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PRESIDENT KING: The Regular Louisville Metro Council Meeting of November 6, 2014, will please come to order.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

Thank you.

Mr. Clerk, a roll call, please.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Scott.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Shanklin.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Present.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Tandy.

Councilwoman Hamilton.

COUNCILWOMAN HAMILTON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Fleming.

COUNCILMAN FLEMING: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Ward-Pugh.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: Here.

MR. CLERK: President King.

PRESIDENT KING: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Aubrey Welch.

COUNCILWOMAN AUBREY WELCH: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Fowler.

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Stuckel.

COUNCILMAN STUCKEL: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Miller.

Councilman Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Here.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Yates.

COUNCILMAN YATES: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Present.

MR. CLERK: Councilman Tandy.

Mr. President, you have 24 in attendance and a quorum.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Please cause the record to reflect that Council Members Miller and Tandy have excused absences.

MR. CLERK: So noted.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Owen, do you have a page this evening?

COUNCILMAN OWEN: I do, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: You have the floor.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Yes. If he will rise. This is Samuel Morris. He is a neighbor. His parents are Amy and Tory Morris. Samuel is a sophomore at Atherton High School. He is a skilled writer. He is a participant in an advanced German class. He is a person who likes to hike. He likes to run. I asked him a simple question, "Someday..." and left it blank, and he said, with his fingers crossed, Cornell University School of Architecture. So we are welcoming this evening Samuel Morris.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: He just looks like someone who will be successful to me. Very good.

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

MR. CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT KING: Please bring them forward.

MR. CLERK: Dolores Delahanty.

PRESIDENT KING: Let me remind those addressing the Council to please refrain from using profanity or from making derogatory statements to Council Members.

And I don't think we need to worry about that from former council members.

DOLORES DELAHANTY: I hope not. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for allowing us to speak this evening.

As you look about the audience, you will see many women of all ages. And we are here today in support of the resolution. I would like to share my own personal experience, because as a woman you have already experienced some form of discrimination. If you are a young woman, it is probably something unfortunately you will experience.

I was appointed to the Kentucky Commission on Women by Governor Ford, and as such I chaired a legislative task force. And we did something which is similar to what would occur with this resolution, and that is we asked the legislative research commission to research all of the legislation that adversely affected women. And lo and behold we found a very important piece of legislation having to do with property rights. Because at that time women were categorized as a protected class. They were -- and I quote the statute -- women, lunatics, and children were unable to own or sell property.

The legislature passed a fair credit law and as such I was able to go down to my bank and say to the bank manager, now that this legislation's passed I want a credit card in my own name. And the bank manager turned to me and said, what's the matter, Ms. Delahanty? Are you getting a divorce? I said no. And he said, your husband has a credit card. You can sign under his name. And I said, Mr. Carmen, now we have a

law that says women can get credit in their own name, and I want a credit card.

As a result of that legislation, identifying one moment where women were discriminated against, I was able to establish credit in my own name, get a small business loan, and I put this forward because it is an important question that we are asking that policy, programs, and laws that relate to women be examined and identified so perhaps we can do something to change how women, 51 percent of the population of this metro area, can be assured that you as legislators care about how women are treated in this community. I would ask in all of you that perhaps you can treat this resolution in a fair, bipartisan way.

President John Kennedy said some issues are not a Republican issue, not a Democratic issue, they are the right issue. And I think this is one of those times. Thank you for your patience. Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Sariena Sampson.

SARIENA SAMPSON: Good evening. I come to you today as a return peace core volunteer, current JCPS high school teacher, and advocate for CEDAW. I see women's rights issues in the third world and at home in Louisville I served as a peace volunteer in Niger, Africa, women are third class citizens. Men come first and then children and then women. Forced to get married, give up their educational rights and forced to starve so their husbands and children might have a better chance at survival. I myself have been forced to ride on the floor of a bush taxi with goats in urine just because I'm a woman and I didn't deserve a seat.

The reason I stand before you tonight is much more startling. More heart-wrenching are the things that I see going on in the school system amidst our young people. I see men and women entering our college workforce in just a few short months. That is a workforce where women are paid less than men on average for the same jobs even though they have the same experience.

I teach young people who believe that science and technology electives are for boys because those classes teach you skills to survive in men's jobs. I teach young people who believe that if a woman is raped, it is probably her fault. I work in a school system where the dress code is focused on shaming girls and not at all focused on correcting boys'

behavior. I teach girls who have never been told they have a voice and a right to be heard.

I leave you tonight with a story about a former student of mine. This student took a liking to me for whatever reason and she would confide in me and give advice regarding her academics and personal life. She confided in me she didn't want to be sexually active with her boyfriend, but she knew he would leave her if she didn't comply with his wishes. She became pregnant and had the baby. And after returning to school she confided in me again and what she told me her boyfriend didn't want to wait the six weeks and she found out she was pregnant again. I asked her how could you let this happen to you? And she said to me, no one ever told me I could say no. Eventually her boyfriend left her anyway and now this young woman is in early twenties raising two children on her own on welfare because no one taught her that she had the voice or the right to say no.

Ladies and gentlemen, Louisville is a city of compassion. I can't think of many more acts of compassion that would be greater than giving more than half of our population in Louisville equality and the power to know their rights. I trust that tonight you will cast the compassionate vote in favor of the CEDAW resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Sonya Gadre.

SONIA GADRE: My name is Sonya Gadre, and I am a junior at Kentucky Country. I would like to thank Council Member Ward-Pugh for inviting me back here. As you might imagine, I'm very excited to be here. With that, I will begin my testimony.

The fact that the United States has not passed CEDAW is something that has deeply personal to me as an American girl. In a country where we have institutions like the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a country where we pride ourselves on equality, why wouldn't we sign this agreement? Under this international bill, we would only have to file one report once every four years. This report would be a no-brainer here in the United States to where we are already taking actions against discrimination. Right?

The United States' lack of this convention sends a message to people around the world and right here in the United States. It sends the message that we don't care. We do not care enough to file one report once every four years to show that we are combating all forms of discrimination against our girls. As an American girl, I have a problem with this. I am a junior in high school, a cross-country runner, pianist, athlete, mathlete, and a hard worker. Hard work comes with sacrifice.

On a daily basis I give up hours of sleep and time with friends and my family in order to reach a high level of academic achievement. I endure unimaginable stress and anxiety on a daily basis with the hopes that one day I will be a successful leader and contributing member of society. So imagine my shock when I found out that the United States, the country that I love and the country that I was born in, was not taking all -- and I mean all -- the initiatives necessary to make sure that when the time comes to me to fulfill my sacrifices I am not discriminated against. This feeling of shock is more akin to a feeling of loneliness.

As a woman I feel as if my community has ceased to care about me. Yes, we have passed antidiscrimination legislation, but there will always be people out there who discriminate. Therefore, the measures we take to end discrimination should be ongoing. CEDAW provides the framework for this ongoing type of action. So let's not send a negative message to 50 percent of our population. By signing this international bill, we have nothing to lose and frankly everything to gain. I implore you to show your support. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Pat Murrell.

PAT MURRELL: Good evening. I'm Pat Murrell representing the League of Women Voters. And as an aside, I applaud the council for approving the felony restoration ordinance which we supported, and I want to reiterate our support to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, which the League has supported since the 70s.

But the topic tonight is the League of Women Voters Ethics Committee. We have always supported accountability, transparency, and ethical behavior in government as fundamental to a functioning democracy. Ethics in government is an issue in which the council, league and the

public has shown increased interest. But we are here tonight to commend this council and the government accountability and ethics committee for its hard work and intellectual honesty on the work to improve the ethics ordinance. Last week the Government Accountability and Ethics Committee voted out this amended ordinance for presentation tonight. The committee vote was 7-0 with bipartisan support. We are here in support of the ordinance and of the process by which it was achieved. We commend the committee for going past procedures and tackling a policy issue.

Each Metro Council member is responsible for making sure their private business does not interfere with business. The balance of power between executive, judicial, and legal branches of government. We hope the council will continue to explore its investigator interrogatory powers. The diligent work by the government accountability committee and by the ethics commission inspire public trust in government. As Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh and Councilman Jerry Miller, cochairs of the government accountability and ethics committee, and their council, we wish to applaud them for their years of dedicated service on the committee and on the council. Thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

MR. CLERK: Margie Montgomery.

MARGIE MONTGOMERY: Go right ahead.

PRESIDENT KING: Chairman King, members of the Metro Council, I appreciate the opportunity to be here this evening to address this very important issue.

Before I begin on the particular subject, I would like to say that I have been very active in the past with the League of Women Voters and with the American Association of University Women. So I have been involved in women's issues for many, many years. The Right to Life of Louisville Organization, on behalf of our members, statewide affiliates, and unborn children of the commonwealth, urge you to oppose the resolution supporting the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW.

There are excellent reasons why CEDAW has never been ratified since it was submitted to the U.S. Senate 34 years ago and why it should

not be supported by the Louisville Metro Council. Though the word "abortion" does not appear in the word of the text of CEDAW itself, that hasn't stopped the official U.S. CEDAW compliance committee as well as other official bodies, including the European Parliament from interpreting Article 12 of CEDAW to include promotion of abortion.

Article 12 reads state parties should take appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure on the basis of equality of men and women access to health care services, including those related to family planning. The official U.N. CEDAW committee has consistently exceeded its mandate by using Article 12 as the basis for pressuring at least 83 different U.N. member nations to weaken or repeal laws protecting unborn children.

Among the targets of such criticisms by the CEDAW committee have been Ireland, where it says the committee is concerned that, with very limited exception, abortion remains illegal in Ireland. Also says regarding Poland in January of 2007 and Mexico, the committee recommends that all states of Mexico should review their legislation so that where necessary women are granted access to rapid and easy abortion. In Portugal, where it said the committee is concerned about the restrictive abortion laws in place in Portugal.

The CEDAW committee has explicitly held that nations should provide public funding of abortion and has criticized nations that have laws in place to allow medical professionals to opt out of providing abortion. Now I would like to call on another member of our organization who will give additional information regarding this even though the word "abortion" does not appear in the CEDAW resolution.

PRESIDENT KING: Ms. Montgomery, your time only has ten seconds left for this speaker. We have another speaker, Mike Janocik, who is lined up. Is he the next one?

MICHAEL JANOCIK: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'll be brief. I would like to echo Margie Montgomery's remarks regarding CEDAW. I'm with the Kentucky Right to Life Association, registered agent. And we concur with Margie Montgomery's opposition to CEDAW.

We are looking at these articles that support equal rights for women, but that is not the issue. The board abortion is not used in the resolution itself, but I want to point out that the CEDAW compliance committee is part of CEDAW. It is not a separate organization. It is not a separate branch of power, say for example like the United States Supreme Court is to our executive branch. The CEDAW compliance committee is part of the U.N. treaty on CEDAW and the U.N. Compliance Commission.

The word abortion has been used 375 times in efforts in 83 different countries and states to legalize or to remove restrictions on abortion. So I want to make that point clear because I think too often people are confused about CEDAW being two separate entities. One is the resolution and the other the compliance committee. All part of the same package, and they very much are in support of legalizing and expanding abortion coverage around the world.

But this isn't just national right to life, Kentucky Right to Life or even the Holy See that have problems with CEDAW. Also acknowledging this fact are proponents of the right to choose, including the reproductive rights, center for reproductive rights, which was previously known as the center for reproductive law and policy. In the report it says the CEDAW committee has consistently criticized restrictive abortion laws often framing such laws as a violation of rights and health and has asked many states and parties to reviewed legislation making abortion illegal and praised states for amending their restrictive legislation.

