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>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE REGULAR LOUISVILLE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 9TH, 2019, WILL COME TO ORDER. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

>> I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WILL CLERK PLEASE DO ROLL CALL? [ ROLL CALL ]

>> CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 21 IN ATTENDANCE AND A QUORUM.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, JUST YESTERDAY WE HAD A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT JEFFERSON SQUARE PARK ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS LOCATION, BECAUSE NEXT WEEK IS POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL WEEK, NATIONAL WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND MANY OF OUR OFFICERS WILL BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEXT WEEK TO HONOR ONE OF THEIR FALLEN COLLEAGUES FROM LMPD, AND SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'D JUST LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICE OF HER AND HER FAMILY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. AND COUNCILWOMAN PARKER, I THINK YOU HAVE A SPECIAL POINT OF PRIVILEGE.

>> YES, THANK YOU, COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT. IT'S NURSES' WEEK, AND WE HAVE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF WONDERFUL NURSES IN THE CITY, AND JUST WANTED TO

GIVE YOU GUYS A SHOUT-OUT, BECAUSE YOU PROBABLY WORK HARDER THAN ANYBODY I KNOW, AND YOU GIVE UP WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS AND LOTS OF CHRISTMASSES THAT YOUR FAMILIES DON'T GET TO HAVE ON A NORMAL BASIS, AND THANKSGIVINGS, AND THE JOB IS VERY REWARDING IN A LOT OF WAYS, BUT IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT AT TIMES, TOO, AND YOU DESERVE THE UTMOST RESPECT. SO THANKS TO ALL OUR NURSES OUT THERE. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. AND COUNCILMAN WINKLER, I THINK YOU ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST IN THE AUDIENCE, TOO.

>> I DO. I HAVE MY TWO DAUGHTERS HERE, LIBBY WINKLER AND EMMA WINKLER. LIBBY IS A FIRST GRADER, AND EMMA IS A THIRD GRADER, AND EMMA TURNED 9 ON MONDAY, SO CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

>> AND THEY ARE EXCELLENT RUNNERS. I SEE THEM RUN ALL THE TIME. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: AND COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH, I THINK YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION FOR US TODAY.

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST WITH US THIS EVENING. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PAGE IN OUR CHAMBER THIS EVENING IS REPRESENTING METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 4, AND HER NAME IS JUSTICE LYRIC CASWELL, AND JUSTICE IS A WONDERFUL, EXCITED FOURTH GRADER AT J.B. ATKINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMY, AND SHE ENJOYS BASEBALL, SINGING, DANCING, AND COMPETING AND PERFORMING IN TALENT SHOWS. ONE OF WHICH I WOULD

HAVE SEEN HAD I NOT SHOWN UP AN HOUR LATE. I IMMEDIATELY WENT TO HER HOUSE, AND THERE SHE WAS PERFORMING ON THE SIDEWALK. WHICH I HAVE SEEN HER DO ON MANY OCCASIONS. AND ALSO IN THE CHAMBER, JUSTICE IS SURROUNDED BY FAMILY THAT LOVE HER DEARLY. HER GRANDMOTHER IS TERESA WILLIAMS, HER BROTHER GAGE IS WITH US, ANOTHER FINE, OUTSTANDING, CURIOUS STUDENT, AND HER MOTHER LAURIE DRURY AND HER FATHER, MR. CASWELL, ARE IN THE CHAMBER WITH US THIS EVENING. SO LET'S KEEP JUSTICE BUSY. SHE'S FULL OF ENERGY, SHE'S VERY ACTIVE, AND SHE SAID, "COUNCILWOMAN, I HOPE THIS IS A NIGHT WHERE I'M REALLY BUSY." SO THERE WE GO. WELCOME, JUSTICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANY ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL?

>> CLERK: WE DO, SIR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: LET ME REMIND THOSE ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING ANY PROFANITY OR MAKING DEROGATORY STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS. MR. CLERK, PLEASE BRING THEM FORWARD.

>> CLERK: KIM BROTHERS.

>> GOOD EVENING, THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM. VERY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT SINCE JULY OF 2018, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CHECK IN 2,000 PLUS GUESTS WITH DIVERTING 98% OF THOSE GUESTS FROM ANY ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION FROM THE POLICE, EMS, OR A HOSPITAL. WE'RE VERY

CONCERNED ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF THE LIVING ROOM FUNDING FROM THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND ASK YOU TO CONSIDER RESTORING FUNDING. THE LIVING ROOM WAS DESIGNED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE HERE IN LOUISVILLE TO BE THE SAFETY NET FOR OFTEN THE MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS OF THE CITY WITHOUT DUPLICATING SERVICES. THE LIVING ROOM IS UNIQUE AND HAS VALUE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. TIME IS EXTREMELY LIMITED TODAY, SO I'LL ASK MS. JUSTICE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN INFOGRAPHIC TO EXPLAIN HOW LIVING ROOM HELPS TO FILL THE GAPS. THE LIVING ROOM IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THUS MOVING THE EVALUATION OF COST SAVINGS TO A BIGGER PICTURE. THE NUMBER OF COST CHECK-INS HAVE INCREASED 300% SINCE OPENING TO THE PUBLIC, DEMONSTRATING THE LIVING ROOM'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WHILE DIVERTING THOSE PERSONS FROM THE CITY'S EXPENSIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM. I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM. OUR CURRENT CALCULATION OF COSTS AND GUESTS SERVED INDICATES THAT THE COST FOR GUEST ENCOUNTER IS AROUND \$200. WE ARE WORKING ON A REVISED BUDGET THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THE REQUEST OF FUNDING FROM COUNCIL IN THE COMING YEAR. THIS WEEK WE TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NINE MOST FAMILIAR FACES OF THE LIVING ROOM SINCE THIS YEAR. THOSE NINE EXPERIENCED A TOTAL OF 614 DAYS IN THE LOUISVILLE METRO JAIL ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH THE LIVING ROOM. AFTER USING THE LIVING ROOM, SEVEN GUESTS EXPERIENCED NO ADDITIONAL ARRESTS SINCE THEIR FIRST UTILIZATION

