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>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE REGULAR LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 21ST WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. PLEASE RISE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OF THE FLAG. 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, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. MR. CLERK, A ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN. COUNCIL MEMBER SHANKLIN. COUNCIL MEMBER DORSEY.

>> PRESENT.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

>> PRESENT.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER PURVIS.

>> PRESENT.

>> CLERK: PRESIDENT JAMES.

>> HERE.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRANEY.

>> PRESENT.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER COAN.

>> HERE. HOLLANDER.

>> HERE.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER MULVIHILL.

>> HERE.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAMER.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER BLACKWELL. COUNCIL MEMBER FOX.
COUNCIL MEMBER FOWLER. COUNCIL MEMBER TRIPLETT.

>> HERE.

>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER REED.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER WINKLER. COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER.
COUNCIL MEMBER PIAGENTINI.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER BENSON.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE. COUNCIL MEMBER ENGLE.
COUNCIL MEMBER PEDEN.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER FLOOD.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER YATES. COUNCIL MEMBER ACKERSON.

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>> CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER FOWLER. COUNCIL MEMBER FLOOD.
COUNCIL MEMBER YATES. COUNCIL MEMBER ACKERSON. MR. PRESIDENT,
YOU HAVE 23 IN ATTENDANCE AND A QUORUM.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I NEED TO TAKE A
PAUSE HERE FOR A MOMENT. YESTERDAY, WE'VE LOST ANOTHER MEMBER OF
OUR METRO COUNCIL FAMILY. JULIE, SHE WAS FIRST ASSISTANT
JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY AND A FRIEND TO MANY, MANY, MANY OF

US, AND IN A MOMENT I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE,
BUT BEFORE THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON COUNCILMAN PAT
MULVIHILL, WHO WORKED WITH JULIE, AND SARAH MARTIN FROM THE
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND WE'LL START
WITH PAT, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, I KNOW
MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM KNEW JULIE AND THOUGHT VERY FONDLY OF
HER. JULIE WAS A TERRIFIC ATTORNEY AND A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR.
SHE WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT EASE EVEN IN THE MOST
DAUNTING TIMES. LAST WEEK I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO SEE HER IN THE
HOSPITAL, AND WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON, OF COURSE, SHE
ALWAYS LIKED TO BE UP TO DATE, WHAT'S GOING ON DOWNTOWN. KNEW
ALREADY, BUDGET WOES, I SAID, YEAH, WE'RE DEALING WITH SOME
BUDGET WOES. AND I SAID AT THAT TIME, WE COULD USE YOUR COOLNESS
AND PENCHANT FOR NUMBERS TO HELP US SORT ALL THIS OUT, AND SHE
JUST SMILED. FOR ME, I CERTAINLY WILL MISS HER. SHE WAS A MENTOR
TO ME. WHEN I CAME IN, COUNTY ATTORNEY STAFF IN 2000, SHE TOOK A
LIKING TO ME, AND THANK GOD SHE DID. MY CAREER, EVERYTHING I'VE
DONE, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW PEOPLE I ATTRIBUTE TO SETTING SUCH
POSITIVE TONES. SHE'S RIGHT UP THERE WITH WHAT MY MOTHER DID,
AND I'M GOING TO MISS HER. I LOVED TO SERVE WITH HER, BUT ABOVE
ALL, I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE HER AS MY FRIEND, AS MANY OF YOU ALL
DID. SHE, ON MANY OCCASIONS, THIS IS TRUE, TRIED TO MAKE ME LESS
IRISH THAN I AM. AND I WAS ABLE TO EMULATE HER COOLNESS AND

LEVEL-HEADEDNESS SOMETIMES, BUT I'M STILL AN IRISHMAN, SO CAN'T CHANGE ALL YOU ARE. I WAS GLAD THAT -- I WOULDN'T SAY I WAS GLAD, BUT I'M GLAD JULIE IS NO LONGER SUFFERING FROM THE MALADY SHE HAD HERE ON EARTH. AND I'M GLAD SHE'S GOTTEN TO GO TO HEAVEN, BE WITH HER HUSBAND, JOE, WHO SADLY DIED JUST OVER A YEAR AGO. SO WITH THAT, AS WE DO, WITH MANY GOOD IRISHMAN, AND JULIE IS GOING TO BE AN ADOPTED IRISHMAN TODAY, I WOULD LIKE ALL OF US TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO HER WITH THE IRISH BLESSING. ON THE COUNT, IF WE WOULD, MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU, MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE AT YOUR BACK, MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE, AND RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS, AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY GOD HOLD YOU. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR LETTING ME SAY THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. SARAH MARTIN.

>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT JAMES, FOR ALLOWING ME, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT JULIE BEFORE OUR MOMENT OF SILENCE. JULIE LOTT HARDESTY WAS THE MATRIARCH OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. SHE SERVED AS OUR FIRST ASSISTANT FOR 20 YEARS, WHICH IS REALLY REMARKABLE FOR ANYONE TO LEAD AN OFFICE FOR 20 YEARS. AND SHE SPENT 31 YEARS AS ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY AT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND MANY OF YOU GOT TO KNOW JULIE OVER THE YEARS FOR THE WORK SHE DID WITH METRO COUNCIL, AS SHE WORKED DILIGENTLY ON MANY OF THE HIGH-PROFILE ISSUES THAT YOU ALL FACE

AT METRO COUNCIL AND FOR THE LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU AROUND FOR MERGER, KNEW THAT JULIE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CREATING THE VERY LEGAL STRUCTURE THAT WE KNOW TODAY AS LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT. WE LOST JULIE, AS COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL HAD SAID, AFTER A TWO-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS SURROUNDED BY HER CHILDREN, KATHERINE, DON, AND JOSH, AND I'D LIKE TO CLOSE WITH A WONDERFUL QUOTE THAT YOUR JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY, MICHAEL O'CONNELL, SAID ABOUT JULIE. "I WILL REMEMBER JULIE AS A PILLAR OF INTELLECT, COURAGE, AND GRACE. SHE WAS ALWAYS ABOUT TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND SHE PLACED THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ABOVE HER OWN, AND THAT WAS JULIE." SHE WAS ALL THINGS IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. SHE TOOK CARE OF US, MENTORED ALL OF US, AND WE LOVED HER DEEPLY. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THIS MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE LIFE OF JULIE HARDESTY.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, SARAH, AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE US ALL TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE] THANK YOU. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANY ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL?

>> CLERK: WE DO, SIR.

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

>> CLERK: CONNIE MARSHALL.

>> MY NAME IS CONNIE MARSHALL. MY WEBSITE IS WWW.JUSTFROSTED.COM. MY EMAIL IS CONNIEMARSHALL@GMAIL.COM. I MAY BE THE FIRST TO RUN FOR MAYOR, AND I'M AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR SEARCH. ONE OF THE 30 HATE SEGREGATION, THEY STATED, YOUR DAYS OF RUNNING FOR OFFICE ARE OVER, CONNIE. YOU'RE MAKING TOO MANY BLANKING WAYS AROUND HERE AND WE'RE GOING TO BEAT THE LIFE OUT OF YOU NOW. THEREFORE, MY NAME IS THREATENING BY LMPD FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. I HAVE RECEIVED 30 HATE DEATH THREATS CALLING ME THE N-WORD, TELLING ME ORDERS HAVE COME DOWN TO KILL ME AND STATING WE HAVE ALL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN. 114 PIECES OF MAIL WERE SENT TO MY ADDRESS THAT WERE ADDRESSED TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COMMONWEALTH, AND CORRUPT PROSECUTOR IN A CASE IN WHICH I WAS SET UP, TO COVER UP, AFTER BEING STOMPED BY LMPD AND ENDING UP WITH AN ENLARGED HEART. MY MAIL, EMAIL, AND CALLS ARE INTERCEPTED. SEVEN PLEADINGS HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE COURT. ONE IN THE U.S. COURT OF JUDGE HAIL AND FIVE IN THE KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT. IN THESE PLEADINGS, THEY HAVE ACCUSED THE JUDGE OF PERFORMING ORAL SEX ON A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL, ACCUSED JUDGE HAIL OF TAKING BRIBES AND HUGHES OF BEING A HARDENED LESBIAN BEING INFATUATED WITH ME. ALL THESE JUDGES RESPOND AS IF I SENT THESE PLEADINGS, AND I PROVED I DID NOT. NONE OF THESE JUDGES HAVE ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION. ANOTHER DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAUN DELLEHAN. AN

EMAIL THEY SENT, A WHITE MAN TRIED TO BREAK INTO MY HOME WHILE I WAS IN A BATHTUB. ALSO I WAS LET GO AT MY PREVIOUS JOB AND TAPED MY COWORKER TELLING ME MY EMPLOYER STATED IF THEY DID NOT LET ME GO, THEY WOULD NOT GET THE STATE CONTRACTS. AFTER TELLING HIM I WOULD REPORT HIM TO HIS CORPORATE OFFICE, A FABRICATED EMAIL WAS SENT TO HIM THREATENING TO KILL HIM. A FALSE REPORT WAS FILED BY THE DETECTIVE JEREMY LIVERS, WHO I HAVE NEVER MET, AND THE POLICE CAME TO MY HOME BASED ON THE DOCUMENT. I MADE SOME CALLS. ALSO, I PUT MY LONG STAFFING ON THE DOCKET FOR LYING TO UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH I DID EVENTUALLY GET. THAT SAME NIGHT, THE LMPD WERE BANGING ON MY DOOR ACCUSING ME OF SENDING AN EMAIL TO MALONE STAFFING. I ASKED FOR A COPY AND LIEUTENANT STATED THEY DID NOT HAVE A COPY. QUESTION, HOW CAN THEY ACCUSE ME OF SOMETHING THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE? THE DETECTIVE WAS ASSIGNED IN MAY 2018 TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS 8017096771 REGARDING DAVID AND TIM OF LGE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH FILING FALSE REPORTS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MS. MARSHALL. MS. MARSHALL. MS. MARSHALL.

>> PLEASE, CONTACT THE FBI ON MY BEHALF. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: GERALD WRIGHT.

>> I'M HERE TO URGE THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL TO OPPOSE ANY INCREASE IN THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX. THE CITIZENS OF

LOUISVILLE ARE AMONG CONSISTENTLY THE HIGHEST TAXED IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE YEAR AFTER YEAR THE TENTH OR 11TH HIGHEST TAX BURDEN OF JUST ABOUT ANY CITY IN THE COUNTRY. THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY TO THIS MAYOR THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN TOLD THEY MUST DO MORE WITH LESS. HOWEVER, THIS ADMINISTRATION THINKS THAT A TAX INCREASE IS THE GO-TO RESPONSE TO CURE ANY FISCAL PROBLEMS THAT THIS CITY FACES. THEY NEED TO FIND A WAY TO DO MORE WITH LESS. MANY POOR PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD EVEN A MODEST INCREASE IN THEIR TAXES. I WOULD URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE MAYOR'S BUDGET. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: NOVEMBER OFFUTT.

>> FIRST, ON BEHALF OF THE ONE LOVE YOUTH IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THE ALLOTTED TIME TO SPEAK TODAY. I'LL BE APPEALING TO YOU FROM THE STANCE OF A YOUTH CONCERNED ABOUT HER COMMUNITY. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX AND THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCTION IN METRO SERVICES. DUE TO A LACK OF APPROPRIATE STEWARDSHIP ON THE STATE'S PENSION PROGRAM, OUR CITY IS NOW BEING REQUIRED TO PAY A TOTAL OF \$65 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT ONLY A SIGN OF THE NEAR CRISIS STATE OF THE ECONOMY, BUT WILL ULTIMATELY CONTINUE TO IMPEDE THE COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO PREDICTIONS, BY FISCAL YEAR 2020, THE GAP IS PREDICTED TO BE A STAGGERING \$35 MILLION.

SO WITH THIS, THE QUESTION OF HOW SHOULD WE ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM. NEXT UP IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE VOTE, YOUR VOTE, THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING TODAY. DUE TO THIS DILEMMA AND ACCORDING TO REPORTS RELEASED, METRO GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SUCCUMBED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FEES, INCLUDING FOR THE USAGE OF EMS SERVICES, HALTING FUNDING FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES, TRAINING AND TRAVEL, AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF 49 POSITIONS. YET TWO OPTIONS FOR HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS CRISIS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED. THE FIRST OF THE TWO OPTIONS PROPOSED IS THAT OF CUTTING MANY METRO GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SERVICES. THIS WILL INCLUDE PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN, THE LIVING ROOM, A DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY ORGANIZATION, AND PLACING THE YOUTH DETENTION SYSTEM BACK UNDER STATE CONTROL. AS A YOUTH, MY CONCERN IS PLACED IN HOW THE ELIMINATION AND DWINDLING OF THESE SERVICES POSES A MAJOR THREAT TO THOSE THAT DEPEND ON THEM, YOUR CONSTITUENTS. THE SECOND OPTION IS AN INCREASE IN INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES. SUCH WOULD AVERAGE OUT ABOUT 12 TO 13% FOR HOUSEHOLDS. THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE INSTEAD OF DOING AWAY WITH NECESSARY SERVICES ALREADY MENTIONED. A CONCERN FOR WHETHER RESIDENTS IN THE CITY CAN STAND THE INCREASE IS VALID, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE MORE THAN IMPAIRMENT TO THEM NOT TO HAVE THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY'S GOVERNMENT. A TAX INCREASE LIKE THIS HAS NOT BEEN PROPOSED OR IMPLEMENTED FOR THAT MATTER SINCE 1982. THE VOTE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY IS A MATTER OF DECIDING THE TRAJECTORY OF THE CITY'S

PROGRESS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. MANY CITIZENS ARE IN DIRE NEED OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY METRO GOVERNMENT. THESE SERVICES, ALONG WITH THE CARE OF THIS COUNCIL, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, AND THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION IN THIS TOWN ARE WHAT MAKES THIS CITY AS EFFICIENT AS IT IS. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR FOR THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX. BY DOING SO, YOU'LL BE SECURING THE VIABILITY OF LOUISVILLE FOR DECADES TO COME. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: SUSAN SMITH.

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS SUSAN SMITH. I LIVE IN COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL'S DISTRICT 10, AND I'M A MEMBER OF ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH. I'M A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF CLOUT. OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL HAVE SHOWN CARE OVER THE COMMUNITY, LIKE THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR 72,000 PEOPLE AND THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. TONIGHT, AND IN THE COMING MONTHS, YOU'LL BE MAKING IMPORTANT FINANCIAL DECISIONS THAT NOT ONLY HAVE IMPLICATIONS THIS YEAR, BUT FOR YEARS AND GENERATIONS TO COME. THE 2018-2019 FUNDING IS IN THE BOND THAT YOU ALL TABLED TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL BE DECIDING ON TONIGHT. THIS FUNDING IS MAKING POSSIBLE DOZENS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS THE METRO AREA, GIVING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ADDITIONAL SAFE, DECENT, AFFORDABLE PLACES TO LIVE. TO LOSE THE BOND FUNDING OR PUT A LONG-TERM FREEZE ON DOLLARS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED WILL NOT ONLY SLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROJECTS, BUT IT

WILL CAUSE SOME TO STOP COMPLETELY AND PERMANENTLY AND THE MOMENTUM TO DISAPPEAR. THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO CAN'T AFFORD HOUSING GROWS EVERY YEAR. WE CANNOT PUT THE SOLUTION ON HOLD WHILE THE PROBLEM CONTINUES TO GROW. IN THIS SAME ARENA, IS THE LIVING ROOM PROGRAM, A PROVEN AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR HELPING PEOPLE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AVOID BEING TAKEN TO JAIL OR THE EMERGENCY ROOM, EXPERIENCING FURTHER TRAUMA AND EVEN DEATH. I'VE HAD TO TAKE A LOVED ONE STRUGGLING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, AND IT WAS NOT EFFECTIVE FOR HIM. IT WAS FRIGHTENING AND DEMEANING AND A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF US INVOLVED. I WISH THAT WE HAD HAD A PROGRAM LIKE THE LIVING ROOM FOR MY FAMILY TO TURN TO. THE LIVING ROOM IS A UNIQUE, SAFE ENVIRONMENT, WITH SKILLED MEDICAL STAFF AND IMPORTANT PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS WHO KNOW HOW TO ASSIST PEOPLE WITH COMPLICATED MENTAL ISSUES, WHICH TYPICALLY RESULT IN OTHER LIFE CHALLENGES, AS WELL. UNLIKE WHAT SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, IT IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AND MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR A PERSON WHO IS IN CRISIS THAN A HOMELESS SHELTER OR A REHAB FACILITY. IT IS BECOMING AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR CITY, ALONG WITH THE J.L. AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. WE CANNOT LOSE MOMENTUM BY PUTTING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS ON HOLD WHILE THE PROBLEMS OF SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND ADDICTION CONTINUE TO SPIRAL AND GROW OUT OF

CONTROL. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THE LIVING ROOM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> CLERK: DELTRICIA HICKMAN.

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DELTRICIA HICKMAN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER. I'M A MEMBER OF BROWN MEMORIAL CME CHURCH AND SEXTON SMITH'S GROUP. I HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND WHOSE BROTHER HAS STRUGGLED FROM MENTAL ILLNESS FROM AN EARLY AGE. IT'S A DIFFICULT LIFELONG PROCESS THAT CAN ONLY BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WITH COUNSELING, MEDICATION, AND GOOD CARE. HIS CAREGIVERS WERE HIS PARENTS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED. THIS EXASPERATED HIS PROBLEM, AND IN A FEW YEARS HE FOUND HIMSELF HOMELESS, ON THE STREET, UNABLE TO KEEP A JOB, UNABLE TO FUNCTION, BECAUSE HE WAS NOT AWARE OF HIS OWN PROBLEM. SEVERAL TIMES THE POLICE HAVE EVEN ARRESTED HIM FOR ERRATIC BEHAVIOR, MORE THAN 25 TIMES. THREE OF THOSE TIMES THEY TOOK HIM TO ANOTHER STATE AND LEFT HIM TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY. BUT THE LAST TIME HE WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HIS MANIC BEHAVIOR, HE WASN'T TAKEN TO JAIL. SOMETHING DIFFERENT HAPPENED THIS TIME. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE LIVING ROOM. THERE, HE HAD A CALM VOICE, ASSISTANCE, FOOD, UNDERSTANDING, AND WITH THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE THEM A CLUE OF WHO HE WAS AND HOW HE COULD GET SOME HELP. THE LIVING ROOM EFFECTIVELY SAVED HIS LIFE. THEY FOUND HIS FAMILY, HIS SISTER WAS ABLE TO COME AND RECONNECT WITH HIM, WITH PROPER ASSISTANCE WITH HIS NEEDS, HIS MEDICINES. HE WAS ABLE TO

GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH INSTITUTIONAL CARE BECAUSE OF THE LIVING ROOM. NOW HE IS IN ASSISTED LIVING, HE TAKES CARE OF HIMSELF, BUT HE IS STILL UNDER THE STATE PROTECTION. PLEASE, WE'RE BEGGING YOU, DO NOT CLOSE THE LIVING ROOM. IT EFFECTIVELY SAVED ONE PERSON'S LIFE, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT THING. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: CATHY HINKO.