The CEDAW committee has expressed concern over the lack of availability of abortion options. The committee makes it clear that it is an infringement of a woman's reproductive rights when the government restricts access to providers for the procedure. This is directly out of a text from a group that supports a woman's right to choose. CEDAW is regularly cited by requiring -- and the legal arguments advanced by organizations such as the center for reproductive rights.

For these reasons we urge you to vote no on supporting this treaty. Thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Shakinah Lavalle. I apologize if I have not pronounced your name correctly.

SHAKINAH LAVALLE: That's okay. I'm here in support of raising the minimum wage in Louisville. Also as a member for Kentuckians for the commonwealth. Thank you for giving me time to speak both as an issue I care about, as a resident of Louisville and person who grew up in poverty. I know you appreciate your jobs as representatives in Louisville to make decisions that affect the community, so I trust you will hear me out and consider what I have to say.

I was raised by a single mother who worked very hard. My mother taught me a few good things that have taken me pretty far in life, always go above and beyond what is asked of you. Have a got attitude even if you are not having a good day and make sure people recognize you for your hard work. And let me tell you my mother embodied those ideas. She didn't just preach. So when my mom wasn't working she was tired. She was a waitress for most of my childhood, and you probably know that aside from tips servers make a couple of bucks an hour. About 50 percent of the time my mom was able to make ends meet, but the rest of the time we got public assistance in the form of food stamps, free lunches at school, and heating assistance. It is worth noting that all of these programs have experienced drastic cuts since I was a kid.

I always sense a bit of a disconnect growing up comparing my mom with other parents. My mom would work 50 plus hours a week mostly on weekends and evenings when other kid's parents would be home with them. Other kids' parents were home to help them with extracurricular activities and homework and these kids didn't seem to have to worry about their moms getting paid. So here is where I want to talk about the values that we all share. I think we understand that working hard is important. People should contribute something to their community. But I think that a full week's worth of work means that you can pay the bills. Serving you food when you don't feel like cooking or stocking shelves at your local Kroger is a contribution and these folks deserve to get by. More money in the pockets of working class Americans grows the economy. In fact, the economic policy institute shows that raising the wage to 10.10 would

create jobs. Paying people a living wage might mean the difference between scrounging up money for diapers or going to the local burger shop.

When we don't raise wages over such a long period of time, we are reducing their wages through inaction. I don't know how we can expect people to value hard work if we don't recognize and value their hard work. We have an opportunity to be a leader in Louisville and lead Kentucky and our country by showing workers like my mother we value their hard work. So I hope that you votes to raise the wage. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Mick Parsons.

MICK PARSON: My name is Mick Parson, and I'm here to speak in favor of raising the minimum wage. All the reasonable arguments have been made. It is better for the economy. The ten cities in the country that have raised the minimum wage have seen an uptick in the local economies because people who work can afford to spend money. The moral and ethical arguments have been made.

Louisville calls itself a compassionate city, and compassion means taking care of those who generally need help taking care of themselves. These arguments have been made and there is really no point in rehashing them. There are better stories to be told than mine. But the simple fact of the matter is when you work for a living, real work -- I teach and it is hard work, but I have done harder work -- when you work for a living, the first thing you learn very quickly is that you are replaceable. And everyone who was impacted by this mandate, potential mandate, is replaceable.

But I would also like to point out that the people who have not stood behind this mandate, stood behind this ordinance are also replaceable. Every chair in this place could be filled by someone else who is more in tune with people who work for a living, people who hold this city up to be the beautiful place that it is. I have lived other places. I like it here. This is a great place. It could be a greater place.

Rather than point out the moral and ethical imperatives behind raising the minimum wage, I would like to point out that if you don't

raise the minimum wage, and I'm focusing on the six Democratic council members who have not stepped up to back up this particular ordinance, if you do not support this ordinance, there will come a time when your chair will be filled by someone who actually pays attention to people who work in this city. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. CLERK: Georgianna Miller.

PRESIDENT KING: Mr. Clerk, is that it? Oh, there we go. Thank you.

GEORGIANNA MILLER: Good evening. My name's Georgianna Miller, and I come to you today and I want to thank you for allowing me to speak on the issue of raising the minimum wage in the Metro Louisville area. I am speaking tonight because I am in support of the issue because the cost of living and the hourly wages some jobs pay, the gap between the two is getting wider every day. I'm sorry. It is getting more and more difficult for those who get minimum wage to maintain housing without relying on government subsidies in order to live. This leads for some to homelessness, as the current waiting list for public housing in the Section 8 program are years long in some instances. For others, it means they or they family have to live in substandard housing.

According to the minimum wage follow-up report by the Kentucky Center for Economic Study submitted this year, the workers that would be affected by the increases would be 77 percent of those families under the poverty line. If we are ever going to decrease the poverty in this area, we have to raise the minimum pay for minimum wage jobs.

Some people believe that the only people that make minimum wage in this area are those who are teenagers. And according to Mr. Bailey's report, that is not true. Only eight percent of the young people make minimum wage. 18 percent of people my age have jobs that pay minimum wage. That says a lot about who we care about. And also if we raise the minimum wage up to 92 percent of those wage-earners are over the age of 20. It would be a boon to the economy. It will help because these people will spend the money they earn. And they don't spend it now because they don't have any outside money to spend. They have to pay all their bills and then they don't see any of it. You yourselves have already raised the

minimum wage for the city's employees, and it is time for the same policy to given to the citizens in our community. I appreciate if you pass that tonight.

[Applause.]

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

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Woolridge, I believe you have a special proclamation to present.

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

PRESIDENT KING: You have the floor.

Councilman James.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: We have a celebrity in the house tonight. And I would like for all my colleagues to welcome Ms. Alice Wicks and her family.

[Applause.]

Let me start out by saying that the tea you have on your desk is Mrs. Wicks' recipe. Her grandson is distributing that tea through the Kroger outlets. Let's give him a hand.

[Applause.]

I certainly appreciate you all being here tonight with mom and grandmother. I appreciate all you do. One of her sons, David Wicks, I worked with in Park Duvall Community Health Center for years. Never knew he was Mrs. Wicks' son. So it is a small world after all. We have two proclamations. This lady is so special. We did one from the office and also asked the mayor if he would proclaim today your day. I will read the mayor's proclamation also.

Louisville, Office of the Mayor's Proclamation. Greetings to all whom these presence shall come, know ye that November 6, 2014, is hereby proclaimed in Louisville, Kentucky to be Alice Wicks Day. And I urge all citizens to observe this special day, done in Louisville Commonwealth of Kentucky on this sixth day of November, 2014, Greg E. Fischer, mayor.

[Applause.]

And I asked Councilman James to join me here at the podium because we share Mrs. Wicks. She is right here on the border in my district along with his district, so I asked Councilman James if he would share this recognition with me tonight.

And I would like to read this proclamation. Louisville Metro Council proclamation.

To all whom these letters shall come, greetings. Know ye that the Louisville Metro Council recognizes Alice Wicks. Whereas she was born on February 25, 1925, in Louisville, Kentucky and married to George Wicks, who is now deceased. And whereas Alice Wicks created her own secret tea recipe, Down Home Tea, many years ago, and it has been served to many people in our community.

And whereas Down Home Tea became available for purchase on November 1, 2014, in stores throughout Louisville Metro. And whereas Alice Wicks' strong faith in God attributed to her raising eight children, instilling a strong sense of family in their lives as well as her grandchildren.

And whereas Alice Wicks is an excellent role model for young people to follow. Not only for her creation of Down Home Tea, but for her commitment to traditional family values and community service.

Therefore be it resolved that the Louisville Metro Council acknowledges that through the development of Down Home Tea, LLC, we celebrate, congratulate, and honor Alice Wicks and wish her a continued good life, good luck, and good fortune. Done in Louisville Metro the sixth day of November, 2014. Mary C. Woolridge.

And we want to present these to you and your family and congratulate you at this particular time.

[Applause.]

Mr. President, we have one person who wants to say something about his grandmother. And we are happy to give him that time.

PRESIDENT KING: You still have the floor.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: And we are drinking that Down Home Tea. I forget what the slogan says. Once you taste it, you won't want to waste it. Okay. He's going to say something.

GUEST SPEAKER: What I want to say is God's grace and mercy brought me through. I'm living each moment because of you.

[Applause.]

Once again, we are honored to be here today, Metro Council, president, and all, to see my grandmother's vision come true. I have worked on this for about 25 years and I would like to thank the city of Louisville for giving me the opportunity to stand up and be strong for my family and my community.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you. Did you have anything, Councilman James? Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you, Councilwoman. Nice job.

Is there anyone else seeking recognition from the floor before we get into our business part of our meeting?

Next we have approval of Council minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2014. Any corrections or deletions.

>> Move approval.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: I will miss that motion, Councilwoman Ward-Pugh. Unfortunately, you have a backup.

The minutes have been properly moved and seconded. All those in favor say aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. The minutes are approved as written.

Next we have approval of the following Committee minutes, all in 2014.

Regular: Committee on Sustainability, October 23.

Regular: Committee of the Whole, October 23.

Special: Committee on Health, Education, and Housing October 27.

Regular: Planning and Zoning, Land Design and Development Committee, October 28.

Regular: Public Works, Bridges and Transportation Committee, October 28.

Regular: Government Accountability and Ethics, October 28.

Regular: Appropriations, NDFs & CIFs Committee, October 29.

Regular: Public Safety Committee, October 29.

Regular: Labor and Economic Development Committee, October 30.

Regular: Committee on Contracts, October 30.

Special: Budget Committee, October 30.

Regular: Ad Hoc Committee on Land Development Code, November 3.

Special: Committee on Health, Education and Housing, November

6.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. All those in favor say aye.

Opposed? The ayes have it. These minutes are approved as written.

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

MR. CLERK: We do.

PRESIDENT KING: Please read them into the record.

MR. CLERK: Dear President King:

In accordance with the Medical Center Commission Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Medical Center Commission.

Emmett Ramser, new appointment, term expires January 12, 2016.

Metro Council approval of this appointment is not required.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President King:

In accordance with the Civil Service Board Ordinance, I am appointing the following to the Civil Service Board.

Mark Hampton, new appointment, term expires June 30, 2018.

Metro Council approval of this appointment is not required.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President King:

In accordance with the Science Center Board Ordinance, I am re-appointing the following to the Science Center Board.

Shawn Bailey, re-appointment, term expires July 1, 2017.

Lonnie Bellar, re-appointment, term expires July 1, 2017.

Meredith Loeb, re-appointment, term expires July 1, 2017.

Metro Council approval of these appointments is not required.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Dear President King:

In accordance with the Parking Authority of River City PARC Board, I am Re-appointing the following to the PARC Board.

Henry Potter, re-appointment, term expires June 30, 2017.

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Greg Fischer, Mayor.

Read in full.

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

Our next order of business is the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar comprises Items 22-39.

Are there any additions or deletions?

Councilwoman Fowler were you seeking to move item 23 to Old Business?

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT KING: Without objection, item 23 will be moved to Old Business.

Consent Calendar comprises 22, 24-49.

Mr. Clerk, if you agree with that, a second reading of those items.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$125,000 TOTAL IN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$80,000 FROM DISTRICT 7; \$45,000 FROM DISTRICT 18, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE CITY OF LYNDON, PURSUANT TO LMCO 97.100 ESTABLISHING A METRO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH SUBURBAN CITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPLASHPAD AT ROBSION PARK.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 94, SERIES 2004 PERTAINING TO THE 2004-2005 CAPITAL BUDGET AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 118, SERIES 2007 BY RECOGNIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR THE COOPER CHAPEL PHASE III PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102, SERIES 2014, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY TRANSFERRING \$7,600 OF GENERAL FUND FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEPARTMENT.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.45 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING RENEWAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (XEROX GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS LLC D/B/A FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE - \$45,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (CTR PARKING SOLUTIONS, LLC \$570,890.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT - (ESI (DELAWARE) ACQUISITION, INC. \$30,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT SPALDING UNIVERSITY (\$99,253.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (DEBORAH KENT - \$50,000.00).