OF THE LIVING ROOM. TWO GUESTS EXPERIENCED A TOTAL OF THREE ARRESTS, FOR A TOTAL OF 79 DAYS IN METRO DETENTION CENTERS. ONE OF THOSE GUESTS EXPERIENCED 78 DAYS OF THOSE 79 TOTAL DAYS THEY EXPERIENCED. 78 DAYS IN JAIL MAY SEEM LIKE A HIGH NUMBER, BUT IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO HIS USE OF OUR LIVING ROOM, THE SAME GUEST AVERAGED 26.5 DAYS IN LOUISVILLE METRO DETENTION CENTER FOR THE YEAR. AFTER COMING TO THE LIVING ROOM FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT NUMBER HAS MOVED TO 15 DAYS ON AVERAGE PER MONTH. HE HAS A HISTORY OF AGGRESSION AND HAD NOT BEEN WELCOME INTO TREATMENT. THE LIVING ROOM STAFF HAS HELPED HIM TO OBTAIN HIS GOAL OF GETTING A JOB AND WORKING WITH A CASE MANAGER AND A PSYCHIATRIST. HE ACTIVELY MANAGES HIS MEDICATION. OUR HIGHEST UTILIZER WHO CAME TO THE LIVING ROOM ON INVITATION BY THE POLICE, HE WAS HOMELESS AND WANDERING OUR STREETS, BANNED FROM LOCAL RESOURCES. IN 2018, HE HAD A TOTAL OF 295 DAYS IN JAIL AND NINE ARRESTS. SINCE USING THE LIVING ROOM, HE HAS HAD ZERO DAYS IN JAIL AND ZERO ARRESTS. HE, TOO, HAS FOUGHT EMPLOYMENT AND IS SAVING MONEY FOR PERMANENT HOUSING. THERE'S SO MANY STORIES LIKE THIS, AND I COULD SHARE THEM FOR DAYS. WE APPRECIATE THE LIVING ROOM IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT ITS CONTINUED GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: SHAVON THOMPSON.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHAVON THOMPSON AND I'M A CAREER SUPPORT SPECIALIST IN THE LIVING ROOM LIVING. I'VE BEEN

WORKING AT THE LIVING ROOM FOR TEN MONTHS AND SEEN HOW IT SAVES LIVES, GIVEN PEOPLE THE TOOLS TO MANAGE THEIR OWN CRISIS WITHOUT HAVING TO INVOLVE THE POLICE. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET ELIMINATING THE FUNDING FOR THE LIVING ROOM IN JULY. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE 2,000-PLUS PERSONS WHO WILL ACCESS THE LIVING ROOM? WHERE WILL THEY GO WHEN SO MANY OF THE GUESTS ARE NOT WELCOME OTHER PLACES IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE 12 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN RECOVERY THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE LIVING ROOM? MY RECOVERY JOURNEY HAS BEEN A PLACE OF SUPPORT. MAY HAVE BEEN MUCH DIFFERENT IF THERE HAD BEEN A LIVING ROOM BACK WHEN I WAS GOING IN AND OUT OF THE DOORS IN THE BEGINNING OF MY RECOVERY. JUST SOMEONE WHO COULD RELATE BASED ON MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS THEIRS. PART OF MY OWN RECOVERY NOW INVOLVES HELPING OTHERS AS THEY MOVE ALONG THEIR RECOVERY JOURNEY. THE LIVING ROOM IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT IS TRULY A COMPASSIONATE PLACE IN THE CITY WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME ALL OF THE TIME, AND THE BELIEF THAT EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF RECOVERY AND RECOVERY IS REAL. AS A PEER SUPPORT, IT IS MY JOB TO HOLD HOPE FOR RECOVERY FOR ALL THE GUESTS AND TO SHOW THEM RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE. RECOVERY TAKES TIME, AND IT ISN'T EASY. THERE ISN'T SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS DURING TRADITIONAL BUSINESS HOURS AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THAT MAKES RECOVERY HAPPEN. RECOVERY IS OFTEN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING AND TRUSTING THAT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO

LIVE, THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WANT TO HELP, AND THAT THERE IS SOMETHING WORTH LIVING FOR. FOR EXAMPLE, WE -- FOR EXAMPLE, SORRY, WE HAD A CLIENT THAT CAME IN FROM OUT OF TOWN. HE GOT DROPPED OFF ON THE MEGA BUS AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING. HE WAS COMING FOR RECOVERY HELP. HE JUST NEEDED SOMEWHERE TO BE UNTIL THE RECOVERY HELP OPENED. THE POLICE BROUGHT HIM TO THE LIVING ROOM, AND WE HELPED HIM TO GET TO HIS RECOVERY HOUSE THE NEXT MORNING. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A CLIENT THAT'S NINE WEEKS PREGNANT. SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. SHE HAS A CASE MANAGER, AND SHE HAS A GUARDIAN. THEY ARE BOTH WORKING ON HOUSING FOR HER, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, SHE'S SLEEPING IN A PARKING GARAGE. SHE'S CURRENTLY STAYING AT THE LIVING ROOM. THE LIVING ROOM DOES HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR LIVES WHILE SAVING CITY RESOURCES. IN CLOSING, THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN THE LIVING ROOM. IT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN OUR CITY. I ASK YOU FIND A WAY TO KEEP IT FUNCTIONING FOR ALL THOSE THAT NEED IT IN THE FUTURE BY INCLUDING CONTINUED FUNDING TO THE BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR. THANKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> CLERK: GREG BANNEN.

