

>> THE REGULAR LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17th
2020 MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER.

I'M COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

WELCOME, EVERYBODY.

WE HAVE HAD AN INCREASE IN COVID-19 CASES HERE IN LOUISVILLE AND
ACROSS OUR STATE.

ESPECIALLY AMONGST OUR CHILDREN.

AS OF THIS MORNING WE HAD 309 LOUISVILLIANS HAVE DIED DUE TO
COVID-19.

AS OF YESTERDAY, 15,509 LOUISVILLIANS HAVE TESTED POSITIVE.
THAT'S AN INCREASE OF 1,949 PEOPLE CONFIRMED DIAGNOSED WITH
COVID SINCE OUR LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK WE TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
REMEMBRANCE.

THE REGULAR LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL IS BEING CONDUCTED BY
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE, PURSUANT TO KRS 61.826 AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SENATE

BILL 150. SOME MEMBERS ARE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS, MYSELF,
COUNCIL MEMBER KRAMER

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAGENTINI, COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE, COUNCIL MEMBER
ACKERSON.

THE REST ARE ATTENDING VIRTUALLY.

IF WE EXPERIENCE A DISRUPTION IN THE VIDEO FEED FOR ANY OF OUR
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES THE MEETING WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR FIVE MINUTES
WHILE WE MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO FIX THE ISSUE.

WHILE SUSPENDED NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

IF AFTER FIVE MINUTES THE ISSUE WITH THAT MEMBER'S FEED
CONTINUES WE WILL RESUME THE MEETING AND THE MEETING WILL
CONTINUE AS LONG AS WE STILL HAVE A QUORUM OF MEMBERS.

IF WE EXPERIENCE ANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT AFFECT THE
PUBLIC'S ABILITY TO SEE THE MEETING AS A WHOLE, WE WILL SUSPEND
THE MEETING WHILE WE ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

ALL PUBLIC BUSINESS WILL CEASE AND NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

IF AFTER 20 MINUTES THE ISSUE CANNOT BE RESOLVED, THE MEETING
WILL STAND ADJOURNED.

ANY UNFINISHED OR PENDING BUSINESS AT THAT TIME WILL BE
ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

COUNCILMEMBER GREEN?

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN?

>> PRESENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY?

>> PRESENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS.
>> PRESENT.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER COAN.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?
>> HERE.
COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL.
COUNCILMEMBER FOX?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER REED?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PARKER.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BENSON?
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL?
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER YATES.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON?
COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER?
COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?
MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 24 IN ATTENDANCE AND YOU HAVE A QUORUM.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
>> BLACKWELL.

I AM HERE.

>> THANK YOU, SIR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT.

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MADAM CLERK, ARE THERE ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL?

>> YES, SIR THERE ARE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: LET ME REMIND THOSE ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING PROFANITY OR MAKING DEROGATORY STATEMENTS TO COUNCILMEMBERS.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE BRING THEM FORWARD.

>> CYNTHIA SHEFFERS.

>> MY NAME IS CYNTHIA SHEFFERS.

I'M ON A YOUTH ACTION BOARD.

I'M HERE TO SHARE MY STORY AND HOPEFULLY BRING SOME POSITIVE CHANGE IN DOING SO.

WHEN I WAS A TODDLER, I LOST BOTH OF MY PARENTS TO THE DRUG EPIDEMIC WE HAVE IN KENTUCKY.

THEN I LIVED WITH MY GRANDMA UNTIL I WAS PUT IN FOSTER CARE AT THE AGE OF 13.

I EXPERIENCED A LOT MORE TRAUMA ONCE I WAS IN THE SYSTEM, MAKING IT HARD TO FOCUS ON BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR A STABLE ADULTHOOD.

WHEN I TURNED 21 I WAS TOSSED OUT OF THE SYSTEM WITH NO SUPPORTS AND NO WAY OF GETTING INTO AN APARTMENT BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF MONEY AND CREDIT HISTORY.

ONCE I GOT BACK TO MY CAR I FOUND MY WINDOW HAD BEEN BUSTED AND EVERYTHING I OWNED WAS STOLEN, INCLUDING MY LAPTOP I NEEDED FOR SCHOOL.

A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE SUGGESTED I CALL FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE, THEY WERE BEGINNING TO ACCEPT FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IN FULL TIME SCHOOL.

SO I GOT ON THE WAIT LIST.

I WAS BLESSED TO FIND A HOST FAMILY THAT LET ME STAY WITH THEM FOR THE 15 MONTHS I WAITED FOR THE NEW CAMPUS OPENED.

MY SOCIAL SUPPORT AND FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE SAVED MY LIFE AND HELPED ME FINISH MY SCHOOLING.

I SHARE THIS WITH YOU SO YOU WILL HELP URGE SENATOR McCONNELL TO MAKE SUPPORTING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT A PRIORITY.

THIS WILL HAVE A BIGGER IMPACT TO SERVE HOMELESS YOUTH.

WE NEED MORE HOUSING FOR YOUTH WHO DO NOT FIT IN THE SPECIFIC POPULATIONS UNDER THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS.

WE NEED TO IMPROVE AND ADD ADDITIONAL HOMELESS SHELTERS BECAUSE THE WAIT LISTS ARE TOO LONG AND THE EXPERIENCE IS SO UNPLEASANT THAT I HAVE HEARD SOME YOUTH SAY THEY WOULD RATHER SLEEP ON THE STREETS.

THE LOUISVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SERVES FUNCTIONS REDUCING HOMELESSNESS.

THIS TRUST FUND HAS SERVED MANY POPULATIONS SUCH AS SINGLE FAMILIES, REFUGEES AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH LIKE ME.

SO ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT COULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE TRUST FUND SHOULD BE.

I WANT TO THANK THE METRO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE HELPED ADVOCATE FOR SOME OF THE INCREASED FUNDING THEY HAVE GOTTEN.

SO I JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

AND THEN LASTLY, I WANTED TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR HAVING ME AND ALLOWING ME TO HAVE A VOICE.

I SINCERELY HOPE THIS STORY CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUPPORTING THESE PROGRAMS AND PUTTING INTO YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, EVENTUALLY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

LEANDRA WILLIAMS.

>> GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

MY NAME IS LEANDRA WILLIAMS, WITH COALITION OF THE HOMELESS WHILE WORKING TO RECEIVE MY MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK.

THROUGHOUT MY CHILDHOOD I WAS KNOWN AS THE CHILD WHO SPOKE UP FOR OTHERS AND REFERRED TO AS THE GOOD KID WHO WANTED TO SAVE EVERYONE.

ORIGINALLY I WAS PROUD OF THAT TITLE.

IT MADE ME FEEL STRONG AND POWERFUL.

THAT WAS UNTIL HOWEVER I COULDN'T SAVE MY MOTHER FROM THE BULLYING SHE ENDURED FROM MY FATHER.

ONE NIGHT WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD MY MOTHER WOKE ME AND MY SIBLINGS AND LEFT OUR HOME AT 5:00 A.M.

I REMEMBER SNOW ON THE GROUND AND MY MOTHER WAS PHYSICALLY UPSET.

SHE WOULDN'T TELL US WHAT WAS WRONG.

THAT NIGHT WE HAD TO SLEEP IN MY MOTHER'S CAR BECAUSE THERE WERE NO AVAILABLE SPACES FOR US ANYWHERE.

WE PARKED NEAR AIRFORCE PARK AND SETTLED THERE FOR THE NIGHT.

I WAS TERRIFIED.

I HEARD ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT SOUNDS AND OVERALL I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP AND WAS ECSTATIC WHEN MY MOTHER SAID WE WERE GOING TO A SAFE PLACE.

AT 9:00 A.M. MY MOTHER RECEIVED NEWS THAT THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES HAD AVAILABLE ROOM FOR US.

ONCE WE ARRIVED THE AGENT GAVE US A TOUR AND SET MY MOTHER UP WITH RESOURCES FOR FOOD, CLOTHES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

NOT ONLY HAD MY FAMILY HAD A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT BUT MY MOTHER GOT THE COUNSELING AND RESOURCES SHE DESPERATELY NEEDED.

SHE HAD DEVELOPED A SUPPORT SYSTEM WITHIN THE CENTER SHE PROUDLY CONTINUES TO CALL ONTO THIS DAY.

MY STORY HAPPENED 15 YEARS AGO BUT THESE SITUATIONS STILL OCCUR TODAY.

J.C.P.S. HAD NEARLY 5,000 STUDENTS EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSTABILITY.

1,000 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS EVERYDAY, AND WITH ONLY THREE SHELTERS THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THIS POPULATION.

I'M HERE TO ASK OF YOU TO NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE CREATION OF MORE FAMILY SHELTERS, FUND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND EXPAND FAIR HOUSING PROJECTIONS THAT INCLUDE A SOURCE OF INCOME AS A PROTECTED CLASS BUT ALSO TRAIN OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS WITHIN CITY AGENCIES TO BE CULTURALLY COMPETENT IN HANDLING D.V. SITUATIONS.

MY MOTHER WAS LUCKY TO RECEIVE A BED BUT MANY SURVIVORS FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS SIMPLY BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE SPACE TO SERVE THEM.

I REFUSE TO SETTLE FOR THIS EXCUSE MY LONGER AND I BELIEVE THE STATE OF KENTUCKY SHOULDN'T CONTINUE TO SETTLE EITHER.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE TIME TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, COULD YOU LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT PRESIDENT PROTEM COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER WILL HAVE THE CHAIR?

>> YES, SIR.

>> TOM RECHTER?

>> I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK TODAY.

LOUIS BRANDICE, FAMOUSLY SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC OFFICE IN AMERICA IS PRIVATE CITIZEN.

I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THAT MEANT UNTIL WE WORK TOGETHER TO PASS THE CANNABIS ORDINANCE.

AND I REALIZE THAT YOU GUYS HAD ALL THESE BALLS YOU ARE JUGGLING IN THE AIR ALL THE TIME SO YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO FOCUS ON ONE SUBJECT.

WELL, WE ARE PRIVATE CITIZENS AND WE ARE LASER FOCUSED ON ONE SUBJECT.

TO CHANGE THE DRUG LAWS IN THIS COUNTRY.

IT'S OBVIOUS OUR DRUG LAWS AREN'T WORKING.

WE HAVE STRONGER MORE DANGEROUS DRUGS AND MORE VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS AND YOU SEE IT EVERYDAY.

THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS WE ARE CONSUMPTION BIGOTS, WE ARE PREJUDICE AGAINST PEOPLE FOR CONSUMING CERTAIN THINGS.

WE KNOW CANNABIS IS SAFER THAN ALCOHOL, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

BUT IF YOU HAVE AN ACTUAL LOOK AT IT, COCAINE IS SAFER THAN ALCOHOL TOO, AND SO ARE AMPHETAMINES AND OPIOIDS.