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$120,000 GRANT FROM THE KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO FUND THE LOUISVILLE FARM TO TABLE PROGRAM.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$70,000 GRANT FROM THE BERRY CENTER TO FUND THE LOUISVILLE FARM TO TABLE PROGRAM.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$90,000 OF FUNDING FROM LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT FOR TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF 25 MOBILE AIR MONITORS FROM DURHAM LABS, LLC TO BE USED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE GENTLEMAN'S ACADEMY AIR QUALITY PROJECT.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANTING OF LOCAL INDUCEMENTS TO OTTOBOCK HEALTHCARE LP AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEES OR APPROVED AFFILIATES THEREOF PURSUANT TO KRS CHAPTER 154, SUBCHAPTER 32.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$354,286 FROM THE COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIOS SYSTEM BOARD TO BE USED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR A CALL TAKING PROTOCOL SYSTEM.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$50,000 FROM THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO BE USED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR ALERT SYSTEM SOFTWARE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE METRO GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT \$130,000 FROM THE KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND DATA COLLECTION SERVICES.

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Consent calendar has been properly moved and seconded. It requires a roll call vote.

Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

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

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. The consent calendar passes.

Next item of business is Old Business.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 23, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$18,000 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$5,000 FROM DISTRICT 7; \$2,000 FROM DISTRICT 4; \$1,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 20, 16, 12, 19, 18, 22, 24, 11; \$500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 10, 15, 13, 2, 17; \$250 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 9, 3; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, INC. D/B/A PITT ACADEMY FOR THE "HELP US GROW THEIR FUTURE" CAPITAL PROJECT.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

>> Motion.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. The ordinance is now before us. Councilwoman Fowler, you asked be taken off. Do you want to address this?

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Yes, sir, I appreciate that. I would like to add a thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT KING: From your district, I assume.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: District 14. Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT KING: Somebody else's.

COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER: Unless you'll take it.

PRESIDENT KING: You are doing great over there.

And, Councilman James, were you seeking recognition?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Yes, sir. I would like to add \$500 from District six.

PRESIDENT KING: Anyone else seeking recognition?

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Motion to amend, \$250 District 23, please.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Peden, 250.

Anyone else seeking recognition?

I will take a motion for \$1,750. Do I have a second on that?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: All those in favor say aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. We now have the amended ordinance before us. Is there any further discussion on the amended ordinance? Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote.

Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 23 yes votes and three not voting.

PRESIDENT KING: The ordinance passes.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 40. Is that where we are?

MR. CLERK: It is.

PRESIDENT KING: All right. A reading of item forty.

MR. CLERK: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITIES FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) INITIATIVE BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL AND SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL CITIES PASSING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF

THE U.N. CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT KING: May I have a motion and second for approval.

>> Motion.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. We now have the ordinance before
us.

Councilwoman Woolridge, I believe this came from your committee.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. President.

This was heard in the Committee of Health, Education and
Housing. It passed out of the committee three to two. That is why it
went on Old Business.

The primary sponsor of this legislation is Councilwoman Tina
Ward-Pugh, and if I could, I would like you to yield the floor to
Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilwoman Ward-Pugh, are you seeking
recognition on this?

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: I would be glad to.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: I will let you have that priority,
since you are the sponsor.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: I appreciate that, Councilwoman
Woolridge. As we had a meeting today, a third meeting, we had some
discussion and I tried to be very clear, abundantly clear that this
resolution is about adopting the principles of an initiative called Cities
for CEDAW, which is a national issue that has started last year as a
result of congress's under both Democrat and Republican leadership's lack
of support for signing on to ratify the treaty.

But believing in its principles started this initiative. And
the goal is to have a hundred cities by the end of 2015. And so part
of -- all this does here is calls for us to start the process, set in
place programs that assess where we are as a city as it relates to
equality of girls and women. That would be pay, health, economic
opportunity for advancement, some of those kinds of things. And learn
where we are not living up to what our laws already are. And making some

changes, so we do live up to those. And so I say that to say that it is very unfortunate that there are people who are trying to make this out about one issue in particular, because every time the word women's health comes up, of course, it is always about our uterus. And I'm telling you tonight it's not.

There are other treaties that do mention that. This one endeavored 34 years ago specifically to not mention it because it specifically was trying to not politicize it. The other unfortunate action is that there is a representation that this resolution calls for the ratification of that treaty, and it does not. And it won't ever call for the ratification of the treaty. It calls for adopting the cities for CEDAW initiative, and being one of the hundred cities that decided not to wait on Congress but instead to do stuff locally.

And so one of the things that I want to say is that the mention of CEDAW and the mention of committee of member-nations that have adopted this, 187, by the way, have, there is no doubt that they have made some decisions about family planning and women's reproductive health. But that is not what this is about. This is a benign resolution.

So we are here tonight, I think, I hope, to try and take a first step and send the message not only that we are a compassionate city, but that we care about elevating the status of women and girls and that we really are tired of, because I am, being held hostage by the left and extreme left and the extreme right. I think this is an opportunity for us to take back our voice and speak with that voice about what this really is and not let folks keep us hostage and scare us about something is that this isn't about. There's plenty of scared to be about, and this ain't one of them. I'm sure I'll have more to share later as conversation goes on, but I urge you to not make this about one issue. And if you do, make it be about elevating the status of girls and women. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

We need to move forward here.

Councilman James, you were seeking recognition?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Yes, Mr. President. I would like to make a motion to limit debate.

PRESIDENT KING: Do we have a second?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Is there any objection to that?

Hearing none, we will invoke Rule 5.11 J to limit debate to 90 minutes.

Mr. Clerk, would you have someone start the clock on that, please? Also, I need help up here with my system when available.

Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I find it interesting that the first time we will limit the debate from the minority voice happens to be on this issue.

PRESIDENT KING: I think we have done it before. Pretty sure we have.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you. There are a couple different comments that we begin.

First, it is called the Cities for CEDAW. I find it incomprehensible that someone could suggest that a resolution within the title that says Cities for CEDAW is not in favor of CEDAW the treaty. So it is an interesting logic that my colleague from District 9 presents that let's please not get confused about this. It is in the title, for crying out loud. It is in support of CEDAW. I don't know how you a make the argument it is not.

Each of the speakers tonight made it clear it is not just about Louisville, that it is in fact about CEDAW. The discussion tonight that we have then must recognize the breadth of both the CEDAW treaty as well as the action taken by the three-member CEDAW committee charged with holding states accountable to the treaty they signed. It is the committee's role to interpret the treaty. Therefore, the committee and the treaty are inseparable. So you will hear discussion tonight about this 23-member board. Please know it is their job to make sure that the treaty is lived out. They interpret it. So you can't separate those two things.

Secondly, I point out that the U.N. documents while they may not use the word "abortion" in their summary statement they say this. The convention is the only human rights treaty which affirms the reproductive

rights of women and targets culture and tradition as influential forces shaping gender roles and family relations. People on all sides of this issue recognize and understand what that language means. They may have chosen not to use the word abortion, but everybody knows that is what that is a reference to. Folks who are pushing for a woman's right to choose use the language reproductive rights. That's what that means. So even though they may not have used the exact word, it is not a secret that is what that means. Pretty much the standard language.

Then we go to the next thing, look at this organization, the CEDAW committee. In their language they are much more clear. Straightforward and plain. They say that there is a need to ensure the sexual and reproductive health care leads to reproductive rights, family support, family planning services including emergency contraception, family health services antenatal care, skilled delivery services, emergency obstetric care, safe abortion services, and post abortion care. They go on to say that the committee asks the country unequivocally and categorically to never ensure that safe abortion services become a part of sexual and reproductive health care for women in areas.

Newly released general recommendation is for all countries that are party to the women's treaty. This is language directly from them. This isn't from some radical group that is taken a position. This is their own document and language. And further, this will be my last comment on this, at least for the moment. Our colleagues have suggested that this isn't just -- we shouldn't make this just about abortion and it is really not about abortion anyway, which I believe I articulated clearly it is. Even if you were willing to go down that road, even if that logic made sense to you this is not just about abortion.

Also in their own documents they have taken a position on prostitution. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW, has recognized that decriminalization of prostitution to specific countries such as China where prostitution and trafficking of women are rampant. Goes on, CEDAW recommends that China legalize and regulation prostitution in order to stop the rampant trade that leads to widespread human rights violation. China should adopt CEDAW's

recommendation and legalize prostitution in order to lower human rights cases caused by prostitution.

It is not just about abortion. While I very much support any effort to protect women, most of you here know I teach an all-girls school. I very much stand up for and defend the rights of young women. I think it is important that as a nation and specifically as a city that we should do these things. However, this treaty which claims to be about pressing women actually has specific language in here that flies in the face of everything that every one of us would agree that are important women's issues.

And so I implore my colleagues, please, make sure you understand exactly what this is. Don't be tricked into thinking that just because the word's not in here that makes this somehow an okay document. CEDAW is in the title. The intent is that cities support what CEDAW does. 23-member board of CEDAW interprets the treaty. It is clear this is not in the best interest of women and it is unfortunate that we are being handed this and suggested to vote against it is a vote against women when I would argue quite the opposite. A vote against is very much a vote against women.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you very much.

Councilman Engel.

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COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Thank you, Mr. President. That is pretty clear by now, but we will continue to repeat this.

The word has not gotten through to many folks in the community because this thing was very quietly moved forward. But let me be very clear, as I have been a part of the Kentucky Right to Life organization for 20-plus years, that the National Right to Life Committee on behalf of its 50 state affiliates and the international pro-life community has consistently expressed its opposition to CEDAW.

The NRLC explains that while the word abortion isn't in the treaty itself that has proven to be of little significance as we have heard testimony today in committee from a national leader on this issue as members of 23 member committee is responsible for its oversight and

enforcement, and they have explicitly held that nations should provide public funding of abortion.

Article 12 of the treaty states state parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure on the basis of equality of men and women access to health care services including those related to family planning. Since 1995 Article 12 have been creatively interpreted by official bodies ranging from the European parliament to the U.N. CEDAW Committee to condemn limitations on abortions on grounds that any restriction on abortion are discrimination against women.

We know, fellow colleagues, why District 9 does not want any discussion or attempt to talk about or refer to abortion. Because she knows that that would not get their support. They would not support this. And let me just quietly say that I'm a proud husband of 25 years to my lovely wife. My oldest child is a female daughter. I have four children. And I have been a part of the Kentucky Right to Life organization as I mentioned and they have done an unbelievable job being compassionate to those ladies who have had abortions who need our compassion these days. It is unbelievable when you see the hurt of women these days that have had abortion. And so there has been a complete about-face with regard to this compassion for women. And, quite frankly, in conclusion, I'm tired of, as our councilwoman from District 9 is tired of things as well, I am tired of being lumped into this supposed war on women, as are millions of Americans who spoke on Tuesday night. I cannot don't to sit and watch the media call on people like myself who stand up for ladies, for women, who want our compassion, as if we have a war on women. That could not be farther from the truth. And I will fight from this day forward to curtail that observation of those of us who stand up for women and that are prolife in the community.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Blackwell.

COUNCILMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr. President.

Little confused. I don't think I heard my colleague from District 9 talk about a war on women. Just a couple things. I think there is a lot of discussion about the treaty and there is a lot of disagreement about the treaty itself. And I think as Councilwoman Ward-Pugh pointed out, that's why it hasn't been ratified. The speakers mentioned that too. That's why it hasn't been ratified, whether the Democrats or Republicans are in office. The treaty has a lot of things when you get into a discussion there's interpretations and so on that make it difficult. And so it hasn't been ratified.