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME'S GREG BANNEN, AND MY FULL NAME IS JOHN GREGORY BANNEN, BUT I'VE ALWAYS GONE BY GREG. I'M A 17-YEAR RESIDENT OF LOUISVILLE, AND PROUD TO CALL IT HOME. I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT JAMES AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS COUNCIL. THE SUBSTANCE OF MY



DISCUSSION IS LOUISVILLE'S LARGE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY AND THE CURRENT CRISIS AND IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE NOTE THAT I SAID LOUISVILLE'S PENSION LIABILITY, NOT THE STATE, OKAY, THEY ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT. TO PREPARE FOR THIS, I RESEARCHED THE FOLLOWING, NUMEROUS NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION STORIES ON THE MATTER, LOUISVILLE'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2012-2018, A DOCUMENT TITLED "LOUISVILLE FACES DEVASTATING BUDGET SHORTFALLS" FROM THE LOUISVILLEKY.GOV WEBSITE, VARIOUS OTHER WEBSITES AND COMMUNICATIONS AND ALSO REVIEWED "OVERVIEW OF THE KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEM" FROM THE KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES. SO I WANT TO PREFACE MY REMARKS BY SAYING I'M A CPA, LICENSED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, NOT KENTUCKY. I'VE LED TURNAROUNDS OF CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIALLY TROUBLED ORGANIZATIONS, SO I HAVE SOME OVERRIDING PRINCIPLE. FIRST, NUMBER ONE IS, TAKE PERSONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE PROBLEM. TWO, TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING CORRECTIVE ACTION. THREE, DO NOT, AND I SAY DO NOT, BLAME OTHERS UNLESS THERE'S A COMPELLING REASON TO DO SO. AND IT REALLY TROUBLES ME, IS THAT EVERYWHERE I READ, EVERY QUOTE I READ, SEEMS TO BLAME THE STATE FOR LOUISVILLE'S PENSION PROBLEM. THE STATE ADMINISTERS THE PENSION PROGRAM, BUT -- IN FACT, I WANT TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO EXAMPLES OF THAT. THIS DOCUMENT IS ON THAT -- ON THE LOUISVILLE'S WEBSITE, SAYS "ESTIMATED STATE

PENSION-DRIVEN PENSION DEFICIT." IT'S NOT -- THE STATE'S ASSOCIATED IN THAT IT ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM, BUT IT'S NOT THEIR DEFICIT. AND THEN WDRB ARTICLE ON MARCH 4TH TITLED "ANALYSIS: JUST HOW BIG IS LOUISVILLE'S PENSION-DRIVEN CRISIS." AND A QUOTE BY THE MAYOR, ABOUT THE MAYOR, "AS HE PUSHES FOR QUICK APPROVAL OF A PERMANENT TAX INCREASE, MAYOR GREG FISCHER HAS BEEN SAYING FOR WEEKS THAT LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FACING A STATE-DRIVEN BUDGET CRISIS BECAUSE OF MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE-RUN RETIREMENT PLAN." OKAY, SO, YOU KNOW, THE CURRENT LIABILITY IS \$957 MILLION IN THE PENSION AS OF 2018, AND THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL \$345 MILLION FOR OTHER BENEFITS FOR RETIREES, AND ALL I WANT IS FOR THE COUNCIL, THE MEDIA, AND THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOUISVILLE -- IT'S LOUISVILLE'S EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S LOUISVILLE'S EMPLOYEES AND LOUISVILLE'S RETIREES, NOT THE STATE. SO THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: DEACON LUCIO CARUSO.

>> ITALIAN, IT'S LUCIO. THAT'S OKAY. I WON'T SING. BUT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLE AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE IN SUPPORT OF THE LIVING ROOM FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT REASONS. PART OF MY WORK WITH A LOT OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAS BEEN IN THE AREA OF PRISON JAIL, BOTH MINISTRY INSIDE, BUT A LOT OF RE-ENTRY WORK WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND WE'RE ALL WELL AWARE OF THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF INCARCERATED ARE RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS.