ALCOHOL IS THE ONLY DRUG I KNOW OF THAT MAKES YOU LOSE YOUR ABILITY TO WALK UP.
SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING IS YOU TO LEAD ON THIS ISSUE.
WHAT WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY WITH GOVERNMENT IS STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ARE DYSFUNCTIONAL.
THEY CAN'T SEEM TO GET ANYTHING DONE.
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE HAVING TO STEP UP.
AND THAT'S WHAT YOU DID WITH THE CANNABIS ORDINANCE AND THE SAME WITH THE NO-KNOCK WARRANT BAN.
THESE ARE AT STATE LEVEL AND FEDERAL LEVEL BUT THEY JUST AREN'T GETTING ANYTHING DONE.
FORM A DRUG POLICY TASK FORCE.
I THINK WE NEED TO REVIEW ALL DRUG POLICIES IN THE UNITED STATES.
EVERYTHING FROM CRIMINALIZATION, ERADICATION PROGRAM.
REMOTE TESTING, PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM.
ALL THESE PROGRAMS NOT ONLY DO THEY NOT WORK BUT THEY ARE -- LEAD TO STRONGER MORE DANGEROUS DRUG USE.
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING US TO SPEAK AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO BE PART OF THAT TASK FORCE WITH THE SIDE GROUP.
WE HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION.
I PERSONALLY RESEARCHED THIS VERY MUCH ON MY OWN.
I BELIEVE IT'S TIME FOR A NEW WAY FORWARD.
I REALIZE YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR PLATE.
YOU CERTAINLY DO.
BUT WE NEED TO GET THIS BALL ROLLING.
WE NEED TO GET IT STARTED.
THIS TASK FORCE MIGHT TAKE SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR.
THERE'S A BETTER WAY FORWARD AND WE NEED TO FIND THAT BETTER WAY FORWARD AND DO IT QUICKLY.
RECORD OVERDOSE DEATHS AGAIN AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT WILL STOP BUT THERE'S A WAY FORWARD AND A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CAN COME TO THE TABLE AND WE CAN CHART THAT PATH.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> THANK YOU.
DAN SIMS?
DAN SIME?
>> ARE WE READY?
>> YES, SIR.
>> OKAY, HI, MY NAME IS DAN SIGNS JUNIOR.
FROM THE 13th COUNCIL DISTRICT.
MARK FOX IS MY COUNCILMAN.
I'M HERE TO REINFORCE WHAT MR. RECHTER JUST ASKED.
WE FORM A TASK FORCE IN LOUISVILLE.
AND BRING FINDINGS NOT ONLY FOR OUR COUNTY BUT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH CANNABIS REFORM FOR A LONG TIME AND WE DO APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE METRO, HOW THEY HELPED US WITH CANNABIS REFORM AND CANNABIS ORDINANCE. AND OUR GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SIT AT THE TABLE WITH A DRUG TORSO WE CAN TAKE THE CONVERSATION FURTHER AND PRESENT OUR FINDINGS TO FRANKFURT AND TO OUR COUNTRY.

RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME TO DISCUSS THE CANNABIS ISSUE. THE RACIST BIGOTED ACT OF PROHIBITION.

AND IT'S TIME THAT WE START ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

IN JEFFERSON COUNTY ALONE, AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE ARRESTED SIX TIMES MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE FOR SIMPLE CANNABIS POSSESSION. IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, THEY ARE ARRESTED FOUR TIMES MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

ALTHOUGH WE CONSUME THE SAME.

IF YOU KNOW THE ORIGINATION OF THE PROHIBITION AND ARGUMENT USED IN 1937 YOU WILL KNOW IT'S A RACIST BIGOTED LAW.

IT WAS PUT ON THE BACKS OF MEXICAN AMERICANS AND BLACKS.

HE SAID THERE'S 100,000 MARIJUANA SMOKERS IN AMERICAN AND THEY ARE NEGROES, FILIPINOS, MEXICANS AND JAZZ MUSICIANS.

IT WAS A LAW.

THEY ADOPTED THE WORD MARIJUANA BECAUSE IT SOUNDED MORE MEXICAN. IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO THAT BIGOTED LIE.

WE HAVE TAKEN DOWN STATUES.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE DOWN THIS LIVING STATUTE THAT CONTINUALLY JEOPARDIZES PEOPLE'S FREEDOM, CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION, PELL GRANTS AND OTHER THINGS.

PLEASE FORM THIS TASK FORCE AND ALLOW US TO HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS.

UNLESS THE CANNABIS AND DRUG ISSUE, ISSUE WITH MEDICAL INSTEAD OF CRIMINAL AND QUIT LOCKING OUR KIDS UP.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO ADDRESS YOU.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SITTING ON THIS TASK FORCE, GROUP ALONG WITH OTHERS MAY HELP BRING THIS CHANGE TO JEFFERSON COUNTY AND KENTUCKY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

TIM NETHERING?

>> HELLO, EVERYBODY.

ARE WE READY?

>> YES, MA'AM.

>> GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT JAMES AND LOUISVILLE COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AS I SEEK YOUR HELP TO BRING CHANGE TO OUR CURRENT DRUG LAW.

I REQUEST YOUR ATTENTION NOT ONLY FOR US ADVOCATES BUT FOR THE CITY AT LARGE AND TO BE HONEST, THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.

AS A CITY WE ARE IN THE HEAT OF THINGS WITH BRIONNA TAYLOR'S DEATH AND INVESTIGATION. NOT ONLY DIED IN A VIOLENT INTRUSION OF HER HOME UNANNOUNCED BUT OUR MEN IN BLUE HAVE SUFFERED MORE HATE THAN THEY SHOULD. WE HAVE ASKED OURSELVES WHY. OUR LAWS ARE UNJUST AND INCONSISTENT AND COSTLY TO ALL INVOLVED. PLACING ANYONE IN OUR CRIMINAL SYSTEM OVER OUR CURRENT DRUG LAWS ONLY COMPOUNDS ANY PROBLEM. DRUG USE, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL IS A RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON. SOME WILL USE LEGAL DRUGS AS INTENDED AND SOME WILL USE LEGAL DRUGS NOT AS INTENDED. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE DRUG. IT'S ABOUT THE INNER WORKINGS OF THAT INDIVIDUAL, AND WE CAN'T PRODUCE ENOUGH LAWS TO KEEP EVERYONE IN LINE. DRUG ABUSE HAS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. AT THE HANDS OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, DRUG DEALERS ARE OUR PHARMACEUTICAL SYSTEM AND COUNTRY. FREE OUR OFFICERS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO TREAT. IT PLACES OUR NAIVE YOUTH AND INSTITUTIONS WITH REAL CRIMINALS WHERE THEY LEARN THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE, PRODUCING LIFE LONG DESTRUCTION TO ALL INVOLVED WITH THEM. OUR OLDER GENERATION CAN WASTE THEIR LIVELIHOOD OVER SUBSTANCES THAT THE LAW WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REGULATE. YOU CANNOT REGULATE THE HUMAN HEART VIA JAIL SENTENCES. SO PLEASE, PICK UP THE TORCH AGAIN AND CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK YOU HAVE ALREADY BEGAN IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE. LIKE WHEN YOU PASSED THE L.L.E.T.O. LAST YEAR. YOU SHOWED NOT ONLY LEADERSHIP BUT A TRUE CONCERN FOR THE LIVES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY OUR CURRENT LAWS. LET LOUISVILLE BE KNOWN FOR HOW WE TAKE A TRAGEDY AND TURN IT INTO A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND. THE PROPOSED DRUG REFORM TASK FORCE WILL BE A CHALLENGE, YET NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT WHEN FAMILIES AND LIVES ARE SAVED. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION TO OUR REQUEST TO BRING REAL DRUG REFORM TO OUR COMMONWEALTH AND OUR NATION.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

ALISA FIELDS.

GOOD EVENING

[BREAKING UP]

AS A FULL-TIME EDUCATOR WHERE I MET JAMES PEDEN I EXPERIENCED THE EXCEPTIONAL BRILLIANCE AND RESILIENCE OF OUR CITY'S DIVERSE YOUTH.

ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

FROM WEALTHY AND BELOW POVERTY HOUSEHOLDS, BLACK WHITE, RED YELLOW BROWN, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARN, GAY, STRAIGHT, TRANS, SHELTERED, HOMELESS, YOU NAME IT.

I'M NOW TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN.

I WITNESSED THOUSANDS OF THEM BECOME COMMITTED AND DEDICATED CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR COMMUNITY, EDUCATORS, BUS DRIVER, CAFETERIA STAFF, PARENTS, PASTORS, FIRST RESPONDER, OFFICERS, MANAGERS, ATTORNEYS, POLICE OFFICERS, COACHES AND ARTISTS.

AS AN EDUCATOR MUCH OF MY CALLING INCLUDES CHEERING OUR STUDENTS ON AND STICKING WITH THEM THROUGH EVERY TURN AND CURVE ON THE WAY TO SUCCESS NO MATTER WHO LOVES THEM, LEAVES THEM OR DIES. I REMEMBER WHO THEY ARE AND THE GIFTS THEY POSSESS AND NOTHING LESS.

I COME BEFORE YOU TO ASK YOU TO UNANIMOUSLY BAN CONVERSION THERAPY.

FOR THOSE UNDER 18 WHO LIVE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL POSSIBILITY CITY. CONVERSION THERAPY IS A DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY LIFE-ENDING ATTEMPT TO CHANGE A YOUTH'S GENDER IDENTITY OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE.

IT'S BEEN CONTINUOUSLY BEEN DISCREDITED BY MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED IN THIS COUNTRY INCLUDING THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS JUST TO NAME A FEW.

TONIGHT WITH YOUR VOTE TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY, WE CAN PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM WHAT CONVERSION THERAPY ACTUALLY DOES TO THEM INSTILL SHAME, GUILT, FEAR, MENTAL ABUSE, LIFE LONG HARM, PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS, DEPRESSION, SELF IMAGE ISSUES, SELF HARM AND SOMETHING MORE FINITE, SUICIDE.

YOUTH WHO ARE FORCED INTO CONVERSION THERAPY ARE 8.4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ATTEMPT SUICIDE AND 5.9 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPORT HIGH LEVELS OF DEPRESSION.

MINORS FORCED INTO CONVERSION THERAPY SUFFERED OFTEN TIMES IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE.

I ASK YOU TO PROTECT THE GOD GIVEN DIGNITY OF EACH YOUTH IN OUR CITY BY YOUR VOTE TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR MINORS IN LOUISVILLE.

THANK YOU.

>> LISA WILNER.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT TO BAN THE PRACTICE OF CONVERSION THERAPY.

WITH SO MUCH STRIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY, SO MUCH PAIN IN OUR CITY AT THIS MOMENT, PASSING THIS ORDINANCE TONIGHT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT POLICY STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF LOVE AND COMPASSION AS WELL AS SCIENCE AND REASON.

IN METRO LOUISVILLE.

I'M A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST.

I TAUGHT AT BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY.
I'M THE PAST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KENTUCKY PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.
PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK AND IN FACT EVERY MAJOR NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL GROUP OPPOSES, LGBTQ CHANGE EFFORTS KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS CONVERSION THERAPY.
AS THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM KENTUCKY'S 35th HOUSE DISTRICT, I'M THE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF KENTUCKY'S YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.
A PROPOSED STATE WIDE BAN ON L.G.B.T.Q. CHANGE EFFORTS.
THE EVIDENCE IS COMPELLING THAT L.G.B.T.Q. CHANGE EFFORTS DO NOT WORK AND THEY ARE DANGEROUS.
THE RESEARCH IS ROBUST AND IT IS CLEAR.
EFFORTS TO CHANGE A PERSON'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY ARE NOT EFFECTIVE.
THESE PRACTICES ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE.
THEY ARE CONTRAINDICATED BY ETHICAL STANDARDS OF HEALTHCARE PRACTICE AND THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MANY SEVERE LONG-TERM SYMPTOMS INCLUDING ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, SELF-HARM, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HIGH-RISK SEXUAL BEHAVIORS, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND ATTEMPTS AND TOO OFTEN COMPLETED SUICIDES.
SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.
ONE LARGE SCALE STUDY OF L.G.B.T.Q. YOUTH DEMONSTRATED THOSE SUBJECTED TO CHANGE EFFORTS, 42% OF LESBIAN GAY AND BUY SEXUAL YOUTH AND 57% OF TRANS YOUTH HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THEIR TREATMENT.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MATHENY OTHER PRACTICE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH HIGH RATES OF SUICIDALITY AND OTHER DANGERS THAT WOULD STILL BE ALLOWED.
I ASK LOUISVILLE METRO JOIN THE 70 PLUS MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN A STAND TO PROTECT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.
PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING MANY OF OUR CITY'S MOST VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE.
STAND WITH THE MULTITUDE OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.
USE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS TO SUPPORT BANNING THESE DANGEROUS PRACTICES.
STAND ON THE SIDE OF EVIDENCE AND REASON.
PLEASE TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD LOVE AND COMPASSION DURING THIS ANXIOUS AND PAINFUL TIME FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY VOTING UNANIMOUSLY TONIGHT IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY IN OUR COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU.
>> SHOWS CONDOLENCE AND CONCERN.
>> MA'AM ARE YOU DONE?
>> I'M NOT DONE.
A FEW MORE MINUTES.