So I think what we are trying to say today and I join my colleague from District 9 because I think what we are trying to say today is it isn't about that and not about those other things. It is about being able to say that we are a city, and we are one of those cities who is willing to stand up and sign and say that we are one of the cities that wants everyone to know that this is a great place for women. So if we have visitors that come to our city to go to U of L or Spalding or one of our universities we want them to see this is a place that stands up so it is easily recognizable that we are one of those cities when we stand out and make a statement like we are going to tonight.

I'm sad to see the polarization on this. I really thought this would be something that wouldn't be so polarized. And I have worked with my colleague. I thought it was a good day when a pro-life legislator and a pro-choice legislator could put aside those differences and say you know what, we may disagree on that one issue and a lot of issues but what we can agree on is we need to be very bold about things, that this community cares about its women and girls and we are not afraid to say that. We are not afraid to be part of this.

So just like a few years ago when we labeled ourselves a compassionate city and we signed the charter in order to do that, we were a compassionate city before we signed that charter. We would be a compassionate city if we didn't sign the charter. We are city number 35 on the compassionate city website. And I would be equally proud to see us be city number 35 or whatever number it might be on the CEDAW website that says we are a city that is compassionate, particularly concerned about where with your women are. And just give you one example.

When a young woman from KCD spoke at the committee meeting, it dawned on me. She was talking about our responsibility to look at our policies and look them over again. And I know you and I worked very closely together on the fair labor standards and the fair labor standard that we put in place calls for us to shoot for a five percent women-owned business threshold in the fair labor. So when we put that in place several years ago we thought that was a pretty fair place to be. But that might be something, as she was talking about, that might be a place we need to look. Is five percent really where we need to be in terms of women-owned businesses and fair labor standards? It is just that sort of thing that discussing CEDAW, discussing the Cities for CEDAW causes us to reflect on, causes us to think about, causes us to say are we doing enough for the women that are in our community.

Thank you, Mr. President.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Woolridge.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Mr. President, I will be brief. But I do want to say one of my colleagues mentioned limit to debate on this particular issue. I beg to differ.

We have had special meetings, and I chair the Health, Education, and Housing Committee. We have had meeting after meeting. We have had special committee meetings at the request of the Rs, and I want to know how much time we have for this debate when you said limit debate. And how much time do we have to debate this issue? Can somebody tell me?

PRESIDENT KING: Well, the rule is 90 minutes. I'm hopeful we complete before then.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: And I would also like to address my committee, my colleagues regarding what happened on Tuesday night. What happened on Tuesday night, it has not affected this council. And I just had to say that it might have had something stood with other parts of the city, country, but it did not affect this Metro Council. We are still the same. Nine Republicans and 17 Dems. Thank you, Mr. President. That just had to be said. Thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: I don't know how to follow that.

PRESIDENT KING: I took a break myself.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Let me just say that I think I have to agree with what a lot of people are saying here. My colleague from District 9 said we can't be held hostage from the far left and right. I agree. My colleague from 12 said we need to at least be bold about saying that we care about our women, and I cannot agree more. I want to ask something. What is magic about the word CEDAW? You know we have talked about an amendment that would come out that would give this exact same resolution, put together the exact same programs, put together the exact same abilities to march, to fund, and to put everything together. Doesn't change anything.

But for some reason the magic when you put the word CEDAW in, it causes huge problems for many of us. Let me see if I can explain it. As I went through this, I did more reading today than I probably should have, and I will try to keep it very brief.

Here's some of the things I found. The CEDAW committee was created in an act of the '79 Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW. The committee does a lot of things, such as encouraging respect for women, strongly opposing domestic violence, forced prostitution, trafficking and sex slavery. I can tell you every one of these things we all I think agree with a hundred percent. But when you throw the word in and you keep going a little further, nowhere in Article 12 or in any other provision of CEDAW, the councilwoman said this and I agree with her, is there so a so-called right to abortion. Family planning and health care services are mentioned, but not abortion, yet the 23 committee has repeatedly exceeded and violated the actual language of CEDAW when declaring that party nations must, underline, must make abortion legal in order to be in compliance with the covenant. That's the part that gives us problem. Not supporting women. Good grief.

In addition the committee has acted unlawfully by pressuring nations to comply with a '95 platform for action that are not part of it. Not part of it. Separate meeting. That is why where I will probably

offer a friendly amendment later on. I won't read them all because there are 164 of them. They criticized Mexico for lack of access to swift and easy abortion. Mexico is a fairly Catholic country. Criticized Ireland for the Catholic Church's influence on attitudes on state policy. Criticized Croatia for the conscientious objection of doctors. The committee considers this to be an infringement of right.

Abortion was not allowed in the penal code. The committee suggest the state party consider the revision of such punitive laws according to the general recommendation of the recommendation 24 of the committee. Recommendation 24 is about communication.

Antigua, the committee has concern about the continuing illegality of abortions which would lead to unsafe abortions. Australia, which by the way has something around 35 exemptions, and the final one is if there is anything in Australia we don't want to do that is in CEDAW, we don't have to do it. That is an exemption.

So you have informed the abortion law with greater access to women. What about access in rural areas? Are all states the same? Are health care services available to all women equally in all jurisdictions? The committee is concerned about the restriction of abortion laws in Belize. The committee emphasized the urgent need for Bolivia to have a law on sexual and reproductive rights as soon as possible. There are religious fundamentalist sectors that interfere in matters with sexual and reproductive rights. The committee's concerned about the difficulties in obtaining a legal abortion. Brazil, encourage the state party to enhance access to sexual and reproductive health services and abortions. Columbia, committee believes illegal provisions on abortion constitute a violation of the rights of women to health and life and the Article 12 of the convention, committee says that Article 12, again new definition.

Now let me start to conclude with this. All these things you throw into the pot. The committee that enforces the CEDAW, talking about lady sitting there once every four years -- the committee comes and says here is what we don't like about it and they tell you. And you are then supposed to submit to a United Nations committee as opposed to your own laws. I would submit that almost everything that we have talked about is already law in Kentucky. Already law in Louisville. I think we have, if

there is a methodology by which we should reach out and create a framework by which we can follow this better, then let's do it. I could not agree more and I would tell you that if you didn't have that word CEDAW in there, and I know I have had this conversation and I don't mean to belabor it, but if you didn't have the word CEDAW, I would cosponsor this with you. And I believe that it also in discussions earlier with the Kentucky Right to Life that if CEDAW was not in this resolution, they would not agree to it, but they would withdraw their objection to it.

I think, is that a fair statement? Okay. Just want to make sure I didn't say something you didn't agree with. That makes it I think easier for a lot of people to try to take a look at this. I will conclude with saying we as a council must do exactly what Rick Blackwell said. We have to stand up and be brave enough to say we will support all of our women especially when they need it and if there is a framework that we have to do it to do it, let's do it. Including the funding. But you throw the monkey wrench in there and it makes it impossible certainly for me to do that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

Please, every time you applaud, you are taking away the opportunity for discussion on this. We are on a time limit. And I want to remind everyone that I don't know that we have talked about the resolution at all and the wording of the resolution. All we have talked about is CEDAW. So to the extent that we can bring forward new information it would be helpful.

Councilman Fleming.

COUNCILMAN FLEMING: Thank you, Mr. President. We will talk about something else. Four things I will mention.

I teach middle school as well. I have been doing so a couple years. But going through and experiencing these young ladies, to go through the trials and tribulations very strong transitional years, very tough. So I understand in having to go myself, in understanding the challenges they have. So I try to give them as much support that I can to

make sure they have the tools and skill to go and negotiate anything to come before them with a good vehicle to do that.

Some of you don't know I'm the executive director of a mental health institute organization, and we do everything from depression to anger management to abuse to addiction. You name it. So when I see individuals coming through our doors and talk about being abused by an individual and so forth, particularly when women come in, even though I am not involved in the conversations because I don't have the background and education to do that, we have several therapists, it is taking me back even further. So when we are looking at trying to promote laws that will support women and protect women, I'm a hundred percent with that. And I will do what I can to support that.

But when you look at, as Councilman Downard articulated and eloquently mentioned, there is CEDAW in there. And that's when things start to become awry. There are underlying issues in various countries in this world that have exceptions and exemptions and so forth. So I have an issue with that. Now in the committee that was held today, I made the comment and I want to clarify that County Judge Rebecca Jackson was supporting this. And we looked at the tapes from that conversation. There was intent to make sure that we understand that she was supportive of that. But going back and looking at the minutes of that have particular year, which was in April 2001, which Delahanty was a member of, she was basically against the CEDAW and what was going on and what were the underlying issues with that. And I know that Councilwoman Ward-Pugh understood that, and I appreciate her mentioning that in our meeting.

So I want to make sure that the public knows that she was not supportive. She was doing her obligation to sign paperwork to get the document signed and so forth.

What I would like to make a motion, Mr. President, is this. There are changes. First change I would like to make the motion strike the heading and insert the words, A resolution supporting of the ratification of all forms of discrimination against women and girls and promoting gender equality throughout Metro Louisville. Two, strike the first whereas, three, insert the word that follows after the words whereas, the Louisville Metro Council recognizes that. And four, to the

fourth whereas, strike the words, CEDAW provides, and insert the words, Louisville Metro Government is committed to providing. I make that motion.

PRESIDENT KING: Do I have a second?

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: And has everyone received a written copy? I believe I have.

COUNCILMAN FLEMING: Again, I think what this basically does, it accomplishes the goal which I think everybody agreed to. And I would be hard-pressed to find anybody that would be against that amendment that I made. I know there is some thought it would be worded out even more, but we are trying to look at trying to protect women and standing up. This still accomplishes the same goals that we are trying to achieve. And having the words CEDAW basically promotes a very tough issue that a lot of us are wrestling with.

PRESIDENT KING: All right. Thank you. I have several people in the queue to speak on the question in chief, but I will assume they will also speak on the amendment for the time being.

Councilman Benson, do you want the floor at this point?

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you. Excuse my voice a little bit. I have been under the weather.

There is a 23-member committee of the international so-called experts that oversee the implementation of CEDAW in the countries such as Qatar, Lebanon, Turkey and China. One of the things we have in the country is that we think that somebody we might be opposed to agrees with something we agree with, we are wrong.

To me I'm always looking for the facts. I was against the word fetus for a long time because I didn't like the word until I found out the Latin word means little one. And that's what a little one is, little one. So over my life of protecting the unborn or protecting whatever, it is very, very important that we don't go after individuals who sometimes don't know exactly what they are doing. It is our job to always try to help them and be compassionate.

So when we look at this and you say, well, I heard this week the fourth most influential person in the world is the pope. He ministers

over a billion people. Well, if the pope was against it, why? Just because he says so? I'm not Catholic. Just because he says so doesn't make it so. You want to know why. And to me if you get into it he thinks life is precious. And I do too. And I hate to have some disagreement sometimes because I believe we can get together better when we talk about the issues and try to solve the problem and try to help people instead of trying to divide. But this thing with CEDAW, the name sometimes really causes a problem. And until we can think about how we can get past something, the name looks like the big issue. Because it brings a lot of different things to a lot of different people, and it doesn't really help us solve our problem of trying to make sure. I have five daughters, and I very seldom win an argument in my house. But they usually listen to me. And they tried to say through discussion we will make this better. And to me we can prove showing people we care about rights for everybody, especially women, but this CEDAW to me is bad.