I'M ALSO WORKING ON AN INITIATIVE STATEWIDE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, WHICH REALLY TARGETS THE RE-ENTRY DIVERSION PART OF THAT. YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT RE-ENTRY, BUT PRE-ENTRY, WHAT HAPPENS BEFOREHAND, WHAT CAN WE DO TO DIVERT PEOPLE COMING INTO THE SYSTEM, AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THE LIVING ROOM IS ONE VEHICLE OF THAT DIVERSION IN PRE-ENTRY. WE ALSO DO A COMMUNITY MINISTRY, SOME OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SISTER VISITORS CENTER. WE RECENTLY DID A SURVEY OF OUR CLIENTS THERE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN THEM, AND THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IS SUBSTANCE ABUSE. BOTH IN TERMS OF HOW IT RESULTS IF IT'S A FAMILY MEMBER THAT BECAUSE OF THAT LOSES JOB AND INCOME, AND, THEREFORE, THEY ARE COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT ALSO THE CAUSE OF A LOT OF THE CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT THEY SPEAK OF. SO WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT WE'RE KEEPING THE PROPOSED ACM FUNDING INTACT, BUT WE'D LIKE TO GET TO SOME OF THE ROOT CAUSES FOR THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. I ALSO REPRESENT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS A FUNDING COLLECTION OF THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT SUPPORTS PROJECTS AND EFFORTS FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE, AND WE PROVIDED IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS A NATIONAL GRANT TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE ORGANIZED UNITED TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY AROUND ITS WORK IN THE LIVING ROOM, THE ARCHBISHOP WAS ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT EFFORT AND REALLY IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THAT. AND ALSO AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES, WE HAVE A MOTTO. IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE THE LIVING

ROOM, BUT IT'S SIMILAR IN OUR ANTIHUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM THAT WE DO STATEWIDE. WE HAVE WORKED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OVER THESE YEARS TO THE PLACE NOW WHERE IF A PERSON IS PICKED UP FOR PROSTITUTION, SOME TYPE OF SEX CRIME, RATHER THAN BEING BROUGHT TO JAIL, CRIMINALIZED, THEY ARE CONNECTED TO ONE OF OUR CASE MANAGERS SO THAT THEY ARE SCREENED AND, OBVIOUSLY, OFTEN WE FIND THAT THEY ARE A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, NOT A PERPETRATOR. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MANY WE HAVE ARE VICTIMS OF ADDICTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS RATHER THAN BEING PERPETRATORS. SO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORTS THE LIVING ROOM FOR THE FACT NOT JUST THAT IT CAN SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN JAIL AND HOSPITAL COSTS, BUT IT'S A SETTING TO START THE PROCESS OF BRINGING HEALING AND WHOLENESS TO THE BROKEN LIVES OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS, TO HELP RESTORE THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE JOIN THE LMPD AND OTHER GREAT HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS IN OUR COMPASSIONATE CITY TO KEEP THE LIVING ROOM LIVING. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> CLERK: JOHN B. GROSS, JR.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS JOHN GROSS. I'VE LIVED IN LOUISVILLE MY ENTIRE LIFE. THE LONGEST I WAS AWAY WAS WHEN I WAS IN VIETNAM. WHEN I FIRST STARTED OUT, I WAS ABLE TO BUY A HOUSE FOR \$13,500. A FEW YEARS LATER I WAS ABLE TO SELL THAT HOUSE FOR \$65,000. NOT ONLY HAVING A SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT BEING ABLE TO BUILD THAT EQUITY WAS A HUGE BENEFIT THAT HAS

SERVED ME MY ENTIRE LIFE. BUT SINCE THAT, I'VE SEEN HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY SHIFT FAR FROM BEING AFFORDABLE, WHICH MEANS IT'S MORE THAN 30% OF SOMEONE'S INCOME. I'VE SEEN MY SONS BREAK THE BANK TO AFFORD LOW-QUALITY HOUSING. I'VE SEEN MY SON STRUGGLE UNDER THE STRESS OF TRYING TO PAY RENT OR MORTGAGES, EVEN WITH A GOOD JOB, EVEN WITH A GOOD EDUCATION, AND EVEN WITH A ROOMMATE. STABLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING GAVE ME THE ABILITY TO BUILD UP SAVINGS. IT GAVE ME THE ABILITY TO FOCUS AT WORK AND BE PRESENT WITH MY FAMILY. IT GAVE ME A SENSE OF HOME AND DIGNITY. HOUSING IS -- THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE WHEN YOU TAKE THAT AWAY. WHEN IT ISN'T AVAILABLE, PEOPLE AREN'T ABLE TO SAVE. PEOPLE CAN'T FOCUS AT WORK, THEY CAN'T ALWAYS BE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY PRESENT AT HOME, AND IT STRIPS AWAY THEIR DIGNITY. HOUSING ISN'T AN ADVANTAGE, IT IS A RIGHT. THE \$5 MILLION IN THE BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS A GOOD START, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE RAISED IN THE FULL FUNDING LEVEL SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE OF \$12 MILLION. WE CANNOT TAKE A YEAR OFF OF FULLY FUNDING THE TRUST FUND, BECAUSE THE HOUSING CRISIS ISN'T GOING TO TAKE A YEAR OFF. IT'S ONLY GOING TO GROW. THERE ARE 72,000 FAMILIES PAYING MORE THAN 30% OF THEIR INCOME. 12 YEARS AGO, IT WAS 60,000. WE ARE FACING THE REALITY OF MANY CUTS TO GOOD AND IMPORTANT PROGRAMS, BUT CUTTING FUNDING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING KNOCKS THE LEGS OUT FROM AN ALREADY VULNERABLE POPULATION, THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HURT THE MOST. HOUSING IS A RIGHT, AND IT

NEEDS TO REMAIN A PRIORITY. THE TRUST FUND NEEDS FULL FUNDING.  
THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> CLERK: JANIS CARTER-MILLER.

>> GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS JANIS CARTER-MILLER. THIS GENTLEMAN IS MR. BEN WATKINS. WE ARE THE CO-FOUNDERS OF THE DIRT BOWL! WE ARE HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR 50TH DIRT BOWL CELEBRATION THIS YEAR. WE HAVE EVENTS PLANNED, WE HAVE A TIP-OFF IN ALGONQUIN PARK, WE'VE BEEN APPROVED FOR A LANDMARK BY THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR ALGONQUIN PARK TO BE THE FOUNDING SITE OF THE DIRT BOWL. IT'S NOW PLAYED IN SHAWNEE PARK. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN EXHIBITION BASKETBALL GAME, SLAM DUNK, THREE-POINT CONTEST. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MARK DUVAL TO DO HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR US. MR. GREENE, I KNOW THAT'S IN YOUR DISTRICT, BECAUSE I WANT EVERYBODY HERE TO KNOW THAT THIS TOURNAMENT IS NOT A BLACK TOURNAMENT, IT'S NOT A WEST END TOURNAMENT, IT'S A CITYWIDE TOURNAMENT. 50 YEARS AGO, I WAS 19 YEARS OLD. BEN MIGHT HAVE BEEN 22, NO, 20 -- OKAY. AND WE WERE PARK SUPERVISORS AT ALGONQUIN PARK AND THE BODY THAT GOVERNED US WAS LOUISVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION. THIS IS ALSO YOUR LEGACY. WE WERE FUNDED AND RAN THROUGH THE CITY GOVERNMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION. WE WERE PARK SUPERVISORS. I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DON'T HAVE PARK SUPERVISORS ANYMORE, BUT THAT'S OKAY. WHAT WE'RE HERE TO SAY IS EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE. WE HAVE THE TIP-OFF FATHER'S DAY IN ALGONQUIN PARK. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

IN SHAWNEE PARK ON AUGUST 11TH. COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, WE'RE GOING TO BE AT THE FRASER MUSEUM FOR A RECEPTION, BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY ON AUGUST 25TH. WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO DO A WELCOME, BUT I'M NOT TRYING TO CALL PEOPLE OUT WHILE I'M HERE. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE GOT BANNERS THAT WE WANT TO PROMOTE, FLAGS ALL OVER THE CITY. WE WANT YOU TO FIND SOMETHING. WE KNOW THAT THE PIGGY BANK IS SHAKING AT THE BOTTOM, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS, WE DON'T NEED A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY, BUT WE DO NEED YOUR HELP FROM MAYBE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO HELP US EITHER DO SOME BANNERS, SOME T-SHIRTS, THE LANDMARK, TABLES FOR ALL THE YOUTH THAT ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S DIRT BOWL, SO THEY CAN COME TO THIS BANQUET FREE OF CHARGE. AND ON THAT NOTE, WE SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US COME BEFORE YOU, AND RATTLE THOSE PIGGY BANKS FOR US. WE NEED YOUR HELP. THANK YOU SO MUCH. OH, ANOTHER THING. WE HAVE WAVE 3 AS OUR MEDIA SPONSOR. WE HAVE MORTY STARCH HELPING US, WE HAVE LOUISVILLE SPORTS COMMISSIONS, WE'VE GOT PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME JUST TO HELP US PUT IT TOGETHER. SO WE ASK YOU TO HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

>> CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, THAT CONCLUDES THE ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2019. ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS? MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND

SECOND FOR APPROVAL? MINUTES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. NEXT WE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MINUTES, ALL IN 2019. REGULAR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, APRIL 23, 2019. REGULAR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCIES, APRIL 24, 2019. REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, APRIL 25, 2019. REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, APRIL 30, 2019. REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, APRIL 30, 2019. REGULAR GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, APRIL 30, 2019. REGULAR COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES, MAY 7, 2019. ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS? MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR APPROVAL? THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. OPPOSED? THE AYES HAVE IT. THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR?

>> CLERK: WE DO, SIR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: PLEASE READ THOSE INTO THE RECORD.

>> CLERK: DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO PLEASURE RIDGE PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. CHARLES FORD, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE



FOLLOWING TO OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. DORSEY POWELL, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICTS ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO THE JEFFERSONTOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. MARK RATTERMAN, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO HIGHVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. CHERYL JUSTICE, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP TAYLOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. CECILIA KELLY, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO FERN CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TRACY DELOCH, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT

JAMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, I AM APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO THE NEWLY MERGED ANCHORAGE MIDDLETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. MELINDA SUNDERLAND, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. JONATHAN JARRELL, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. THOMAS WOBBE, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THESE APPOINTMENTS IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THOSE APPOINTMENTS NEEDING COUNCIL APPROVAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE. OUR NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. CONSENT CALENDAR COMPRISES NOS. 18-28. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS? COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.

>> THANK YOU, I'D LIKE TO MOVE ITEMS 23 AND 24 TO OLD BUSINESS, PLEASE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL BE MOVING ITEM NO. 23 AND 24 INTO OLD BUSINESS. MR. CLERK, A SECOND READING OF THESE ITEMS.

>> CLERK: APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN KNIFFLEY TO THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. TERM EXPIRES NOVEMBER 29, 2022. APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER POYNTER TO THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES AUGUST 16, 2019. REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER POYNTER TO THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES AUGUST

16, 2022. REAPPOINTMENT OF KRISTI ASHBY TO THE NULU REVIEW OVERLAY DISTRICT COMMITTEE. TERM EXPIRES FEBRUARY 26, 2022.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MARZIAN TO THE NULU REVIEW OVERLAY DISTRICT COMMITTEE. TERM EXPIRES FEBRUARY 26, 2022. A RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND MONROE JOHNSON BY DEDICATING A PORTION OF 17TH STREET AT KENTUCKY STREET, BRECKINRIDGE STREET, AND GARLAND AVENUE AS "MONROE JOHNSON WAY" IN HIS HONOR. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PETCO FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$50,000 SUPPORTING METRO ANIMAL SERVICES LIFESAVING ANIMAL INITIATIVES. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 118, SERIES 2010 AS PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2014 AS PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 104, SERIES 2015 AS PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 109, SERIES 2018 AS PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY REALLOCATING \$165,744.52 OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 24 PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS TO COUNCIL DISTRICT 24 PAVING PROJECTS. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$120,000 FROM THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN/MOTORIST EDUCATION AND SAFETY CAMPAIGN GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND FOR APPROVAL? PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED, REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, VOTING IS CLOSING, VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES. THE NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS IS OLD BUSINESS. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 23.