I THOUGHT YOU VOTED MAYOR FISCHER TWICE AND I FEEL WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS TAKING AWAY MY VOTE.

[PHONE RINGING]

IT'S NOT FAIR.

HE HAS DONE A BEAUTIFUL JOB FOR LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

HE PUT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY ON THE MAP.

IT COMES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

ENTREPRENEURS MAKE MONEY, WE HIRE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE EXTRA BUSINESS.

HE WORKED HARD TO PUT THAT TOGETHER.

THAT'S NEVER BEEN -- LIKE IT IS HERE TODAY WHAT HE PUT TOGETHER.

NEVER BEEN ANOTHER MAYOR THAT HAS BROUGHT AS MANY JOBS TO THIS CITY AS HE HAS.

HE HAS DONE A BEAUTIFUL JOB.

THAT'S WHY WE VOTE FOR ONCE, NOT ONLY ONCE, BUT VOTE FOR HIM TWICE.

BECAUSE HE IS DOING A GOOD JOB.

I AM SO DEPRESSED AND DISAPPOINTED OF WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO STICK TOGETHER TO HELP THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY AND TO HELP WITH WHAT HE IS DOING.

YOU CANNOT DENY THAT HE DID A GOOD JOB.

FOR HIM TO HAVE THE CONSIDERATION TO GO TO BRIONNA'S MOTHER SO SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THAT.

I MEAN, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.

I'M ASHAMED OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

I'M ASHAMED OF IT.

AND ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

AT TIMES LIKE THIS WE ARE SUPPORTED TO PULL TOGETHER.

HE DONATED HIS OWN MONEY TO HELP.

HOW MANY OF YOU CAN SAY THAT?

HE DONATED MONEY OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET.

HE DID WHATEVER HE CAN TO HELP SOMEBODY.

>> MS. BEARD THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU HAVE RUN OUT OF TIME.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES, THAT CONCLUDES THE ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES.

REGULAR METRO COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2020.

ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS?

MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI SECOND BY BARBARA SEXTON SMITH.

PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

OPPOSED?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

NEXT WE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MINUTES ALL IN 2020.

REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2020.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EQUITY AND INCLUSION, SEPTEMBER 8th 2020,
REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING SEPTEMBER 8th 2020, REGULAR LABOR
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEPTEMBER 8th 2020, REGULAR PUBLIC
WORKS COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 8th 2020.

REGULAR GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 8th
2020.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 9th, 2020, REGULAR PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 9th 2020, REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 9th PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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SEPTEMBER 16th, 2020.

ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS?

>> MOTION TO ACCEPT, TRIPLETT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT.

>> SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FOX.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED?

THE AYES HAVE IT, THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MADAM CLERK DO WE HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR?

>> YES, SIR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: PLEASE READ THOSE IN THE RECORD, PLEASE.

>> MS. CLERK: [READING COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR]

READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS,
CONSENT CALENDAR, 18-32.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS?

MADAM CLERK, A SECOND READING OF THESE ITEMS?

>> MS. CLERK: THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION WAS FORWARDED FROM THE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

[READING ITEMS]

READ IN FULL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

SECONDED BY BARBARA SEXTON SMITH.

WILL THE CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

[ROLL CALL]

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 26 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
AND THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES.
MS. CLERK, THE NEXT ITEM IS OLD BUSINESS.
MADAM CLERK, PLEASE READ ITEM NUMBER 33.
>> RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE
JEFFERSON COUNTY COUNCIL EXPRESSES
>> THIS COMES OUT WITH NO RECOMMENDATIONS.
I BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF THIS IS COUNCILMAN KRAMER,
SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO HIM AT THIS TIME.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, I AM HAPPY TO BE THE PRIMARY
SPONSOR, BUT THIS WAS A RESOLUTION THAT CAME FORTH FROM THE
ENTIRE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS WITH MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE
SITUATION WE FIND OURSELVES AND THE LEADERSHIP, OR LACK THEREOF,
OF THE MAYOR.
OUR CONCERN CONTINUES TO BE THAT THE CHOICES, THE DECISIONS THAT
ARE BEING MADE, WHILE SOME ARE POINTING TO ERROR AND SAYING THEY
REGRET SOME OF THE DECISIONS, OUR CONCERN IS THE DECISIONS, THE
ERROR IN THE DECISION IS REALLY NOT AS MUCH THE PROBLEM AS THE
ATTITUDE OR APPROACH OF THE PERSON WHO IS MAKING THE DECISIONS.
AND SO OUR CONCERN IS, LACK OF CONFIDENCE, NOT IN THE DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS BUT THE JUDGMENT BEHIND THE DECISIONS.
WE UNDERSTOOD THIS IS A TOUGH THING TO DO.
WE HAVE TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR VOTERS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
RESPECTING A DULY ELECTED OFFICIAL.
BUT IN LIGHT OF HOW MUCH THINGS HAVE CHANGED, AND IN LIGHT OF
HOW CLEAR STRUGGLES HAVE BECOME, THE QUESTION IS HE STILL THE
PERSON FOR THE JOB.
THAT IT WAS TIME TO RESIGN.
WE BROUGHT THAT RESOLUTION FORWARD.
WE ASKED FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE.
WE INVITED AMENDMENTS TO OUR RESOLUTION AND SAW IT THROUGH THE
PROCESS TO GET A RESOLUTION THAT THE COUNCIL COULD AGREE ON.
THERE WERE NO AMENDMENTS OFFERED OR RECOMMENDED AT COMMITTEE.
SO IT CAME OUT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.
I UNDERSTAND THERE'S AN AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION THAT WILL BE
OFFERED TONIGHT.
I'M GRATEFUL WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF
AMENDMENTS MIGHT BE MADE.
AND TRY TO BRING THIS BODY TOGETHER ON A STRONG STATEMENT.
SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION AND THE DEBATE.
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A VOTE ON THIS LATER THIS EVENING.
THANK YOU.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?
>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT JAMES.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING, MANY OF US ARE FRUSTRATED WITH WHERE THINGS STAND.

WE ARE FRUSTRATED WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

IT'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS.

CERTAINLY THE IMPACTS ON THOSE WE HAVE LOST, NOT JUST WITHIN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE OR STATE OF KENTUCKY BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

WE ARE FRUSTRATED WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON SOCIAL FRONTS.

WE ARE FRUSTRATED BY BLIGHT, INEQUITY, BY POVERTY.

AND WE ARE FRUSTRATED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE MAYOR.

MANY OF US ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ISSUES WE FACE IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE GO FAR BEYOND WHAT WE FACE HERE.

I THINK YOU SEE, WHEN YOU SEE THE IMPACTS WE HAVE HERE PLAY OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THEY HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME.

THAT POINTS TO FACTORS THAT GO BEYOND HERE.

WHEN THERE ARE SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POLICE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

THAT TELLS YOU THE ISSUES ARE NOT UNIQUE TO LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY, THESE ARE ISSUES ACROSS THE U.S.

I THINK ULTIMATELY WHEN WE THINK OF WHAT HAPPENS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE CAN CHOOSE TO DIVIDE, PLAY OFF EACH OTHER.

CHOOSE TO PLAY INTO MISINFORMATION AND DIVISION.

OR WE CAN CHOOSE TO WALK TOGETHER TO TRY TO FIND A PATH FORWARD THAT ADVANCES THE NEEDS OF THE CITY.

ADVANCES THE NEEDS OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.

SO WHAT I'M PROPOSING TODAY IS AN AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION THAT CONVEYS NOT JUST OUR DEEP FRUSTRATION BUT CALLS ON SPECIFIC ACTION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN TO RESTORE NOT JUST TRUST IN OUR MAYOR, BUT TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.

I THINK THAT'S A CRITICAL STEP TOWARDS HEALING.

A STEP I THINK OUR CITY NEEDS AND I THINK IT'S ONE WE SHOULD LEAD ON.

AND I HUMBLY ASK FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT.

THE AMENDMENT IS LOADED IN THE SYSTEM AND I WOULD MAKE THAT IN THE FORM OF A MOTION TO AMEND BY CONSTITUTION.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER AND SECONDED BY SEXTON SMITH.

DISCUSSION?

HEARING NONE, STAND BY.

COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN?

IT'S MISSING A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MY VOTE, I HAVE YET TO DECIDE WHERE THIS GOES TO DECIDE WHETHER I WILL VOTE YES OR NO ON THE OVERALL THING.

WHAT I FIND TO BE MISSING IS, SOME DEADLINES AND DATES.

I KNOW THERE ARE A FEW.

THE POLICE CONTRACT FOR ONE.

A COUPLE OF OTHERS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART SOME ARE VERY AMBIGUOUS.

THE BIGGEST THING THAT IS MISSING AT THE END IS RAMIFICATIONS. NOTHING LIKE, HEY.

IF YOU DON'T DO THESE THINGS BY JUNE OF 2021 WE WILL RELOOK AT A RESIGNATION OR IMPEACHMENT VOTE OR YOU LOSE YOUR CAR.

LOSING YOUR CAR PART, THAT'S MY ANALOGY.

WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS FOR, LET'S JUST TAKE IT BACK TO FOUR YEARS TO THE BOY SCOUT SCANDAL AND ONE SCANDAL AFTER ANOTHER.

THE ANALOGY I USED TO IT'S LIKE MY DAUGHTER NOT COMING HOME FOR CURFEW AND CONTINUES TO NOT COME HOME AND SO ON AND IF SHE WATCHES THIS PUBLICLY SHE WILL BE MAD BECAUSE SHE IS REALLY GOOD AT COMING HOME.

BUT MY EXAMPLE, I DON'T TAKE THE CAR AWAY HERE, BECAUSE THEN I HAVE TO TAKE HER PLACES, AND THAT'S INCONVENIENT FOR ME.

THERE'S NO RAMIFICATIONS.

THEN WE HAVE THIS COME TO JESUS MEETING LIKE WE ARE HAVING RIGHT NOW.

HERE ARE YOUR DEMANDS AND HERE ARE YOUR DEMANDS.

BUT IT'S ON US NOW.

THAT'S MY BIGGEST PROBLEM.

BY ADOPTING THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION WE HAVE GIVEN HIM A LIST OF DEMANDS WHEN TWO YEARS WHEN HE WALKS OUT OF OFFICE, HE WILL WALK OUT WITH A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE AND THE MEDIA WILL LOOK AT EACH AND EVERYONE OF US SAYING, HEY, WHY DIDN'T YOU HOLD THE MANY TO THE LIST OF DEMANDS.