So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief about abortion and CEDAW reference. But I do want to make one big comment, whether you believe in the ethics of abortion or not, this United Nations committee/agency, it has been silent on the 200 million abortions around the world on females. This is a report from the congressional research service. And they state that the dilemmas faced by a whole world of people, oddly enough, mostly women, who argue that abortion is necessary for the maintenance of gender equality are now confronted with the reality that abortion has become the driving force behind the decline of females in the world's population. CEDAW has been asked by a number of global organizations to address the global epidemic of sex-selective abortions, and CEDAW continues to remain silent on this. So how do they stand for women? That's very glaring.

I'm also a little bit concerned as a female elected official on this board that my ability to be able to debate this issue has just been limited. So as a female, I'm a little bit concerned about that. But as far as violence is concerned, of course we need to be concerned about

violence. All violence not just violence against women but violence on men against men, women against men, which is more frequent now, gang against gang, and we also need to be concerned about the destruction of the family unit, which leads to some of these issues, which the family unit is the basic building block of society and when you destroy that, your society is in decline.

So I just want to make the point for all the women and girls out there that may be listening, you don't need a resolution from the United Nations, which is filled with countries that have horrific human rights violations, that the United States, many of whom they don't like the United States, would have to report to. I just would not be in favor of doing that. And this is 2014. With hard work and education, you gals and girls can be anything that you want to be when you set your mind to it.

As a female, naturally I support the advancement of women. We are kicking it in the medical field, teaching profession and the judicial field. 60 percent of our college kids are female. So we are getting it done. But we don't need to support a United Nations resolution that is filled with countries that have horrible human rights records. And so I would support this if CEDAW was removed. Thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. We have an hour left for debate, so if you want to get back in you can.

Councilwoman Butler.

COUNCILWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the amendment.

We have made strides and we need to keep the international flair in this resolution. And I want to give you one name to help put a face on it. It is a young lady who wanted an education and she was almost killed for it. Got the Nobel peace prize. Malala, would we know her today if this violence against women and educational attainment was available to all? I don't think we would. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you, Mr. President. My comments are more specific to the body of this. And I guess we are in discussion about the amendment.

PRESIDENT KING: Yeah. I'm assuming this is all related so we are in discussion on the amendment. We haven't voted on that yet, and I'm just allowing that to continue to try to work our way through this.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: I will try to adjust my comments to reflect.

PRESIDENT KING: You have the freedom to do whatever you need to do.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: I can't help but think if this were truly a city that stands for women that we would not in fact sign on to or advocate for a treaty that clearly attacks women. It is irrefutable that any country that legalizes abortion on demand has experienced a disproportionate instance of abortions of female fetuses versus male fetuses, thus this treaty clearly does more harm to women than it does with protection. The greatest violence against women is to reduce them in the overall population. So while it shouldn't be a discussion about abortion, the reality is this is what CEDAW offers us.

And so I would concur with my colleagues that have put forth the amendment if we simply take advocating for CEDAW out of the resolution and instead advocate for the principles of standing up for women and opposing violence, I think this council could go forward with a unanimous vote. So I would encourage my colleagues to please consider the amount and let's move forward with that.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. My comments are primarily directed at the resolution as a whole. I will address the potential amendment.

As I sit here tonight, first and foremost my job as a legislator, much like the attorney, is to be objective, not be moved by the passions. And what I have heard tonight factually, including from the opposition to this, and I have the letter from Right to Life here with the two signatures on it. I have heard some of my colleagues here that are

opposed to this. They recognize that there are a lot of good things that CEDAW does do. They recognize they support the efforts to protect women.

However, the problem appears to be that old adage of cutting your nose off despite your face. Losing sight of the forest because the tree. The argument tonight is the potential of abortion. That's what we are arguing about. The potential of abortion. A treaty that might or might not have been signed, what other countries do. Because that one little issue that separates people in this room they will abandon the rest of the good that it would do. And that is wrong.

We as legislators, as a body, try to do good with compromise. No one ever gets what they want but they move in the right direction. And that is an attempt tonight. And that attempt is being thwarted by one word, abortion. And not even factual abortion, just the potential of abortion. Throw the baby out with the kitchen sink because of that one issue. And I hear my colleagues tonight say, well, if we modify this, Right to Life may not be happy, but they can accept it. Right to Life, for all their passion, they are a one-issue organization, and that's about abortion. And that's what we are seeing here tonight.

And that bothers me that we would allow that pressure to come in here. There is not a 27th seat on this council. There is 26. And we are all elected to do the right thing regardless of any political pressure. And I for one am really turned off by the last paragraph of the letter that was given to us tonight by right to life. That last paragraph reads for these reasons, comma, a vote in favor of this resolution is a vote in favor all the sweeping pro-abortion policies. Well, boy is that a load of bull honky. And to draw that conclusion, shame on you. To put that pressure on me in such a manner, to say that because I would vote for this tonight I'm voting in favor of all abortion, shame on you for drawing that conclusion, I say.

Goes on to read, we would accurately be characterized and our Right to Life Louisville scorecard key roll call voters for the 2014 Metro Council. We urge you to support this. So I guess if I vote for this tonight I'm a hundred percent, thousand percent behind abortion and you are going to do all you can to let people know that and work against me. Well, you know I love being a Metro Councilman. I love the opportunity to

serve. It is a heck of an adventure to do some good. Sometimes I don't do the best but I try. And the last thing I will do is cave into pressure, someone saying they will put me out there as this or that. I would rather lose my seat and know that I did the best than cave in to someone threatening me because of the word, the potential of abortion and running with that.

I will be voting for this tonight. I don't support the amendment because I don't believe in conceding the ground. We would be conceding it for all the wrong reasons. Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water. If that puts a target on my back, as an elected representative, I accept that, because that is the job. Let's do the best we can. Nothing we do is perfect. But what we have here tonight is something that moves a great, great distance of saying how we feel.

Again, we may not fully agree, not everyone in the room will fully agree with CEDAW or the treaty, but we are moving in the right direction, and shame on us for allowing the one little scary thing of abortion or the fact that somebody might work against us in our election to hold us off from doing the right thing. I hope that all 26 of us tonight will have backbones regardless of how it might affect our election. I hope we will make the right choice based upon the right reasons and not because of some outside influence group trying to tell us what we were elected to do.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

[Applause.]

Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: Mr. President, and colleagues. As I listen to the discussion this evening, I need to make a brief preamble, I guess, to say there's not a person in this room on this council who isn't speaking by the best light we know. We all come to this place with historical, cultural, religious, ethical traditions that have shaped the views we have. And I do not impugn one person on this council for holding those passionately held views. We all here sitting tonight are girding ourself on the breast plate of righteousness and how different we are viewing righteousness.

First I would like to say, and I think, Mr. President, I can say this in five sentences. This resolution is not a treaty. Local governments cannot, do not, by the Constitution of the United States, sign treaties. This resolution is not a call to endorse a treaty, which for the last 30 years or so the United States has refused to sign on to. This is not about a treaty. This resolution is not a call for adoption of the policies of an overreaching committee that has sought to influence enforcement of a treaty that this resolution is not about and that this country has not signed.

This resolution instead, in closing, is about a gentle standing by the men and women of this community of the men and women around the world who know in their hearts that there has been both historical, cultural, and religious discriminations against women that continue to exist both here and in parts of the world.

So my hope is that knowing that I'm not convincing a person in this room and I understand that, I think we do need and I only ask you to try to frame the discussion away from a treaty, away from a committee that speaks to a treaty but instead a message of solidarity with the men and women around the world standing against discrimination and violence against women around the world and we know that that exists both here and there because of the history of discrimination against women. Thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Ward-Pugh.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: Thank you, Mr. President. Really, I should just shut up after that. Councilman Owen really said so much better what I wanted to say. Just encourage people to focus on the positive aspects that have been mentioned about this.

It is an imperfect document that we refer to, but it is about -- he mentioned the word solidarity. And I don't want to downplay the value of, especially the meaning of solidarity. In my pursuit of trying to figure out why I continue to be drawn to this initiative, the cities for CEDAW initiative, I just keep hearing solidarity in my mind. And I'm looking for other definitions trying to figure out if I got it right and what it really is. So as a part of seeking that out, I came

across a definition here that pretty much sums up exactly how I feel about solidarity. And my argument against the amendment is because taking out the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of violence Against Women, or Discrimination Against Women, is in total also about solidarity. And that is no small thing.

So this is the definition here that I came across, a couple of them. The first one was as members of the one human family, my point is if we take it out it is just about us. And it is not just about us. The city in Washington, the state, a city in Maine, city in Florida, and around the entire country, this initiative is about not waiting any more but deciding to take the good and principles of this CEDAW initiative and apply it at the local level. So for me it is all about solidarity because I can't say it any better or clearer. Taking out CEDAW would be a blow to the very core of what this is about, and it is about solidarity.

As members of the one human family, we have mutual obligations to promote the rights and development of peoples across communities and nations. Solidarity is the fundamental bond of unity with our fellow human beings and the resulting interdependence. All are responsible for all. You can find more in the Populorum Progressio.

But this said it best. Solidarity is one of the key teachings of Catholic social teaching. Talks about the interconnectedness of people living in different part of the world that is a feature of our contemporary human existence. In order to be at the service of the human person these relationships of interdependence between individuals and peoples which are de facto forms of solidarity have to be transformed into relationships tending towards genuine ethical, social, solidarity. This means that solidarity in its fullest sense is both a social principle and a moral virtue. The social doctrine of the church paragraph 193.

And while I'm not a Catholic and while this isn't an issue of faith, what I know is that there are people here tonight maybe who might be disciplined for even being here tonight. And it is going to be very regretful if that's the case because it will be because the facts have been misrepresented, that some young women are here in support of the treaty, and that is not the case. And I want to be perfectly clear about that.

And I want to just emphasize that, as my colleague Mr. Ackerson said, there is no reason why we have to be held hostage to some potential. Councilman Owen, in addition to the overarching movements of a committee that will never govern us, never, because they cannot. So the final thing I would say about that and voting against it, about the solidarity is that on the list of people that you would expect to be here, Planned Parenthood and some other people that you would expect to be here, organizations for CEDAW, 189 of them, there are some others that you wouldn't expect to be there, which I think is very telling. Because if it was about abortion and the possibility of abortion, I don't think they would be a part of it. Some of them are the American Baptist Women's Ministry, the Business and Professional Women USA, church Women United, coalition of Labor Union Women, communication Workers of America, federally Employed Women, League of Women Voters. The National Council of Churches USA, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Negro Women. Presbyterian Church USA, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and, yes, this is a list of organizations that want to endorse this treaty, not our resolution. These people want to endorse the treaty, and yes the Sisters of Mercy are on this list.

And I just want to offer that as a point of information and clarification about what this is about and what it isn't about. And I urge you to vote down the amendment to take out the word CEDAW as if it is a bad word when it is not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Benson.

COUNCILMAN BENSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Solidarity. You know what, that's one word as time went on became more powerful and people like to recognize themselves with solidarity. I don't know if CEDAW has got more attraction as this went on as much as it has gotten negative feeling about it. And somebody says, well, this is not about a treaty, well, if it has the name of a treaty, like they say, if it quacks like a duck, it may be a duck. So I think it is about that.

And I think it is a big part of the whole thing. One of my colleagues a minute ago said I would not put everything on a word,

abortion. I wouldn't put it on a word. Well, my whole life is based on one word. It says resurrection.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

I keep hearing the word solidarity and people want their government to work together, and what I'm hearing is that there is solidarity in this governing body for these principles. I don't think we can really talk about solidarity with other cities and what they do and what their governing bodies choose to do. They are going to vote -- this will have to come up in their city. We can't vote for other cities. We can only vote for our city to adopt this resolution. The solidarity is there. If we are only talking about one word, if we can't talk about one word, abortion, then we should not have to talk about the word CEDAW shouldn't be an issue either. And that's where the solidarity is there if we pass the amendment that removes reference to CEDAW, United Nations, because of some of their practices and their countries that make up the own human rights violations.