>> HELLO, I'M CATHY HINKO WITH THE METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION, AND I ASK YOU WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF A SUCCESSFUL LOUISVILLE IN TEN YEARS? HERE'S MINE, A CITY IN WHICH EVERY PERSON CAN SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ECONOMY FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF LIVING IN A NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE CITY. AS YOU DEVELOP A BUDGET, UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF A CUT NOT JUST FOR 2020, BUT FOR 2029. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO GO, YOU CANNOT CHOOSE A ROUTE. FOR INSTANCE, LOUISVILLE'S POPULATION PYRAMID IS ACTUALLY A RECTANGLE. THAT MEANS WE CANNOT LOSE A SINGLE CHILD IF WE WANT A STABLE WORKFORCE THAT CAN SUPPORT THE CITY IN THE FUTURE. WE NEED TO KEEP ALL OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY, SAFE, AND LEARNING. OUR ELDERLY POPULATION WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY, WITH MANY OF THEM NOT ABLE TO WORK, BUT KENTUCKIANAWORKS INFORMATION SHOWS WE ARE LOSING TO LOW-END VERSUS SKILLED LABOR JOBS. WE NEED OUR CHILDREN TO BECOME SKILLED WORKERS TO THRIVE. WE NEED AMENITIES TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SKILLS TO MOVE HERE TO SURVIVE. EXAMPLES OF EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVE CUTS, FOR INSTANCE, WE WILL

DECREASE PLACES OF YOUTH TO GO FOR SAFE RECREATION, AT THE SAME TIME WE CUT POLICE. FOOLHARDY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS, WESTERN LOUISVILLE IS INCREASING IN PROPERTY VALUE, DEEPLY DUE TO NONPROFITS AND GOVERNMENT LIKE THE URBAN LEAGUE AND THE TRACK, BUT WE WILL STOP USING CLEAR BOARDING AND GO BACK TO PLYWOOD FOR BOARDING HOMES, RESULTING IN INCREASED FIRES AND DECREASING THE APPEAL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE DECREASE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PULL SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, OUR NONPROFITS LEVERAGE FUNDS YOU GIVE THEM. I'M SURE AT LEAST TEN TIMES, IF MHC IS AN EXAMPLE. YOU GET SERVICES THAT ADDRESS OUR CORE SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT YOU DO NOT PAY FOR WHEN YOU INVEST. WHEN WE FACED CUTS BEFORE, EVERYONE WAS IN THE SAME BOAT, BUT NOW WE ARE ALONE. I LOOKED AT CHARLOTTE AND COLUMBUS AND NASHVILLE, AND WHILE THEY HAVE CHOICES TO MAKE, THEY ARE NOT FACING DRACONIAN DECREASES IN SERVICES. YOU, ALL OF YOU, WILL DETERMINE IF LOUISVILLE REMAINS A COMPETITIVE CITY, OR IF IN TEN YEARS WE BECOME THE CITY OF \$10 AN HOUR JOBS.

>> CLERK: JULIA MALLIN.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS JULIA MALLIN AND I RESIDE IN COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLANDER'S DISTRICT AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON SUMMER WORKS. MY SON PATRICK, WHO IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM, ASSISTED IN SUMMER WORKS THIS SUMMER. THE STAFF IS GREAT. THEY CONDUCTED TRAINING SEMINARS, JOB BUILDING RESUME WORKSHOPS, JOB FORUMS, THEY WERE SUPPORTIVE AND OFFERED MUCH ASSISTANCE TO MY FAMILY.

PATRICK LANDED A JOB AT THE FOXWORTH AND IROQUOIS FOOD LITERACY PROGRAM. IT WAS AN OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE FOR HIM. HIS JOB COACH WAS FANTASTIC, MENTORING THE ENTIRE TEAM, NOT ONLY IN FARMING SKILLS, BUT INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNICATION, EMPATHY, LEARNING HOW TO GET ALONG WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE. PATRICK LEARNED REAL-WORLD JOB SKILLS, COOPERATION, AND TEAM BUILDING. HE LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION AND PATIENCE, AS WELL AS HOW TO COOK A MEAN SQUASH. HE PERSEVERED WITH HIS WORK AT THE FARM, DESPITE THE HEAT, HUMIDITY, AND BUGS OF A KENTUCKY SUMMER, BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WAS DOING IMPORTANT WORK, HELPING TO FEED PEOPLE. NOBODY WANTS A TAX INCREASE, BUT LOUISVILLE NEEDS NEW REVENUE. WE CAN'T LET A DECADES-OLD PROBLEM IN FRANKFORT HIJACK OUR FUTURE. WE WANT TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH NASHVILLE AND INDIANAPOLIS AND CINCINNATI, AND LIKE THIS LADY SAID, COLUMBUS AND OTHER CITIES. WE MUST INVEST IN OUR FUTURE. HAVING A PREPARED AND READY WORKFORCE IS VITAL TO THAT FUTURE. SUMMER WORKS PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PREPARING ALL MANNER OF YOUNG ADULTS FOR THAT FUTURE, SO I URGE YOU TO PROTECT SUMMER WORKS AND VOTE FOR NEW REVENUE AND OUR FUTURE. OTHERWISE, THE CUTS TO MUCH-NEEDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WILL BE DEVASTATING TO OUR CITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

>> CLERK: ARTHUR LEMONS.

>> HELLO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS ARTHUR LEMONS, AND I AM A HEALTHY START FATHER. HEALTHY START HAS BEEN

A PROGRAM THAT HAS TRULY BENEFITED OUR FAMILY. AS A NEW FATHER IN 2015, I NOW HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, BUT NOW I'M EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE TO HELP THEM TO SUCCEED IN THEIR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT. BUT BEFORE THAT TIME, I HAD NO CLUE. YOU KNOW, THE FEAR, THE ANXIETY, THE STRESS OF KNOWING HOW TO BE A GOOD FATHER REALLY WELLS INSIDE YOU, AND I WAS GLAD THAT THE HEALTHY START PROGRAM, WHICH IS PART OF THE METRO, ASSISTED ME. IT ALLOWED MY WIFE TO RECEIVE THE TREATMENT AFTER HAVING THE CHILD WITH CENTER STONE, THE REFERRAL PROCESS WAS EXCELLENT. IT LED US TO MEET NURSES, WHO EDUCATED US ABOUT THE INFANT MORTALITY RATES HERE IN KENTUCKY, WHICH ARE ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE UNITED STATES. IT TAUGHT US ABOUT IMMUNIZATION. THE PROGRAM THAT ARE AVAILABLE WITH LOUISVILLE METRO, AND ALLOWING YOUR CHILDREN TO GO DOWN AND GET VACCINATED, TO PREVENT THEM FROM THE RISK OF GETTING INFECTED WITH DISEASES THAT NOWADAYS THAT COULD TAKE YOU OUT. SO THE WHOLE GOAL IS TO REALLY PROTECT OUR PARENTS, OUR FUTURE PARENTS, AND TO ASSIST THEM IN EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN, SO THAT THEIR CHILDREN CAN HAVE A LONG AND HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE. I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE PROGRAM AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAND HERE TODAY AS ONE OF THE -- AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, AND I JUST REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND IT IN YOUR MINDS TO REJECT THE DECREASE IN RESOURCES TOWARDS THE HEALTHY START PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: SHACHAUNDA LEE.

>> I WANT EVERYBODY TO SIT BACK AND THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS, WHAT THE QUOTE MEANS, IT TAKES A VILLAGE. BECAUSE IT REALLY TAKES A VILLAGE. MY NAME IS SHACHAUNDA LEE, AND I RESIDE IN DISTRICT 5, MS. PURVIS' DISTRICT. I'VE NEVER ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE HEARD IN A PUBLIC WAY. HOWEVER, THE THOUGHT OF HAVING THESE SERVICES CUT, I SIMPLY COULDN'T KEEP QUIET. I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS, SO BEAR WITH ME. I PLEAD WITH YOU ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND OTHERS TO PASS A TAX INCREASE THAT WOULD NOT CAUSE EXTREME CUTS TO CRITICAL SERVICES. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I FOUND MYSELF IN A PLACE NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH CARING FOR MY FAMILY. LIFE FOR A MOMENT BECAME DIFFICULT. IN FACT, VERY DIFFICULT. I WAS REFERRED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE FOR WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GAME CHANGER FOR MYSELF AND MY CHILDREN. BESIDES THE MISTAKES I'VE MADE, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE HELPED ME BEGIN TO PIECE MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER. IT HASN'T BEEN EASY, YET I CONTINUE TO BE A WORK IN PROGRESS. I FINALLY WORKED TO ENROLL MYSELF BACK INTO COLLEGE TO SHOW MY CHILDREN THE TENACITY -- WHAT TENACITY AND STRENGTH LOOKS LIKE. THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT. MY PRESENCE HERE IS TO SPEAK ON SOMETHING I KNOW WILL AFFECT OUR FUTURE. THERE'S SO MUCH ABOUT THE HOW AND THE WHY, IF THE TAX INCREASE IS NECESSARY, THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. NONETHELESS, WHAT I DO UNDERSTAND IS THE IMPACTS THE CUTS WOULD MEAN TO PEOPLE WHO RELY ON THESE SERVICES, FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE WHEN IN NEED. GROWING UP, THE PROVERB IT

TAKES A VILLAGE WAS ENFORCED. THE DECISIONS YOU ARE TASKED WITH MAKING TODAY, KEEP IN MIND, IT TAKES A VILLAGE. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE LEAST AMONGST US HAVE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO LIVE. PASS AN ORDINANCE THAT PROTECTS US WHILE GIVING THE CITY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH. AS A SOLE INCOME PROVIDER IN MY HOME, I'M WILLING TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS IN ORDER FOR PLACES LIKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE TO STAY IN MY COMMUNITY. THERE WAS A TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WAS BEST FOR ME AND MINE, BUT I'VE MATURED SINCE THEN. I'VE REALIZED THAT LINE OF THINKING WAS NOT ONLY SELFISH, IT WAS SENSELESS. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. I AM CERTAIN YOU HEARD FROM PEOPLE WHO DON'T AGREE WITH THE INCREASE, MANY FOR GOOD REASON, BUT AS THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED, WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE. ARE FOLKS WILLING TO SACRIFICE A REDUCTION IN POLICE, CLOSING OF COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR YOUTH, OR A REDUCTION TO SERVICES THAT HELP MOVE PEOPLE TO A SAFE PLACE? I'M SORRY, FROM A SELF-SUFFICIENCY, LIKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE? THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS LIKELY A BIG NO. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE OF THESE THINGS, NOT LESS OF ANYTHING. AS THE AUTHOR JEANETTE WINSTON ONCE SAID, WHAT YOU RISK REVEALS WHAT YOU VALUE. YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND DO WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY. TODAY I ASK YOU TO VOTE FOR WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT FOR POLITICAL REASONS OR POLITICAL POSTURING, BUT BECAUSE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EVERYONE TODAY AND IN THE YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU.

>> CLERK: MIKE -- [APPLAUSE] --

>> I WON'T MAKE YOU SAY THAT LAST NAME.

>> CLERK: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> I WAS ALMOST GOING TO SEE YOU TRY, THOUGH. GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS MIKE CHINIGO. YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD, AND YOU MAY FEEL, THERE'S ALWAYS FAT TO CUT. WE'VE HEARD THAT SAID A LOT THIS PAST MONTH, AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THERE IS NO MORE FAT TO CUT. THE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DOES A LOT WITH VERY LITTLE ALREADY. THEIR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS IN CRISIS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER COSTLY CATASTROPHES, NOT JUST COSTLY TO THEM, BUT TO OUR CITY. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE ALREADY LOW, SO THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDING CAN BE GIVEN BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND, TOO, THAT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE NOT THE ALLEGED FAT. CUTS MADE WOULD NOT MEAN LESS IN SALARY OR BENEFITS. YOU CAN'T CUT SOMEONE'S SALARY WHEN THEY ARE BARELY MAKING A LIVING WAGE, SO IT WOULD MEAN LESS STAFF, WHICH EQUATES TO LOSS OF SERVICES, AND NOT JUST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. THE STAFF REDUCTIONS WOULD FORCE THE RESTRUCTURING AND INEVITABLE WEAKENING OF OTHER PROGRAMS. MEALS ON WHEELS COULD BE ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ACCOUNTS WHERE SOME DELIVERING A MEAL HAVE FOUND AN ELDERLY PERSON FALLEN OR SEVERELY ILL. THEY ARE ALSO THE ONLY PERSON TO CHECK IN ON THEM THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND THESE VISITS HAVE OFTEN SAVED LIVES.

THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT SUFFER, AND WITHOUT EXAGGERATION, THIS COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES ARE ALREADY LEVERAGING COMMUNITY BENEVOLENCE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PRO BONO. THE CUTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, THEY ARE ALREADY FINDING RESOURCES TO BYPASS THE FUNDING WE DON'T HAVE. STAFF USE OUTDATED, OFTEN DONATED COMPUTERS, WHILE MANY USE PERSONAL COMPUTERS. THEY'VE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE MORE DATA SHOWING OUTCOMES, BUT WITH ADDITIONAL CUTS AND ALREADY LIMITED RESOURCES, HOW CAN THEY ADD IMPORTANT, YET TIME-CONSUMING TASKS WITH FEWER PERSONNEL OR INFRASTRUCTURE? THIS WOULD INCREASE THE STRAIN ON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES AND VICE VERSA. WE CANNOT AFFORD FOR THEM TO STRETCH GREATER, AS WE DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PICK UP THE SLACK. IF FUNDING IS CUT, STAFF WILL BE LET GO, PROGRAMS WILL BE DIMINISHED, AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO MANY. HOMELESSNESS WILL INCREASE. HOME-BOUND SENIORS WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT VISITS OR FOOD. CHILDREN WILL BE IN A HOME WITHOUT RUNNING WATER, AND DIABETICS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INSULIN. AGAIN, THERE IS NO FAT TO CUT. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE BUDGET CUTS TO THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION AND NOT TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL POPULARITY. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. COUNCILMAN PRESIDENT DR. BLACKWELL, I THINK YOU HAVE SOME SPECIAL GUESTS.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, I DO HAVE SPECIAL GUESTS TONIGHT. WE HAVE -- AND I APPRECIATE SO MANY PEOPLE COMING OUT TO SHARE THIS MOMENT WITH THEM. I THINK SOME OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO STICK AROUND AND LISTEN TO THE REST OF THE MEETING, AS WELL. MAYBE. I HAVE WITH US TONIGHT, SO PRP, THE WOMEN'S THE GIRL'S BOWLING TEAM, WHICH WON THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR. [APPLAUSE] BUT ACTUALLY GETS BETTER. SO IN 2012, WELL, BOWLING HAPPENED BEFORE 2012, BUT IN 2012, THE KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STARTED TO RECOGNIZE BOWLING AS A SPORT THAT THEY SPONSORED, AND SO THAT YEAR THE PRP BOWLING TEAM, GIRL'S BOWLING TEAM, WON THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2012, AND THEN WE PUT ONE OF THE SIGNS OUT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THEN. THEY WON AGAIN IN '14, THEY WON AGAIN IN '15, THEY WON AGAIN LAST YEAR IN '18, AND WE WEREN'T REALLY -- WE DIDN'T REALLY DO A GOOD JOB WITH THE SIGN. THEY DIDN'T TELL ME THEY WERE GOING TO WIN IT EVERY YEAR, SO WE HAD IT ON ONE SIDE OF THE SIGN, NO MORE ROOM, SO HAD TO REDO THE SIGN LAST YEAR, BUT NOW I THINK WE'VE GOT IT RIGHT, A LITTLE BIT OF ROOM FOR THEM TO CONTINUE AND WIN, UNLESS THEY ARE GOING TO WIN IT EVERY YEAR, WE'LL DO ANOTHER SIGN, TOO, IF WE

NEED TO. SO IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU WIN STATE TITLES ANY TIME. IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE WHEN YOU WIN FIVE IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. SO THEY BEAT, I THINK, CAMPBELL COUNTY IN THE FINAL ROUND TO WIN. SHAKING HEADS, YES, YES. SO WHAT I HAVE TONIGHT IS JUST SOME CERTIFICATES TONIGHT TO HONOR THEM. I HAVE FOR THE COACHES, TO HONOR TO ALL WHOM THESE LETTERS SHALL COME, LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES OUR COACHES, AND I FORGET HOW IT IS, AS A COACH FOR THE 2019 PLEASURE RIDGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING TEAM, AND WE SIGNED THEM, AND WE DID ONE FOR EACH OF THE PLAYERS, AS WELL. I THINK WE CAN CALL THOSE OUT. COACH, YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING BEFORE WE DO THAT? AND THEY ARE HUMBLE, AS WELL. SO WE'LL -- SO WE HAVE DAWN, OTHER COACHES, I DON'T KNOW IF ALL THE COACHES. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE A GUESS AND GUESS THAT YOU ARE NOT PHIL. AND YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT KEVIN. YOU MUST BE JULIE. BRIANNA BATES. KAYLA BOOTH, SHE'S NOT HERE. BRIANNA BUSTER, NOT HERE. LILLY KOHLS IS HERE. ABBY COX. ANNA DUKE. LINED UP LIKE THAT. APPARENTLY, SOME ARE KENTUCKY FANS. KATIE PAYNE. LEXI PRETTY. VALERIE SANTORO. BRITTNEY TRIMBLE. [APPLAUSE]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. AND CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES. NEXT WE HAVE THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF MARCH 7, 2019. MAY I HAVE A MOTION -- SORRY, SORRY, ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS? NOW MAY I HAVE APPROVAL? MINUTES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED.

APPROVED AS WRITTEN. NEXT WE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MINUTES, ALL IN 2019. SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MARCH 4, 2019. REGULAR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, MARCH 5, 2019. REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MARCH 7, 2019. REGULAR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCIES, MARCH 11, 2019. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MARCH 11, 2019. REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, MARCH 12, 2019. REGULAR LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MARCH 12, 2019. REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MARCH 12, 2019. REGULAR GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, MARCH 12, 2019. REGULAR HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MARCH 13, 2019. REGULAR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, MARCH 13, 2019. REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, MARCH 13, 2019. REGULAR BUDGET COMMITTEE, MARCH 14, 2019. REGULAR COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES, MARCH 19, 2019. ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS? MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND? THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ALL THOSE 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 FRIENDS OF METRO ANIMAL SERVICES, (FOMAS), ORDINANCE, I AM APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING: JEFFREY PETERMAN, APPOINTMENT, TERM APRIL 11,

2022. THIS IS TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD ONLY. METRO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THIS APPOINTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES: THIS LETTER IS TO CORRECT THE APPOINTMENT DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING BRIGHTSIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. F. WILLIAM FENSTERER, APPOINTMENT, TERM DECEMBER 31, 2019. LOUIS JOHN KORFHAGE, APPOINTMENT, TERM, DECEMBER 31, 2020.

