have. And every year we started to appropriate \$2 million and we will do it again. But there is no state law that says we have to keep it there. We have agreed to do that in our contracts for that money but just that money. No state government tells us what we have to do.

SARAH MARTIN: Well, it would be helpful to have these questions in advance so we can tell the group whether or not the county attorney's office will plan to sign off on that sort of amendment.

>> I don't have that question, but go ahead.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Ms. Martin.

Councilwoman Shanklin. You were in the queue. Would you like the floor?

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make a comment about the roads. I know our constituents -- the roads are so bad, this winter over there off of beech bank road there was a hole so bad that I broke the spring on the front of my car. It cost me \$600 to get it fixed. I turned it in to risk management. They refused to pay for it but they did come out and repave the whole street afterwards. So they don't have enough help. And I don't know if they do their job or what. I can't say one way or the other. But after any car, like I said, I had the bill, picture of the spring that broke half, and we had already turned it in and they refused to pay for it. So I think we should get this either way you want to look at it.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman. I know we all get those phone calls every week.

Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Better call on Councilwoman Fowler first.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Fowler.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Thank you, President. To your point, Councilwoman Shanklin, I find that this is the biggest problem we face across our community, paving and our road and infrastructure. When I see the people of my district hit a hole or whatever because of the road situation, most people can't afford a \$1,200 front end job. And it is unfortunate that a lot of times the older cars that some of my constituents have to drive, they are going to brake faster than a newer car. You can see where I'm going on this. It is unfair and I think we need to put as much money as we can into paving. And I call the question.

PRESIDENT YATES: You should see Dan's face right now.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: All those in favor of calling the question respond by saying aye. Opposed?

This is calling the question on the Kelly Downard amendment.

>> Roll call vote, Mr. President, please.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Mr. Clerk, would you please open the voting? The voting is closing. The voting has closed.

MR. CLERK: 14 yes votes 11 no votes one not voting. The no votes are Council Members Shanklin, Tandy, Hamilton, James, Owen, Hollander, Mulvihill, Blackwell, Aubrey Welch, Butler, and Yates.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The amended Kelly Downard, for purposes of today, amendment, is before us.

Is there further discussion on this amendment?

Seeing none on the amended ordinance --

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I need, Mr. President, a little bit of clarification here, if I may.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Mr. Downard's amendment passed.

PRESIDENT YATES: That's correct.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: We are now being asked to vote on Mr. Downard's amendment?

PRESIDENT YATES: The question is, is there any further discussion on Mr. Downard's amendment ordinance that is before us. Is there is no further discussion, we will be asked to vote on it.

We just voted on the amended. Now the amendment is before us. Item 38 of Councilwoman Butler's original ordinance had been amended. The amendment passed, now the ordinance is before us as amended. Any discussion on this ordinance?

Would you open a roll call vote? The voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 25 yes votes, one no vote. The one no vote is Council Member Owen.

PRESIDENT YATES: The amended ordinance passes.

>> Thank you, colleagues.

PRESIDENT YATES: Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 39.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$18,500 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$2,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 6, 14, 23, 17, 10, 5, 7, 8; \$1,500 FROM DISTRICT 16; \$1,000 FROM DISTRICT 9; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE KENTUCKY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, INC., TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERFORMANCES OF "SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS" (As Amended).

Read in full.

>> Motion to approve.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. It is before us. Is there any discussion? Councilman Benson. I'm sorry.

Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Just that it came out of committee and the only question was there were some of these -- the understanding was that \$2,000, but as you can see some were 1,000 and some were 1500 so there was question about what the cost really was. When we did research, where you have 1,500, 1,000 is because there was someone else who was also sponsoring. It is 1500 if your district is paying for the full performance. If you are lucky enough to get a sponsor to help you you might be paying slightly less than that.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to add \$1,500 to do Shakespeare in the park for broad run park in my district.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman. Is there anybody else that would add on there? Councilwoman Shanklin.

>> Is it 2,000 for a performance or 1,500 a performance? He said 1,500. That's what I was trying to figure out. If it is 2,000, I want to put 2,000 at Petersburg park in District two.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilman Benson, would you like the floor to explain that?

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. They told me \$1,500 -- in a nonmetro park -- 1500 for a nonmetro park and 2,000 for a metro park.

PRESIDENT YATES: Does that explanation satisfy you, Councilwoman? Is there anyone else what would want to add to this? Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Actually, I don't want to add. I want to repeat what Ms. Stenberg just said. The reason a Metro Parks is 2,000 and Broad Run Park, which I assume is part of the ring of parks, is because we have fees. So essentially we are using our NDF money to pay fees to put on something in our own parks, which I find to be completely silly in that regard that we are paying for a permit to ourselves. Maybe something we should look at.