I WILL HAVE TO GO, UH, WE GAVE IT OUR BEST SHOT.

WE DIDN'T BECAUSE THERE'S NO REAL CATCH TO ANY OF THIS STUFF.

WE ARE NOW PUTTING THE RESPONSIBILITY ON US, AS THE COUNCIL. REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

WE ARE PUTTING THAT LIST ON TO US, SEE IT GETS DONE.

AND WHEN IT DOESN'T, IT'S ON US.

AND THAT'S, I GUESS THAT'S WHERE MY BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WITH THIS.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL PREFACE MY COMMENT ANYTHING I SAY SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A DEFENSE OF MAYOR FISCHER.

I SHARE FRUSTRATION WITH THE DECISIONS AND INDECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE MAYOR DIDN'T FIRE THE POLICE OFFICERS THAT SHOT AND KILLED BREONNA TAYLOR.

I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT SINCE THE END OF MAY AND BEGINNING OF JUNE.

THAT'S WHAT ANIMATES MY CONCERN OR FRUSTRATION.
I KNOW OTHER PEOPLE HAVE OTHER THINGS.
THAT'S NOT MY ONLY ONE BUT THE BIG ONE FOR ME.
I JUST WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN WAS SAYING.
HE IS RIGHT.
COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER HAS PUT TOGETHER AN ADMIRAL LIST OF
PROGRAMS OR POLICIES ON BALANCE, ALL APPEAR TO BE PRETTY GOOD.
SOME I DO NOT AGREE WITH.
THIS IS SORT OF A LAUNDRY LIST, A CHRISTMAS LIST THAT'S COME
TOGETHER.
TON OF PROCESS OR CLOSE SCRUTINY OF ANY OF THESE ITEMS.
I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE HEARTED ENDORSEMENT OF THEM.
BUT YOU KNOW, I THINK WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING.
I THINK WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS ON SOME OF THESE ITEMS IN SECTION 2
OF THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.
AND START TO DO RIGHT.
AND START TO MAKE THIS CITY A LITTLE BIT BETTER EVERYDAY.
BUT WE CAN DO THOSE THINGS IN SECTION TWO WITHOUT HAVING HAD A
SECTION ONE.
AND WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 3
THAT SAYS DO THIS OR THERE WILL BE MORE CONSEQUENCES.
I SAID THIS THE OTHER DAY IN COMMITTEE.
LEADERSHIP IS NOT BLAMING OTHER PEOPLE.
LEADERSHIP IS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROBLEMS WHETHER THERE
IS FAULT OR NOT.
I JUST THINK IT'S UNNECESSARILY DIVISIVE AND COUNTER PRODUCTIVE
TO HAVE A NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE.
THAT'S WHAT THIS IS, EVEN IF IT ADDS OTHER THINGS TO IT.
AND WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.
THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
WE ARE ONE GOVERNMENT, I PROMISE YOU THE CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE
DON'T SEE IT DIFFERENTLY.
THEY WILL HOLD US ALL ACCOUNTABLE.
AND FOR THOSE REASONS, YOU KNOW, I'M DISINCLINED TO SUPPORT THE
AMENDMENT UNLESS WE WANTED TO ADD SOME LANGUAGE THAT SAYS, WE
EXPRESS OUR CONCERN WITH THE LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED BY MAYOR
FISCHER BUT THE COUNCIL ALSO ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN
SHORTCOMINGS AND FAILURES AND ACTIONS.
WE SHOULDN'T POINT THE FINGER AT ANYBODY OR THROW STONES WITHOUT
LOOKING AT OURSELVES.
WE HAVE A LOT OF ABILITY AND RESOURCES.
AND WE CAN WORK HARDER THAN WE DO.
WE NEED TO DO MORE AND WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT OURSELVES FIRST
BEFORE WE START THROWING STONES AT OTHERS.
SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

JUST BEFORE THIS VOTE CAME UP, AS WRITTEN, BEFORE A MOTION TO AMEND OR SUBSTITUTE, I DO BELIEVE I HAVE A CONFLICT BECAUSE IT STATES SPECIFIC THE EXPLORER PROGRAM.

AND THE SHORTCOMINGS RELATE TO THAT LEADERSHIP AND HAVE BEEN ORIGINAL ATTORNEY FILING THE LAWSUIT, I WON THE EXPLORER PROGRAM, I WOULD AND ALWAYS HAVE, ANYTHING MENTIONING THAT CASE, I HAVE ABSTAINED FROM A VOTE.

I WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN IN THE EVENT THERE IS SOMETHING BEFORE US THAT DOESN'T, OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD BE NO CONFLICT THERE. BUT I WANT TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE IN THE EVENT THIS COMES UP FOR A VOICE VOTE.

I WOULD NEED TO RECORD THAT ABSTENTION.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
COUNCILWOMAN PARKER?

>> YES, THANK YOU.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHERE I AM ON THE AMENDMENT YET.

I'M PROBABLY, I'VE GOT SOME CONCERNS AND A FEW OTHER COUNCIL PERSONS WITH A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO IT.

THERE'S NO REPERCUSSIONS IF THE ITEM SET FORTH AREN'T FULFILLED. I PERSONALLY FAVORED THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE.

COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER'S RESOLUTION BECAUSE, I WILL JUST SAY THAT THE FINAL STRAW FOR ME WAS WHEN AFTER FOUR YEARS, MAYOR FISCHER ACTUALLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST HIS OWN COUNCIL SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT HAVE TO TESTIFY.

IT'S JUST KIND OF HARD TO BELIEVE.

IT'S JUST BEEN A SERIES OF EVENTS OVER THE LAST -- WITH THOSE SCANDALS.

[BREAKING UP]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN PARKER, WE ARE HAVING AUDIO ISSUES WITH YOUR TRANSMISSION.

>> REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> OKAY, WELL I WILL REPEAT MYSELF BRIEFLY.

THE AMENDMENT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS IN IT, I DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S IN IT.

BUT I HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS THAT HAVE JUST BEEN ITERATED BY SOME OF MY COUNCILMEMBERS.

THERE'S NO REAL ACCOUNTABILITY EVEN IN THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY, THERE'S NOTHING THAT HOLDS MAYOR FISCHER ACCOUNTABLE.

THERE'S NO REPERCUSSIONS.

IT'S JUST A WANT LIST.

FOR ME, THE FINAL STRAW WAS WHEN MAYOR FISCHER FILED SUIT AGAINST HIS OWN METRO COUNCIL.

SO THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT HAVE TO COME AND TESTIFY. I JUST FIND THAT VERY EGREGIOUS.

AND THIS IS IN LIGHT OF FOUR YEARS OF SCANDALS WHICH WE KNOW, WE KNOW WHAT ALL THOSE ARE.

UNPRECEDENTED VIOLENCE THIS THE CITY.

AND TWO YEARS WE ARE ASKING TO PLEASE GET A NEW POLICE CHIEF AND HE DIDN'T LISTEN.

THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS.

TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR CITY.

AND BY THE WAY, MAYOR FISCHER GOT TO PRESIDE OVER A GOOD ECONOMY THROUGH THE LAST FEW YEARS BECAUSE OF TAX CUTS AND DECREASES IN REGULATIONS THAT WERE HAPPENING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

PEOPLE ARE VERY UPSET THEY CAN'T GO DOWNTOWN.

WE SPENT THREE DECADES WITH MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN.

NOW IT'S BOARDED UP AND LOOKS LIKE A GHOST TOWN.

PEOPLE WERE AFRAID TO GET IN THEIR CARS.

THEY SAID THEY WISH MERGER NEVER HAPPENED.

THEY ARE SAYING I WANT TO MOVE OUT OF LOUISVILLE.

I NEVER THOUGHT MY CITY WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS.

AND I CAN'T EVEN CONVEY HOW UPSET PEOPLE ARE WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED.

AND I JUST I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THIS AS MANY PEOPLE.

I THINK IT DESERVES MORE THAN A SLAP ON THE WRIST AND SAY, OH, OKAY, YOU WILL DO BETTER NEXT TIME.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

MANY OF YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST VOCAL CRITICS OF MAYOR FISCHER AND HAVE NEVER EVER HID OR SHIED AWAY FROM HAVING CONCERNS.

I SHARE MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS.

SO I'M JUST SAYING WHY THE LEGISLATION WAS FILED.

BUT I WILL SAY THAT AT TIMES IT'S THE ARROGANCE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

SOMETIMES IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT EVEN WELL-INTENTIONED LEGISLATION, BUT WE HAVE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE VOTED THREE TIMES FOR MAYOR FISCHER. AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION WHICH I ACTUALLY LIKE BETTER THAN THE FIRST ONE BECAUSE IT DOES SEEM TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A PLAN. WITHOUT HAVING CONSULTED THOSE CITIZENS TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THEY AGREE, OR WHAT PLANS THEY HAVE.

AND THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION IS THIS.

I AGREE WITH BRANDON.

MOST OF YOU, INCLUDING MYSELF, I SEE YOU TAG ON SOCIAL MEDIA BEFORE BY PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY DON'T LIKE YOU, OR THEY DON'T LIKE THE JOB YOU ARE DOING.

SO AGAIN, I HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FRUSTRATION WITH MAYOR FISCHER.

I TOLD HIM THIS MYSELF DIRECTLY.

BUT AGAIN, IF WE TALK ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD DO TO REPAIR DIFFERENT FACTIONS OF THE CITY, I THINK PART OF BEING THOUGHTFUL AND DELIBERATIVE COULD HAVE GOTTEN CITIZENRY TO WEIGH IN AND GIVE INSIGHT ON WHAT OUR RESIDENTS BELIEVE IS BEST.

I DON'T WANT TO CHECK OUT ON ALL OF THIS, BUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS -- I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?

>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT JAMES.

AND THANK YOU, EVERYBODY FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

I WANT TO FIRST START BY SAYING, I KNOW YOU BROUGHT UP, I THINK BY COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN.

THIS LIST REPRESENTS NOT JUST MY WORK.

IT REPRESENTS THE WORK OF MANY PEOPLE.

I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER GREEN'S COMMENTS AND WOULD ECHO HER COMMENTS, RIGHT?

AND DO THINK IT IS, AND I WILL ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY THAT IT IS SHORT SIGHTED TO TRY TO PUT SOMETHING OUT THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE FOR EVERYBODY.

SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AND I AGREE WITH YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

I HOPE IT'S A START OF A CONVERSATION THAT WE CONTINUE MORE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY.

BUT I ALSO WANT TO ADD MANY ITEMS IN THE LIST REFLECT THINGS ALREADY BEING WORKED ON AND WILL BE REINFORCED HOPEFULLY THROUGH ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW WE HAVE WORK TO DECLARE RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND THERE'S OTHER ITEMS BEING CHAMPIONED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

BY NO MEANS DO I INTEND FOR THIS TO BE SEEN AS MY LIST OR WORK I HAVE DONE.

IT'S REALLY WORK OF THE BODY AND EVERYONE HERE HAS DONE AND I WOULD COMPLIMENT EVERYBODY FOR THEIR WORK THERE.

I WATCHED THE COMMITTEE TESTIMONY FROM EARLIER, FROM LAST WEEK, WHERE THE FIRST THINGS THAT WERE SIGHTED, IF IT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED NOW THAT WOULD BE THE ISSUE.

WE HAD THE EXPLORER CASE.