THIS IS TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD ONLY. METRO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THESE APPOINTMENTS IS NOT REQUIRED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD ORDINANCE, I AM APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO THE BOARD: GENA REDMON, APPOINTMENT, TERM, AUGUST 15, 2019. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE, I AM APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO RIVERPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. JAMAL BOWMAN, APPOINTMENT, TERM JULY 31, 2021. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT

JAMES: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE, I AM REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING TO DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. SHANE MOSELEY, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM MARCH 23, 2022. MICHAEL SADOFSKY, REAPPOINTMENT, TERM MARCH 23, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THESE APPOINTMENTS IS MOST APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, GREG FISCHER, MAYOR. DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES: IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL ORDINANCE, I AM APPOINTING THE

FOLLOWING. LEO HOBBS, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. SHANNON DERRICK, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. JAMES WILKERSON, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. SHELLEY SANTRY, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. PAM DARNELL, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. KARINA BARILLAS, APPOINTMENT, TERM EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2022. YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON THIS APPOINTMENT 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. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE CONSENT CALENDAR COMPRISES ITEMS 24 THROUGH 41. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS? MR. CLERK, A READING OF THESE ITEMS.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$8,500 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$1,500 FROM DISTRICT 8; \$1,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 2, 6, AND 26; \$500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 15, AND 25; AND \$250 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 14 AND 21; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO LOUISVILLE PRIDE FOUNDATION, INC. FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOURTH ANNUAL LOUISVILLE PRIDE FESTIVAL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2018. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,725 FROM DISTRICT 11 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES, INC. TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO EXPAND FOOD STORAGE ROOM FOR INCREASED

OPERATIONS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 108, SERIES 2018, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET FOR LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY TRANSFERRING \$23,000 FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND (DISTRICT 26) TO LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL GENERAL OPERATIONS (DISTRICT 26). A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR METRO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONCERNING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - (CALHOUN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. - \$600,000.00). A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR METRO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONCERNING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - (KOFI CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. D/B/A MARTIN CONSTRUCTION CO. - \$600,000.00). A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR METRO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONCERNING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - (MESSIER AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - \$600,000.00). A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR METRO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONCERNING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - (WTP

ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED - \$600,000.00). APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA SIVELLS (PROPERTY OWNER ELECT POSITION) TO THE FAIRDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022.

APPOINTMENT OF LISA HITE TO THE EXTENSION BOARD. TERM EXPIRES MARCH 1, 2022. APPOINTMENT OF TED SMITH TO THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC) BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF TRAVIS HATCHELL TO THE POLICE MERIT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2021. REAPPOINTMENT OF G. DAVID PEARL TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES FEBRUARY 9, 2022.

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER TO THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. TERM EXPIRES MARCH 27, 2021. APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD KRUGER TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. TERM EXPIRES MARCH 21, 2022. APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD REYNOLDS TO THE KENTUCKIANA WORKS - GREATER LOUISVILLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES MARCH 21, 2022. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.1.4 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO DRIVEWAY WIDTH FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND DUPLEXES (CASE NO. 18AMEND1001). AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF NORTH 26TH STREET TO MARINE STREET AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 19STREETS1000). AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN UNNAMED ALLEY AT 709/715 EAST GRAY STREET, 710, 712, AND 716 EAST CHESTNUT STREET, AND 616-634 SOUTH SHELBY STREET BETWEEN EAST GRAY STREET AND SPRINGER ALLEY AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18STREETS1028). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND FOR APPROVAL? BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. CONSENT CALENDAR'S BEFORE US. MR. CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL CALL FOR VOTING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING. AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 25 YES VOTES AND ONE NOT VOTING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES. NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS IS OLD BUSINESS. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 42.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE "METRO GOVERNMENT" OR THE "ISSUER"), PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES OF THE METRO GOVERNMENT IN ONE OR MORE SERIES TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE PUBLIC PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN METRO GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE BONDS AND NOTES ARE TO BE ISSUED AND PROVIDING FOR A COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED SALE THEREOF; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND TAKING OTHER RELATED ACTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT OUR LAST MEETING. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO UNTABLE?

>> MOTION TO UNTABLE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS THE THIRD OF THE MECHANISMS BY WHICH WE WILL FUND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR '19 BUDGET. THERE WAS A REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION THAT WE DID LAST YEAR. THERE WAS A CREDIT FACILITY THAT WAS ACTUALLY APPROVED IN OUR NEXT MEETING, AND THAT CREDIT FACILITY WILL BE PAID OFF BY THESE BONDS. SO THIS IS AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SELLING OF THOSE BONDS. AND I URGE YOUR APPROVAL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING 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 23 YES VOTES, TWO PRESENT VOTES, AND ONE NOT VOTING. THE TWO PRESENT VOTES ARE COUNCIL MEMBERS REED AND PARKER.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. [APPLAUSE] MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 43, PLEASE.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 122 TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM FEES (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MOTION AND A SECOND? THANK YOU. MOTION IS BEFORE US. ANY DISCUSSION? COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLANDER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I WANT TO COMMENT FIRST ABOUT THE PROCESS FOR THIS ORDINANCE, BECAUSE I'M PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE. WE HAD MULTIPLE MEETINGS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. WE HAD TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, WHERE WE HEARD FROM MORE THAN 120 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE HAD MANY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS. I THINK THIS HAS BEEN AN OPEN PROCESS. I THINK WE WERE INTENT ON ANSWERING QUESTIONS. WE'VE ALSO ANSWERED DOZENS OF QUESTIONS ON THE CITY WEBSITE. I THINK WE WERE INTERESTED IN AN OPEN PROCESS AND INTERESTED IN TRYING TO GET AS MUCH FACTS TO THE PUBLIC AS WE COULD. BACKGROUND OF THIS IS THAT WE HAVE A LARGE AND GROWING PENSION BILL FROM FRANKFORT. IT'S BECAUSE OF CHANGES MADE IN THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE USED BY THE KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. THOSE CHANGES WERE MADE IN JULY OF 2017, AND THEY HAVE INCREASED THE AMOUNT THAT WE OWE FOR OUR CERS SYSTEM BY ROUGHLY \$10 MILLION A YEAR AT THE BEGINNING AND ACTUALLY MORE AS WE GO FORWARD. WE WERE SAVED FROM CATASTROPHE LAST YEAR WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAID THIS WOULD ONLY, ONLY, BE PHASED IN AT A 12% A YEAR INCREASE, BUT THAT 12% A YEAR INCREASE TAKES US FROM \$76 MILLION AND ADDS \$10 MILLION A YEAR. IT TAKES IT FROM \$76 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '18 TO \$136 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '23. THAT'S \$60 MILLION MORE EVERY YEAR THAT WE'LL BE PAYING THAN WE PAID IN FISCAL YEAR '18. THAT IS,

OBVIOUSLY, A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE CURRENT ROUGHLY \$620 MILLION GENERAL FUND BUDGET. THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM SUCH AS THE RECESSION, WHICH IS MEASURED IN MONTHS AND WE KNOW IT WILL END. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN A RECESSION WILL END, BUT IT WILL END, AND REVENUES WILL BEGIN TO PICK UP. SO WHEN WE HAD THE LAST RECESSION, WE COULD DEAL WITH THAT KIND OF PROBLEM WITH FURLOUGHS AND OTHER SPECIAL MECHANISMS, KNOWING THAT THE ECONOMY WOULD RECOVER. THIS BILL WILL NOT GO AWAY. I WISH I COULD TELL YOU IT WOULD STOP IN FISCAL YEAR '23, BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. WHAT WE WERE TOLD WAS, IT WILL PLATEAU, WE HOPE, IN FISCAL YEAR '23, BUT WE WILL BE PAYING \$60 MILLION MORE THAN WE PAID IN FISCAL YEAR '18. WE HAVE A MULTIYEAR PROBLEM, AND IT CALLS FOR A MULTIYEAR SOLUTION. LAST YEAR, THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE PAID THE EXTRA PENSION BILL, WE CUT 49 POSITIONS OUT OF THE BUDGET, BUT PAYING THAT BILL THIS YEAR AND IN FUTURE YEARS WILL BECOME VERY DIFFICULT. THE PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE THE COUNCIL TONIGHT IS AN AMENDED ORDINANCE THAT WAS APPROVED AT OUR BUDGET COMMITTEE, WHICH INCREASES THE RATE ON INSURANCE LINES OTHER THAN VEHICLES AND HEALTH TO 9.5% NEXT YEAR, IN FISCAL YEAR '20, 9.75 IN FISCAL YEAR '21, AND 10% IN FISCAL YEAR '22, AND CONTINUES AT THAT LEVEL. IT ALSO, VERY IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MANY PEOPLE ON THE COUNCIL AND IN THE COMMUNITY ASK, IT VERY IMPORTANTLY SAYS THAT EVERY DOLLAR THAT IS RAISED BY THE INCREASE IN THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TASK, WILL BE

SET ASIDE IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE INCREASED PENSION COST AFTER FISCAL YEAR '18. IF WE EVER HAVE MORE MONEY IN THAT ACCOUNT THAN WE NEED TO PAY THOSE COSTS, IN A PARTICULAR YEAR, IT WILL BE USED SOLELY FOR THOSE INCREASED PENSION COSTS, AND THE ORDINANCE SAYS THAT IF WE ARE ABLE TO GET NEW REVENUE SOURCES FROM FRANKFORT, WHICH HAS TO GRANT US THOSE RIGHTS, WE SHALL REVISIT THIS NEW INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX. THIS 10% RATE IS ACTUALLY IN LINE WITH MANY LARGE CITIES ACROSS THE STATE. AND, IN FACT, WHEN YOU TAKE OUT THE FACT THAT WE WOULD NOT BE INCREASING THE RATE ON VEHICLES, IT'S BELOW THE RATE IN MANY LARGE CITIES ACROSS THE STATE, AND NEARLY AT THE AVERAGE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE. I RELUCTANTLY SUPPORTED THE AMENDMENT. BECAUSE IT WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN OUR BUDGET. IT WILL NOT RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THE DEFICIT THAT WE WILL HAVE THIS YEAR. WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CUT \$15 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '20 AND \$20 MILLION OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS. SO FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING YOU NEED TO GET LEANER AND YOU NEED TO FIND THINGS TO CUT, YOU CAN VOTE FOR THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE AND THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THINGS TO CUT. THOSE CUTS WILL BE DEEP, BUT FAR LESS DRAMATIC THAN IF WE WERE TO CUT \$35 MILLION THIS YEAR AND \$35 MILLION MORE IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IF WE HAVE NO INCREASE AT ALL. THOSE CUTS WOULD AFFECT SERVICES AND RESIDENTS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY. NO OPPONENT OF THE TAX

INCREASE HAS SAID HOW THEY WOULD DO THAT. NO OPPONENT HAS LAID OUT \$35 MILLION IN CUTS THAT THEY THINK ARE AVAILABLE IN FISCAL YEAR '20 AND \$30 MILLION MORE IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THE CUTS WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT WILL, I'M AFRAID, AFFECT THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN OUR CITY. AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE MOST AT RISK. THE MAYOR TOLD US WHAT CUTS HE WOULD PROPOSE. HE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, HE WOULD REDUCE ONE OF OUR VACANT LOTS CREW, WHICH WOULD MASSIVELY IMPACT SOME OF OUR MOST AT-RISK NEIGHBORHOODS. HE WOULD REDUCE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND I THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM RIGHT NOW. HE SAID HE WOULD REDUCE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM, AND I THINK WE ALL AGREE, OR MOST OF US AGREE, WE NEED TO KEEP OUR KIDS ACTIVE, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE CRIME PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE. WE WOULD ELIMINATE ONE POSITION IN THE EEO DIVISION. WE WOULD ELIMINATE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. WE WOULD APPROPRIATE LESS MONEY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CUT OUR PAVING PROJECT, WHICH WITH THE HELP OF SOME MEMBERS IN THIS CHAMBER, INCLUDING COUNCILMAN ACKERSON, WE ARE NOW ON A PROGRAM TO GET OUR STREETS IN BETTER CONDITION, BUT WE COULD NOT CONTINUE ON THAT PROGRAM. WE WOULD CUT NEW SIDEWALKS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, AND WE WOULD CUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH WE HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN ON A PATH OF FUNDING IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO ELIMINATE TWO OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE LOCATIONS. THERE WOULD BE NO NEW FUNDING OR RENEWAL OF THE MONEY

WE APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR TO DEAL WITH HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ELIMINATE EXTERNAL AGENCY FUNDS FOR SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CUT THE VERY VITAL COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, AND WE'D REDUCE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHICH HAS ALREADY LOST ITS STATE PARTNER AND NOW DEPENDS ON METRO FOR ALL OF ITS FUNDING. WE WERE TOLD THAT WE WOULD ELIMINATE FOUR OF THE 17 COMMUNITY CENTERS. WE WOULD ELIMINATE FOUR OF OUR FIVE POOLS. WE WOULD REDUCE PERSONNEL IN OUR LIBRARIES BY SHORTENING BRANCH HOURS. AND WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID, NO, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT. WE WOULD TAKE PUBLIC SAFETY OFF THE TABLE. WE WOULD TAKE LIBRARIES OFF THE TABLE. WE WOULD TAKE COMMUNITY CENTERS OFF THE TABLE, BUT SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO FIND \$35 MILLION TO CUT. AND I'M HERE TO SAY, THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. THAT'S SIMPLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. WE WOULD CLOSE ONE OF OUR 18 BRANCHES OF THE LIBRARY, IN ADDITION TO, IN MY OPINION, THE GRADING SERVICE ACROSS THE SYSTEM BY HAVING FEWER PEOPLE WHO COULD FILL IN. WE, IN FACT, AS THE COUNCIL VOTED NOT TO DO THAT LAST YEAR, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT LIBRARIES NOT OPENING WHEN PEOPLE WERE ILL. AND, I THINK, THERE WOULD BE CUTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S SIMPLY TOO BIG AN ITEM IN OUR BUDGET NOT TO CUT IF WE HAVE TO CUT \$35 MILLION OUT OF OUR BUDGET. WE WOULD REDUCE PERSONNEL AT THE CENTER OF HEALTH EQUITY, ELIMINATE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE LIVING ROOM, AND YOU'VE HEARD TONIGHT HOW VITAL THAT PROGRAM IS.

WE WOULD ELIMINATE A JUNE CLASS OF LMPD OFFICERS, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS ON THE STREET. ELIMINATE CLOSE-FIRE STATIONS, AND ELIMINATE AMBULANCES. AS I SAID, SOME HAVE SAID WE WON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY CUTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, BUT THAT'S LIKELY IMPOSSIBLE WHEN IT MAKES UP AS MUCH AS 50% OR 60% OF OUR BUDGET. AND THE FOP TOLD US TODAY, AND I HOPE YOU READ THE LETTER THAT WAS DELIVERED TO US, THE STATUS QUO IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUCH LESS ANYTHING ELSE. AND, FINALLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER RETURNING YOUTH DETENTION SERVICES TO THE STATE, AND YOU'VE HEARD THE DIFFICULTIES IN DOING THAT TONIGHT. THIS IS, OF COURSE, A DIFFICULT VOTE. I KNOW THAT. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO DO, BUT I CAN TELL YOU, THAT THE MORE DIFFICULT VOTE WILL BE ON JUNE 25TH. THAT'S JUST THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, WHEN WE WILL BE FORCED TO APPROVE A BUDGET MAKING THOSE DRAMATIC CUTS. GOVERNING, LIKE MOST THINGS, REQUIRES COMPROMISE. I WOULD LIKE FEWER CUTS. SOME PEOPLE WANT MORE. I THINK WE FOUND THROUGH THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE, NOT IDEAL, AN ACCEPTABLE MIDDLE GROUND, AND I URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND I'LL BE FAIRLY BRIEF. BILL COVERED A LOT OF WHAT I HAD TO SAY. I HAVE APPRECIATED THE PROCESS. I KNOW NOT JUST WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE AT THE COUNCIL, BUT PROBABLY EVERY COUNCIL MEMBER HERE HAS HAD A PUBLIC MEETING,

AT LEAST ONE, SOME MULTIPLE, AND GOT A LOT OF FEEDBACK. YOU KNOW, I THINK THIS -- WE'RE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE NO GREAT OPTIONS. NOBODY'S GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY TALKING ABOUT RAISING REVENUE, RAISING TAXES. NOBODY'S GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY TALKING ABOUT CUTTING SERVICES, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN LAID BEFORE US. THOSE ARE THE OPTIONS, AND THEN THERE'S SOME MIDDLE GROUND, AND I THINK WE'VE STARTED, AT LEAST INITIALLY, WITH I ALWAYS SAY IT'S OPTION A, WHICH WAS ALL CUTS, AND BILL READ SOME OF THOSE THAT THE MAYOR AT LEAST PROPOSED, AND THEN WE LOOKED AT OPTION B, WHICH WAS THE INITIAL PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS TO COVER ALL THOSE CUTS AND RAISE REVENUE. BUT I THINK THE SPONSORS, AND I THINK THEY HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY, WENT OUT, TALKED, MET, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD, WAS, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T LIKE EITHER OPTION, BUT MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS PROPOSAL DOES. IT ATTEMPTS TO HELP US TIGHTEN OUR BELT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT REALIZES IT DOESN'T WANT TO STRANGLE YOU WITH IT, AND SO I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT. AND THEN THERE WAS A FOURTH PLAN THAT WAS SORT OF PRESENTED LAST WEEK. IT WAS AN ALL-CUT PLAN, AND I APPRECIATE COUNCILMAN ACKERSON BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION, BUT IT WAS ONE WHERE WE WOULD CUT 10% OF NON-PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, AND THEN WE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY CUTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES. UNFORTUNATELY, 44% OF THE BUDGET IS NON-PUBLIC SAFETY. ROUGHLY \$273 MILLION, SO THAT'S ABOUT \$27 MILLION, BUT WE OWE \$35 FROM

JULY 1ST. THAT LEAVES US \$8 MILLION SHORT. WHERE DO YOU GO GET THAT? PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PLACES YOU CAN'T CUT, YOU DO CUT. SO WHAT DOES THAT LEAVE US? THERE ARE NO SACRED COWS, NONE, NO SACRED COWS. SO EVERY DEPARTMENT, EVERY PLACE, COULD BE HIT, COULD BE CUT. I MEAN, I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING TODAY, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE, AND I'VE GOTTEN TO DO THIS SINCE I'VE BEEN A COUNCIL MEMBER, TO GO TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS, AND THEY ARE NOT THERE FOR THE FOOD. THEY ARE THERE FOR THE COMPANY. AND THE SMILES THAT YOU GET WHEN YOU LIGHT UP, AND WHEN I WAS TALKING TO THE DRIVER, I SAID, WELL, HOW'S THE PROGRAM, HOW ARE THINGS? WE'RE DOWN TWO POSITIONS. WE'RE LIGHT TWO POSITIONS. I DON'T MAKE RUNS, OR I DO DOUBLE RUNS, OR WE DON'T GET TO RUNS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS. SO ANYBODY LISTENING, I'D SAY, PLEASE, VOLUNTEER FOR MEALS ON WHEELS. I PROBABLY NEED TO PICK UP ANOTHER SHIFT MYSELF. BUT THE POINT IS, WITHOUT THAT, IF IT GOES AWAY, WHAT DO WE DO? \$35 MILLION. PROGRAMS LIKE THAT, THEY ARE ESSENTIAL, BUT THOSE ARE THE TOUGH DECISIONS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE. ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO NOT HAVE AS MANY PATROLMAN? THOSE ARE THE CHOICES WE HAVE. THEY ARE NOT GREAT CHOICES, BUT THIS PROPOSAL MAKES IT LESSEN AND LESSENS THAT BURDEN TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND FOR THAT I HOPE WE WILL SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL THAT CAME OUT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. COUNCILMAN WINKLER.