I think we can all be in agreement. And there was just a litany of groups that were read. Well, groups, people can sign on to something that sounds very good and very nice, but it is always good to do the research. And I will tell you that our caucus did a whole lot of homework on this. We did a lot of research on this. And that's what responsible legislators should do. And we brought our ideas to the table and I'm just going to reiterate again people want their legislators to be able to work together. And for most of this we are all in agreement. We can work together and get past this and get to the goal where we want this to go, but there has got to be some give here. I'm willing to vote for the amendment for protections against women, but there is just a slight stumbling block here. So we can remove it or we can't. But I think that's where some of us are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Peden.

COUNCILMAN PEDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I withdraw myself to speak early.

I thought most of what I had to say had been said and then a whole other round of logical issues on debate just really started to grate on me starting with the fact that someone tries to imply that the treaty is not an issue. The treaty is the issue. The treaty is the issue. And that it is out there. And then again we threw out the word solidarity and we mentioned some quaint little towns in Maine and Florida and Washington.

But you have to remember by adopting this resolution with that word CEDAW in it -- like in places where genital mutilation of women is still accepted, in India where rape is not a crime you can be punished for if you are a man, or all other nations where stoning your women for dressing a certain way is allowed. And they have all adopted the treaty. Those were the country that is we would be showing solidarity with as well, not just the cute places in Europe we all like to go visit because they have cool postcards. There are some bad places that we would be indicating that we have solidarity with.

In this country we do have guilt by association. I'll bring up a horrible incident of Ray Rice. Terrible thing. Guy should be in jail. But we didn't just indict Ray Rice. We incited the Ravens we indicted the NFL, we indicted everyone who had claimed to not look at the tape or looked at the tape or whatever else went on in the elevator, because that is what we do. That is a human nature thing. So this is not -- solidarity is the problem. Solidarity with this treaty with the countries that have adopted it is my own personal issue. That's why I'm against it.

I have two daughters. I want them to have all of these protections. I mean, again, I'm much like Councilman Benson down there, I would like to get a word in edge-wise with my wife and two daughters, just doesn't happen very often. I would like to say that I'm voting to protect them. And anybody who thinks my wife needs protecting hasn't met her.

It is a big deal to me that all the provisions of domestic violence are adopted and all of the provisions for safe medical care are adopted and so on. But the people we would be associating with would be an issue. And then the last thing I want to talk about, again, having to

do with the logic of debate, I suppose is the idea that the abortion is potential. No, it is actual. I mean it is very clearly written and documented that Portugal is being too restrictive with their abortion laws and that Mexico needs to ensure that abortion is granted when necessary. And go on and on about that list. It is not that those are potential, they are actual and they are going on and I find it misleading to say it is an imaginary thing, because it is not. I'm done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I continue to struggle with how it is that members of this body can claim that a resolution that names a treaty in its title is not advocating for the very treaty that bears its name. I don't understand that at all. The amendment that is before us tonight does in fact exactly what the councilman from District 8 advocated for. Does show that we together support women's rights and that we are not in favor of advocating for a specific treaty. So if it is really not about the treaty, which is what we are being told, it only makes sense that you would take the treaty out of the title. If we are not willing to take the treaty out of the title, maybe it is about the treaty. I just can't understand the logic that says it is necessary to leaf it in but it is not about that. Of course it is. That's what the name of the title is. And it is about an international treaty.

While my colleague from District 9 spoke eloquently about solidarity, I don't think solidarity requires us to stand with people who share some of our beliefs but not all of them. Solidarity, if we are truly to be in solidarity, we should be standing with those who are against violence towards women, period. We should stand with those who are against violence towards women and not standing with those who are in support of a treaty that advocates for violence against women in the worst possible way by reducing the number of women in the world.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Engel.

COUNCILMAN ENGEL: Thank you, Mr. President.

I have to call attention to the passionate speech from my colleague from District 26 when he calls attention to the one little issue, that one little issue, that one little issue happens to be the killing of millions, millions of young babies. I invite you to come down on Saturday morning to the abortion clinic, anybody in the audience. Come down on Saturday morning to the abortion clinic and watch when, peacefully, many are peacefully praying for our young women who are walking in to end a baby's life. That's compassion.

My colleague from District 26 said he will not be influenced by outside groups. Outside groups, Kentucky Right to Life, their shop has been set up on Breckenridge Lane on St. Matthews. They are very much a part of Kentucky. Wouldn't the United Nations be considered an outside group? Wouldn't many groups that we have in here, Mr. Councilman, coming here that lobby us, could they be considered outside groups? We have lots of outside groups. Kentucky Right to Life is not an outside group. They have been peacefully, compassionately counseling our young women whether they have had an abortion or not for many years.

Now, Mr. President, in conclusion, I always wonder when we are trying to pass legislation to do something. I always have to question where are we going wrong? If we have this, we are so passionate to protect against discrimination in our city, it is about Louisville, where are we going wrong as a city that we have this outrageous discrimination? Because I think 26 of us will address that immediately. So it is amazing to me that we are passing -- which has no teeth whatsoever -- and again back to my colleague who said it is just one little issue, it is just one little issue if you take CEDAW off the table, and I suspect this thing may pass unanimously or close to unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilwoman Ward-Pugh.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Just want to speak again to say that just as a reminder, there is no doubt that the CEDAW treaty is an imperfect document. There is no doubt that people interpret it in different ways including the committee of the nations that have supported it. CEDAW is a part of this because it is about the principles of CEDAW as outlined in the treaty not as

interpreted by any committee who won't have sanction over this. And nobody's trying to hide around or disconnect or act like it is the treaty that we are not aligning ourselves with. We are aligning ourselves with the treaty because it is the treaty in and of itself that is the document. We don't control and the U.N. won't be looking over our shoulders because we are not a part of that. This document doesn't call for the ratification of that. And it calls for putting in place the principles.

And, to my colleague from District 23, the whole point of the Cities for CEDAW initiative is because we don't know how we are doing because there is no score card. This resolution starts the process to become an ordinance so that we can put in place a framework and programs that measure how we are doing, both to be grateful for where we are but more importantly to know where we need to do better. That is all this does. And that's all this is about. Setting in place and in motion, answering that very question, and the stories that we hear daily and that we all know of, we know it happens here. We have public employees who have called me over the years to say, I didn't get the raise. I didn't get the promotion, but I was the most qualified and I applied and I have been here longer and I do more work and a better job. But she didn't get the job. How are we doing about that?

And I guess the last thing I want to say is, this is really more of an emotional statement here, but I don't know about you Dolores, but it feels to me like the banker is saying, don't you let somebody else, why do you need a credit card? You are just a woman, why do you need a credit card? The banker's asking me, why do I need it? And how many times and ways can we tell them why we need it and prove to them why we need it except through these kinds of initiatives to get there? Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Ackerson.

COUNCILMAN ACKERSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to thank my colleague from District 22 for making my point for me. He is a long time member of Right to Life, member of their board. And he wants to point out this is one little issue, one little issue. In the scheme of what we are trying to accomplish here, everything from equal pay to a right to a credit card to equal living standards to

equal medical attention, equal say in this world, it is one little issue. It may be a passionate issue, but it is one little issue in the great scheme of what women deal with. And the fact that he is so passionate about it makes my point. He has lost sight of the forest because of the trees. That's it. For him it is the one little issue and to hell with everything else. What comes next on the slippery slope? It would be equally wrong from the pro-choice people to say I won't support something because a resolution or ordinance has the Catholic Church involved with it because the Catholic Church is pro-life. That would be equally wrong. We are embarking upon a crazy slippery slope here of arguments about why not to support something because one little thing we cannot potentially stomach. And that's a scary prospect.

As legislators we all, whether it is the budget or whatever else we are looking at, we always look for some compromise to make the great good and that's what we are trying to do here tonight. Not being obstructionist over one little word, one little concept in the greater scheme of things.

So I thank you for making my point. And heaven forbid that I insulted the great state of Wisconsin tonight, but other than that I recognize your passion for this. What I'm asking you to do is put the passions aside and be reasonable and objective about what we are trying to achieve here tonight.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. I actually have a request and then a comment.

I would like to request through you, Mr. President, if possibly because of all the emotion and the talk tonight about this means this and that, I would ask if the primary sponsor could read the resolution into the record so people know what we are really voting on. And also I just want to make one comment about the letter that councilman from District 26, the last paragraph about a vote in favor of this resolution is a vote in favor of all things sweeping pro-abortion policies. To say that if I vote for this that's what I stand for, then you don't know me, and there

is such a thing in the little book that people carry around and only pull it around when at the convenient for them, thou shalt not bear false witness. So even to imply that I agree with this resolution that I am pro-abortion is a horrible mischaracterization of justice to myself and my religion, because I believe in the Roman Catholic doctrine and always will.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Fleming.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEMING: Thank you, Mr. President.

Just real quick comment, and that is if we are looking for a score card or report to see the volume of cases that come through, that can be done by executive order. If we want to have this resolution, that's one thing, but the report cards information to the council can be done by executive order, and I would like to go ahead and call the question.

PRESIDENT KING: Well, we are on discussion on the amendment. If there's no one else who wishes to speak to the amendment, that is fine. I see no one else in the queue. This is on the amendment. I think everyone's familiar with the issue. All those in favor of -- roll call vote. Do you want a roll call? Let's go ahead and roll call it.

Open up the voting. Without objection -- okay. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 11 yes votes, 12 no votes, three not voting.

PRESIDENT KING: The amendment fails. We are now in final discussion, I hope, on the question in chief, which is a resolution.

And, Councilwoman Ward-Pugh, there was a request that you read the resolution. If you would like the floor to do that, I will grant that.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: I would be glad to, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: And, Councilman Kramer, I will come back to you.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: I'm trying to bring that up here.

PRESIDENT KING: May be able to use the amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: I have it here.

Whereas the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979 became an international treaty as of September 3rd, 1981, and 187 U.N. member nations have agreed to be bound by CEDAW provisions.

And whereas although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to eradicate discrimination based on gender, and achieve one of the most basic human rights, equality.

And whereas Louisville, Kentucky, is the largest international compassionate city in the USA and with knowledge that girls and women make up 52 percent of Louisville Metro's population, and with the desire to ensure these women and girls who live in Louisville Metro enjoy all the rights and privileges and remedies that are bestowed on awe people in the US no matter race, national origin, gender, or religious belief. And with the purpose to claim worldwide that Louisville, Kentucky, is a city within which women can thrive and a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls or violence perpetrated against them in any form by any hand.

And whereas CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender.

And whereas city and county governments have an appropriate and legitimate role affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy.

Be it resolved by the legislative council of Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government the council as follows, section one, Louisville Metro Government is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls, and to afford them equal academic, economic, and business opportunities in Louisville, Kentucky.

Section two is resolution is the first step toward adopting a future ordinance that would call for a gender analysis of all Louisville

Metro departments and commissions a designation of an oversight body and resources to support these actions.

And finally section three, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval.

Read in full.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Kramer.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to talk about, as stated by the chair of this committee that this has had a fair and lengthy process hearing process and we went through all the -- it had two special hearings or two special meetings. I think it is important that the public should know and understand that the last time the committee met at a regularly scheduled meeting that committee ended without any discussion about this going before the council at the next council meeting. It ended without any discussion about any sense of urgency where this might go. And so many of us even those of us who aren't on the committee who were following the discussion believe that we were still in the process, that it was in the committee and the committee hadn't done anything yet and we would wait for the next committee meeting.