WE HAD THE ANIMAL SHELTER AND ALL THESE THINGS.

AND THOSE WERE THINGS I WOULD ARGUE WERE LITIGATED IN THE 2018 ELECTION.

SO DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY WOULD OVER SHADOW THE DECISIONS MADE BY 177,000 LOUISVILLIANS WHO VOTED TO REELECT THE MAYOR.

IF ANYTHING THIS SHOULD BE POST 2018 EXCLUSIVELY.

I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT I LIVE IN A FAIRLY SPLIT DISTRICT.

THIS PAST WEEK, ONE WOULD THINK WITH ALL OF THE FRUSTRATION PEOPLE HAVE, THAT I WOULD BE OVERWHELMED BY CALLS AND EMAILS DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR.

I GOT EXACTLY THREE EMAILS DEMANDING THAT.

I GOT SEVEN TIMES THAT DEMANDING WE BAN CONVERSION THERAPY. PERSPECTIVE IS IMPORTANT TOO.

WHEN WE CONSIDER WHERE THIS FALLS IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED.

A WOMAN WHO MADE THE OPENING COMMENTS MENTIONED THAT, THIS IS THE VOTE THAT THE PUBLIC TOOK.

I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER.

I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT WE HIGHLIGHT AND SAY THAT THE MAYOR HAS BEEN THE BENEFICIAL AIRY OF THE ECONOMY THE LAST TWO YEARS DRIVEN BY NATIONAL POLITICS.

THEN ONE MUST ALSO ACCEPT THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY TODAY IS ALSO IMPACTED BY NATIONAL POLITICS AND ARE NOT -- AGAIN, IF WE WERE ONLY SEEING DEBATES ABOUT POLICING IN LOUISVILLE.

IF WE WERE ONLY SEEING PROTEST ACTIVITY IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, I WOULD SAY ABSOLUTELY.

THIS IS THE FAULT OF THE MAYOR, METRO COUNCIL OR CITY OR WHOMEVER.

THE FACT WE SEE THESE HAPPENING NATIONALLY SUGGESTS A LARGER PROBLEM THAT WE ARE ALL DEALING WITH.

THE LAST THING I WOULD SAY, SPECIFIC POINT ABOUT ACTION VERSUS IN ACTION COUNCILMEMBER PARKER BROUGHT UP AS WELL.

WE WILL TAKE FURTHER ACTION.

IT PUTS THE ONUS ON US AND SAYS ONE, WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WE HAVE WITHIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

IF WE FIND EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING WE SHOULD CONTINUE AND DO OUR LEGISLATIVELY APPOINTED RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT THAT INVESTIGATION.

I THINK IT ALSO SAYS IF WE DON'T SEE THE ACTIONS WE EXPECT WE WILL TAKE FURTHER ACTION.

THE LAST THING I WILL SAY IS THAT.

IF THE DESIRE IS FOR ACTION, I WOULD ARGUE WE ARE STRONGEST WHEN WE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AND WE HAVE, MAYBE NOT UNIVERSAL BUT HIGHLY SUPPORTED VOICE.

BECAUSE IT SAYS THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE IN.

IF WE VOTE EITHER, 12-12, 12-15.

THAT DOESN'T SEND ANY MANDATE EITHER WAY.

IT'S NOT A GLOWING ENDORSEMENT OR A RINGING INDICTMENT OF THE ACTIONS.

I THINK IF WE WANT TO SEE ACTION, A STRONG VOTE WITH A PLAN OF ACTION THAT TO COUNCILMEMBER COAN'S POINT IS COLLECTIVE.

THIS IS OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.

I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT'S THE STRONGEST PATH FORWARD.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

>> THANK YOU.

OBVIOUSLY I WAS ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS ON THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION, I STATED MY OPINIONS ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD SAY AND DO THERE.

BUT WHEN WE FILED THIS, I WAS ALSO VERY CLEAR AND I SAID THIS IN COMMITTEE AS WELL THAT I AM OPEN TO HAVING MY COLLEAGUES WEIGH IN AND MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD AS WELL.

THAT IS WHY WE GO THROUGH A PROCESS.

WE POST RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES.

IT GETS DEBATED AND AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, IT COMES TO THE FLOOR. WE CONTINUE TO DEBATE AND AMEND UNTIL YOU GET SOMETHING YOU LIKE OR DON'T LIKE AND YOU GET TO VOTE UP OR DOWN.

WHETHER PEOPLE CAN ACCUSE ME OF BEING ARROGANT, THAT'S FINE.

I'M DOING THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED ME.

WHETHER IT'S WALKING TO KROGER, OR THE EMAILS I GET, OR PHONE CALLS OR, WHEN I'M PICKING UP MY DAUGHTER FROM VOLLEYBALL, THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE -- AND NOT JUST IN MY DISTRICT.

I SAID THIS ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FLOOR.

BUT I WILL SAY IT FOR ALL OF YOU WHO COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE.

I WAS IN JEFFERSON SQUARE PARK.

IT WASN'T A WEEK OR TWO AGO.

I WAS ASKED ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES TO WELCOME, IT WAS THE NEPHEWS OF GEORGE FLOYD WHO CAME TO LOUISVILLE.

GOT TO MEET WITH THEM AND SPEAK TO THEM FOR A LITTLE BIT.

BREONNA TAYLOR'S MOTHER WAS THERE.

WE GOT TO SPEAK FOR A LITTLE BIT.

NICE FOR HER TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS WITH ME.

MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND PROTESTORS AND THOSE WHO SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT JEFFERSON SQUARE PARK.

THE DAY BEFORE I HAD TO RUN ACROSS THE STREET FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING SAID, MORE THAN A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, BEFORE WE FILED OUR RESOLUTION, THEY SAID WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO FILE A RESOLUTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MAYOR FISCHER.

SO WE KNOW AND WE CAN SEE PUBLICLY WHO SUPPORTS THAT POSITION AND WHO DOESN'T.

GOING BACK A LITTLE FURTHER, THE DAY BEFORE DAVID McATEE WAS SHOT.

I WENT TO HEAR THEIR VOICES AND WHAT THEIR POINTS OF VIEW WERE.

I REMEMBER MANY, IF NOT EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT I INTERACTED WITH, WHO WHEN MAYOR FISCHER'S LEADERSHIP CAME UP, THEIR QUESTION WAS, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO REMOVE HIM OR DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIS LACK OF LEADERSHIP, SOMETHING.

AND THEN THERE'S OF COURSE MY OWN CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE SAID THE EXACT SAME THING.

SO THAT'S WHY I PROPOSED AND CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION THAT WE DID.

BUT I WANT TO SAY, I HAVE READ THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION. IF I WAS A PART Y OF ONE, THIS IS WHAT IT WOULD SAY.

BUT I'M NOT.

I'M A PARTY OF 26.

SO I'M AS OPEN AS I HAVE BEEN WHEN WE FILED THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, TO HEARING THE VOICE OF THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES. AND WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THIS.

I SEE SOME THINGS IN HERE I VERY MUCH LIKE.

I SEE SOME THINGS I MIGHT HAVE WORDED A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY RIGHT AND WE CAN DEBATE THAT MORE ON THE FLOOR.

BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

IF YOU BELIEVE THIS MAYOR IS THE RIGHT MAYOR AND THIS IS THE WRONG MESSAGE OR THE WRONG TIME OR ARROGANT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OR WHATEVER, THAT IS FINE.

THEN VOTE IT DOWN.

THEN VOTE IT DOWN.

AND I WILL NEVER EVER BEGRUDGE OR HOLD THAT AGAINST MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE WE HAVE DIFFERING OPINIONS.

WE WILL WORK TOGETHER AGAIN ON SOME OTHER PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

WE WILL FIGHT ON SOME OTHER PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

AND THAT'S HOW THIS SHOULD WORK.

BUT WE ARE A LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT IS ALLOWED TO DO RESOLUTIONS LIKE THIS AND FROM TIME TO TIME SHOULD.

THERE HAS BEEN, WE HAVE ALL MADE THE CASE, THE HISTORY AND MORE MODERN HISTORY AND WHAT IS HAPPENING.

DO NOT TAKE A STATEMENT FROM ME AT THIS TIME.

I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LOOK AT MY CONSTITUENTS WITHOUT THINKING I FOUGHT TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

I'M ALSO OPEN TO HEARING MY COLLEAGUES AMENDMENTS.

IF YOU ARE FOR OR AGAINST IT, IT'S TIME TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

IF YOU WANT A TWEAK TO IT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SAY EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT.

THEN TWEAK IT.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE A STATEMENT OR VOTE AND LET IT BE THAT YOU REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS STATEMENT.

THAT'S OKAY AS WELL.

I DO WANT TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WAS PART OF BRINGING THIS, FOR BRINGING SOME IDEAS TO THE TABLE.

IT STILL HAS A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AND AT THE END TO ADDRESS COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN, WE WILL TAKE ACTION IF THE THINGS WE HAVE LAID OUT DO NOT HAPPEN.

I THINK A REASON THAT IT'S TOUGH TO GET MORE SPECIFIC IS IF HE MISSES ONE THING OR 90% OF IT, THE ACTION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT.

GAFFS OFF THE WHOLE THING AND CONTINUES TO NOT PARTNER WITH US, TO ME THAT'S PRETTY SERIOUS BUSINESS.

IF HE DOES MOST IN GOOD FAITH, .

BUT THANK YOU FOR BRINGING SOME IDEAS.

I'M INTERESTED IN HEARING IF ANYBODY WANTS TO AMEND ANY MORE OF THIS.

BUT EITHER WAY, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR THAT, LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOUR POSITION IS, AND SOLID VOTE UP OR DOWN TO SUPPORT THIS MAYOR OR NOT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

NEXT WILL BE COUNCILMAN FOX.

BUT BEFORE COUNCILMAN FOX BEGINS, COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER WILL HAVE THE CHAIR.

COUNCILMAN FOX.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT.

I VOTED FOR A VOTE FOR THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION IN COMMITTEE.

I LIKE WHAT MAYOR FISCHER HAS DONE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DOWNTOWN, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

BUT I DON'T SUPPORT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.

AND I LOOK BACK TO THE LATE 70'S AND 80'S WHEN JEFFERSON AND MADISON GOT IT RIGHT.

THEY MADE THE BAR HIGH FOR ELECTING, OR REMOVING SOMEONE FROM OFFICE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE.

AS MEMORY SERVES, MAYOR FISCHER WAS ELECTED WITH ABOUT 61-62% OF THE VOTING POPULATION IN 2018.

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING GOING ON HERE JUSTIFIES REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

BUT I DO THINK BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON HERE IS IN ORDER.

MY ONE COLLEAGUE MENTIONS THERE'S NO RAMIFICATIONS FOR THIS.

WELL THERE'S NO RAMIFICATIONS TO A RESOLUTION EITHER.

THERE WAS ANOTHER RESOLUTION THAT WE MAY NOT BE HERE TODAY.

WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE ISSUES AT ANIMAL CONTROL AND OUR L.M.P.D. HAS ROTTED FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

FOLKS LIVING SMALL DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE A LIVING HERE, CAN'T AFFORD TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES HERE BASED ON WHAT THEY ARE BEING PAID AND AT A TIME WHEN WE NEED BRIGHT YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ON THAT POLICE DEPARTMENT, OUR BRIGHT ONES ARE GETTING JOBS ELSEWHERE AND THEY ARE DISAPPEARING AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO KEEP.

SO SOMEBODY NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT.

AND THE BUCK STOPS AT THE TOP.