>> THANK YOU. WE'VE BEEN PUT IN AN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION, RIGHT, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US WHO ARE NEW. WE HAVE TO DECIDE TO INCREASE TAXES OR MAKE INCREDIBLE CUTS TO SERVICE THAT WILL NO DOUBT HAVE HARDSHIP ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY. THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS TONIGHT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OVER A MILLION PEOPLE. SOME OF THOSE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE SMALL, SOME OF THEM WILL BE LARGE, MANY OF THEM WE'LL NEVER EVEN KNOW ABOUT. SOME OF THEM ARE NOT EVEN GOING TO MATERIALIZE FOR YEARS FROM NOW. I RECOGNIZE THAT ANY TAX INCREASE HAS AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE, AND NO ONE WANTS A TAX INCREASE. AND I KNOW THAT EACH OF US HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR OUR OWN DISTRICT. I HAD A CONVERSATION EARLIER WITH COUNCILWOMAN MCCRANEY ABOUT PUTTING MYSELF IN HER SHOES. THAT'S TRUE FOR ALL OF US, RIGHT, HOW CAN I POSSIBLY KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THE SOUTH END OR THE WEST END? I CAN ONLY KNOW WHAT'S BEST REALLY NOT EVEN FOR MY DISTRICT, REALLY ONLY FOR ME AND MYSELF, RIGHT? BUT I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS FOR THE CITY AS A WHOLE, AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT WITH THIS LEVEL OF CUTS, WE WILL HAVE AN IMPACT, A NEGATIVE IMPACT, ON EVERY ASPECT OF OUR CITY. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S NOT ROOM IN THE BUDGET TO MAKE THESE CUTS. I HAVE TALKED TO ALMOST EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM, REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT, AND NO ONE BELIEVES THAT \$35 MILLION, LET ALONE \$65 MILLION, IS THE RIGHT NUMBER. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR US TO WALK OUT OF THIS CHAMBER TONIGHT, SPEND THE NEXT THREE MONTHS MOVING FROM THIS KNEE-JERK

ISSUE TO THE NEXT KNEE-JERK ISSUE, SPENDING THREE MONTHS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO DO THE LEAST DAMAGE IN CUTTING \$35 MILLION OUT OF THE BUDGET. AS SOON AS WE FINISH THAT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO CUT ANOTHER \$10 MILLION OUT OF THE BUDGET. AS SOON AS WE FINISH THAT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND FIND ANOTHER \$15 MILLION AND THEN ANOTHER \$15 MILLION, AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE COUNTLESS PEOPLE COMING TO LOUISVILLE OVER THE COMING MONTHS. THEY ARE GOING TO COME, THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK, POTENTIALLY, SOME OF THEM WILL MOVE HERE, SOME OF THEM WILL MOVE THEIR JOBS HERE. THEY ARE GOING TO COME TO THE DERBY, THEY ARE GOING TO TURN ON THE NEWS AT NIGHT, AND THEY ARE GOING TO SEE IS THIS THE CITY THAT I WANT TO MOVE TO, RIGHT, ARE WE A CITY THAT IS GROWING AND VIBRANT, OR ARE WE A CITY THAT'S IN RETRENCHMENT, WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO FIND EVERY NICKEL AND DIME TO HOLD ON TO EVERY OUNCE OF SERVICE? WE'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT THE IMPACT TO CUTS AND THE IMPACT OF THE TAX. IT IS NOT AN EASY DECISION. I WOULD ARGUE THAT THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US DOESN'T MAKE THAT ANY EASIER. ALL IT REALLY DOES IS BUY US A COUPLE OF YEARS. WE, IN TWO YEARS, IN THREE YEARS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER \$25 MILLION HOLE WITH THIS PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE TO FIND. ALL OF THE EFFICIENCIES THROUGH THE EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE, ALL OF THE CUTS, THOSE ARE GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR US TO WORK TOWARDS. WE KNOW WE DON'T HAVE ROOM IN THE BUDGET. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO

JUST ONE QUOTE THAT I CAME ACROSS THIS WEEK. IRONICALLY, THIS IS FROM STEVE HAGUE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE METRO COUNCIL'S REPUBLICAN CAUCUS IS WEARY OF WHAT IMPACT ATTRITION AND OTHER EFFICIENCIES WILL HAVE ON CITY SERVICE AS WE BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS BEFORE IT MUST BE PASSED, ADDING PUBLIC WORKS AND ANIMAL SERVICES ARE THREE SIGNIFICANT AGENCIES FACING ATTRITION, WITH PARKS HAVING A LONG DIFFICULTY OF HISTORY KEEPING UP WITH THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE REQUIRED. MAINTENANCE PARKS IS NOT FILLING POSITIONS WHILE PUBLIC WORKS IS LETTING TEN FULL-TIME POSITIONS GO UNFILLED. DESPITE THE FACT METRO ANIMAL SERVICES WILL BE GETTING A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER NEXT YEAR, THAT DEPARTMENT IS NOT HIRING FOR ONE POSITION. WE'LL BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF THE LIBRARY POSITION PUTS BACKUPS AND THE EVENT OF ILLNESS FOR MORE UNPLANNED CLOSURES. THAT QUOTE WAS OFFERED LAST APRIL IN PREPARATION FOR THE BUDGET THAT MEMBERS OF THIS BUDGET PASSED. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE CUT POSITIONS, NOT ADDED POSITIONS. AND SO I WOULD ASK, ARE WE IN MORE OF A POSITION TO CUT SERVICES TODAY? ARE THOSE SERVICES NOT GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT? WE WILL FEEL IT IN EVERY ASPECT. I WOULD ARGUE THAT THE PROPOSAL THAT WE PUT FORWARD, WHILE FAR FROM PERFECT, AT LEAST BY THE TIME TO SOLVE THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE, COMING TO \$13 MILLION IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT ENOUGH. I WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO CONSIDER THOSE IMPACTS, RIGHT, GIVE US TIME TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, MAKE THE DECISION THAT IS

DIFFICULT, RIGHT, NO DOUBT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US, BUT HOPEFULLY PROVIDES US THE TIME TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR THE LONG TERM. THANK YOU.

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

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND I WAS A SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE AND IN THAT ORDINANCE I BELIEVE I PLACED MY NAME AS A CO-SPONSOR, I MADE IT VERY CLEAR WHAT MY VALUES ARE, AND I TRIED TO STAY TRUE TO THOSE VALUES AND ALIGN THEM AS DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD AND THE AMENDED SUBSTITUTIONS. I WANTED TO SOLVE OUR CURRENT PENSION OBLIGATION AND OUR FUTURE PENSION OBLIGATION WITH THE INCREASED REVENUE. I WAS NOT IN FAVOR AT THE BEGINNING OF CUTTING ANY OF OUR MOST CRITICAL VALUABLE SERVICES, AND IT BECAME VERY DIFFICULT TO START PICKING AND CHOOSING WHICH ONES WERE CRITICAL AND VALUABLE. HOWEVER, AT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES, MANY CONVERSATIONS, EVERYBODY WAS ASKING EACH OTHER, YOU KNOW, PLEASE RESPECT THE PROCESS, PLEASE CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THE AMENDED ORDINANCE BEFORE US TONIGHT SHOWS US THE FIVE SPONSORS, WE DID JUST THAT, AND I SHOULD ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF, SO I AM RELUCTANT SO THAT I WILL VOTE FOR THIS AMENDMENT BY INSTITUTION THIS EVENING, HOWEVER, THE CUTS ARE DEEP, AND THEY ARE VERY CHALLENGING. AND I WAS ALSO INSPIRED BY A NUMBER OF OUR COLLEAGUES THAT WERE SAYING WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS BUDGET, EVERY LINE OF THE BUDGET, WE

NEED TO LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE. WE NEED TO TAKE A DEEP DIVE, AND I DID THAT. AS I WENT THROUGH THE BUDGET, EVERY TIME I FOUND A SAVINGS, I DECIDED I NEED TO LOOK FURTHER. I COULDN'T STOP THERE, AND IN DOING SO I REALIZED I NEEDED TO CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUTS, SO IF WE CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUTS, THAT'S A CHOICE I THINK EACH OF US ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DO. BY CUTTING A NUMBER, THAT IS NOT WHERE IT STOPS. THAT'S WHERE THE CUTS STARTS. THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE CUT. SO I DID A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES, A FEW THAT I WANTED TO SHARE, THAT REALLY GOT MY ATTENTION. SO THE LIVING ROOM MODEL, A \$1 MILLION EXPENSE THIS YEAR, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS ON THE TABLE, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT, CUT THAT \$1 MILLION. SO I TRIED TO CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUT, IF WE DID THAT. THE RESEARCH THAT I WAS ABLE TO COME ACROSS SHOWS THAT 2,500 ADMITTANCES HAVE GONE TO THE BLUE LIGHT THERE AT THE LIVING ROOM AT 7TH AND MAGAZINE, AND WHO KNOWS WHERE THOSE 2,500 VISITS TO THAT DOORWAY WOULD HAVE GONE IF THE BLUE LIGHT HAD BEEN TURNED OUT. SO THEN YOU CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUT. WE'VE BEEN TOLD IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THAT MANY OF THOSE FOLKS ARE PLACED IN THE BACK OF A POLICE CAR. NOT ALL, BUT MANY. I WOULD HOPE THAT NOT ALL WERE, BUT STAY WITH ME FOR A MOMENT. WHAT IF 2,500 ADMITTANCES TO THE BLUE LIGHT AT THE LIVING ROOM WERE PLACED IN THE BACK OF AN LMPD BEAT OFFICER'S CAR, AND THAT CAR WENT OVER TO THE JAIL? WE ALL KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN TESTIFIED IN THIS CHAMBER ON MANY

OCCASIONS, THAT IT MAY TAKE AN OFFICER TWO HOURS, THREE HOURS, MAYBE FOUR, IN A WORST-CASE SCENARIO, OF HIS OR HER TIME OFF THE BEAT SITTING THERE GETTING THAT PERSON BOOKED INTO THE JAIL. WE'VE HEARD IN TESTIMONY IN THIS CHAMBER THAT AT THE BLUE LIGHT AT THE LIVING ROOM, IT IS TWO TO FOUR MINUTES FOR IF AN OFFICER TAKES A PERSON THERE. SO WHAT'S THE COST IF ALL 2,500 WERE TAKEN TO THE JAIL? IF THOSE 2,500 ADMITTANCES WERE NEEDING OUR TOP LINE DETOX MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE JAIL, THAT CAN COST AS MUCH AS \$250 A DAY. IT HAS BEEN TESTIFIED IN THIS CHAMBER THAT THAT SOMETIMES COSTS \$275 A DAY. I'LL TAKE THE LOWER NUMBER, AS I CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUT. \$250 A DAY TIMES 2,500 ADMITTANCES IS \$625,000. THE AVERAGE DETOX, AS IT HAS BEEN TESTIFIED IN THIS CHAMBER, IS SEVEN DAYS. THAT WOULD BE \$4,375,000. HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE STAY AT OUR JAIL RIGHT NOW IS RUNNING APPROXIMATELY 23 DAYS. SOME OF THAT MAY BE IN DETOX, SOME MAY NOT, BUT IF YOU TAKE THE EXTREME EXAMPLE, THAT COULD BE A \$14,375,000 COST. I TOOK THE DEEP DIVE. I TOOK IT, AND I WANTED TO CALCULATE THE COST. SECOND EXAMPLE I WANTED TO SHARE, BECAUSE I'VE REALLY LOOKED AT THIS LONG AND HARD. MANY PEOPLE ASKED ME TO DO THE HOMEWORK AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE COST IS AND TO CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUT OF THE YOUTH DETENTION SERVICES. SO I LEARNED RECENTLY THAT IF WE WERE TO CUT YOUTH DETENTION SERVICES AND MOVE THOSE CHILDREN, THEY ARE NOT INMATES, THEY ARE CHILDREN, LITTLE BOYS AND LITTLE GIRLS. WE

AVERAGE NOW 50 CHILDREN, YOUNG BOYS AND YOUNG GIRLS IN THE YOUTH DETENTION SERVICES, 50 A DAY IS THE AVERAGE. IF THEY WERE TO BE MOVED INTO STATE CUSTODY, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE STATE \$94 A DAY PER CHILD, TIMES 50 ON THE AVERAGE IS \$4,700 A DAY. IF WE DO THAT FOR 365 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR, THAT IS A \$1,715,500 COST, THE COST OF THE CUT. AND FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. HOW CAN WE CUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND? THAT IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO HAVE DECENT, AFFORDABLE, QUALITY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN OUR CITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY. WE FINALLY ARE FULLY FUNDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, THE MOST RECENT REPORT HAS SHOWN \$16 IN PRIVATE INVESTMENT. CALCULATION, \$160 MILLION. CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUT. IF WE DON'T FUND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE PRIVATE INVESTMENT. WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THE JOBS, THE HOUSING, AND THE FUTURE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THOSE UNITS THAT ARE BUILT. 666,000 PAYCHECKS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY WAS REPORTED IN LAST WEEK'S LABOR REPORT. 666,000 PAYCHECKS. OF THOSE, 254,210 PAYCHECKS DO NOT MAKE \$15.79 AN HOUR. THAT IS THE NUMBER WE SHOULD ALL FOCUS ON. BECAUSE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, IN ORDER TO AFFORD A TWO-BEDROOM MARKET-RATE APARTMENT, YOU MUST MAKE AT LEAST \$15.79 AN HOUR. WE HAVE ONE OF THE LOWEST AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCKS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. COUPLED WITH ONE

OF THE HIGHEST EVICTION RATES. WE MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION AS WE CUT THINGS, LET'S CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUTS. AND IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON. I DID THE SAME THING FOR THE \$7.9 MILLION THAT CHIEF CONRAD REPORTED THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE PROJECTING FOR THAT LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. MY GOODNESS, HOW DO YOU CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUTS TO LMPD? HOW DO YOU DO THAT? IN THE FIRST DIVISION, WHICH THE VAST MAJORITY OF LMPD'S FIRST DIVISION RESIDES IN THE DISTRICT I REPRESENT. NOT ALL, BUT MOST. LAST YEAR THAT FIRST DIVISION HAD A 58% DECREASE IN HOMICIDES AND A 41% DECREASE IN SHOOTINGS. TODAY, I REPORT THAT HOMICIDES ARE DOWN 100% IN THE FIRST DIVISION. THAT MEANS, MR. PRESIDENT, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A HOMICIDE REPORTED AS OF THE DATE IN THE FIRST DIVISION. SO YOU CALCULATE THE COST OF THE CUTS. WHEN YOU START ADDING THE COST OF A HUMAN LIFE, IT GETS VERY EXPENSIVE. SO I WILL BE VOTING FOR THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION, NOT BECAUSE I THINK EVERYTHING IN IT IS PERFECT. NOT BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE HAVE THE PERFECT APPROACH. IT'S BECAUSE IT'S A COMPROMISE, AND IT'S A COMPROMISE THAT WAS A HARD ONE FOR ME TO MAKE, BUT I SAY, MY VALUES ARE ALIGNED WITH THE VOTE I WILL MAKE TONIGHT. I STAND FOR MORE AND BETTER JOBS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. I STAND FOR MORE AND BETTER SERVICES IN ALL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND I STAND FOR SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS. AND I BELIEVE IF WE DO THIS TOGETHER, FIND OUR WAY, WE WILL BUILD A GREAT CONNECTED COMMUNITY, AND A COMMUNITY THAT IS SAFE, HEALTHY, EDUCATED, AND

FREE, FREE FROM POVERTY, AND FREE FROM OPPRESSION. SO I HOPE OTHERS WILL JOIN ME IN THIS QUEST THIS EVENING. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] I NEED TO -- I NEED TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO TAKE A TEN-MINUTE RECESS, PLEASE. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THANK YOU.

>> NO.

>> NO.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: AYES HAVE IT. WE'LL BE BACK IN TEN MINUTES. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE. VOTING IS CLOSING, VOTING IS CLOSED. WE'LL BE BACK IN TEN MINUTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: 30 SECONDS, METRO TV. WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS. COUNCILMAN FLOOD.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WE'VE HEARD MUCH IN THE PAST MONTH ABOUT THE PENSION CRISIS THAT IS UPON US. THIS REALLY IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE BY THE STATE. A PENSION BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR CHANGED THE ASSUMPTION RATES AND THEY WERE NOT CHANGED ACCORDING TO ANY PARTICULAR REPORT, BUT ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY IN THESE VERY CHAMBERS, DUE TO PHILOSOPHICAL REASONS. THE STATE DID NOT MAKE THEIR FAIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE PENSION FOR 15 OF THE PAST 19 YEARS. WHY IS IT AN UNFUNDED MANDATE? BECAUSE THE STATE PASSED THE BILL TO US. THEY LEFT US WITH NO WAY TO INCREASE REVENUE OTHER THAN THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX. WE CAN'T EVEN ENACT A 3% RESTAURANT TAX LIKE CITIES THAT

SURROUND US, INCLUDING JEFFERSVILLE. THE STATE COULD NOT EVEN GET TWO DIFFERENT BILLS OUT OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE HEARD ON THE ISSUE. THE STATE HAS EVEN GONE AS FAR AS TO DICTATE TO THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE THAT THE MINERAL TAX DUE TO THE CITY, \$700,000 OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WILL BE SPENT AT A BOTANICAL GARDEN AND WATERFRONT, AND IN THE INSIDER LOUISVILLE, THE QUOTE, IN CLOSED BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS LAST SPRING, LEGISLATORS FUNNELED THE MONEY TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN, EVEN THOUGH THE CITY AND THE PROJECT OFFICIALS SAY THEY DIDN'T ASK FOR THE AIDE TO COME FROM MINERAL TAXES. IT'S UNCLEAR HOW THE PROJECT WAS EVEN ADDED. I'VE HEARD WE WON'T CUT ESSENTIAL SERVICES, BUT THE DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES DEPENDS ON WHICH SIDE OF THE TABLE YOU SIT. TO THE MOTHER WITH CHILDREN STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET, SHE HAS NO COMPUTER IN HER HOME TO DO SCHOOL PROJECTS, THAT LIBRARY BECOMES ESSENTIAL. I'LL GET IT TOGETHER. TO THE HOMELESS VETERANS THAT NEED A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT, THE HOMELESS COALITION ST. JOHN'S CENTER AND THE WAYSIDE MISSION ARE ESSENTIAL. YOU SEE THE HOMELESS HAS A FACE AND NAME FOR ME. A HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND WENT OFF TO THE VIETNAM WAR, AND HE CAME BACK SUFFERING FROM THE DEMONS OF WAR. HE STOOD HERE IN THESE VERY CHAMBERS AND BEGGED THIS COUNCIL SEVERAL YEARS AGO NOT TO CUT FUNDING. TO THE MOTHER LEAVING HER HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, CARRYING HER CHILD ON HER HIP WITH ONLY THE CLOTHES ON HER BACK, A WOMAN'S SHELTER IS NOT ONLY ESSENTIAL, IT'S HER ONLY MEANS OF ESCAPE AND HER