>> CLERK: APPOINTMENT OF ASHLYN ACKERMAN TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PRESERVATION DISTRICTS COMMISSION. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION IN?

>> YES, MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SO, COLLEAGUES, I JUST WANTED TO MOVE THIS TO OLD BUSINESS TO POINT SOMETHING OUT HERE AND CONTINUE DRIVING HOME A POINT THAT I'VE DRIVEN HOME BEFORE RELATED TO APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARDS THAT OVERSEE CRITICAL FUNCTIONS OF THIS CITY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ATTACHMENT WITHIN THIS BOARD APPOINTMENT, YOU CAN LOOK AT THE CURRENT BOARD MAKEUP. WITHIN THE CURRENT BOARD MAKEUP, AS WE DO WITH EVERY APPOINTMENT, YOU CAN SEE A BREAKDOWN OF GEOGRAPHY, IN OTHER WORDS, DISTRICT, YOU CAN SEE THE ETHNICITY OF THE APPOINTEE, THEIR GENDER AND POLITICAL PARTY. THESE ARE ALL REFLECTED IN EACH APPOINTMENT, BECAUSE IT IS REQUIRED THAT WE SEEK DIVERSITY AMONGST THESE CATEGORIES. WE WANT TO SEE A

DISTRICT, IN OTHER WORDS, GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ACROSS THE CITY, WE WANT TO SEE ETHNIC DIVERSITY, GENDER DIVERSITY, AS WELL AS POLITICAL DIVERSITY. YOU'LL NOTICE THE CURRENT BOARD IS ENTIRELY MADE UP OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CURRENTLY. THIS, WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, IF THE GENDER WAS ALL-MALE, ALL-FEMALE, WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION, THAT WOULD BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. THIS IS NOT A COMMENTARY ON THIS PARTICULAR CANDIDATE. THIS PARTICULAR APPLICANT IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION, AND THIS IS FOR CLARITY, THE GLI APPLICANT FOR THIS BOARD, RIGHT, SO THEY CHOSE THIS APPLICANT, BUT, AGAIN, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS AND YOU LOOK AT THE APPLICANTS FOR THE BOARD, YOU'LL NOTICE THERE WERE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND REPUBLICANS OR REPUBLICANS THAT WERE PENDING THAT HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND APPLIED FOR THIS BOARD OR HAD APPLIED FOR THIS BOARD BUT HAD NOT BEEN NOMINATED AND CHOSEN YET OUT OF ALL THE POTENTIAL BOARD POSITIONS. SO I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO BRING THIS UP. I HOPE, AND I'VE ENCOURAGED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND THEY ARE VERY RECEPTIVE TO THIS, AND I'VE ENCOURAGED MY OWN CONSTITUENTS TO SUBMIT MORE APPLICATIONS. I WANT TO SEE MORE PEOPLE FROM DISTRICT 19 APPLY AND BE NOMINATED TO THESE BOARDS, BUT I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO POINT OUT AND PULL INTO OLD BUSINESS AND MAKE MY CASE EVERY TIME I SEE IN THIS CASE ZERO REPRESENTATION OF

WHAT IS STATUTORILY REQUIRED TO BE SOME LEVEL OF DIVERSITY ON EACH OF THESE BOARDS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS A RESOLUTION -- APPOINTMENT, I'M SORRY. AN APPOINTMENT. WE'LL DO A ROLL CALL VOTE. MR. CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 25 YES VOTES AND ONE PRESENT. THE ONE PRESENT VOTE IS COUNCIL MEMBER PIAGENTINI.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS ITEM NO. 24. MR. CLERK, PLEASE READ THAT ITEM.

>> CLERK: REAPPOINTMENT OF ASHLYN ACKERMAN TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PRESERVATION DISTRICTS COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2022. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND? HAVE A SECOND. THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN TRIPLETT. THE APPOINTMENT IS BEFORE US. THIS CAME OUT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN ACKERSON, ANY COMMENTS?