PRESIDENT YATES: Councilwoman Fowler.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Thank you, President. I have to totally agree with my colleague. It just seems crazy that we have to pay a fee. Where mine is going to be held is on the new stage that LG&E so graciously paid for, and so it just really doesn't make sense that we should have to pay a fee for that. Thank you. I think we should look into it.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman. Is there anyone else that would like to add or comment on this?

Mr. Clerk, could you give us the total?

MR. CLERK: If I understand correctly, Councilman Benson was the only amendment.

PRESIDENT YATES: I believe Councilwoman Shanklin, did you add on as well? Did you decide to add on? Mr. Clerk, would you please put Councilwoman Shanklin down for \$2,000?

MR. CLERK: Yes, sir. With Councilwoman Shanklin's amendment of 2,000 and Councilman Benson's amendment of 1500, the new total amount appropriated is \$22,000.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: Properly moved and seconded. All those in favor of the floor amendment respond by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. The floor amendment passes. Is there any further discussion on this?

Seeing none, this ordinance requires a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Green.

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

PRESIDENT YATES: Do we have a second? There is an additional \$2,000 by Councilwoman Green for a total of 5,500 additional dollars. All those in favor respond by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. Is there any further discussion? Are we sure?

This is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, would you please bring up the voting. The voting is closing. Without objection, the voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 26 yes votes.

PRESIDENT YATES: The amended ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item forty.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-6 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 COMMERCIAL AND APPROVING A PARKING WAIVER ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 PAYNE STREET CONTAINING 0.106 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 15ZONE1026).

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 is for a restaurant that will be going in. For the last 17 years, the owner has nonconforming rights to cover a pizza-style restaurant and they want to use the same type of restaurant a family-style restaurant. Binding element number eight was added and that actually lists the permitted uses that will be allowed on that zoning change. Normally we have the exclusion for the permitted use. And this is in Councilman David Tandy's district, and he might want to address the council.

PRESIDENT YATES: Are you seeking recognition?

COUNCILMAN TANDY: Yes, thank you. This is essentially the old Baxter station grill that has operated in the area for many years. So the neighborhood association spoke up and made sure that the parties were working together to make sure that binding will wants were put in place to make it work for the entire neighborhood. So I do encourage everyone to vote in support of this and do I support this as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilman. Any further discussion? Hearing none, this is an ordinance that requires a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, open the voting. The voting is closing. Without objection, the voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 25 yes votes and one not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: This ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 41.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-6 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PEC PLANNED EMPLOYMENT CENTER AT 2609 SHINING WATER DRIVE CONTAINING 4.76 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 15ZONE1034).

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 is for a 109,950 square foot expansion of an operation known as air hydro. This has been a much anticipated expansion and this is in councilman Stuart Benson's district and he might like to address the council.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Mr. Benson, I see you in the queue. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. There is no controversy on this. This is really a good company and so I would ask y'all to please vote for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Benson. Is there any further discussion on this? Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. The clerk will open the voting. The voting is closing. Would you please record Councilman Ackerson as a yes? The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: No voted. 25 yes votes and one not voting.

PRESIDENT YATES: The ordinance passes.

>> It has been brought to my attention that it may make it clearer to have a motion to reconsider on item number 37 since we did take -- I would entertain a motion if someone would want to do that.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT YATES: It has been properly moved and seconded. Back to item number 37. Because of the change -- Councilman Downard, would you like to address it?

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: When we were talking about operating budget I said we were going to make a change in the salt budget but we didn't do it when we were talking about the operating budget. But when we came back and did it in the capital budget, we talked about it again. We will get the folks set right as it relates to the salt. The clerk is apoplectic about it. I just didn't want another hour discussion.

PRESIDENT YATES: Is there any further discussion on that? Seeing none, hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, would you open the voting?

>> Mr. President, could you explain what we are voting on?

PRESIDENT YATES: This is a motion to reconsider item number 37. Whenever Councilman Downard's amendment was to take the assets from the salt, that was taken as item number 38. We wanted to make sure it is very clear that that is operating. Does that make sense?

>> Makes sense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT YATES: Looks like we are having problems with the queue. All those in favor -- never mind. It is open. Without objection, it is closing. The voting has closed.

MR. CLERK: 22 yes votes --

PRESIDENT YATES: I'm sorry, Councilwoman Hamilton meant to be a yes vote.

MR. CLERK: 24 yes votes, one no vote and one not voting. The one no vote is Council Member Owen.

PRESIDENT YATES: And the amended ordinance passes again.

The next item of business is new business. As you leave the chambers please do so quietly so the clerk may tread new business. I ask those council members that wish to make announcements to remain in the chambers and request to speak on your system. New business comprises

items 42-58. Will the clerk please read those items and assignments to committees.