ONLY LIFELINE. SHE ALSO HAS A NAME AND A FACE THAT I RECOGNIZE. TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO GO TO ADULT DAYCARE TO GET A HOT MEAL OR GET A HOT MEAL FROM MEALS ON WHEELS AND SPEND TIME AT MANY OF OUR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND RECEIVE THEIR ONLY HOT MEAL OF THE DAY, THEY, TOO, ARE FAMILIAR TO ME AND THE FACES AND NAMES THAT I RECOGNIZE. AND IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO SAY I HAD TO EXPLAIN TO MY 90-YEAR-OLD MOTHER WHAT THIS MEANT FOR HER, SO I PULLED OUT, IT JUST SO HAPPENED SHE'D JUST RECEIVED HER NEW INSURANCE PREMIUM GUIDELINE, AND I SHOWED HER THAT RIGHT NOW SHE PAYS \$85 A YEAR FOR INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, AND I TOLD HER, I SAID, IT'S GOING TO DOUBLE, SO INSTEAD OF PAYING \$7 SOMETHING A MONTH, IT'S GOING TO BE ALMOST \$15 A MONTH, AND SHE LOOKED AT ME AND SHE SAID, SO YOU'RE TELLING ME FOR THIS LITTLE BIT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO INCREASE MY INSURANCE PREMIUM, I CAN KEEP PEOPLE FROM LOSING THEIR JOB, I CAN KEEP THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE, THE LESS FORTUNATE OF THIS COMMUNITY IN A SAFE PLACE? AND I SAID, YES, MA'AM, I AM. AND SHE LOOKED AT ME WITH ONLY THE WISDOM OF A 90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN THAT'S SEEN A LOT IN HER 90 YEARS AND SAID, IT'S A NO-BRAINER, MADONNA. ISN'T THAT WHAT WE WERE CALLED TO DO FOR ALL OF US TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE THAT ARE THE LEAST AMONG US? SHE GOES, I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THE INSURANCE PREMIUM. SO MY VOTE TONIGHT WILL BE IN HONOR OF MY 90-YEAR-OLD MOTHER. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] COUNCILMAN TRIPLETT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WHEN LAST MONTH WHEN THIS WHOLE ORDEAL, THIS MONSTER, THIS BEAST, WAS UNVEILED TO US, IT SCARED US, IT SCARED THE PUBLIC. IT SCARED ME. IT SCARED US. WHAT IN THE WORLD? AND LOOKING AT FIGURES, YOU KNOW, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 15% TAX INCREASE, IT SCARED ME, AND I SAID, NO WAY, THERE'S NO WAY. THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR OUR PEOPLE TO SWALLOW. AND A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO, COUNCILMAN WINKLER PRESENTED COMPROMISE, AFTER WE DISCUSSED IT, AFTER WE HAD THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, ALL THE DISCUSSION, THE EMAILS, THE CALLS, AND ALL THE TALKS AND TESTIMONIES THAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH. WE ALL AGREED THAT IT JUST LOOKED TOO DIFFICULT TO TAKE, AND COUNCILMAN WINKLER GIVES US THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEFORE US TONIGHT. AND WHEN I SAW IT, I MEAN, I PUT MY ARMS AROUND THAT AND EMBRACED IT. FINALLY, HERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN GET BEHIND. THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF IT. WE'LL GENERATE THE REVENUE THAT'S NECESSARY, WE'LL MAKE THE CUTS, AND WE'LL GET THIS THING DONE. WE WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. AND THE PROBLEM, AS COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD SAID, WAS HANDED TO US IN FRANKFORT, AND THE ISSUE IS HONORING OUR PENSION OBLIGATION, WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE, AND WE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO DO. WE ALL AGREE THAT THOSE RETIREES DESERVE THE PENSION THAT THEY WERE PROMISED. NOW THAT'S AGREEABLE THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE ROOM, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. BUT WHEN WE TALK

ABOUT VITAL SERVICES, I CALL THEM CRITICAL SERVICES. I, TOO, TOOK A PLEDGE DURING THE CAMPAIGN THAT I WOULD TRY TO BE THE VOICE OF THE CONSTITUENCY. BUT I ALSO TOOK A PLEDGE, TOO, TO DO FOR THE GREATER GOOD. AND TO DO FOR THE GREATER GOOD AND TO DO FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, AND IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH DISTRICT 15, AS MANY OF YOUR DISTRICTS ARE, THERE IS GREAT NEED. SO AS SCARY AS THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS, AND I WILL BE VOTING TONIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THIS AMENDMENT, I'M STILL SCARED, BECAUSE THOSE CUTS SCARE ME. THE CUTS THAT WE'RE EVEN GOING TO COMPROMISE AND BE AGREEABLE ON TONIGHT, SCARE ME. IN A MONTH FROM NOW, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WATCH THE GRASS GROW. EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS, OUR PARKS, VACANT LOTS, ARE WE GOING TO TELL OUR CONSTITUENCY WHEN THEY CALL, I CAN'T MOW THE GRASS, I CAN'T DO IT. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH IPL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS, AND IT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE A LOT, OR OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE WHEN YOU SAY JUST REDUCE GARBAGE PICKUP EVERY OTHER WEEK. WE'RE FIGHTING A BATTLE IN OUR ALLEYS WITH JUNK AND GARBAGE AND LITTER THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT AND MANY OF YOURS, AS WELL, ALREADY. AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK OF WHAT THOSE ALLEYS AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST REDUCTION IN SERVICES TO GARBAGE AND WASTE PICKUP. AND WE'VE HEARD WONDERFUL TESTIMONY ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM. THE LIVING ROOM SAVES US MONEY. WHY WOULD WE CUT THE LIVING ROOM? WE'RE KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL AND PUTTING THEM INTO THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS THAT THEY

DESPERATELY NEED. AND WE'RE BUILDING BRAND-NEW LIBRARIES. WHY WOULD WE CLOSE THEM? SO THE CUTS SCARE ME TO DEATH, AND WHAT SCARES ME IS THE FACT THAT TONIGHT MAY COME AND GO WITHOUT A VOTE FOR A NEW STREAM OF REVENUE, AND THAT'S SCARY, BECAUSE I JUST CANNOT -- I CAN'T IMAGINE THE CUTS THAT ARE SURE TO COME, BUT ALSO, TOO, ONE MORE THING, I'M SORRY, AND I DO WANT TO REQUEST, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S IN DANGER, BUT COUNCILMAN YATES, I DO WANT TO REQUEST THAT OUR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY BE ACTIVE AND REMAIN, BECAUSE AS COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER REMINDED US, ALSO NEXT MONTH WE HAVE A BUDGET COMING OUR WAY. SO OUR WORK IS JUST BEGINNING, REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO TONIGHT, OUR WORK IS JUST BEGINNING. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. SO LET'S KEEP THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ACTIVE AND ROLLING AS IT WILL ASSIST US IN OUR BUDGET DEVELOPMENT. LET'S PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS AMENDMENT TONIGHT TO GET US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THEN WE WILL GO TO WORK ON OUR BUDGET AND, COLLEAGUES, IT'S AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK WE HAVE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. COUNCILWOMAN GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM A LOT OF DISTRICT 21 RESIDENTS, AND I KNOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS. I KNOW THIS, BECAUSE I HEAR SOME OF THEIR PHONE RINGS DAY AND NIGHT, ON THE WEEKENDS, SO I KNOW THEY ARE HEARING

FROM THEIR FOLKS. BUT I WANT YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT AND CONSIDER THE FOLKS WHO YOU MAY NOT HEAR FROM IN THE COMMUNITY. SOCIAL WORK HAS TAUGHT ME THAT THOSE FOLKS IN CRISIS, FOLKS STRUGGLING TO GET BY, OFTEN DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO KNOW WHO THEIR COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE, MUCH LESS REACH OUT. AND SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT AND PUT A FACE TO SOME OF THOSE WHO NEED SERVICES EVERY DAY, WHO MAY NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT. THESE ARE FOLKS ACROSS THE CITY, AND I'D LIKE TO START WITH MY VERY OWN COMMUNITY CENTER IN BEACHMONT. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND MEET MS. RAMON. SHE'S A PARTICIPANT IN THE SILVER SNEAKERS CLASS AT BEACHMONT. SHE ATTENDS EVERY DAY. THIS EXTENDS WELL BEYOND DISTRICT 21. I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT FOLKS FROM BERRYTOWN. SENIOR SNEAKERS, SILVER SNEAKERS, AS WELL AS RECREATION FOR WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL. VERY IMPORTANT. WHERE ELSE WOULD THESE FOLKS GET THESE SERVICES? WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN NEWBURGH, WHERE THEY SERVE 40 TO 50 12 TO 14 YEAR OLDS DAILY DURING THE WEEK, AS WELL AS DARE TO CARE MEALS. COMMUNITY CENTERS AT SUN VALLEY, WHERE THEY HAVE SUMMER CAMPS SERVING OVER 70 CHILDREN LAST YEAR. THEY ALSO HAVE SENIOR SERVICES, WHERE THEY SERVE MEALS. WE HAVE ONE VOLUNTEER, MS. WATSON, SHE VOLUNTEERS HELPING FOLKS HAVE MEALS WHO WOULDN'T NORMALLY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A HOT MEAL DURING THE DAY. I GUESS ALSO CONSIDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE SERVICES THAT FOLKS RECEIVE, WHETHER IT'S RECEIVING A HEPATITIS A SHOT, HELPING ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR

CITY IS HEALTHIER. HERE WE HAVE SAM BRACKET, CO-OWNER OF THE CELTIC PIG FOOD TRUCK. HE GETS HIS IMMUNIZATION RIGHT BEFORE DERBY. HERE WE HAVE THE LEMONS FAMILY, WHO ALSO WAS ABLE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR BABY WAS ABLE TO GET AN IMMUNIZATION. I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES, WHICH AGAIN, IMPACTS EVERY ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS, NOT JUST 21. WE HAVE CHANDRA, WHO USES THE NEWBURGH LIBRARY. NICOLE, WHO GOES TO SHIVELY, ONE OF MY FAVORITES, SINCE THAT'S WHERE I WENT AS A CHILD. I COULD GO ON AND ON. BURN CREEK, D.J., JENNY, AND WILL, GREW UP GOING TO THE LIBRARY. OF COURSE, WE HAVE OUR VITAL NONPROFITS, WHO ARE SERVING, WHETHER IT'S FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE, WE HEAR FROM FOLKS LIKE MS. FITZPATRICK, WHO WAS ABLE TO EARN AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT U OF L IN A SELF-SUSTAINING SORT OF WAY. WE KNOW OUR NONPROFITS DO TREMENDOUS WORK SERVING THE HOMELESS, PARTICULARLY THE STREET POPULATION, SO WHETHER THAT'S SAINT JOHN'S OR THE HEALING PLACE, VERY IMPORTANT VITAL SERVICES. VARYING MINISTRIES, WHICH WE HEARD FROM TONIGHT. HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF KEVIN. KEVIN CAME FROM VENEZUELA WITH NOTHING BUT A SUITCASE. HE WORKED CLEANING HOTEL ROOMS, WORKING BUSSING TABLES, AND AT THE END OF THE DAY IT WASN'T ENOUGH, SO THE SERVICES HE RECEIVES FROM AREA MINISTRIES HELPS KEEP HIM AND HIS FAMILY FED. YOU KNOW, THE ECONOMIC STABILITY THAT A LOT OF OUR SERVICES PROVIDE, AND SO WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. HERE WE HAVE ESTHER

LION, WHO OWNS CUP OF JOY IN THE PORTLAND AREA. NOT ONLY IS SHE A BUSINESS OWNER, BUT PURCHASED MULTIPLE VACANT PROPERTIES THROUGH THE LAND BANK. I WANT US TO CONSIDER WHAT THAT'S GOING TO BE LIKE, NOT JUST FOR THE BENEFIT FOR THOSE ABLE TO PURCHASE A HOME, BUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO LIVE NEXT TO A VACANT PROPERTY. HERE WE HAVE SIERRA BERRY, WHO IS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM. SHE ATTENDED BUTLER, MY OWN ALMA MATER. I HEARD COUNTLESS STORIES OF THE VALUE OF KEEPING KIDS OCCUPIED, PARTICULARLY IN DISTRICT 21, BUT ACROSS THE CITY, OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS. CULTURAL PATHS, AGAIN, YOUTH NEEDS OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER SO THEY ARE NOT IN TROUBLE. ALL WHO PARTICIPATE THANKS TO CULTURAL PATHS AND ACTIVITIES LIKE THE SCIENCE CENTER AND THE ZOO. I COULD GO ON AND ON. WE ALL KNOW THAT A HEALTHY CITY CONSIDERS THE NEEDS OF ALL OF ITS CITIZENS AND NOT JUST THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST VOCAL. THIS IS CERTAINLY A DIFFICULT DECISION, BUT I'M SUPPORTING THIS AMENDMENT, BECAUSE A NO VOTE IS A VOTE TO CREATE DEVASTATING IMPACTS TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST IN NEED. THANK YOU, PRESIDENT. [APPLAUSE]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? COUNCILMAN COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I'LL JUST SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT THE METRO COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY REALLY WAS NOT GIVEN

ENOUGH TIME TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE IN THE WAY THAT IT DEMANDS. IT TAKES A REAL PLAN TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENT IN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE AND HOW WE PAY FOR IT IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THE TIME THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN SO FAR. I KNOW THAT OF THE 26 COLLEAGUES HERE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO VARY PHILOSOPHICALLY ABOUT THE TAX INCREASE. SOME PHILOSOPHICALLY OPPOSED TO TAX INCREASES, PERIOD. THERE ARE SOME WHO DO NOT SUPPORT THE NUMBER, THE AMOUNT, THE SIZE OF THE INCREASE THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED, AND THAT HAS CHANGED SOME OVER TIME. THERE'S SOME WHO DON'T WANT TO SEE A PERMANENT TAX INCREASE, AND I WOULD INCLUDE MYSELF AMONG THE LATTER, PEOPLE SKEPTICAL ABOUT A PERMANENT TAX INCREASE, BECAUSE ONCE YOU RAISE TAXES, VERY RARELY DOES IT GO AWAY. THIS TAX IS NOT ABOUT BEING ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER CITIES. WHAT WE DO HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HOW NASHVILLE AND INDIANAPOLIS AND AUSTIN ARE COMPETING IN ECONOMIC KWOMENT. THERE'S A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER FACTORS AND THINGS THAT AFFECT WHAT WE'RE DOING IN OUR CITIES. THIS IS, IN MY MIND, A QUESTION ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH AN EMERGENCY THAT HAS COME ON US IN THE FORM OF THIS SURPRISE BILL, OR, YOU KNOW, THE BILL FROM FRANKFORT. I'VE SPENT AS MUCH TIME DOING THE HOMEWORK AND LAYING OUT MY PLANS AND PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO DO THIS AS ANYBODY. I DO THINK THERE'S FAT TO CUT IN THE BUDGET. I HAVE TRIED TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT I THINK ARE WAYS TO

FIND SAVINGS DIFFERENT FROM THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED PLAN. I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PARKS WORKERS AND PUBLIC WORKS WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO HOLD OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT TOGETHER. I THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I WOULD SAY THAT FOR THE COLLEAGUES WHO ARE UNDECIDED, WHO ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING TO RELUCTANTLY VOTE NO ON THE BILL THAT'S BEFORE US, BEFORE YOU DO THAT, LIKE COUNCILMAN TRIPLETT, I'M REALLY SCARED ABOUT WHAT THE IMMEDIATE-TERM IMPACTS WOULD BE, NEXT YEAR, THREE MONTHS FROM NOW. I'M LESS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO IN THREE YEARS OR FOUR YEARS FROM NOW, GIVEN WITH THIS COUNCIL, AS ITS DIVERSITY OF SKILLS AND EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES AND ALL OF THE BRAIN POWER OF THE COMMUNITY TO COME UP WITH A LONGER TERM PLAN THAT ADDRESSES, YOU KNOW, SOME NEW WAYS TO RAISE REVENUE, LIKE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCIES, POTENTIAL REAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND THE WAY THAT GOVERNMENT WORKS AND PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO SAVE MONEY. AND I THINK WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES TO BUY OURSELVES SOME TIME. WE WEREN'T GIVEN ENOUGH, AND I THINK WE NEED SOME MORE, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT SEEN A REAL GOOD PLAN FOR WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T RAISE ANY NEW REVENUE AND HOW TO DEAL WITH \$135 MILLION IN THE HOLE NEXT YEAR. LIKE COUNCILMAN WINKLER SAID, NOT ONLY WILL WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH \$65 MILLION IN CUTS EVENTUALLY, PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE AROUND HERE RIGHT NOW. WE WILL BE IN A

PERPETUAL STATE OF CRISIS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. BUDGET SEASON WON'T JUST END JUNE 25TH. IT WILL BE BUDGET SEASON FOREVER. BUT IF WE'RE ABLE TO BUY EVEN A COUPLE OF YEARS, YOU KNOW, ONE YEAR I THINK IS DIFFICULT, BUT IF WE COULD EVEN BUY TWO YEARS OF TIME, IT CONTINUES THE WORK WE'RE DOING TO KEEP OUR SERVICES AT THE LEVEL THAT WE'RE PROVIDING, NOT TO INCREASE THEM, TO CUT \$15 MILLION AT LEAST WHERE WE CAN, AND WHERE I THINK THE ORDINANCE AGREES. WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET BY, AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO THINK RATIONALLY ABOUT HOW TO DO THIS GOING FORWARD. OTHERWISE WE'RE CLOUDY IN OUR HEADS. SO I WOULD, BEFORE ANYONE WOULD VOTE NO ON THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION THAT'S BEFORE US, I WOULD PROPOSE OR CONSIDER THAT WE COULD EVEN, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST WORRIED ABOUT A PERMANENT TAX INCREASE, THAT WE COULD ADJUST THE ORDINANCE SO THAT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THE FEE WOULD BE 9.5% AS WRITTEN, AND THAT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IT WOULD BE 9.75% AS WRITTEN, BUT THEN IN THE THIRD YEAR AND GOING FORWARD IT WOULD REVERT BACK TO 5%, WHICH IS WHERE WE ARE NOW. YOU KNOW, I'D PREFER TO VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE AS IT EXISTS. I THINK THAT IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO HAVE A LONGER TERM CERTAINTY FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COUNCIL, BUT I HATE TO SEE -- I WOULD HATE TO SEE PEOPLE DISCOUNT THIS WITHOUT CONSIDERING ALL THE OPTIONS, AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF I NEED TO MAKE THAT IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENT ABSENT ANYONE SEEING INTEREST IN THAT AS ANOTHER

OPTION, BUT I WANTED TO OFFER IT FOR AT LEAST DISCUSSION BEFORE WE VOTE ULTIMATELY ON THE ORDINANCE. THANKS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN.

>> THANKS, MR. PRESIDENT. I SIT HERE TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH WAY I'M GOING TO GO, I LOOK OUT IN THE AUDIENCE AND I SEE ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT IT'S A POSSIBILITY THAT WOULD LOSE THEIR JOBS IF WE VOTE THE WAY IT IS NOW. I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE WAITING TO SEE WHAT KIND OF AMENDMENTS THAT WE COULD PUT IN THERE TO MAKE THINGS WORK, BUT I ALSO THINK ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. MY COMMUNITY, WE HAVE A LOT OF KIDS, AND, YOU KNOW, I LOOK AT JCYC, THEY CLOSED JCYC, WHERE ARE THESE KIDS GOING TO GO? MIGHT GO TO JAIL, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A LOT OF KIDS THAT ARE JUST OUT THERE. WE DON'T HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER, THEY WON'T HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. I HAVE MY SENIOR CITIZENS. THEY GO TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER EVERY DAY. THEY ARE BEGGING, PLEASE, DON'T LET THEM CLOSE OUR COMMUNITY CENTER. WE'RE WILLING TO PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE, AND SO I KNOW IT'S GOING TO HURT SOME OF US, AND I LOOK AT MY COLLEAGUES, THE ONES THAT LIVE IN THE WEST END, THEY PROBABLY HAVE A LOT MORE SENIORS THAT WOULD BE HURT THAN I DO, BUT THE WHOLE PROBLEM IS THAT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT'S WORKABLE FOR EVERYBODY. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE LOSE THEIR JOB. IT'S HARD, HARD ENOUGH, BUT AS WE SAID BEFORE, I HAD A LOT OF WORK DONE ON MY PARK, AND CAN YOU IMAGINE WITH NOBODY TO CUT IT, THE GRASS IS GOING TO BE THERE, AND IT'S

GOING TO BE COVERING THE PARK. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO TRY TO WORK THINGS OUT, AND I'M WILLING TO WORK WITH SOME TYPE OF AMENDMENT IF WE CAN GET THERE, AND SO I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SEE WHAT KIND OF AMENDMENT WE COULD COME UP WITH, BUT, YOU KNOW, I GOT TO THINK ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US HAVE A COMMUNITY OF THEIR OWN, AND THEY HAVE PEOPLE THAT THEY ANSWER TO, SO THE PEOPLE THAT I ANSWER TO WANT TO KEEP THEIR COMMUNITY CENTER, THEY WANT TO KEEP THEIR LIBRARY, SO I'M JUST HOPING THAT BRANDON'S AMENDMENT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT'S WORKABLE. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PEDEN.