QUITE FRANKLY.

I WAS PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION.

I DIDN'T LIKE THE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE PART.

I DON'T THINK THE BAR IS THAT HIGH.
FRANKLY.
BEEN NO CRIMES, THERE'S BEEN NO EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR.
THERE'S BEEN NOTHING BUT SHOCKS OF CONSCIENCE.
THIS IS A DISAGREEMENT WITH HOW THINGS ARE BEING RUN.
AND THOSE THINGS ARE VERY SPECIFIC.
AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE L.M.P.D. OVER THE LAST 3-4 YEARS IS
JUST AN EXCUSE.
THEIR NUMBERS ARE DOWN.
THEY HAVE A CLASS OF 47 SPOTS AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE
ONLY ABLE TO FILL 18-19.
THAT RESPONSIBILITY FALLS ON ALL OF US.
WE HAVE RUN OFF AS A SOCIETY YOUNG BRIGHT MEN AND WOMEN AND
ATTRACTED THE PROFESSION.
WE DON'T SUPPORT THEM.
WE DON'T PAY THEM A LIVING WAGE.
AND WE DON'T -- WE ARE STRUGGLING HERE.
WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO UNTIL 67-C IS CHANGED.
WE DON'T HAVE A HAMMER TO HOLDOVER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
WE JUST DON'T.
AND I'M NEW TO THIS BODY BUT IF IT'S THERE, I'M NOT SEEING IT.
I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ONE OF MY SENIOR COLLEAGUES WOULD POINT
OUT WHAT IT IS.
I THINK THE BEST THING WE CAN DO IS THIS AMENDMENT BY
SUBSTITUTION BLOWING UP SPECIFIC THINGS THAT WE DEMAND AS THE
BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THAT'S CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE.
BECAUSE LIKE MY COLLEAGUE COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER AND LIKE MY
COLLEAGUE COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI, I GO OUT IN THIS COMMUNITY
ALSO.
A JOB, GOING TO CHURCH.
DOING STUFF.
MY PHONE RINGS.
MY NEIGHBOR COMES.
EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THIS.
EVERYBODY IS FRUSTRATED BY THIS.
I THINK THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION AND THIS RESOLUTION GIVE
US THE ONLY TOOLS WE HAVE IN OUR TOOLBOX TO HOLD THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH ACCOUNTABILITY.
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MADAM CLERK, PLEASE LET THE RECORD REFLECT I
HAVE THE CHAIR AGAIN.
[DISCONNECT 7:24 PM ET]
TO ASK HIM SELF THE HARD QUESTION, AM I LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO BE
SUCCESSFUL GIVEN THE WAY THINGS HAVE UNFOLDED THUS FAR.
AND IT'S A CHALLENGING PLACE TO BE AND I GET THAT.
WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT.
I WOULD LIKE TO STRIKE WHEREAS 11 AND 12.

STRIKE THEM IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

IT'S MY FEELING THAT THOSE TWO WHEREAS'S GO MORE TOWARDS MAKING EXCUSES FOR WHY THE MAYOR IS IN THE PLACE HE IS THAN THEY DO RECOGNIZING THE DECISIONS THAT HE MADE.

11 SAYS [READING QUICKLY]

I WOULD STRIKE THOSE TWO WHEREAS'S AND ADD A FINAL WHEREAS THAT WOULD SEE THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT EVERY LOUISVILLE METRO CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO --

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COULD YOU SLOW DOWN JUST A LITTLE BIT?

>> YES.

>> IF I MIGHT TELL YOU WHAT I'M DOING IT MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER. WHAT I'VE DONE IS I'VE RECOGNIZED WE ARE LOOKING AT AN AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION AND I TOO APPRECIATE THE WORK COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER HAS DONE.

I TRIED TO FIND THE REAL WHEREAS FROM THE RESOLUTION I PROPOSED THAT REALLY KIND OF CAPTURED IT.

SO THIS IF YOU REFER TO IT IS THE LAST WHEREAS IN THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION.

I WILL READ IT THOUGH.

MAY BE A LITTLE FASTER NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

>> IT SAYS THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT EVERY LOUISVILLE METRO CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE IN HIS/HER OWN NEIGHBORHOOD. THE MEMBERSHIP OF LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL BELIEVES NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IS ESSENTIAL TO BRING THE CHANGE NEEDED AT L.M.P.D. AND WE BELIEVE THE LACK OF TRUST BETWEEN OUR CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN FOSTERED ABOUT FALSE, MARCHED BY SCANDALS IN MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, OVERTIME ABUSES AS RECORD HIGH HOMICIDE AND CRIME RATES IN OUR CITY.

I MAY HAVE CHANGED ONE OR TWO WORDS IN THERE TO REMOVE SOME ISSUES THAT, SOME LANGUAGE THAT MIGHT HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS FOR SOME.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS IN.

I WOULD MAKE THAT A MOTION.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI. ANY DISCUSSION?

IF YOU HAVE DISCUSSION, PLEASE LIFT YOUR HAND SO I CAN SEE.

I WILL KEEP EVERYBODY IN THE QUEUE.

COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?

>> YEAH.

IT'S REALLY A MORE PROCEDURAL QUESTION.

CAN WE AMEND THE AMENDMENT BEFORE IT'S BEEN VOTED ON OR FIRST VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AND THEN WE CAN CHANGE THE AMENDMENT?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE CAN AMEND IT BEFORE IT'S BEEN VOTED ON.

IT'S CLEANER IF WE VOTE ON IT FIRST BUT WE CAN DO BOTH.

>> MR. PRESIDENT, IF I CAN HELP, POINT OF ORDER.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: SURE.

>> JUST SO EVERYBODY IS A LITTLE MORE CLEAR, YOU CAN AMEND AND YOU CAN AMEND AN AMENDMENT BUT WE CAN'T ESSENTIALLY DO ANYTHING ELSE UNTIL WE HAVE VOTED ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE AMENDMENT. SO NOW WE WANT TO TAKE ACTION OF THIS PARTICULAR, WE CAN DEBATE IT AND ONCE DEBATED VOTE ON IT AND THEN WE ARE BACK TO YOUR SUBSTITUTION, COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER, WHETHER OR NOT THIS PASSES OR FAILS.

ONCE WE ARE AT THAT LEVEL WE CAN'T GO DEEPER.

NO ONE ELSE CAN AMEND AT THIS POINT UNTIL WE VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: EXACTLY AS HE SAID.

I THINK I SAW COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER'S HAND UP.

>> THAT WOULD BE MY COMMENT.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I FULLY CAPTURED IT AND SOME OTHERS MAY NOT HAVE EITHER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER, CAN YOU REREAD THAT SLOWLY?

>> YES.

MR. CHAIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

JUST A SECOND HERE.

I'M STRIKING WHEREAS'S 11 AND 12.

THE STRICKEN ONES WHEREAS THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE CHALLENGES IN BALANCING, STRIKE THAT, WHEREAS, AND ALSO STRIKE WHEREAS THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THAT THE ISSUES CURRENTLY FACED I WOULD STRIKE THAT ONE.

OKAY, I'M SORRY, 10 AND 11 THEN.

THOSE ARE THE TWO I WOULD STRIKE.

I MAY HAVE MISCOUNTED THE WHEREAS'S AND MIGHT BE LOOKING AT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION.

THE COUNCIL BELIEVES EVERY LOUISVILLE METRO CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE IN HIS/HER OWN NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE MEMBERSHIP BELIEVE NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IS ESSENTIAL TO BRINGING THE CHANGE THAT IS NEEDED AT L.M.P.D. AND WE BELIEVE THE LACK OF TRUST THAT HAS OCCURRED BETWEEN OUR

CITIZENS AND OUR GOVERNMENT HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN FOSTER BY THE FALSE CLAIMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY BY ADMINISTRATION MARCHED BY SCANDALS IN MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, RECORD ABUSE -- RECORD HOMICIDES AND ABUSE AND HIGH CRIME IN OUR CITY.

>> THANK YOU, DID THAT SATISFY YOU?

>> YES.

I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT? COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT EITHER.
AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT MY COLLEAGUES NOT SUPPORT.
THIS IS, AS SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED WE HAVE GOT A
RESOLUTION BEFORE US.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS -- ALREADY.

[INTERFERENCE]

>> THE RESOLUTION IS --

>> YOU ARE UNMUTED.

>> I'M SO SORRY.

>> MANY OF US HAVE TALKED ABOUT THINGS WE AREN'T COMFORTABLE,
IT'S NOT HOW WE WOULD WRITE IT.

WE WOULD DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

AND I CERTAINLY, I'M AGAINST TAKING OUT THE PART ABOUT THE
BALANCING -- SOMETIMES CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

WHEN I HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS AND I DO TOO SAY WHEN YOU WANT TO
GET RID OF THE MAYOR, HALF ARE SAYING THAT BECAUSE THEY THINK
THE MAYOR IS NOT DOING ENOUGH WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROTESTS.
AND ACTIVITY THAT'S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN.

THE OTHER HALF ARE TELLING ME THEY THINK HE IS TOO AGGRESSIVE.
SO IT'S EASY TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW.

BUT THEY COULDN'T AGREE, YOU WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING
TOGETHER WITH ALL THOSE PEOPLE AND AGREEING WITH WHO SHOULD
REPLACE THE MAYOR OR WHAT DIRECTION WE SHOULD GO.

IT'S EASY TO SAY DON'T AGREE.

I THINK AS PASSIONATE AS COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER IS ABOUT THIS
PIECE AND THESE WHEREAS'S, I THINK IT DOES TAKE US IN A WRONG
DIRECTION WHEN IT COMES TO COMING UP WITH SOMETHING THE COUNCIL
CAN SPEAK TOGETHER WITH IN ONE VOICE ON.

SO I WOULD OPPOSE AND HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES DO AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

I THINK I SEE A HAND COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I TOO WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THIS AMENDMENT.

THIS WAS A LITTLE OF THE REMARKS I WAS GOING TO MAKE.

I MAY BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT THE AMENDMENT.

IT WAS SOMETHING COUNCILMEMBER COAN SHARED AND COUNCILMEMBER
GREEN.

I DO THINK WE ARE TAKING EVERY PROBLEM WE HAVE AND WE ARE SAYING
IT'S ONE PERSON IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

AND WE DON'T SEEM TO BE LOOKING AT ANY ROLE OR WHAT ROLE THE
COUNCIL PLAYED AND I DO THINK WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE VIOLENCE
AND THE UPTICK IN CRIME AND THE ASSAULTS AND THINGS OF THAT
NATURE, YOU KNOW, WE HAD A REAL ROBUST AND PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATE
TWO YEARS AGO.

AND YOU KNOW, I HEARD WE HAD GREAT ECONOMIC TIMES.

MAYBE IT WAS THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

BUT WE HAD A CRISIS AT THE STATE LEVEL WITH OUR PENSION.
AND WE DECIDED NOT TO RAISE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX AS A
COUNCIL.

BUT THAT DECISION HAS COSTS TOO.

THERE WERE 50 LESS POLICE OFFICERS PUT ON THE STREET.

WE GUTTED OUR VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

IT'S THREE QUARTERS WHAT IT WAS BACK THEN.

I DON'T THINK WE CAN SIT HERE AND SAY THE VIOLENCE IS ALL DUE TO
ONE THING.