MR. CLERK: The following legislation will be assigned to the appropriations, NDFs and CIFs committee.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,001 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$2,501 FROM DISTRICT 15; \$1,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 13, 25; \$500 FROM DISTRICT 21; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE SOUTH LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, INC., FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SLCM "FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES" FUNDRAISING PROJECT AND TO SUPPORT THEIR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,983.54 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$1,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 4, 8, 26; \$963 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 16, 21, 1, 24, 13; \$962 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 20, 12; \$961.54 FROM DISTRICT 2; \$961 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 5, 22, 6; \$900 FROM DISTRICT 17; \$500 FROM DISTRICT 3; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC., FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH "PROJECT H.E.L.P. (HOMELESS EXPERIENCE LEGAL PROTECTION).

The following legislation will be assigned to the Budget Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 141, SERIES 2011 PERTAINING TO THE 2011-2012 CAPITAL BUDGET PERTAINING TO A COUNCIL DISTRICT 21 PRESTON PARK STREET PAVING PROJECT.

The following legislation will be assigned to the committee on appointments.

APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN RHODES TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2018.

APPOINTMENT OF TERRY CONWAY TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2017.

APPOINTMENT OF JEREMY UREKEW TO THE HARRODS CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF MELANIE WARREN MCCOY TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION AS CHAIR. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2017.

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 RENEWAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. - \$65,000.00).

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF 3.613 ACRES OF LAND WITH A FAIR CASH VALUE OF \$25,500.00 FROM THE FUTURE FUND, INC., FOR USE AS PARK LAND.

The following legislation will be assigned to labor and economic development committee.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INCENTIVES TO JACK HENRY & ASSOCIATES, INC., ITS APPROVED AFFILIATE IPAY TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 145, SERIES 2012 APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INCENTIVES TO LOUISVILLE PROCESSING & COLD STORAGE, INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABILENE TX FOODS, INC., AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32.

AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE "ISSUER") GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ACQUISITION,

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN THE 700 BLOCK OF EAST JEFFERSON STREET, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY; SUCH FACILITY TO BE OPERATED BY RABBIT HOLE SPIRITS, LLC, AND USED FOR THE DISTILLING AND PRODUCTION OF BOURBON AND OTHER SPIRITS; GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE AND/OR TAX-EXEMPT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF SAID PROJECT; AND TAKING OTHER PRELIMINARY ACTIONS.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMONG LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTIES OF BULLITT, HENRY, OLDHAM, SHELBY, SPENCER AND TRIMBLE RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Planning/Zoning, land design and development committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 020, SERIES 2016, TO CORRECT THE AREA IN ACREAGE OF THE PROPERTY REZONED THEREIN FROM 7.70 ACRES TO 0.51, LOCATED AT 1318 MCHENRY STREET AND PERTAINING TO LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 15ZONE1056.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT TOTALING \$115,880 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO BE USED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT SIXTY ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY PROGRAM SLOTS (\$65,880) AS WELL AS A MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INMATES WITH OPIATE ADDICTION OR OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (\$50,000).

The following legislation will be assigned to the Public Works, Bridges and Transportation Committee.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$120,000 OF FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY REGARDING THE TYLER PARK/BAXTER AVENUE BRIDGE ADMINISTERED BY THE METRO PARKS DEPARTMENT.

AN ORDINANCE FOR LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT TO REJECT LG&E'S BID FOR NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Without objection, our meeting is adjourned.

Next we will have announcements.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Did you call on me?

PRESIDENT YATES: You have the floor.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I was studying my lengthy notes trying to figure out what I could leave out, and have I diminished the list considerably.

Two things that I want to menace real quickly. This is just a yellow alert to those folks who are wanting to navigate Bardstown Road and the intersection of Baxter and Cherokee Road and Broadway. I'm telling you this Saturday, that's coming up, that's the twelfth of March, this Saturday, it is going to be tough because there is a walk/run, the 10K, that comes up Broadway and turns right on Cherokee Road, left on Grinstead and then continuing on Grinstead blocking Cherokee Parkway and turning left on Adlai and going back towards town. I'm telling you. For people on the lower parts of the highlands, when they start to get to the interstate highway, it will be tough. So I'm suggesting now they look for an alternative route.

As if that's not enough, Mr. President, that same day, March 12th, starting noon, Broadway will be blocked and subsequently Baxter will be blocked and Bardstown Road will be blocked for St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade starts at 3:00, rain or shine all the way out to Windsor Avenue just a little beyond mid City mall. So I'm telling you folks need to hear me. Saturday if you are headed downtown, and at least in the morning if you are looking to get to the interstate 64 from the lower highlands, it will be tough. Look for an alternative route.

Mr. President, you and I both know why I'm saying this, because on the 13th I'll get at least six calls from people who didn't hear this message, and we have done press release, press release. We have done every neighborhood notification, notified, trickle down, trickle down. I'm trying to get the word out. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT YATES: Thank you for your advocacy. Without objection, that concludes our meeting.

[Regular Meeting adjourned.]