>> I CALL THE QUESTION.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: EVERYBODY IN FAVOR OF CALLING THE QUESTION SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MR. CLERK, COULD YOU PLEASE PUT IT UP.

>> REALLY, AFTER THE RECESS VOTE AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DECLARE THAT ONE? OH, MY GOD. [GAVEL]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THIS IS A VOTING ON THE QUESTION. VOTING ON THE QUESTION. VOTING IS CLOSING. VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 11 YES VOTES, 15 NO VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE CALLING OF THE QUESTION FAILED. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION IN? IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SO FIRST I WANT TO THANK COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL, COUNCILMAN COAN, COUNCILMAN WINKLER, ALL THOSE THAT REALLY WORKED VERY HARD TO COME UP WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, WAYS THAT WE CAN OUTLINE FOR OUR COMMUNITY WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND WHAT IT IS -- WHAT THOSE CUTS MIGHT LOOK LIKE, OR AT LEAST SOME PROPOSALS ABOUT WHAT THE CUTS MIGHT LOOK LIKE. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, STEPPED RIGHT INTO A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK ON IT, AND I'M EXCITED TO SEE OUR NEW MEMBERS. THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE NEW EYES, AND I REALLY AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT PIECE OF IT, OUR NEW MEMBERS HAVING A LOT OF NEW SETS OF EYES ON THE BUDGET AND ON THE PROCESS. LIKE MANY OF US, I HAD A PUBLIC MEETING AND MY FIRST PUBLIC MEETING I HAD IN MY DISTRICT, WE WERE LOOKING AT THE MAYOR'S INITIAL -- WELL, THE PROPOSAL, LOOKING KIND OF AS COUNCILMAN MULVIHILL CALLED IT, THE A AND THE Z, YOU KNOW, THE KIND OF EXTREMES, AND WHAT I HEARD THERE WAS A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE 15%, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF NOES WHEN IT CAME TO THAT, AND I HEARD A LOT OF REALLY GOOD DISCUSSION IT NEEDS TO BE SPREAD OUT OVER A LOT MORE. PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LIMITED OUR OPTIONS WERE. WHEN WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT WHAT OUR OPTIONS, WHICH ONES DO WE HAVE THAT WE REALLY CAN DO SOMETHING WITH, THAT WE'RE REALLY KIND OF LIMITED TO FOUR, THAT WAS A NEW IDEA FOR

THEM, AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT, AND WHY WOULD THEY? THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE ALL OF US HERE. THAT'S OUR ROLE. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. WE SHOULD KNOW THOSE THINGS. I HEARD SOME OF THE CONCERNS, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT GETS THROWN OUT, CUT BY CLAIMS, AS IF WE HAVE \$35 MILLION IN BIKE LANES THAT WE CAN CUT OUT. SO THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT THE REALITY IS, WHEN WE START CUTTING, WE'RE GOING TO CUT THE SERVICES THAT COUNCILWOMAN GEORGE WAS JUST POINTING TO. WE'RE GOING TO CUT, AS COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN JUST MENTIONED, WE'RE GOING TO CUT JOBS. LIKE MOST PLACES, THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR BUDGET IS IN PERSONNEL WHO THEN DELIVER THE SERVICES. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CUTTING THE SERVICES, CUTTING JOBS, CUTTING PEOPLE. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT, YOU CAN'T COUCH IT ANY OTHER WAY. SO THE SECOND TIME I HAD HAD A COFFEE, THE SECOND WEEK, I'VE BEEN TO FOUR, AND THE SECOND ONE I HAD, WE HAD THE PROPOSAL THAT COUNCILMAN WINKLER AT THAT POINT AND OTHERS HAD PUT FORWARD, THE ONE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY, AND MY CONSTITUENTS WERE MUCH MORE PLEASED WITH THE LOWER RATE OF CHANGE IN TERMS OF THEIR INSURANCE RATES. THEY ALSO OFTENTIMES DIDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT WE WERE TAXING. EVEN AS LATE AS LAST WEEK WHEN I WAS TALKING TO SOME FOLKS AND THEY WERE SAYING, YOU KNOW, THIS IS GOING TO DOUBLE THE BILL THAT I GET FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THINKING WE WERE DOUBLING THE PROPERTY TAX, SO THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT THAT, ABOUT WHAT IT IS WE'RE EVEN DOING,

OR THEY PULL OUT THEIR INSURANCE PREMIUM AND THEY SAY I'M ALREADY PAYING THIS, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE DOUBLED. LOOKED MINE UP, \$54 I PAY RIGHT NOW AND I WOULD DOUBLE THAT GLADLY TO SAVE SOME OF THE CUTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR PEOPLE. AND THE SECOND TIME, THOUGH, LOOKING AT SOME OF THOSE CUTS, THIS IS THE REALITY, AS COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER SAID A MINUTE AGO, WHEN IT COMES TO BUDGET, THE ACTUAL BUDGET IN FRONT OF US, IF YOU THINK TONIGHT'S VOTE IS DIFFICULT, THOSE VOTES ARE REALLY GOING TO GET DIFFICULT. JUST IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD IN OUR CAUCUS AND CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH ONE ANOTHER AND START THINKING ABOUT WHAT IT IS THAT WE WOULD CUT OUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS NOT A NECESSITY IN YOUR PARTICULAR DISTRICT BECOMES SOMEBODY ELSE'S VITAL PROGRAM THAT THEY NEED. SO WHAT, YOU KNOW, IF I'VE GOT A DISTRICT THAT HAS A LOT OF OTHER CITIES INVOLVED THAT CAN HELP ME KIND OF TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE BURDEN, MAYBE IT'S NOT AS MUCH, MAYBE MY CONSTITUENTS DON'T FEEL IT. IN MY AREA WHERE WE HAVE NO CITIES OTHER THAN METRO, THEY ARE GOING TO FEEL IT. ESPECIALLY IF WE START CUTTING OUT CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THAT, EVEN YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHO YOU'RE HEARING FROM RIGHT NOW WHO ARE SAYING VOTE NO, VOTE NO, VOTE NO, WILL BE CALLING YOU WHEN THE GRASS ISN'T CUT IN THE PARKS SAYING I KNOW I TOLD YOU TO VOTE NO, BUT I STILL WANT MY GRASS CUT. THEY ARE GOING TO BE CALLING YOU WHEN YOU HAVE THE EYESORE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND CODE

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO NOW HAS 600 CASES THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER, CAN'T GET TO IT. THEY ARE GOING TO BE CALLING YOU AND SAYING I KNOW I TOLD YOU TO VOTE NO, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS GOING TO AFFECT MY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THEY ARE GOING TO BE CALLING YOU WHEN THEY CAN'T GET A POLICE RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY FOR SOMETHING THAT'S NONEMERGENCY. SO, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE POLICE ARE -- I JUST HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THIS PAST WEEKEND TO DO A RIDE-ALONG WITH OUR LMPD, AND I WATCHED HOW OFTEN THEY GET PULLED OFF OF, YOU KNOW, WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THIS CALL AND ON OUR WAY WE GOT PULLED OFF OF THAT JUST VIRTUALLY ALL NIGHT LONG. YOU'RE A POLICE OFFICER, SO YOU KNOW THAT. YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THAT, BUT FOR ME IT WAS A REAL EYE-OPENING OF HOW OFTEN THEY REALLY DO GET PULLED OFF EN ROUTE. I GET THOSE CALLS, I GET THOSE CALLS THAT SAY I CALLED THE POLICE AT THIS TIME AND THEY DIDN'T GET OUT THERE FOR TWO HOURS. NOW I KNOW WHY. THEY RAN FOUR OTHER CALLS IN BETWEEN THERE THAT THEY GOT REROUTED TO. THAT'S NOT GOING TO GET BETTER. AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE CALLING YOU FOR THAT. SO I JUST CAUTION THAT, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO CUT AND TO TRY TO DO THAT AND TO HEAR OUR CONSTITUENTS, BECAUSE MY CONSTITUENTS WANT THAT, AS WELL. THEY WANT US TO MAKE SOME CUTS AND TO TRY TO FIND SOME AREAS THAT MAKE SENSE. SO I'M HAPPILY GOING TO SUPPORT TONIGHT. WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO HAPPILY DO ANYTHING, BUT I AM GOING TO SUPPORT TONIGHT THE COMPROMISE, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS A FAIR

BALANCE, AND I CAN EXPLAIN THAT TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND I HOPE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT I'M TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR THEIR BEST INTEREST. I REALLY BELIEVE IT IS NOT IN THEIR BEST INTEREST FOR US TO HAVE TO TRY TO FIND \$35 MILLION IN THE BUDGET. AND IF THERE WAS \$35 MILLION IN THE BUDGET ALREADY OF FLUFF, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PULLING THAT OUT LAST YEAR, YOU KNOW, WE SHOULD HAVE HAD -- THAT BUDGET MEETING SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALL ABOUT, HEY, YOU KNOW, EXCUSE ME, MR. PRESIDENT, I KNOW WHERE THERE'S \$35 MILLION OF FLUFF WE NEED TO TAKE OUT OF THIS BUDGET. THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN LAST YEAR. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR EITHER. WE'RE GOING TO BE CUTTING SOME VERY SERIOUS PROGRAMS AND VERY SERIOUS SERVICES, SO I REALLY IMPLORE MY COLLEAGUES TO FIND THE COMPROMISE, VOTE ON THE COMPROMISE. IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT IT GETS -- IT HELPS US MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, MR. CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL CALL FOR VOTING ON THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE. WITHOUT OBJECTION -- VOTING IS CLOSING. AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 11 YES VOTES, 15 NO VOTES, 11 YES VOTES ARE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHANKLIN, SEXTON SMITH, PRESIDENT JAMES, COAN, HOLLANDER, MULVIHILL, BLACKWELL, TRIPLETT, WINKLER, GEORGE, AND FLOOD.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE ORDINANCE FAILS. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 44.

>> CLERK: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (FEBRUARY 14, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2021) RELATING TO WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND LOUISVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL UNION 345, IAFF, AFL-CIO-CLC. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. RESOLUTION IS BEFORE US. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS BEFORE US, BECAUSE WE DID HAVE AN ABSTENTION FROM COUNCILMAN ENGLE BECAUSE OF A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A FIREFIGHTER AND THEN ALSO WE HAD A ONE NO VOTE. OTHER THAN THAT, IT DID PASS UNANIMOUSLY FROM OUR COMMITTEE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN ENGLE.

>> YES, MR. PRESIDENT. I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY ABSTAINING. I PERHAPS MAY NOT NEED TO DO THIS, BUT, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IN THE TOXIC WORLD, I'M GOING TO DO IT, AND I HAVE A SON-IN-LAW THAT'S A LOUISVILLE FIREFIGHTER AND A GOOD ONE. FIREFIGHTERS ARE A GREAT GROUP OF FOLKS, SO I'M NOT ABSTAINING BECAUSE I HAVE CONCERNS WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS, I'M ABSTAINING BECAUSE I PERCEIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SO WE DID JUST TAKE A VERY, VERY, VERY DIFFICULT VOTE, AND I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY THAT

WEIGHED IN ON IT AND ALL THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID. MY FOCUS
HERE IS ON THE PROCESS THAT WENT INTO THIS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT. I THINK THIS AGREEMENT'S TERRIFIC FOR THE
FIREFIGHTERS, AND I'LL BE VOTING TO SUPPORT IT. BUT I'M A LITTLE
CONFUSED BY, AND, YOU KNOW, I ASKED THE CFO EARLIER TODAY, I
ASKED HIM IN COMMITTEE, THIS CONTRACT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, HAS
BEEN NEGOTIATED FOR THE PAST SHORT OF A YEAR, AND THE MAYOR MADE
IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT HE'S BEEN AWARE OF A BUDGET CRISIS
THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF, RIGHT, THE
PENDING BUDGET CRISIS, AND WE ARE FACING SOME VERY, VERY
DIFFICULT DECISIONS. WHAT I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED BY IS WHEN
ASKED THE CFO ARE THERE ANY CHANGES OR DIFFERENCES IN THIS
CONTRACT COMPARED TO THE PRIOR CONTRACT RELATED TO PREPARING FOR
THESE POTENTIAL AND CREDIBLE BUDGET SHORTFALLS, THE ANSWER WAS
BASICALLY NO, RIGHT, THIS IS A STANDARD FIREFIGHTER CONTRACT,
AND, AGAIN, A FINE CONTRACT AT THAT. THERE WASN'T EVEN, AND I
THINK THERE'S ENOUGH BEATING THIS DRUM AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE
TO BRING THIS UP HERE AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TACKLE IT IN FUTURE
FORUMS. I THINK THERE'S SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY AT A MINIMUM TO
RE-EVALUATE HOW WE MANAGE HEALTH INSURANCE WITHIN METRO
GOVERNMENT. THERE'S NO CHANGES TO THIS CONTRACT HEALTH INSURANCE
PLAN AS I UNDERSTAND IT FROM THE CURRENT PROGRAM, AND WE NEED TO
RE-EVALUATE THAT FOR SEVERAL REASONS. ONE IS, AND EXPERTS, AS I
UNDERSTAND IT FROM THE MAJOR HEALTH INSURANCE HAVE SAID WE'RE

LOOKING AT A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT MANY EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS HAVE ABANDONED, YOU KNOW, TWO DECADES AGO AND MOVED TO MORE MODERN PLANS THAT HELP CONTROL COSTS AND SHIFT RISKS, BEHAVIORAL RISK, TO THOSE THAT ENGAGE IN POOR BEHAVIOR. THE OTHER PORTION OF THIS, WHICH IS VERY APPLICABLE TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR LMPD OFFICERS, IS THAT IN MY OPINION, BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE HAVE DESIGNED THESE PROGRAMS AND NOT LOOKED AT MODERNIZING THEM, WE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OVERCHARGING THE YOUNGER, MORE FIT DEMOGRAPHICS IN OUR CITY. THAT INCLUDES OUR FIREFIGHTERS, THAT INCLUDES OUR LMPD OFFICERS WHO REPRESENT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR METRO GOVERNMENT, OUR YOUNGEST AND MOST PHYSICALLY FIT GROUPS, AND THEY ARE NOT GIVEN ANY OPPORTUNITY BASED ON THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR, PHYSICAL FITNESS, WITHIN THEIR CONTROL, TO BENEFIT AND SHIFT THE COST CURVE OF HEALTH CARE DOWN, WHICH MANY EMPLOYERS HAVE DONE. SO I HOPE, AS WE SEE MORE CONTRACTS COMING OUT, AND AGAIN, THIS WOULD FIND -- AND I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR IT, BUT AS WE SEE MORE CONTRACTS COMING OUT WITH SOME OF OUR LABOR UNIONS, WE SEE, HOPEFULLY, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND OTHERS COME TO THE TABLE WITH SOME OF THESE EXPERT IDEAS THAT CAN -- THAT CAN KEEP GREAT COVERAGE FOR PARTICULARLY OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, BUT GIVE PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT PARTICIPATE IN WELLNESS PROGRAMS, THAT THEMSELVES, THAT BEHAVIORALLY DO WHAT YOU WANT AN EMPLOYEE TO DO IN THEIR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM LIKE THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS BEEN DOING FOR

YEARS, GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM THAT. AND THAT FINANCIAL INCENTIVE HAS BEEN PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN HEALTHIER BEHAVIOR, NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S DANGLED OUT THERE, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, AND I'M SUPPORTING THIS FIREFIGHTER CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN WINKLER.

>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT JAMES. I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO VOTE FOR IT. I IMAGINE THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE 14 NO VOTES, BECAUSE WE JUST VOTED AGAINST ANY SPENDING, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW 14 PEOPLE THAT JUST VOTED TO CUT SPENDING ARE POSSIBLY GOING TO VOTE FOR A CONTRACT THAT INCLUDES COST OF LIVING INCREASES. I THINK THAT'S WRONG. I THINK THAT'S THE WRONG DECISION, AND I HOPE WE VOTE YES, BUT CERTAINLY THE HYPOCRISY OF THAT POSITION, I COULDN'T IMAGINE THEY'D VOTE FOR THIS OR FUTURE SPENDING BEFORE THE BUDGET FEES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN ACKERSON.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I'M GOING TO BE A YES VOTE. I DON'T SEE THIS AS BEING HYPOCRISY AND ASK FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE SO WE CAN PUT IT UP THERE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, MR. CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL CALL FOR VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING. AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE 25 YES VOTES, ONE ABSTENTION, AND THE ONE ABSTENTION IS COUNCIL MEMBER ENGLE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE RESOLUTION PASSES. IT IS APPROVED. [APPLAUSE] MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 45.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM OR-2 OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL AND M-3 INDUSTRIAL TO C-2 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 709/715 EAST GRAY STREET, 710, 712, AND 716 EAST CHESTNUT STREET, AND 616-634 SOUTH SHELBY STREET CONTAINING 2.41 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1052). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND?

>> MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US.
COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS IS TO ALLOW -- IT'S GOING TO BE A DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE WITH 250 UNITS, FIVE-STORY APARTMENT BUILDING WITH 319 SPACES AND A PARKING GARAGE. PREVIOUSLY, THIS WENT FROM RA TO M3 IN 1976 UNDER THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN, SO THERE WAS EXISTING BINDING ELEMENTS, AND THOSE BINDING ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO REFLECT THE CURRENT USE, AND THEY WILL ALSO ABANDON TWO CUPS THAT WERE ON THE

PROPERTY. THIS IS IN CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH'S DISTRICT, SO I'M SURE SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OF THIS, BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO BE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE BEAUTIFUL PHOENIX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE WILL BE 246 UNITS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THE PARKING WILL BE DONE IN AN INTERNAL BASIS IN THIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN. I HAVE SEEN SOME PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS. ALSO, I THINK IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE 140 TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND 60 ONE-BEDROOM, 31 THREE-BEDROOM, AND 15 ADDITIONAL TOWN HOMES. SO WE WELCOME THIS. I'VE MET WITH THE NEIGHBORS, AND THE PHOENIX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND FOLKS ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT WELCOMING 246 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN PHOENIX HILL. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? COUNCILMAN COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MY QUESTION MAY BE FOR COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH. I'M BASICALLY CHECKING IN. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE THIS, TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THE CHANGES WE'VE MADE TO THE WRECKING ORDINANCE LAST YEAR ARE WORKING. IF YOU REMEMBER WE PASSED AN ORDINANCE THAT SAID

BUILDINGS THAT ARE 50 YEARS OR OLDER AND THAT ARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF WOULD DETERMINE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THAT THE DEMOLITION PERMITS AREN'T ISSUED UNTIL THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS APPROVED, WHICH LOOKS LIKE IT'S HERE IN THIS CASE, AND THAT ALSO THE FIRST BUILDING PERMITS ARE APPROVED, THAT WAY IF SOMETHING CHANGES, YOU KNOW, THE FINANCING DISAPPEARS, THERE'S A STOCK MARKET CRASH, WE HAVE NOT KNOCKED DOWN A HISTORIC BUILDING AND DON'T GET WHAT WAS PROMISED INSTEAD. I WAS WONDERING, CAN YOU RECALL OR DOES ANYONE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE KNOW WHETHER OR NOT A NOTIFICATION OF A POTENTIAL HISTORIC BUILDING WAS PART OF THIS PROCESS, OR WHETHER THAT'S INAPPLICABLE HERE? I CAN SEE IN THE STAFF REPORT WHERE THEY NOTED THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THE BUILDING TO THE PHOENIX HILL AREA.