WE MADE CHANGES TOO, TO NOT HAVE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT
COULD VERY WELL HAVE CHANGED WHERE WE ARE TODAY AT LEAST IN
PARTS AND PIECES OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEN WE MAKE STATEMENTS WE CAN'T MAKE THEM ALL AND LOOK AT, IT'S
ONE PERSON IS THIS, WITHOUT HAVING SOME CRITIQUE OF OURSELVES.

I APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT BEING OFFERED BUT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
DISAGREE WITH IT.

I DO THINK AS THE COUNCIL, WE DO NEED TO LOOK INSIDE AND SEE
WHAT IS IT WE COULD DO OR MAYBE WE DIDN'T DO AS WELL.

I KNOW THAT'S, SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO DO SELF-ANALYSIS AND
EVALUATION BUT I DO THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL.

MOVING FORWARD.

I THINK THE OVERALL AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.

I DO PREFER IT.

THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RESOLUTIONS, WHETHER THEY, YOU
KNOW, HAVE ACTION OR NOT ACTION.

THIS IS A SYMBOLIC RESOLUTION.

67C145 IS THE HAMMER MARK FOX REFERRED TO, IT IS.

BUT THERE ARE CRITERIA AND THEY ARE PRETTY, I THINK AS FAR AS
EXECUTIVE REMOVAL EVEN OF US, TO REMOVE ONE OF US, IT'S A HIGH
BAR.

I DO THINK WHEN WE PUT OUT RESOLUTIONS LIKE THIS, IT IS
CONFUSING.

AND I THINK THE PUBLIC PROBABLY THINKS IF THIS IS VOTED THIS
COULD POSSIBLY MEAN SOMETHING.

I UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S FRUSTRATION.

YOU GO DOWNTOWN, OUR CITY NOT THE SAME AS IT WAS.

BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF FACTORS.

FOLKS ARE WORKING DOWNTOWN.

THAT'S ONE THING.

MY WIFE HASN'T BEEN DOWNTOWN IN SIX MONTHS.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

IF PEOPLE AREN'T WORKING, PLACES AREN'T OPEN.

THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS BUT I THINK WE HAVE A MYRIAD OF THINGS
WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS.

THERE'S NO MANUAL TO DEAL WITH COVID AND CIVIL UNREST AT ONE
TIME.

THERE'S NO MANUAL AND CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY DEALING WITH THIS AND I DON'T THINK THEY FIGURED IT OUT EITHER. WITH THAT I WOULD VOTE NO ON THE AMENDMENT AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, THANKS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANKS, IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT?

COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY?

>> I JUST NEED CLARIFICATION, IS COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL VOTING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

OR AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION?

>> AT THIS POINT I'M VOTING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: DID THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

OKAY, THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER?

>> MR. CHAIR?

I'M SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS CINDI FOWLER.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES, MA'AM.

>> WE HAVE TO ASK COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL A QUESTION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, IF THIS IS JUST AN AMENDMENT.

IT'S A RESOLUTION, THERE'S NOTHING REALLY WHAT ARE WE DOING?

FOWLER, I WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

I DIDN'T OFFER THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.

I THINK THE POINT OF IT IS, THEY ARE STATEMENTS, THEY ARE SYMBOLIC.

THEY MAY BE SOMETHING THEY FEEL BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT IN A LEGISLATIVE BODY, YOU COULD DO IT IN A NEWSLETTER, YOU COULD SEND IT A LETTER, THE COURIER JOURNAL.

BUT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A SYMBOLIC STATEMENT COLLECTIVELY.

I DO APPLAUD COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER TO GET EVERYBODY'S THOUGHTS TO COME TO A RESOLUTION WHERE MOST PEOPLE CAN AGREE.

IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE FIRST ONE, IT WAS 3-3 AND THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT.

THERE WAS NO RECOMMENDATION.

BACK WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ABOUT SYMBOLIC GESTURES.

ORDINANCES HAVE EFFECTIVE LAW, RESOLUTIONS DO NOT.

I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

>> CAN I REPLY TO THAT?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES, MA'AM.

>> THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THAT, COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.

WHEN WE ARE ONE PARTY, USUALLY DOES, OFFERS A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE OR WHATEVER IT IS AND WE COUNTER WITH AN AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTE THAT AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION, I JUST WISH, SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE THAT WE COULD SAY THIS PART I DON'T

LIKE, THIS PART WILL WORK AND HOW ABOUT COMING TOGETHER AND DOING A COMPROMISE.

IT'S SO FRUSTRATING THAT WE DON'T DO THAT.

IT JUST BOTHERS ME.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.

I THINK COUNCILWOMAN --

NO.

ANY OTHER COMMENT ON COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER'S AMENDMENT PROPOSAL? HEARING NONE.

ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED?

OKAY.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS.

>> NO.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER COAN.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?

>> NO.

COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FOX.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER.

>> A SYMBOLIC YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER REED.

COUNCILMEMBER REED?

>> COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?

>> NO.
COUNCILMEMBER PARKER?
>> CAN YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE?
COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.
COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN.
COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD.
>> COUNCILMEMBER YATES.
>> YES.
>> FOR THE REASONS DISCUSSED EARLIER, I'M HAVING THE CONFLICT AS
IT RELATES TO THE -- THE UNDERLINING RESOLUTION.
IF THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO AMEND A RESOLUTION I WOULD ABSTAIN.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON?
>> MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 17 NO VOTES AND 7 YES VOTES.
ONE ABSTENTION AND ONE NOT VOTING.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER FAILS.
>> COUNCILMEMBER REED.
WE ARE GOING TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES TRYING TO GET COUNCILMEMBER
REED BACK.
WE WILL PAUSE THE MEETING.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
I WANT TO SAY FIRST I AGREED WITH WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL
SAID.
I REALLY WOULD URGE EVERYONE TO LOOK HARD AT THEMSELVES.
AT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES IN OUR CITY.
WHAT THEY CAN DO AND FRANKLY WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS OF ALL OF
US.
WE ARE REALLY KIDDING OURSELVES, ONLY HAVE CONCERNS BECAUSE WE
HAVEN'T GONE AFTER THE MAYOR.
>>
I THINK THIS EXERCISE IS PUTTING US OUTSIDE OF OUR LANE.
IT HAS SUGGESTIONS THAT REMOVE AND REPLACE THOSE NOT ADEQUATELY
MEETING EXPECTATIONS BY A CERTAIN DATE.
STATE STATUTE IS EXTRAORDINARILY CLEAR THAT PERSONNEL DECISIONS
ARE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.
WE DO NOT APPROVE THEM.
WE ARE NOT ASKED TO APPROVE THEM.
WE DO NOT MAKE THEM.
AND I THINK ANY EXECUTIVE OF ANY ORGANIZATION ANYWHERE IN
GOVERNMENT OR ANYWHERE ELSE WOULD TELL YOU THAT THIS KIND OF
RESOLUTION BY 26 PEOPLE, WHETHER METRO COUNCIL OR BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, REALLY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE VERY DESTABILIZING TO
ANY ORGANIZATION.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR MAYOR FISCHER ARE
GOING TO THINK OF THIS?

ARE THEY GOING TO THINK WE ARE THE PERSON THESE 26 PEOPLE DON'T LIKE AND IF WE AREN'T GONE BY DECEMBER 31ST THERE WILL BE MORE ACTION?

IT IS DESTABILIZING.

IT'S BAD FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE CITY AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ANY MAYOR AND METRO COUNCIL.

I ALSO WANT TO TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE BUDGET.

WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON THE BUDGET.

I KNOW THAT THE RESOLUTION, THE AMENDMENT CALLS FOR NEW TWO DIRECTORS AND SEVERAL NEW PROGRAMS.

IT CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL GRAFFITI TEAM.

ALL OF THOSE ARE IMPORTANT AND THE NEW DIRECTOR'S FUNCTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

BUT AS MY MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS SAY TO ME, MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES.

AND WHEN WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT WE ARE GOING TO DEMAND THAT THE MAYOR PUT IN NEW POSITIONS AND THEN WE BRING BACK A GRAFFITI TEAM WHICH BY THE WAY WE CUT WHEN WE CUT \$26 MILLION OUT OF THE BUDGET BY NEXT YEAR, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY FOR THAT?

I HOPE WE CAN KIND THE MONEY FOR ALL THESE INITIATIVES, I THINK ALL ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PASSING BALANCED BUDGETS AND GETTING THE REVENUE THAT WE NEED TO MOVE THIS CITY FORWARD.

I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER'S EFFORTS AND THE EFFORTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED ON THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.

I THINK IT'S FAR BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION.

BUT I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS, NOT JUST ABOUT THIS, MAYOR.

BUT ABOUT THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN METRO COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.

I THINK IT'S A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

CAN WORRIES ME GREATLY.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.

COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO MENTION THAT I GOT A LETTER TODAY -- RESIGNED IN MY DISTRICT.

I WAS REALLY HEARTBROKEN BECAUSE WE REALLY WORKED TOGETHER.

WE WOULD MEET ONCE A MONTH AND LOOKS LIKE MY POLICE OFFICERS ARE LEAVING ME.

[INTERFERENCE]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS MUTED.

>> ALL MY LINES WERE CUT THIS WEEK.

THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONG TIME.

IF I HAD NOT BROUGHT THAT FORWARD IT WOULD HAVE NEVER HAPPENED.

I HAVEN'T HAD AN I.P.L. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN MY DISTRICT IN OVER TWO YEARS.
ALL OF THE SUDDEN, I'M GETTING ONE.
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BRING THINGS OUT.
THE MAYOR, I LIKE HIM, HE IS AN OKAY PERSON.
BUT SOMETIMES, IF YOU DON'T POINT THINGS OUT THAT'S NOT BEING DONE, IT'S NOT GOING TO GET DONE.
AND AS FAR AS TELLING HIM, WE ARE JUST ASKING HIM TO GET THEM TO DO THEIR JOB.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I ASK.
THAT THEY DO THEIR JOB.
IT MAKES LIFE A LOT EASIER FOR ALL OF US.
I SAID IT BEFORE, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
THESE THINGS NEED TO BE BROUGHT OUT.
WE DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO TELL YOU WHO TO HIRE BUT HE IS THAT PERSON.
IF HE IS NOT DOING HIS JOB HE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.
THANK YOU.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.
COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?
>> I HAVE SOME OF THE SAME CONCERNS EXPRESSED.
I THINK THIS IS AN OVER REACH.
I THINK THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH SPECIFICITY IN IT.
I ALSO AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.
THAT WE DO HAVE A NEED TO BRING UP THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE FRUSTRATED WITH.
AND WE ARE FRUSTRATED WITH AS A BODY.
I CAN READ THROUGH THESE THINGS AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS FOR ME PERSONALLY I HAVEN'T HAD THAT FRUSTRATION BUT I KNOW SOME OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE.
COUNCILMEMBER PARKER SAID EARLIER, THE THING THAT GOT HER TO THIS POINT WAS WHEN THE MAYOR SUED US IN ORDER TO KEEP PEOPLE SILENT.
AND SHE HAS A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT OCCURRED.
THE REASON YOU HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT WOULD OCCUR IS BECAUSE IT DIDN'T.
WE LEFT THAT MEETING CLEARLY UNDERSTANDING.
THE QUESTIONS WERE SPECIFIC TO THE LAWYERS.
WE LEFT THAT MEETING CLEARLY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WEREN'T SURE, OUR LAWYERS WERE SAYING ONE THING.
THOSE FOLKS' LAWYERS WERE SAYING SOMETHING ELSE.
THEY WERE BOTH CITING THE SAME K.R.S.
WE DON'T KNOW WE AREN'T JUDGES.
SOME OF THEM ARE LAWYERS.
BUT NONE OF US ARE JUDGES.
WE LEFT REALIZING THIS IS THE WAY YOU GET IT TO A JUDGE.
AND THE JUDGE WILL DECIDE.