Subsequently, we were informed at the Committee of the Whole meeting where some of the members of this particular committee weren't present that there would be a meeting the following Monday. It wasn't a question. It wasn't the way that you would expect normally a committee process to work. It wasn't a note sent out from the chair of the committee to the committee members saying we would like to get together when would it be possible. Instead, the chair of the committee said Monday at such and such time we are holding a committee meeting and the people in the committee weren't on in the room.

So on that particular Monday they didn't have a quorum. Democrats and Republicans didn't have a quorum, and yet they went ahead and had the conversation and decided this was an important enough issue they would push it out to the council as a whole, which the rules allow for. And there were individuals who said people who might want to speak on this didn't get a chance to know this was coming. I will say myself

included. I was aware this was being discussed but certainly didn't realize it had been kicked under the front burner in such a fast process. So I very quickly started looking into some things and started saying I need to get up to speed more quickly than I expected. I thought there would be more debate and discussion. It was obvious there wouldn't be discussion. It was something the three members intended to force on the council quickly.

I started to look at what this was and wondered why this hadn't been ratified in the United States. I found in my research, didn't take very long, I found out that at the U.N. when this thing was first proposed the seat for the Holy See voted against this. And like Stuart Benson pointed out, this guy's the pope, whether you are Catholic or not, usually speaks with a purpose. He doesn't just throw things out there and say everyone in the world has to agree with me. So if the pope at that time was opposed to it, what about the current pope? And I found the current pope while headphones cardinal in Argentina spoke eloquently against CEDAW. The pope at the time was against it. Assuming the current pope hasn't changed the position since he was a cardinal, the current pope is against it.

And then I started wondering if these guys are against it what about even at our own level? This is an international issue. I still don't understand why we are arguing it at the local level. And I get solidarity. And I'm not opposed to being in solidarity with women who have had their rights violated but CEDAW is an international treaty. These folks at the international and national level are opposed, what about the local people? I contacted the archbishop's office, and I simply said I know that our archbishop is very much involved in the Catholic Council on Bishops, and I was wondering if our archbishop had a position on CEDAW and whether this was something that we should be engaged in.

They had no idea that this was coming before us as a body. And I suggested to them then it looked like this was on the fast track. Came out on Monday. Then there was subsequent conversation, well, maybe we can hold a meeting Wednesday or later in the week. Finally, it was decided yesterday or Tuesday that there would be a meeting on Thursday. I contacted the archbishop's office again and said, look, this is on a fast

track. I have tried to slow it down. Is this something that you would be interested in speaking to? They sent me a copy of the most recent document from the Conference of Catholic Bishops that says in part, I won't read the whole thing, that house resolution 22 encourages the senate to ratify the convention of elimination of all forms of violence against women to which the US became a signatory in 1980. As implemented, CEDAW has forwarded abortion. Should this advance, the Catholic Church will try to shape teachings on human life and dignity.

At that point I contacted them back and said what about here, is this something that you would be interested in speaking to? Do you have an opinion that you think folks in Metro Louisville would want to hear? And the archbishop's office says they have an opinion, but if you ask them to show up to a committee meeting on Thursday after contacting them on Wednesday, that is too short.

So with that in mind I strongly allow this body to allow for a robust discussion not just among the six members that are here tonight, but instead let's send this back to the committee and allow for a discussion from folks who are very well informed who can put this debate into a proper context.

And with that I move that we send this back to committee.

PRESIDENT KING: I have a motion to send it back to committee. All those in favor say aye. Opposed? In my opinion the nays have it. Does anyone want a roll call? Open the voting, please. Sending it back to committee. Voting is closed. Councilman Yates is a no. You want to read the results.

MR. CLERK: 9 yes votes 13 no votes and 4 not voting.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. Motion to send back to committee fails.

We are still in debate on the question in chief. And how much time do we have left?

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: I will probably need the full minute. We have had special meetings at Councilman Kramer's request if he couldn't get his folks there today. That seems like it was his problem, not ours.

Again, this committee meets once a month. I bent over backwards at our regular meeting. I even went on record as saying it does not

reflect that all of the committee members were not there. A lot of times it is hard to get speakers and the committee together at the same time, especially if you have a special meeting. And that's what happened. And I want to go on record also to say I think by the other committee members not being there at that meeting on Monday, I believe that was done by design.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER: I reject that comment. I worked my tail off. You came out of the blue.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: Do I have the floor, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Fleming. Councilman Fleming, Councilwoman Woolridge has the floor.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: How dare you?

PRESIDENT KING: Councilwoman Woolridge has the floor.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: How dare you. Who do you think you are?

I think this was done by design that nobody showed up at the meeting so they could say, well, I think we shouldn't vote on this tonight. And we kind of put this on fast track, the primary sponsor of this, as everybody knows will not be back next year. She wanted this moved and I think we did justice in the process of moving this resolution forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: How dare you talk to me like that?

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Yates, do you seek the floor?

COUNCILWOMAN WOOLRIDGE: See, this is what I'm talking about. This is why we need this resolution. I really resent what he said. I really resent it.

PRESIDENT KING: Councilman Yates.

COUNCILMAN YATES: Thank you, Mr. President.

I was going to propose a friendly amendment, and I was discussing it with the sponsor. Maybe this can bring us together. I bite my tongue a lot on this because it is a resolution and I know I voiced over and over again I'm not real happy about resolutions, because I think we are sent here to do a job, elected to do a job. And our job is very limited because we are at the low level. Politics don't usually get in

the way of things, grassroots, fill the potholes. And when we do things like this that has very little teeth, it worries me because we divide the council up and taking away from the things we are paid to do. That being said, if we can have piece to this, funding, if we could have a way to enforce any type of discrimination here locally, then it can become something more.

And I have heard some of my colleagues say this isn't about a treaty. And I think I agree. It is not about a treaty. So if we offered very shortly this resolution shall not be interpreted as a position in support or opposition to my treaty. It should only be a resolution eliminating all forms of discrimination against women. Put that on the bottom. We have it in there. I think we would put unanimous support behind it.

And then, as Councilman Downard said, he would be in support with it. Putting money, doing funding. Otherwise, all we are doing is making a political position. And I'm not for that. You put me to work so I'm not going to sit up here and play politics. That is my friendly amendment, if it will be offered.

>> Second that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: All right. Is there any discussion on this amendment? We have about one minute. If this amendment doesn't pass or isn't completed, then we go straight to the vote on the question in chief and it will not be considered.

Speak to the amendment. Go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: As the sponsor of this, I appreciate the efforts to support this friendly amendment, but I would argue against it and ask you to not support it. What it does is acquiesce because it is associated with a treaty, the CEDAW treaty. And having funding available is what it calls for in the future. And so again, it is as if we are having to spell out letter for letter and word for word that this is not about a treaty when it is about a treaty but it is about the principles of the treaty. So it is not accurate with what we are trying to do here because we are for the principles of that treaty. I appreciate the effort.

PRESIDENT KING: I'm going to get a vote in. All those in favor say aye for the amendment by Councilman Yates. Opposed? I will open it up to roll call and go straight to the question in chief.

Without objection, the voting is closing. Someone else, you want to be recorded as what?

>> No.

PRESIDENT KING: This is Councilman Yates' amendment.

>> Point of privilege.

PRESIDENT KING: Let me finish up. I need the vote from Councilman Benson and Fleming. Benson's a yes. What are you? A yes.

>> Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Just a moment.

All right. Is this on the vote? We are not debating anymore. We are done.

>> Procedural question?

PRESIDENT KING: Yes.

>> Have we read the actual wording of the resolution?

PRESIDENT KING: Yes. That was read a little while ago.

>> It was read real quickly.

PRESIDENT KING: It was read and time is up.

>> May I ask it to be read again?

PRESIDENT KING: Time is up. Time has expired. We are done. Councilman Yates -- has everyone voted on Councilman Yates' amendment? Closing the voting. Voted is closed.

MR. CLERK: 12 yes votes, 11 no votes, and 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT KING: Amendment passes.

Now on the question in chief. Does anyone need his amendment read again so they know what they are voting on with respect to the resolution?

COUNCILMAN YATES: I think it was very short.

PRESIDENT KING: You can read your amendment so that everyone knows what was attached to the resolution, Councilman Yates.

COUNCILMAN YATES: Thank you, Mr. President.

Simply would state this resolution shall not be interpreted as a position in support or opposition to any treaty, that only a resolution

supporting the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women and girls and promoting gender equality throughout Louisville Metro.

PRESIDENT KING: All right. We are now in the vote on the question in chief. This is a roll call vote. I know we have to take a roll call vote.

So, Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. This is the final vote we will take.

Councilman Fleming wants to be recorded as a yes.

Councilman Benson, do you want to be recorded as a no? All right.

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

MR. CLERK: There are 20 yes votes, 3 no votes, 3 not voting. No votes are council members Kramer, Benson and Engel.

PRESIDENT KING: The resolution passes.

>> Mr. President. Can I have a point of privilege, please?

PRESIDENT KING: You may.

>> Yes. I would just like to clarify something. I am vice chair of this committee. And the special meeting was set up very short notice.

MR. CLERK: Which special meeting are you talking about.

>> The very first one.

PRESIDENT KING: Okay.

>> And I as vice chair was not made aware of it. I just happened to look on the agenda the next morning and brought it to the attention.

>> Well, let me say this. With respect to this, when Councilman Kramer brought it to my attention that the item had come out of committee without a quorum, I contacted Councilwoman Woolridge, who adjusted her schedule and arranged to hold a special meeting today. I contacted Councilman Owen, who changed his schedule to allow for the special meeting we held today.

>> I'm talking about the first one.

PRESIDENT KING: I understand, but we are going back in history.

>> So I would have been there, but I was not consulted, and there was no e-mail that was sent out.

PRESIDENT KING: But you have had ample opportunity to debate it at this point.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 41, if that's where we are.

MR. CLERK: We are, sir.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6511 PRESTON HIGHWAY CONTAINING 0.9 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 14ZONE1021).

Read in full.

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

>> Motion.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilwoman Flood, this is from your committee?

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President.

At the corner of Preston Road, there is a bank that will be demolished and a car wash is going in there. Not like the bay car wash. It is the longer building where the cars go through. One thing, it will have a right-in and right-only on one of the exits in Preston Highway. And in the future if the land is developed, the state will consider closing one of the entrances to the property so it will not be someone trying to turn left on to Preston highway.

This is in Dr. Barbara Shanklin's district. She may have something to say about this.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: I was under the impression it was in President King's district.

PRESIDENT KING: It is in your district. If you would like the floor, you may have it.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: I actually thought it was in President King's district, but I didn't have anything against it. I'm looking for a yes vote. He took up most of Preston, and I only have a small part of Preston anymore. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: I left the parcel just for you.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Just for me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: I knew we had a rezoning coming up.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Is there any further discussion on this ordinance?

Hearing none, this ordinance requires a roll call vote.

Mr. Clerk, please open the voting.

I will be abstaining.

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

MR. CLERK: 19 yes votes, one abstention and six not voting.

One abstention is President King.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. The ordinance passes with the one abstention.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 42, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL TO C-2 COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1045 GOSS AVENUE CONTAINING 12,088.24 SQUARE FEET AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 13ZONE1022).

Read in full.

MR. CLERK: May I have a motion and second for approval?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: The ordinance is now before us. Is there any discussion on this?

Councilwoman Flood.

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President.

This is actually a reuse of an existing building. And one thing about this zoning change is the president of the Schnitzelburg Community Council and the president of Paristown and Germantown worked in conjunction with the developer, binding elements numbers nine and ten. Number nine restricts the hours to be from -- excuse me just a second -- no outdoor consumption of alcohol past 2:00 a.m. Binding element ten. And number nine some uses that will not be permitted on that property, which the applicant and developer agreed to.