>> AND TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I'VE NOT HEARD THAT DISCUSSION, SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S A CLEAR DEFINITIVE RESPONSE, BUT I JUST KNOW THAT I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNTY ATTORNEY, DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION?

>> WE'RE NOT AWARE -- I CAN SAY I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE ARE ANY OLD BUILDINGS ON THIS PROPERTY. HOWEVER, WE DIDN'T REALIZE THIS WAS A QUESTION BEFORE US, AND WHO HANDLED THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE ISN'T HERE TONIGHT. IF WE'D KNOWN THERE

WOULD BE QUESTIONS, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO ANSWER THEM FOR YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN COAN?

>> I DON'T WANT TO HOLD UP THE PROCESS, JUST TO BE CLEAR. THE ORDINANCE WE PASSED WAS NOT DESIGNED TO MAKE IT SO THAT A NEW CLASS OF BUILDINGS COULDN'T BE DEMOLISHED. IT'S OKAY. THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE WAS TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T DEMOLISH THEM BEFORE THEY ARE READY TO BE. IN THIS CASE, CLEARLY, THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED. THERE'S A PROJECT THAT EVERYBODY WANTS. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE READY TO GET THEIR BUILDING PERMITS ANY TIME SOON, BUT DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT'S NOT THE CASE. SEEMS TO BE A PROJECT THAT I CAN SUPPORT. AGAIN, CHECKING ON THE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS, AND I CAN CHECK IN ON THAT AFTER THE FACT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING'S WORKING. IT'S STILL A NEW CHANGE IN OUR SYSTEM. I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S IMPLEMENTED CORRECTLY. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WE TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO DO INTEGRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING THROUGHOUT METRO LOUISVILLE INSTEAD OF HAVING LARGE CLUSTERS AND I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF THIS PROJECT, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I KNOW COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH SAID IT WAS ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS THE CASE. I'M LOOKING THROUGH, I DON'T SEE THAT ANYWHERE. I MAY BE WRONG, BUT PRETTY

SURE IT WAS TESTIFIED IT WAS NOT. I THINK THERE WAS A PORTION OF IT THAT WOULD BE. THAT'S KIND OF THE IDEA, THAT WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE UPPER MOBILITY AND WE WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM LARGE, LARGE CLUSTERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOW-INCOME HOUSING ALTOGETHER. INSTEAD, YOU WANT THAT INTEGRATION WITHIN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND THAT'S WHY I WAS A SUPPORTER OF THIS. COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH SAID IT WAS ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M NOT MISSING SOMETHING THERE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?

>> AND THAT WAS WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS, THAT WE COULD DEFINITELY LOOK INTO THAT. IF SOMETHING HAS CHANGED, I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT. I HAVE MET THREE TIMES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

>> NO, I GUESS MY QUESTION, IS IT ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING? MY UNDERSTANDING WAS -- MAYBE COUNCILMAN PEDEN KNOWS THE ANSWER. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS AND THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF AGAINST OUR IDEA THAT WE WANT UPPER MOBILITY FOR FAMILIES. WE HAVE LOW INCOME AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WANT IT INTEGRATED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE LARGE CLUSTERS. I BELIEVE THE TESTIMONY IS THERE WOULD BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT WOULDN'T BE COMPLETELY. KIND OF A MIXED FAMILY, MIXED USE. IF SOMEONE KNOWS, PLEASE, CHIME IN.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: OKAY, THANK YOU. COUNTY ATTORNEY, ARE YOU AWARE? NO? COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD.

>> IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, I BELIEVE PAUL WITHEY STATED DURING THE MEETING THERE WAS NO RECORD OF IT ALL BEING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SO HE COULDN'T SAY THAT IT WAS OR NOT. WHAT PERCENT, RIGHT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT. COUNCILMAN PEDEN.

>> I HAPPENED TO BE AT THE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING FOR AN ORDINANCE OF MY OWN. I ACTUALLY SPECIFICALLY ASKED CAN WE ADD IT IN THERE THAT WHATEVER IS GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE IS GUARANTEED TO BE AFFORDABLE, AND MR. WITHEY SAID, YOU CANNOT DO THAT, OR AT LEAST WE NEVER HAVE DONE THAT. NOT QUITE SURE WHICH ANSWER THAT WAS, BUT EITHER WAY, WE DIDN'T ADD A BINDING ELEMENT TO DO THAT, AND THERE IS, CURRENTLY THEY COULD CHANGE THAT AROUND IF THEY WANTED TO. THAT'S ACTUALLY WHY I BUZZED IN A MOMENT AGO, WAS TO ASK COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, IS IT ALL AFFORDABLE BASED ON PRICE POINT, OR IS IT AFFORDABLE BASED ON INCOME RESTRICTIONS ON WHO GETS TO LIVE THERE, BECAUSE BASED ON ITS LOCATION, IF YOU LOWER THE PRICE ENOUGH IN A TRENDY NEIGHBORHOOD, IT MAY GO TO PEOPLE WHO COULD WELL AFFORD TO MOVE IN ANYWHERE, BUT LIKE THE LOCATION, AND THAT'S -- BECAUSE I HAVE LEARNED THAT IN MY TIME HERE, JUST BECAUSE IT'S AFFORDABLE, IF THERE IS NO RESTRICTION BASED ON 80% OF MEDIAN, 60% OF MEDIAN, ET CETERA, ON WHO GETS TO MOVE IN, THEY MAY BE CHARGING AN

AFFORDABLE RATE, BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT AFFORDABLE RATE. AND SO THAT WAS MY QUESTION, BUT IF WE CAN'T ANSWER THE FIRST ONE, I DOUBT WE CAN ANSWER THAT ONE. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH. DID YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT?

>> NO, I'M JUST SIMPLY ASKING, HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OF THIS. WE NEED THIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND IN THE MEETINGS THAT I'VE PARTICIPATED IN, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS DEFINED BY HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AS OPPOSED TO WHAT ONE MAY PERSONALLY CONSIDER AFFORDABLE OR NOT. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I KNOW THAT COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER HAD PROPOSED KIND OF OUR GENERAL RULES, WHICH I THOUGHT IS A GREAT IDEA, DEVELOPERS COME IN, IN THE EVENT THERE'S GOING TO BE ANY KIND OF CHANGE, THAT THERE WOULD BE A GUARANTEE THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT WOULD BE AFFORDABLE, AND I THINK IT'S BEEN TESTIFIED IT WOULD BE IN THIS SITUATION. ANYTHING TO PREVENT US FROM ADDING ON TODAY TO MAKE THAT REQUIREMENT? I'LL LOOK AT IT, WE CAN HELP OUT, WE CAN PASS THIS, BUT THERE'S NO RESTRICTION THAT THIS CAN'T BE THE MOST EXPENSIVE COMPLEX IN THE METRO LOUISVILLE. THERE'S NO RESTRICTION IN PLACE THAT I'M

READING. AND SO IS IT BASED ON TESTIMONY? I DON'T KNOW IF WE NEED TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT THERE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY CAN LET US KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN MAKE AN AMENDMENT AT THIS POINT OR HAVE WE ALREADY BEEN SEWED THIS?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNTY ATTORNEY?

>> SARAH MARTIN WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THIS BODY HAS UNTIL MAY THE 8TH TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS PARTICULAR ZONING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL ADVICE, HELPFUL TO SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AND THAT WOULD BE OUR RECOMMENDATION THIS EVENING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN ACKERSON?

>> YES, MR. PRESIDENT. IF IT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS WHAT WE'RE SHOOTING FOR WHEN WE CONSIDER THESE THINGS, LET'S FIGURE IT OUT. LET'S SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE, LET'S COME UP WITH SOME NUMBERS, AND SET SOMETHING TO STONE. JUST TO TIE THE WORDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO ANYTHING, THAT'S LIKE TYING A RIBBON TO SOMETHING. DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. SO I THINK -- I MAKE A MOTION, LOOKING FOR A SECOND, TO SEND THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF -- EXCUSE ME? THOUGHT I HEARD -- ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENDING THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE SAY AYE. ALL OPPOSED? MR. CLERK, PLEASE PUT IT UP ON THE SCREEN, OR FOR VOTING. VOTING IS CLOSING, VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: THERE ARE NINE YES VOTES, 17 NO VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE MOTION TO SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE FAILS. AND WE'RE BACK TO DISCUSSION. DID YOU CLICK BACK IN, COUNCILMAN YATES?

>> YES, MR. PRESIDENT. AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL -- BEAUTIFUL FOR THE CITY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, I KNOW WE'VE ALL GIVEN THE SAME KIND OF SPEECHES, IN THE EVENT IT'S PRESENTED TO US IN OUR OPEN FORUMS THAT THIS WILL BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HEARING AND COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH SAID IT WAS PRESENTED ALL WOULD BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING AT LEAST TO HOLD FEET TO THE FIRE. AND IT BOTHERS ME THIS COUNCIL TO PASS SOMETHING OUT AND SAY THERE IS -- AS A LAWYER, YOU CAN TALK ALL YOU WANT, BUT IF THE CONTRACT DOESN'T SAY SO, SO I ASKED ADVICE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COULDN'T GIVE IT, SO I GUESS I WOULD MAKE AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR TO, ON THIS, TO MAYBE LEGALLY WE CAN'T, BUT I FEEL LIKE AT LEAST IT GOES BACK AND WE HAVE THAT, THAT AT LEAST 25% OF THE UNITS IN THIS FACILITY SHALL BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND. ANY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION? ON THAT AMENDMENT. I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE QUEUE IN THE QUEUE FOR THE MAIN TOPIC, AND I'M GOING TO GO BY HANDS ON THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT. COUNCILMAN PEDEN?

>> MY ONLY COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT IS ALSO HAVING BEEN A PART OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES, WHERE WE GIVE OUT MONEY, LOUISVILLE CARES HAS VERY SPECIFIC, AND I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT LOUISVILLE CARES, DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE KENTUCKY HOUSING CORP. OR FUNDING SOURCE THAT THESE DEVELOPERS MAY HAVE FOUND, BUT THEY HAVE VERY SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND DIFFERENT, I'M GOING TO USE THE WORD FEARS, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW A BETTER WORD, ON BENEFITS. IF YOU GUARANTEE THIS AMOUNT, YOU GET THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY. IF YOU WANT TO MAXIMIZE IT, IT CAN'T EVEN BE 100. IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BELL CURVE. 100% AFFORDABLE, LESS MONEY THAN IF YOU MAKE 50%, ET CETERA. I SAY ALL THAT TO SAY IF WE SAY 25%, THAT MAY MESS WITH WHATEVER RATIOS OR AGREEMENT THEY ALREADY HAVE WITH SAID FUNDING SOURCE IS ALL I'M SAYING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.

>> SO I JUST NEED TO CLARIFY THE AMENDMENT. IS THE AMENDMENT 25% OR NOT LESS THAN 25%? NOT LESS THAN 25%. IN ADDITION, LET ME JUST ALSO ASK, SO THIS IS, IS THIS AN AFFORDABLE -- SO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONEY IS BEING PUT TO THIS PROJECT, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?

>> ALL RIGHT, WAS THAT A QUESTION POSED TO ME, SIR?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES, MA'AM.

>> COULD YOU REPEAT THAT QUESTION, PLEASE?

>> IS THERE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONEY GOING INTO THIS PROJECT?

>> OKAY, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS -- THAT I CAN ANSWER OUT OF A FILE THAT IS IN MY OFFICE. I'M RELUCTANT TO SAY ABSOLUTELY YES, BECAUSE IT WAS A MULTI -- IT WAS A COMPLEX FINANCING STRUCTURE, AND BEFORE I SAID THAT ON THE RECORD, I WOULD WANT TO VERIFY THAT. AND I DIDN'T KNOW IF WE ARE RAISING OUR HANDS --

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: RAISING OUR HANDS.

>> OKAY.

>> JUST TO WRAP UP THEN, ONCE I GET CLARIFICATION ON THAT, I GUESS MY QUESTION IS ON THE AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY WHAT THE INTENTION PURPOSE, BECAUSE, I MEAN, IF THE INTENTION IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE'RE PUTTING PUBLIC DOLLARS AGAINST IT, MAKES SENSE, YOU WANT TO PUT SOME REQUIREMENT THERE. IF THE INTENTION IS NOT THAT AND WE ARE NOT PUTTING PUBLIC DOLLARS AGAINST IT, OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T PUT THAT REQUIREMENT IN. THANK YOU.

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

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SO I WANTED TO COME BACK TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IT IS TO HAVE NOT FEWER THAN 25% WOULD BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ON THIS PROPERTY WITH 246 UNITS. SO THAT'S AN INTERESTING FIGURE, AND HOW DO WE COME UP WITH THAT? BEFORE WE WERE TO VOTE THIS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, I'D WANT US TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE CODIFIED

AND WHAT WE HAVE NOT CODIFIED IN THE RECENT YEARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ALTHOUGH IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THAT COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER, AS HE HAS DONE AND LED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE NUMBER THAT WAS ALWAYS TOSSED OUT WAS 10%. NOW THAT NUMBER WAS NEVER CODIFIED, AND WE HAVE VOTED ON A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT A SPECIFIC NUMBER, SO MY CAUTION, AND I'M IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA, CONCEPTUALLY, TO PUT AN AMENDMENT ON THIS, THAT THERE WOULD BE A NUMBER. I'M MORE IN FAVOR OF IT BEING MODIFIED FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT THAT THAT NUMBER BE 10%, BECAUSE THAT IS A NUMBER THAT WE HAVE USED AND DEBATED ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THIS VERY CHAMBER. AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE PROJECT WILL ADHERE TO THAT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. AND COUNCILMAN ACKERSON.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WE'VE HEARD THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAY THEY'D RECOMMEND SENDING THIS BACK. WE'VE HEARD THAT THERE'S NO RUSH ON THIS PRIOR TO MAY. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT WHAT IS THIS MEAN, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, I NEED TO GO TO MY OFFICE TO GET THE PAPERWORK. THERE'S A LOT OF QUESTIONS ASKED. WE'RE USING, YOU KNOW, THE CITY'S TAX DOLLARS TO FUND SOMETHING SAYING THAT THE BENEFIT TO THE CITY IS THERE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT NONE OF US KNOW WHAT IT IS OR WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO REQUIRE. FOR US TO FAST TRACK THIS BLINDLY RIGHT NOW WITHOUT KNOWING THE ANSWER TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS, TO ME JUST

SEEMS LUDICROUS. I MEAN, IF WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE, WE SHOULD BE LOOKING TO SLOW THIS DOWN AND GET THESE QUESTIONS ANSWERED, NOT JUST ANSWERED, BUT ANSWERED LEGITIMATELY AND INTELLIGENTLY, SETTING A PRECEDENT GOING FORWARD ABOUT HOW THIS BODY'S GOING TO MOVE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN ACKERSON -- I MEAN HOLLANDER, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I DON'T KNOW THE FINANCING FOR THIS PROJECT, BUT THIS IS A ZONING CASE. IF THIS WAS FUNDED BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, I COULD ASSURE YOU THERE ARE DOCUMENTS THAT SAY HOW MANY UNITS HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE AT 60% AND 80% AMI. THAT'S DONE IN EVERY PROJECT. THAT WOULD BE DONE IN LOUISVILLE CARES PROJECTS, TOO. NONE OF THEM WOULD SHOW UP ON OUR SCREEN HERE. THIS IS A ZONING CASE. WE DON'T PUT BINDING ELEMENTS THAT SAY IT HAS TO BE SO MANY AFFORDABLE. THAT'S ALL DONE IN THE DEAL DOCUMENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY DEAL DOCUMENTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE FUNDED, BUT WE WOULD NOT SEE ANY OF THAT IN THESE KINDS OF, YOU KNOW, IT'S A ZONING CASE. SO I'M NOT AT ALL SURPRISED THERE'S NO RESTRICTION HERE, BUT IF THERE IS, IN FACT, PUBLIC MONEY MAKING THESE UNITS AFFORDABLE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THE RESTRICTIONS ARE THERE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND I NEVER WOULD HAVE ASKED TO ADD THIS ON, BUT FOR THE TESTIMONY HERE TODAY STATED THAT 100% OF THE UNITS WERE GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND I LOOKED UP IN THESE DOCUMENTS AND IT DIDN'T SHOW ANYTHING IN THE DOCUMENTS. I'LL FLIP THROUGH EACH ONE, I KNOW IT'S ZONING, BUT HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING TO SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I THOUGHT IF SOMEONE HAS COME AND TESTIFIED TO OUR COMMITTEE, IF THEY'VE TALKED TO US, I'M TIRED OF THE BAIT AND SWITCH. ONCE THEY PRESENT AND SAY ONE THING AND THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY. SO IF THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED AND THEY EXPLAIN THAT TO COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH AND SAID 100% IS GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEN STAND BY YOUR WORD. THE REASON I SAID 25% INSTEAD OF 10% IS BECAUSE SHE SAID 100%. SO NORMALLY I WOULD NEVER ADD A BINDING ELEMENT TO SOMETHING IN A ZONING CASE, BUT FOR THAT TESTIMONY TODAY, I DON'T SEE THAT, AND FEEL IF THEY TOLD HER THAT, AND I'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE, SOMEONE COMES TO DISTRICT, EXPLAIN IT, IN FRONT OF US IT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR DISTRICT WHY YOU GOT SOLD SOME BEANS. I JUST THOUGHT IF THAT WAS THE TESTIMONY, IF IT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HER, I WANT IT CODIFIED. IF YOU GUYS DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT, THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST HOPE WE'RE LUCKY.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PEDEN.

>> OH, I WAS GOING TO SAY EXACTLY, WORD FOR WORD, WHAT COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER SAID. AGAIN, NO MATTER WHAT AGENCY, THEY

LAY OUT THE RULES ON INCOME LEVEL AND HOW MANY PERCENTAGEWISE AND SO ON. COUNCILMAN YATES IS CORRECT. IF THEY SAID IT'S AFFORDABLE AND IT'S NOT, WE SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED, BUT IF IT IS AFFORDABLE, 10% TO 100%, WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S IN WRITING SOMEWHERE, THEY WOULD BE GETTING NO AID MONEY.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.

>> OKAY, THAT MAY HAVE ANSWERED MY QUESTION. SO, AGAIN, JUST TO BE CLEAR, BECAUSE I GET A LITTLE NERVOUS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AT LEAST DEVELOPMENT IN MY DISTRICT, THAT I'VE SEEN HAPPEN BEFORE WHERE ZONING HAPPENS, ONCE THE ZONING'S THROUGH, THE DEVELOPERS CHANGE THINGS AND YOU HAVE ZERO CONTROL AT THAT POINT OR ABILITY TO CALL IT BACK, SO IF IT I'M UNDERSTANDING THIS, IF, LET'S ASSUME FOR A SECOND ANY PUBLIC FINANCING IS GOING INTO THIS OR ANYTHING RELATED TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, ZONING IRRELEVANT, RIGHT, WHETHER WE REZONE IT OR NOT, LET'S ASSUME WE REZONE IT AND ALL VOTE FOR IT, THERE'S STANDARD LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT THAT GUARANTEES - - THAT FORCED THE DEVELOPER TO GUARANTEE THAT CERTAIN PERCENTAGES OF THE BUILDING HAVE TO BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEREFORE, IT WOULD MAKE TO SOME DEGREE THIS AMENDMENT MOOT. RIGHT? IS THAT ASSUMPTION CORRECT OR INCORRECT, WHOEVER'S AN EXPERT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: I WOULD CALL UPON THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR SOME INFORMATION.