>> I HAVE NO COMMENT. WAS UNANIMOUS OUT OF COMMITTEE. I PRESUME THIS IS SIMILAR TO COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI'S LASTS DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. THIS WAS A FUNKY SITUATION, WHERE THE APPOINTMENT HAD TO COME TWICE,

BECAUSE ONE WAS APPOINTMENT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS IT'S AN APPOINTMENT FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, BUT IT'S THE SAME APPOINTMENT, SAME PERSON, AND I HAVE NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OTHER THAN WHAT I'VE ALREADY STATED. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE APPOINTMENT IS BEFORE US. WILL REQUIRE A ROLL CALL VOTE. MR. CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 25 YES VOTES AND ONE PRESENT. THE ONE PRESENT VOTE IS COUNCIL MEMBER PIAGENTINI.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE APPOINTMENT PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 29.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM M-2 INDUSTRIAL TO R-8A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND CHANGING THE FORM DISTRICT FROM TRADITIONAL WORKPLACE TO TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 917-927 SHELBY PARKWAY CONTAINING 0.77 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1064). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND? THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS TO ALLOW 24 DWELLING APARTMENT BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT ON THIS PROPERTY. SIX BUILDINGS

WITH FOUR INDIVIDUAL APARTMENTS IN EACH BUILDING. THIS WAS FORMERLY AN INDUSTRIAL USE AND A FIRE ACTUALLY BURNT DOWN THE BUILDING THAT WAS THERE. THIS WILL BE BUILT IN PHASES FROM THE TESTIMONY IN THE COMMITTEE, THEY'LL BUILD ONE BUILDING WITH FOUR UNITS AND THEN AT A LATER DATE MAYBE BUILD THE NEXT BUILDING, SO THEY REACH THE THRESHOLD OF 24. CAME FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A VOTE OF 7-0, AND IT CAME OUT OF OUR COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY, AND THIS IS IN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH'S DISTRICT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IN THE SHELBY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AS WE BUILD OUT IN THAT AREA AND RENOVATE IN THE AREA FOR MIXED HOUSING. ALSO, POINT OF INTEREST TO THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY, THE RAILWAY BETWEEN, THE ALLEYWAY BEHIND, IS NAMED AFTER A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF OURS, AND HE IS IN FAVOR OF THIS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 30.



>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO OR OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5805 ASHBY LANE CONTAINING 1.71 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 17ZONE1080) (AS AMENDED). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND? THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR A TWO-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING TO BE BUILT ON 1.71 ACRES. THEY WILL BE OBTAINING THEIR OWN STORM WATER ON THE PROPERTY. WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN AMENDED VERSION BEFORE US, BECAUSE WE ADDED BINDING ELEMENT NO. 9 AS IT REQUIRES THAT THE HOURS OF OPERATION SHALL BE LIMITED TO 6:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M., AND ALSO IT CAME TO OUR COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS. THIS IS IN COUNCILWOMAN CINDI FOWLER'S DISTRICT. SHE MAY WANT TO ADDRESS IT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF VACANT HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE FOR YEARS, TEAR THEM DOWN, AND JUST MAKE A NICE, GOOD DEVELOPMENT FOR MEDICAL OFFICE FACILITIES. AND I APPRECIATE COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD AND HER PUTTING THAT BINDING ELEMENT ON THE TIME FRAME. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING, AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 31.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM OR-3 OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2940 BRECKINRIDGE LANE CONTAINING 1.02 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1081) (AS AMENDED). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

>> MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE HAVE A MOTION. MAY I HAVE A SECOND? WE HAVE A SECOND. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS -- BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, WHEN IT WAS READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL, THERE WAS A TECHNICAL ERROR, WHERE IT WAS READ INTO THE RECORD AS OR-3 TO C-2. IT IS ACTUALLY TO C-1, AND IT WAS CORRECTED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE, AND THANKS TO AARON HORNER FOR CATCHING THAT IN THE TITLE, BUT THE TITLE THAT'S ON THE SYSTEM NOW REFLECTS THE CURRENT TITLE. IT WAS TECHNICAL, SO IT DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY OTHER

ACTION BY US, OTHER THAN MENTIONING IT. THIS IS TO ALLOW A VETERINARY HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT ON THE PROPERTY. UNDER THE BINDING ELEMENTS, THERE ARE SOME HOURS OF STIPULATION. PART OF THIS AREA WAS ALSO ZONED UNDER A PREVIOUS ORDINANCE IN 2017 FOR A MEDICAL BUILDING. THIS WAS A -- CAME TO US FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A 7-0 VOTE, AND THIS IS IN COUNCILMAN BRENT ACKERSON'S DISTRICT. HE MAY WANT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN ACKERSON?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THE RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, AND I WOULD ASK YOU DO THE SAME. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. THE ORDINANCE IS A ROLL CALL VOTE. WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE VOTE, MR. CLERK? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING. AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 32.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-7 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY TO OR-3 OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4717 PRESTON HIGHWAY CONTAINING 1.0368 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1066). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MOTION AND A SECOND. THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN BENSON AND COUNCILMAN TRIPLETT. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION, COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY IS NEXT TO EVERGREEN CEMETERY. IT WILL BE AN ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE ONCE IT'S COMPLETED. THERE'S A SMALL ADDITION AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY. IT CAME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON A 6-0 VOTE AND UNANIMOUS OUT OF OUR COMMITTEE, AND THIS IS IN COUNCILWOMAN NICOLE GEORGE'S DISTRICT. SHE MAY WISH TO ADDRESS IT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN GEORGE?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY I FULLY SUPPORT THIS CHANGE. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN VACANT. IT'S THE FORMER HOME OF THE MASONIC LODGE. AS IT IS, IT IS CERTAINLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE PRESTON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR. AS COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD SAID, IT'S BORDERED BY A CEMETERY AND ON THE OTHER SIDE C-1 COMMERCIAL ZONED BUSINESSES AND THERE'S NO OPPOSITION IN THE COMMUNITY, SO I SUPPORT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, VOTING IS CLOSING, VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK,  
A READING OF ITEM NO. 33.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER  
131 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF  
ORDINANCES CREATING THE CIVIL OFFENSE OF LITTERING (AS AMENDED).  
READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A  
SECOND? THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN BENSON AND COUNCILMAN TRIPLETT.  
THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? COUNCILMAN  
COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS ORDINANCE ACTUALLY PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY OUT OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, TOO. IT'S ON OLD  
BUSINESS, BECAUSE WE HAD TO MAKE A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT. IF YOU  
LOOK, YOU CAN SEE WE ADDED THE WORDS "STREETS AND SIDEWALK" IN  
PLACES OF LITTERING. BRIEFLY, LITTERING IS A CLASS A DEMEANOR IN  
THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, WHICH CARRIES WITH IT A PENALTY OF UP TO  
90 DAYS OR 12 MONTHS IN JAIL AND A FINE OF \$100. THIS IS ONE OF  
THE RARE AREAS OF KENTUCKY LAW WHERE FRANKFURT ALLOWS LOCALTIES  
TO ELECT TO HAVE LOCAL CONTROL OR NOT. WHAT I MEAN IS, WE CAN  
CHOOSE TO MAKE LITTERING A CIVIL VIOLATION INSTEAD OF A CRIMINAL  
OFFENSE. I BECAME INTERESTED IN THIS BECAUSE I'M VERY ANTI-  
LITTER AND I'M LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS POLICY AND PROGRAMMATIC  
TO DEAL WITH T AND I THOUGHT MAKING THE POLICY CHANGE TO CIVIL  
INFRACTION WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE

OVERALL SYSTEM IN A COUPLE OF WAYS. ONE, I WAS HOPING THAT IF LITTERING WAS A CIVIL INFRACTION, OUR POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER CODE OFFICERS WILL BE MORE WILLING TO WRITE A TICKET, MUCH LIKE PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO WRITE A PARKING TICKET THAN ARREST SOMEBODY. TWO, THERE'S NO NEED FOR THESE CASES TO GO THROUGH OUR COURT SYSTEM. THREE, IF IT'S A CIVIL VIOLATION, IT WILL COME TO THE GENERAL FUND AND WITH PENALTIES OF \$125 TO \$250 AND AN AVERAGE OF 100 ARRESTS AND CITATIONS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THAT'S FIVE DIGITS WORTH OF REVENUE FOR THE CITY THAT WE COULD, OBVIOUSLY, USE AT THIS TIME. THE DEFINITION OF LITTERING SUBSTANTIALLY MIRRORS THE STATE STATUTE, SO REALLY THE ONLY EFFECTIVE PART OF THE LAW HERE IS THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY TO MAKE A CIVIL VIOLATION, AND THEN WHERE IT SPELLS OUT THE PENALTIES. I THINK THIS IS A USEFUL TOOL FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HAVE ANOTHER OPTION. THEY STILL, OBVIOUSLY, RETAIN THE ABILITY TO ARREST SOMEBODY UNDER THE STATE STATUTE, IF THERE'S A REASON FOR DOING THAT, BUT I THINK THIS IS A GOOD TOOL TO HAVE IN THE TOOL BELT, SO I'LL ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OR FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES.  
COLLEAGUES, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION. IN THE  
AUDIENCE YOU'LL SEE A YOUNG MAN IN THERE IN THE BACK ROW WITH  
HIS MOM WEARING HIS BOY SCOUT UNIFORM. BEN, WOULD YOU STAND UP  
THERE FOR A SECOND? BEN IS A BOY SCOUT, AND HE'S WORKING TO EARN  
HIS MERIT BADGE, AND HE CAME HERE TO OBSERVE, AND WE JUST WANT  
TO WELCOME YOU, BEN, TO THE METRO COUNCIL. [ APPLAUSE ] AND  
COUNCILWOMAN MCCRANEY.

>> YES, AND IT'S MY DISTINCT HONOR TO HAVE THEM HERE TODAY.  
THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 7.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT. WELCOME, BEN. ALL RIGHT, THE  
NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS IS NEW BUSINESS. AS YOU LEAVE, PLEASE DO  
SO QUIETLY, SO THE CLERK MAY READ NEW BUSINESS. I WOULD ASK  
THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO PLEASE  
REMAIN UNTIL NEW BUSINESS IS READ INTO THE RECORD. NEW BUSINESS  
COMPRISES ITEMS NO. 34-41. WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THOSE  
ITEMS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS TO A COMMITTEE?

>> CLERK: THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000  
FROM DISTRICT 5 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, THROUGH DEVELOP  
LOUISVILLE, TO THE METRO HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY  
HOME REPAIRS. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2019-2020  
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO

GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS VARIOUS OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS OF FUNDS FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY AND OTHER LOUISVILLE METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-2020. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR LOUISVILLE METRO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR THE CRIBS FOR KIDS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM- (CRIBS FOR KIDS, INC. - \$34,000.00). A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 065, SERIES 2017 APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INCENTIVES TO EL TORO.COM, LLC, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A BANFIELD FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$11,000 SUPPORTING THE



PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL METRO ANIMAL SERVICES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.  
THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$5,000  
DONATION FROM LIFE-SAVERS, INC., TO PROMOTE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY  
EFFORTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS &  
ASSETS. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON  
COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNER  
OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, BEING TRACTS A AND B OF PARCEL NO. THREE  
(3), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH SOUTH WATTERSON  
TRAIL CULVERT REPLACEMENT. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MR. CLERK, NEXT WE HAVE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS. WE HAVE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS CONCLUDES OUR  
MEETING. OUR NEXT METRO COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY  
23, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS,  
WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE STAND ADJOURNED.