So they worked in conjunction with the neighborhood association and council in the area to come up with a plan that would fit the

neighborhood and meet everyone's standards. So I would ask for your support. This is in President King's district and I will be handling that for him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. And I am confident I have a business conflict on this transaction. I will be abstaining on it.

Is there any further discussion on this ordinance? Hearing none, this is an ordinance requiring a roll call vote.

Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 20 yes votes, one abstention, and five not voting. The one abstention is President King.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. The ordinance passes with the one abstention.

Mr. Clerk, a reading of item 43, please.

MR. CLERK: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES UPDATING THE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (AS AMENDED).

Read in full.

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

>> So moved.

>> Second.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. The committee-amended ordinance is now before us.

This came out of the Government Accountability Committee. And Councilwoman Ward-Pugh is preoccupied at the moment and Councilman Miller has an excused absence so the chair and vice chair -- oh, good.

>> Here she comes.

PRESIDENT KING: We were just taking up the ordinance on -- already up to speed.

>> My screen is still locked up on the screen.

PRESIDENT KING: We will work on that while talking about this. Thank you for letting us know you have the floor.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Colleagues, tonight Government Accountability Committee is presenting for your approval several amendments to the Louisville Code of

Ordinances chapter 21, the ethics ordinance. Amendments to the ethics ordinance have become routine in the past couple years. They have come to the government accountability with many proposals to broaden their authority and discretion to manage their procedures. They have toughened the complaint filing process to eliminate frivolous complaints and recommended new time lines to ensure valid complaints will be given due process.

But the amendments given tonight are not procedural. These are not suggestions from the commission. They are substantive policy changes that could affect every metro officer. So I want to refresh your memory about how we got here.

Last spring one of our council members requested an opinion from the ethics commission asking how far an elected official must go to identify potential conflicts of interest. The questioner argued that if an officer doesn't know he or she will benefit from a particular vote, there is no conflict and therefore no violation of the ordinance. That is, unless the commission decides that each council member has a duty to the public to seek out unknown conflicts, but there is a level of reasonability out there.

The question of an individual's duty under the law is a legal question, not procedural one. So the commission sent the request for the opinion back to government accountability and said you deal with it. It is a policy issue.

So we asked the county attorney's office to look at other ethics policies and find the best statement of individual duty. We did not see any code that allowed a conflict of interest if an elected official was unaware of it, but we did find other things. We found the ordinance lacked definitions of critical concepts such as the definitions of the term conflict of interest, of all things. We also found contradictory policies like a section that stated no metro officer shall have a conflict of interest followed by directions to cure conflicts for recusal and disclosure. You are not required to have them, but here is how to fix them. We have fixed all that.

Now the commission has better tools to distinguish between types of conflict. We never found a policy that mitigated an elected official's

duty to discover and remedy any conflict of interest. We gave our duty to the public for hours, and a consensus emerged, something to offend everyone. As a committee we decided we cannot cover all 200-plus metro employees, elected officials and appointees covered under the ethics ordinance from their duty to ensure the public their actions are guided by the public interest. Instead, we found it is each metro officer's duty to the public to do whatever they feel is necessary and reasonable to avoid conflicts of interest.

These discussions were spirited. And I'm glad to say we had debate. We had the opportunity to take the easy route to immunize against ourselves from carelessness, but in the end by bipartisan vote we chose the more difficult path, accountability.

I commend these amendments for your approval, and I want to say thank you to the committee members and others who participated, especially President King. I know that a number of the changes that were offered, caught, those conflicting definitions, no definitions at all were your good and thorough work on that. And I want to say thank you for that.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. You're welcome.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: The last thing I want to say about the code of ethics, even though we have whistleblower coming up, this is probably the last code of the revision that I will be a part of. What I want to say to you all is let's not wait for some reason to review them as a body. Have an annual just like they did with the development code. The land development code. Every year they go through and they make a list and they make the revisions based on their experiences.

So I just would urge you to consider putting in place an annual review of is it working, is it not, what can we do better, how has technology changed so that we can do better, easier, quicker less expensive so that we are not having to wait for an opinion or a request.

So with that, I would also like to thank Debra Kent with the ethics commission for her testimony and helping in prepare this, the League of Women Voters and others, to try and help us create a better document that doesn't actually do anything other than help us. It doesn't admit or say that there are things that are wrong. It talks about where

we can do better, for clarification. So I would urge your support for this. And I will be quiet now.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. And I will say that I admired your principled approach and your leadership on this. As you said, we didn't all get what we wanted, but I think we got 99 percent there. And I'm very pleased with the outcome and I hope that everyone recognizes the work that you did very patiently over the last few months on this.

COUNCILWOMAN WARD-PUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: My screen is also down, so I would ask does anybody else want to address?

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: I think, Mr. President, I had my hand up first.

PRESIDENT KING: Oh, you had your hand up first and it is important that you speak before Councilman Downard?

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: That's exactly true.

PRESIDENT KING: I'm going to give her the floor briefly.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN: And I say this without malice. But to me everything that I got conflicted of now is legal. It is no longer an issue. And it seemed like to me that these ethics codes and things they ended up, they weren't tightened, they were loosened. And so I don't have a problem with it. I guess the issue that I went through helped ease it for another person on this council, but I still just had to say that to me everything was loosened, not tightened, and everything I got convicted of being on boards and all of that, now there is no issue. The rules always change. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman Downard.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Is it okay for me to go now?

PRESIDENT KING: You have the floor.

COUNCILMAN DOWNARD: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just have to say I didn't attend all the meetings. I watched the ones I didn't attend on TV or on the Internet later. But I got to say one thing.

Councilwoman Ward-Pugh, by the way, we don't always agree on everything, did we figure that one out tonight? But I have to tell you

something. She and Jerry Miller, these are a couple of lame ducks. Going off of here, both of them. And they put in effort that I think they did themselves proud and made this body much better, and impressed an awful lot of people because they did something because they cared. Thank you. Appreciate it.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

Councilman James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just would like to echo what Councilman Downard said. I think Councilwoman Ward-Pugh put forth a tremendous amount of effort in this. I got to tune in a couple times and watch what was going on. But, Mr. President, I had a question about the definition, if possible, from the county attorney, if I could ask.

PRESIDENT KING: Definition of what?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: On where it talks about financial interest. What exactly does de minimis benefit mean?

PRESIDENT KING: I will ask the county attorney if they wouldn't mind addressing that.

SARAH MARTIN: Sarah Martin on behalf of the county attorney's office. De minimis is a Latin term. Really it just means so minute. It also is relative to whatever it is in reference to. So negligible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you.

SARAH MARTIN: I'm sorry. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Yes, ma'am.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. Is there any other discussion on this ordinance? Hearing none, this ordinance requires a roll call vote.

Mr. Clerk, please open the voting. Without objection, the voting is closing. The voting is closed.

MR. CLERK: 21 yes votes and five not voting.

PRESIDENT KING: The ordinance as amended passes. Congratulations.

Next item of business is New Business. As you leave chambers, please do so quietly so the clerk may read New Business. New Business

comprises items 44 through 67. Will the clerk please read those items and the assignments to committee.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT TO UPDATE THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 14AMEND1003).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, AND 10 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A BELOW, WHICH IS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT TO UPDATE THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 14AMEND1003).

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,500 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$1,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 13, 24; \$500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 8, 21; \$250 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 16, 22, 17, 12, 10, 26, 9; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC., FOR PROGRAMMING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE "GIVE-A-JAM" EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMS.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$58,000 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$5,000 FROM DISTRICT 13; \$13,500 FROM DISTRICT 3; \$10,000 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 1, 24; \$4,500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 12, 6, 14; \$3,000 FROM DISTRICT 16; \$1,500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 23, 9; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE LIVING, INC., FOR MATERIALS TO CONSTRUCT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAMPS, STAIR RAILINGS AND GRAB BARS.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$16,000 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: \$7,000 FROM DISTRICT 3; \$2,500 FROM DISTRICT 4; \$2,000 FROM DISTRICT 6; \$1,500 FROM DISTRICT 5; \$1,000 FROM DISTRICT 2; \$500 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 12, 9, 1; \$250 EACH FROM DISTRICTS 14, 13; THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, TO THE WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE, INC., FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TOXIC AIR MONITORING ANALYSIS PROGRAM.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Budget Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2014 AND ORDINANCE NO. 102, SERIES 2014 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$12,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 19 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 19 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2014 PERTAINING TO THE 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW PROJECT TITLED FREYS HILL ROAD BITUMINOUS RESURFACING.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO HOMES OF HOPE PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 54, SERIES 2009.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO RIVER CITY COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 54, SERIES 2009.

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED AS A CO-REMARKETING AGENT FOR THE \$35,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, KENTUCKY, POLLUTION CONTROL REVENUE BONDS, 2001 SERIES B (LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY PROJECT), AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED BONDS.

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

RE-APPOINTMENT OF HENRY POTTER TO THE PARC BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2017.

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

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT (UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., \$65,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING

NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (AMANDA SMART - \$37,500.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (LYNN GREENE- \$50,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO A NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM/UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM FOR JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE - \$25,000.00 FOR A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$125,000.00).

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - (UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., \$31,000.00).

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO SUPPORT THE LOUISVILLE METRO SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING PROJECT.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$88,719.00 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND THE LOUISVILLE FARMERS MARKET COORDINATION, ACCESS AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS A DONATION FROM SCHELLER'S FITNESS & CYCLING OF TEN DERO FIX-IT-STATIONS EQUIPMENT TOTALING AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$13,000.

The following legislation will be assigned to the Government Accountability and Ethics Committee.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 3 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, PERTAINING TO NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS.

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

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, KENTUCKY, GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AN INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND FINANCING IN ONE OR MORE SERIES FOR BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION, OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES; AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT RELATED THERETO; AGREEING TO UNDERTAKE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME; AND TAKING OTHER PRELIMINARY ACTION.

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

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A 20' WIDE UNIMPROVED ALLEY RUNNING NORTH FROM STRADER AVENUE TO CAMDEN AVENUE CONTAINING 0.225 ACRE AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (Case No. 14Streets1010).

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-5 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO R-7 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3670 and 3670 R WHEELER AVENUE CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 3.705 ACRES, AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 14ZONE1031).

Read in full.

MR. CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we have a motion to adjourn the meeting, I would ask those council members that wish to make announcements, please remain in the chambers and request to speak on your system. Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

>> So moved.

PRESIDENT KING: Without objection, we are adjourned.

Next we have announcements, and I believe it has to be Councilman Owen.

COUNCILMAN OWEN: It is me. I just have one announcement on kind of a sober note, Mr. President. I have received notice that the Louisville free public library foundation, that is the piece of the free public library that can receive donations, they are in a position to receive donations in the memory of the young man who was killed in Cherokee Park, Ray Etheridge. They will be very happy to place in the Shelby Park Highlands branch of the library in the young people's section books in his honor with a nameplate, Ray Etheridge, in his honor. And folks can send their donations to the library foundation. And they designated them for books in the teenage section of the library. And the bookplate will read, In memory of ray Etheridge. I wanted to make that announcement.

PRESIDENT KING: Thank you. And I want to make another very sad comment about the fact we lost Michael Howardton last week, who was a community leader. A gentleman par excellence, a great friend to many of us. His family misses him, but this community has already missed him, and it won't be the same going in the Marriott and not seeing him there when we get there. And I want his family to know that our community is grieving with them.

That concludes our meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m. I want to thank the clerks for their work tonight, not fine work tonight. We had a little struggle here and there, but at least they worked. And I encourage everyone to drive carefully. Thank you.

[Regular Meeting Adjourned.]