>> WE WEREN'T AWARE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS, WE HAVE THREE ZONING ATTORNEYS, BUT IF YOU HAVE WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS PARTICULAR ZONING, THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE IN COMMITTEE. OTHERWISE, OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE ON THE AMENDMENT THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED IS A LITTLE COMPROMISED AT THIS TIME. AND WE WOULD HAVE CONCERN ABOUT ADDING A BINDING ELEMENT TO THIS ORDINANCE AT THIS TIME.

>> I UNDERSTAND, AND MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF ONE OF THE ZONING ATTORNEYS WERE HERE TO CLARIFY, I'M FINE WITH HEARING FROM ANY COUNCILMAN WHO'S AN EXPERT IN THIS WHO CAN SAY DEFINITELY, YES, THIS IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN, AND THERE'S -- OKAY, FORGET IT. BECAUSE HERE'S MY -- THEN I GUESS MY CONCERN AT THE END OF THE DAY IS, UNTIL I HAVE SOME LEVEL OF GUARANTEE THAT PUBLIC FUNDING IS NOT GOING TO A PROJECT THAT CAN CHANGE POST ZONING, THEN, YOU KNOW, THAT MAKES ME CONCERNED ABOUT VOTING FOR ZONING. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD.

>> I THINK WHAT THE QUESTION COMES DOWN TO TODAY, THROUGH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IS IF THIS IS NOTHING BUT A STRAIGHT DRAWN-OUT APARTMENT COMMUNITY, IS THERE AN ISSUE WITH IT BEING A STRAIGHT APARTMENT COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S WHAT THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT WE WERE VOTING FOR, WAS THAT IT IS AN APARTMENT COMMUNITY, NOT THAT IT'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING, NOT THAT IT'S NOT,

THAT IT IS -- WE TOOK IT WHEN THEY SAID THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE RECORD ABOUT IT BEING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THAT IT WAS A STRAIGHT-OUT BUILD-UP APARTMENT COMMUNITY, AND WE SUPPORTED IT, BASED ON THE RECORD AND THE TESTIMONY IN FRONT OF US. SO I THINK THAT'S THE QUESTION AND THE BOTTOM LINE, AND THAT MAYBE COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, IT'S IN HER DISTRICT, DOES SHE ACCEPT IT WHETHER IT IS OR IT ISN'T?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, ARE YOU AWARE OF THE QUESTION THAT COUNCILMAN FLOOD JUST ASKED?

>> YES, SIR, YES, SIR. ARE YOU WAITING FOR AN ANSWER?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES.

>> YES, I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX TO BE BUILT IN MY DISTRICT, AND I HAVE THE FOLDER FROM ALL OF MY NOTES, AND IT CLEARLY DELINEATES HOW THE 246 UNITS AND HOW THE AMI WAS USED TO CALCULATE THE COST, BECAUSE MY FIRST QUESTIONS WERE VERY MUCH AROUND HAVING AFFORDABILITY, BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS I'VE MADE EARLIER THIS EVENING ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH THE LOW HOUSING STOCK FOR AFFORDABLE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. AND SO I ENCOURAGE US TO VOTE FOR THIS. IT IS A ZONING CASE ONLY, AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL MOVE FORWARD ACCORDING TO THE PLAN.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT? COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, I THINK I'M TRYING TO FOLLOW. IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT NOT HAVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THERE

AND IT'S JUST AN APARTMENT COMPLEX GOING INTO IT AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THE ZONING IN YOUR DISTRICT, I'M NOT GOING TO GET IN THE WAY. EACH DISTRICT SHOULD LOOK TO THEIR OWN. I STEPPED IN BECAUSE THE TESTIMONY WAS 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND I THINK YOU SAID YOU DO HAVE THE REPORT IN FRONT OF YOU AND IT'S SAYING WHAT PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BASED ON THAT? BECAUSE WHAT WE DO HERE, WHEN WE SAY THINGS, OUR WORDS CREATE A RECORD, AND THIS IS THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO IF IT'S NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND YOU'RE ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR AN APARTMENT IN YOUR DISTRICT, I THINK THE ZONING WOULD BE GOOD, I'LL SUPPORT THAT. I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GET STUCK WITH THE BAIT AND SWITCH THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE DONE BEFORE, SO WHEN I HEARD YOU TESTIFY TODAY THAT 100% WAS GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND I'M GOING THROUGH THE RECORD, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT AND YOU SAY IN YOUR NOTES THERE'S SOME PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. DOES IT SAY 100% OR SOMETHING DIFFERENT? I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR FOR THE COUNCIL. I'LL FOLLOW YOUR RECOMMENDATION, AS IT IS YOUR DISTRICT.

>> RIGHT, MY RECOMMENDATION IS WE APPROVE THIS AS IT'S BEEN PRESENTED THIS EVENING AND ALTHOUGH IT'S ALREADY BEEN STATED THAT WE ARE MISSING THREE OPTIONS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO BE WITH US THIS EVENING, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO TIE A REZONING TO AFFORDABILITY STATUS, AND MY COMMENT WAS NOT TO BE TIED TO THE REZONING THAT THE AFFORDABILITY WAS A REASON FOR

DOING THAT. I SIMPLY WAS ADDING THAT AS AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT,
BUT IT WASN'T -- TO MY KNOWLEDGE, IT IS NOT -- IT IS ILLEGAL TO
TIE REZONING TO AFFORDABILITY STATUS.

>> IS YOUR RECORD STATE THAT IT IS GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE
OR NOT?

>> MY -- WELL, MY RECORD OR MY HANDWRITTEN NOTES?

>> WHATEVER YOU'RE GIVING US.

>> AND I AM STATING THAT IT IS -- WE DISCUSSED 30%, 40%,
60%, AND 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME AS DEFINED BY HUD,
WORKFORCE FOR LOW AND EXTREMELY LOW INCOME AND EACH UNIT WOULD
HAVE UTILITY ALLOWANCES AND I HAVE THE COST OF THE UNITS AND AS
I DESCRIBED THE NUMBER OF THE UNITS EACH ONE BEDROOM, TWO
BEDROOM, THREE BEDROOM, AND 15 TOWN HOMES, AND MY UNDERSTANDING
IS THESE WOULD ALL FALL BELOW THE AFFORDABILITY RANGE. MR.
PRESIDENT, I DO WANT TO THANK COUNCILMAN YATES FOR HIS QUESTION.
I THINK IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I THINK IT'S A GOOD CONVERSATION,
AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO CLOSE MY COMMENT BY SAYING I THINK IT ALSO
IS VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO CONFUSE REZONING CASES WITH A FINANCING
STRUCTURES. SO THANK YOU, CHAIR FLOOD, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. COUNCILMAN
COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I WAS GOING TO SAY, LDG
DEVELOPMENT IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER. THEY ARE THE
SAME PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO BUILD THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN

PROSPECT LAST YEAR IN THAT CASE, IF YOU GUYS WILL REMEMBER, AND THEY'VE RECEIVED FINANCING FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BEFORE. THAT'S ALL THEY DO, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER, COUNCILMAN PEDEN SAYS. IN ANY CASE, MY POINT IS, WHAT COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER SAID ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY FUNDS THAT COME BEFORE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I THINK THAT ANY AMENDMENT TO IMPOSE A NUMBER OF UNITS ON THEM IS TOTALLY ARBITRARY AND WOULDN'T SURVIVE IN COURT AND WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND APPROVE THE ZONING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> AND I WOULD -- I KNOW IT'S MIXED USE. I WOULD COMPLETELY AGREE. I SUPPORT THE PROJECT. WHAT I GET FRUSTRATED, I KNOW SO MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE, WHEN YOU HAVE A REZONING ISSUE AND THERE'S TESTIMONY, YOU HAVE YOUR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND YOU HAVE YOUR NEIGHBORS SHOW UP AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND SAY ONE THING, IT'S HAPPENED TO ME, I KNOW IT'S HAPPENED TO ALL OF US AT ONE POINT, AND SOMETHING ELSE COMES IN PLACE. SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS, AND I KNOW GETTING THEM TO PASS THE ZONING, BUT I THINK IN THE EVENT SOMEONE MAKES A TESTIMONY IN AN OPEN FORUM TO YOUR COUNCIL PERSON, REPRESENTATIVE, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, I WANT TO SEE A HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY. I'VE BEEN HIT WITH THE BAIT AND SWITCH A LOT OF TIMES WHERE I COME IN AND I'M SUPER EXCITED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO COME IN THE DISTRICT AND IT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND IT'S BECAUSE THE BINDING ELEMENTS

WEREN'T PUT INTO PLACE. I KNOW WITH ME AND COUNCILMAN PEDEN, WE TRAVELED BEFORE, WORKED IN OTHER CITIES AND THOUGHT WHY DID WE DEVELOP DIFFERENT AND A LOT OF IT IS BECAUSE WE ALLOWED IT TO HAPPEN. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD COMPANY, DO A LOT OF GOOD MIXED USE. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IN THE EVENT WE HAVE PEOPLE TESTIFYING IN OUR COMMITTEES, TALKING TO US, TALKING TO THE COUNCIL PEOPLE, IF THEY SAY SOMETHING, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THAT'S IT. IF THEY TOLD COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH 100% IS GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I THINK THERE SHOULD BE THAT LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE A PUBLIC FORUM WE'LL MAKE SURE WE'RE LOOKING. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT PUT FORTH BY COUNCILMAN YATES? YOU WITHDRAW YOUR MOTION? OKAY, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ZONING CASE IN FRONT OF US? HEARING NONE, MR. CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL FOR VOTING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, VOTING IS CLOSING, AND VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 25 YES VOTES AND ONE NOT VOTING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 46.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING (\$7,750) \$10,750 IN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$3,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 14 AND 25; \$2,000 FROM DISTRICT 13; \$1,000

EACH FROM DISTRICTS 15 AND 24; AND \$750 FROM DISTRICT 10; TO METRO PARKS FOR THE 2019 RIVERVIEW INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL (AS AMENDED). READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND?

>> MOTION.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. DO WE HAVE ANY DISCUSSION? PRESIDENT COUNCILMAN DR. BLACKWELL.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. SO THIS IS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL RIVERVIEW INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH, FROM 5:00 TO 10:00. IN THE PAST IT'S BEEN FROM 3:00 TO 10:00 AND WE MOVED IT UP, BECAUSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, AND THE END OF JUNE OR BEGINNING OF JULY THAT 3:00 TO 5:00 IS REALLY, REALLY WARM, SO WE HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING PEOPLE OUT FOR THAT PIECE, SO MOVED IT FROM 5:00 TO 10:00. INCLUDES THE FIREWORKS SHOW ON THE OHIO, THREE BANDS, AND LOTS OF KIDS ACTIVITIES. IT'S A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. WE'VE ALREADY RAISED \$21,500 IN PRIVATE SPONSORSHIPS AND INCOME SPONSORS, BUT OUR BUDGET IS \$51,400, SO WE STILL HAVE SOME ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSORS, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WELL, THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL, FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL, WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN A LEADER ON THIS PROJECT. ONE THAT STARTED OFF WITH JUST THE SURROUNDING COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND I THINK LAST YEAR WE HAD PEOPLE FROM ALMOST EVERY PART OF THE CITY, WHICH IS PRETTY COOL, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE'LL NEVER BE ONE CITY IF WE'RE NOT TRAVELING ACROSS AND COMING TOGETHER. SO IT WAS NICE TO SEE MY COLLEAGUES COME OUT AND CONSTITUENTS, AND I KNOW WE'VE PUT A LOT OF MONEY AND TIME INTO OUR PARKS. MAYBE MORE DIFFICULT HERE IN THE COMING FUTURE, BUT IN THE EVENT WE HAVE, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE USING THEM AND IT'S A RESOURCE WE HAVE, ESPECIALLY IN TIGHT TIMES, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THIS, NOT JUST HERE TODAY, BUT GET IT OUT IN YOUR NEWS LETTERS. IT'S FREE, GET IT OUT TO OUR CONSTITUENT BASE, PUT IT OUT THERE, AND I THINK WE NEED TO DO A LITTLE MORE OF THAT. A LOT OF TIMES WE JUST SEND OUT WHAT'S IN OUR BACKYARD, BUT WE ARE ONE CITY, WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, THIS IS A ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE. MR. CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE VOTING. I'M SORRY. OH, I DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY IN THE QUEUE. I'M SORRY. COULD YOU PLEASE ROLL BACK FOR A MOMENT THERE, MR. CLERK? ALL RIGHT. IF YOU WISH TO ADD, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN THE QUEUE. COUNCILMAN PEDEN.

>> THIS IS A COOL EVENT, AND I HOST FRIDAY FEST, AS WELL, WHICH I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO. IT'S ALREADY

FUNDED. THANK YOU, I'M NOT ASKING FOR MONEY FOR THAT LATER ON.
BUT THESE COMMUNITY CONCERTS ARE GREAT, FOR EVERYTHING YATES
JUST SAID. PEOPLE COME FROM EVERYWHERE, SO DISTRICT 23 WILL KICK
IN \$500, PLEASE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: \$500 FROM DISTRICT 23.

>> SORRY, AND SHE'S RIGHT, I'M REMISS IN SAYING THAT
COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD AND NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMAN FOX HAVE CHIPPED
IN FOR FRIDAY FEST, AS WELL. AGAIN, VERY COMMUNITY ORIENTED.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.

>> YOU CAN ADD ME FOR \$250, PLEASE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: \$250 FOR COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI.
COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.

>> PLEASE ADD \$500 IN DISTRICT 1.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: \$500 FROM DISTRICT 1. ANY FURTHER
DISCUSSION? MR. CLERK, WHAT IS OUR TOTAL?

>> CLERK: THE NEW TOTAL IS \$12,000.

>> MAKE THAT IN THE FORM OF A MOTION.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE AMENDED -- THE AMENDMENT
IS BEFORE US. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ALL OPPOSED? AYES HAVE
IT. NOW THE AMENDED ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US. ANY DISCUSSION? MR.
CLERK, PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL CALL FOR VOTING. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
THE VOTING IS CLOSING. AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 25 YES VOTES AND ONE NOT VOTING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE PASSES. MR. CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NO. 47.

>> CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER UNDER TITLE XI OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF A REFLECTIVE DECAL IN THE 10TH FLOOR WINDOWS OF TALL BUILDINGS AS A VISIBLE MARKER OF THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDINGS IN ORDER TO ASSIST LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL (AS AMENDED). READ IN FULL.

>> MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. MOTION AND A SECOND. THE ORDINANCE IS PROPERLY BEFORE US. COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS ITEM PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY. THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT WHILE WE WERE IN COMMITTEE IN THE PENALTY SECTION ON PAGE 4. WE ADDED THE LANGUAGE TO REGISTER AND/OR MAINTAIN INFORMATION AND ADDED A PENALTY OF \$500. I THINK THIS IS A VERY TIMELY THING TO DO. THERE WERE MAJOR ISSUES IN LAS VEGAS DURING THAT TRAGEDY, WHERE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS WERE NOT ABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT FLOOR INDIVIDUALS WERE. WE'VE ALREADY ROLLED THIS OUT LAST YEAR. THERE WAS NOT ANY OBJECTION. THERE ARE ABOUT 46 BUILDINGS IN THE CITY THAT ARE TEN STORIES OR HIGHER. THEY ALL PARTICIPATED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INTERESTED AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO SHARE THE REGISTRY, SO I THINK

THAT IT'S A WIN FOR THE CITY WITH A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF INCOME IN, SO I URGE COLLEAGUES TO VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN GREEN. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, MR. CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE ROLL CALL FOR VOTING? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE VOTING IS CLOSING AND THE VOTING IS CLOSED.

>> CLERK: 25 YES VOTES AND ONE NOT VOTING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, ORDINANCE PASSES. NEXT ITEM IS NEW BUSINESS. AS YOU LEAVE, PLEASE DO SO QUIETLY. THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS DO SO AFTER NEW BUSINESS IS READ INTO THE RECORD. NEW BUSINESS COMPRISES ITEMS 48 THROUGH 62.

>> CLERK: THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,500 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$5,000 FROM DISTRICT 1; \$1,000 FROM DISTRICT 4; AND \$500 FROM DISTRICT 10; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO RIVER CITY DRUM CORP CULTURAL ARTS INSTITUTE, INC. FOR PROGRAM EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING THE "SPIRIT OF THE DRUM." THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 108, SERIES 2018, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET FOR LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY TRANSFERRING \$6,000 FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND (DISTRICT 15) TO LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL GENERAL OPERATIONS (DISTRICT 15). AN

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 108, SERIES 2018 AND ORDINANCE NO. 109, SERIES 2018 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$60,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 18 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 18 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 108, SERIES 2018 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET, TO AMEND THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XX OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW SECTION REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL LICENSE FEE. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: A RESOLUTION HONORING LEE ROBERT JONES BY DEDICATING THE CORNER OF 2ND STREET AND OAK STREET AS "LEE JONES WAY" IN HIS HONOR. THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IS ASSIGNED TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF CRANDON ROAD TO STANDIFORD PLAZA DRIVE AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18STREETS1031). AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN UNNAMED ALLEY AT 1250 EAST BROADWAY AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18STREETS1025). AN ORDINANCE CLOSING FOREST DRIVE AT EAST INDIAN TRAIL AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18STREETS1023). AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY, R-5 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY, R-7 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY AND M-2 INDUSTRIAL TO PRD PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT

4826-4838 VALLA ROAD AND UNADDRESSED LOTS TO THE REAR OF 4800-4838 VALLA ROAD CONTAINING 8.15 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1051). AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO R-5 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10505 BLUE LICK ROAD AND 3617 MUD LANE CONTAINING 33.026 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1069). AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY, R-7 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY AND C-2 COMMERCIAL TO PEC PLANNED EMPLOYMENT CENTER AND CHANGING THE FORM DISTRICTS FROM SUBURBAN MARKETPLACE CORRIDOR AND NEIGHBORHOOD TO SUBURBAN WORKPLACE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5530-5540 MINOR LANE CONTAINING 61.37 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1049). THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PETCO FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$50,000 SUPPORTING METRO ANIMAL SERVICES LIFESAVING ANIMAL INITIATIVES. AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING A COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FRANCHISE TO CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN CHAPTER 116 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES. A RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER PETER ALAN GRIGNON BY DEDICATING THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH HURSTBOURNE PARKWAY AND WATTERSON TRAIL AS "OFC. PETER GRIGNON WAY" IN HIS HONOR. READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WISH TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS? COUNCILWOMAN DONNA PURVIS FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT OF LOUISVILLE METRO.

>> YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'M HAVING A DISTRICTWIDE MEETING NEXT TUESDAY, THE 26TH OF MARCH, STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE SHANI GOLF COURSE ON NORTHWESTERN PARKWAY. I'D LIKE FOR ALL MY CONSTITUENTS TO COME OUT AND MEET ALL OF THE AGENCIES THERE. IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, THE AGENCIES, CITY AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WILL BE THERE TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS. THANK YOU. AND CHILI WILL BE SERVED. THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COUNCIL PERSON THAT WISH TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS? NO. WELL, THIS CONCLUDES OUR MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE STAND ADJOURNED.