I'M NOT SURE WHY WE ACT SURPRISED.
THE JUDGE MADE A DECISION AND WE MOVE ON.
I WOULD ENCOURAGE, EVEN IF THERE ARE PARTS YOU WOULDN'T WRITE YOURSELF, IF WE CAN SUPPORT THEM AS AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE WE CAN GET TO THAT POINT.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILWOMAN McCRANEY.
COUNCILWOMAN McCRANEY, CAN YOU HEAR US?
ALL RIGHT.
WE ARE GOING TO PAUSE FOR FOUR OR FIVE MINUTES HERE.
S COUNCILWOMAN McCRANEY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WE WILL GO TO COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY AND THEN BACK TO McCRANEY.
>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
I'M SORRY NOT TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT WAS AFTER COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL OR I THINK SOMEONE BEFORE HIM SPOKE ABOUT THIS WHOLE PROCESS AND RESOLUTION REALLY JUST BEING KIND OF A STATEMENT THAT REALLY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING.
BUT IT IS A SYMBOLIC STATEMENT.
SO I THOUGHT I WOULD BE REMISS IF I LET THE LEGISLATION PASS IN WORD WITHOUT REALLY OFFERING AND LENDING MY HUMANITY TO THIS PROCESS AND JUST SAYING WHAT I FEEL, IF THIS IS ALL ABOUT BEING SYMBOLIC.
SO BEING A GIRL FROM LOUISVILLE, LEAVING AND COMING BACK, NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED.
AND I THINK ABOUT THE EIGHT YEARS IN OFFICE.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY FRUSTRATION WITH LEADERSHIP, WHAT THE LEADERS OF THE CITY HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONTROL AND I CAN'T THINK OF OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY, I DON'T KNOW THEM THAT WELL.
I'M DISGUSTED, I'M HEARTBROKEN, I'M FRUSTRATED.
IT BECAME MORE EVIDENT FOR ME AS A COUNCILMEMBER I REALIZED AS A WEST LOUISVILLE COUNCILMEMBER I SPEND THE MAJORITY OF MY TIME IN THE FIELD DOING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS.
I WALK AROUND PUTTING IN-HOUSES FOR 311.
I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST GOT IN MY OFFICE, I HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT JAMES ABOUT SIDEWALKS.
AND HOW YOU HAVE TO PUT IN THE COMPLAINT IN ORDER TO GET THE SIDEWALKS FIXED, IF YOU DIDN'T PUT IN THE COMPLAINT YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 2-P3 YEARS LATER.
OR I PUT PICTURES UP ON FACEBOOK WHERE I'M WALKING BESIDE THE YARD, THE GRASS IS TALLER THAN ME.
SO IT BECOMES A VERY FRUSTRATING TASK WHEN I STEP BACK AND I THINK WAIT A MINUTE, WHY AM I DOING THIS AS A LEGISLATOR.
WHY DON'T WE HAVE PROCESSES IN PLACE.
IF WE GO BACK TO CODE ENFORCEMENT WITH GRASS AGAIN AND JUST TALK ABOUT, WHEN I HAD A CONVERSATION, IT'S NOT JUST A BUDGET CONSTRAINT BUT A CONTRACTING CONSTRAINT.

ONE SAID I CAN'T TAKE WORK AWAY FROM MY GUYS BECAUSE OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.
THAT MEANS I HAVE TO WAIT SOMETIMES A MONTH BEFORE WE CAN GET YARDS CUT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TAKE WORK AWAY.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE THE OWNERSHIP OF DOING.
CREATE A STRATEGIC ASK.
UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR EXACT LEVELS OF STAFFING AND FUNDING NEED TO BE.
YEAH, WE DO NEED MORE MONEY.
BUT I THINK I WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST THE TAX, I KEPT SAYING I'M TIRED OF THE STATUS QUO, I THINK WE NEED MORE REVENUE IN THE CITY BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO GIVE PEOPLE SOMETHING TO VOTE FOR.
UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE VOTING FOR MORE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THEIR YARDS TO BE CUT QUICKER.
WE HAVE TO INSPIRE HOPE AND LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR AND WHAT THEY WILL GET.
I'M NOT A FAN OF A NO CONFIDENCE, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THIS AS A PERSONAL MATTER.
I WILL TELL YOU SINCE THE BREONNA TAYLOR CASE I HAVE TURNED FROM HIM MORE, I AM PROUD OF THE PATH HE IS TAKING.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT CONTINUE BECAUSE I ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE NOW STUFF IS GETTING DONE.
I FEEL LIKE MY LEADER BECAUSE I VOTED FOR HIM AS A CONSTITUENT, HEARS FROM ME AND I CAN FUNNEL THE VOICE OF MY CONSTITUENTS DIRECTLY TO HIM.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT CONTINUE.
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CONFIDENCE, COUNCILMEMBER GREEN SAID IT BEST, THAT EBBS AND FLOWS EVERY YEAR.
I GET COMPLAINTS FROM CONSTITUENTS SAYING I'M NOT DOING MY JOB AND I KNOW I'M IN MY OFFICE 12-16 HOURS A DAY.
WHAT I WILL SAY IS I WANT CHANGE.
I WANT SYSTEMIC CHANGE.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU AS A PERSON BUT INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU AS YOUR OFFICE, AND THE MAYOR HAS THE ABILITY TO IMPACT.
I WANT TO SEE MORE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ONE MORE FOCUS GROUP OR COLLABORATIVE.
I AM INTERESTED IN REAL CHANGE I CAN SEE AND FEEL IN MY COMMUNITY.
WHATEVER YOU NEED TO DO AS A LEADER IS WHAT I WILL SUPPORT.
I DON'T KNOW IF I SUPPORT THIS ORIGINAL LEGISLATION.
I'M STILL ON THE FENCE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL BUT I'M INCLINED TO SUPPORT IT.
BUT I WANT TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT KNOWN.
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT OUR RESIDENTS OR AT LEAST MINE HEAR MY VOICE AND KNOW WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

THIS IS ABOUT CHANGE FOR ME.

CHANGING OF A SYSTEM DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING IF WE KEEP CHANGING THE PEOPLE IN PLACES AND WE DON'T CHANGE THE ACTUAL SPACE AND PROCEDURES AND POLICIES AROUND THAT.

IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE SYSTEM AND THE LAWS WE WILL KEEP GETTING MORE OF THE SAME.

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PERSON, OR NO CONFIDENCE IN THE ROLE, OR REALLY AT THE END OF THE DAY SHOULD WE KNOCK IT DOWN WITH POLICY AND AS LEGISLATORS WE NEED TO GET INTO THIS THING TO SEE HOW TO RESTORE THIS COMMUNITY.

THAT'S IT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.

COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I HAVE TO SAY COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN AND DORSEY HIT ON SOME OF MY POINTS.

I WANT TO HIT ON COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER'S COMMENTS ABOUT WE REALLY SHOULD NOT BE IN THE POSITION TO TELL THE MAYOR WHO TO HIRE AND THEY MAY NOT HAVE SAID THAT VERBATIM. HERE IS THE THING.

DISTRICT 9 IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT.

VERY CLEAN DISTRICT.

COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER, I INVITE YOU ANY TIME, AS I HAVE INVITED MY COLLEAGUES TO COME WITH ME TO DISTRICT 5.

COME WITH ME TO DISTRICT 5.

YOU ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE DEFICIENCIES IN DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 6 BECAUSE OUR DISTRICTS GO IN AND OUT WITH EACH OTHER.

AND I THINK IF YOU LIVE IN MY WORLD OR YOU SEE THE WORLD THAT I LIVE IN, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ARE INTERESTED IN THE H.R. REPORT OF HIRING AND FIRING HIS PEOPLE.

BUT I THINK WE JUST WANT HIS PEOPLE TO DO THEIR JOB.

WE WANT EQUITY AMONGST THE WHOLE ENTIRE CITY.

I WANT DISTRICT 5 TO BE CLEAN LIKE I SEE DISTRICT 9 BEING CLEANED.

I HAVE THE MOST ILLEGAL TRANSITIONAL HOMES IN MY CITY.

THEY ARE GROWING, BY THE TIME WE GET OFF THIS MEETING THERE WILL BE TEN MORE HOMES OPEN.

THESE ARE HOMES THAT FESTER CRIME AND SEX TRAFFICKING AND DRUGS.

AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE IN DISTRICT FIVE WANTED A CHANGE.

THEY SAW THAT DISTRICT FIVE HAS BEEN NEGLECTED.

I WOULD LOVE TO BE THE WUB TO BRING A CHANGE IN DISTRICT FIVE.

BUT HOW CAN I DO THAT WHEN I CANNOT GET THE HELP AND RESPONSE FROM CITY AGENCIES THAT I NEED RESPONSE FROM.

HOW CAN I INVITE OR EVEN ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I CANNOT GET DISTRICT FIVE CLEANED UP.
SO THAT'S WHERE I'M AT RIGHT NOW.
AS COUNCILWOMAN DORSEY SAID, SHE DIDN'T SAY VERBATIM, THIS IS
NOT A PERSONAL THING WITH THE MAYOR.
BUT YOU KNOW, THE MAYOR COMES TO THE RESCUE A LOT.
I HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY HE IS COOL.
HE IS THIS, HE IS THAT.
I SAY TO THEM, OKAY, IF YOU THINK HE IS SO COOL WHY IS IT SO
EASY TO TURN HIS BACK AND GO BACK DOWNTOWN AND LEAVE US LIVING
THE WAY WE ARE LIVING.
THANK YOU.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
AND COLLEAGUES.
FIRST LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO EACH AND
EVERY ONE OF YOU.
TO THOSE OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED AND CO-SPONSORED THE ORIGINAL
PIECE OF LEGISLATION.
AND TO EVERYONE WHO IS DISCUSSING TONIGHT AND SHARING YOUR
PERSPECTIVE FROM YOUR OWN VIEW AND REPRESENTING YOUR
CONSTITUENTS SO WELL.
IT IS AN HONOR TO GET TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY WITH 25 OTHER
PEOPLE DULY ELECTED.
WHO OBVIOUSLY LOVE THE WORK YOU ARE DOING.
OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE.
YOU FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS CITY.
OR WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS HISTORICAL DISCUSSION THIS
EVENING.
MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE'S NEVER BEEN THIS LEVEL OF A SERIOUS
CONVERSATION ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT.
AND I WAS SO EXCITED, I WANTED TO JUMP UP AND START CHEERING,
I'M GLAD WE WEREN'T IN THE CHAMBER TOGETHER BECAUSE I MAY HAVE
DONE THAT WHEN COUNCILWOMAN DORSEY WAS SPEAKING.
I SAW MANY HEADS SHAKING AS I WAS WATCHING THIS VIRTUALLY.
AND I THINK A LOT OF US CAN HEAR WHAT SHE SAID.
IS THIS A NO CONFIDENCE IN AN INDIVIDUAL?
NOT FOR ME, IT SHOULD NOT BE.
I DON'T SEE IT AS AGAINST ONE PERSON BECAUSE WE ARE A THIRD OF
THE GOVERNMENT.
WE ARE THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.
WE DO BEAR SOME RESPONSIBILITY.
AND I STAND UP AND CANNOT ASK ANY AND SPEAK FOR ANYONE ELSE.
BUT I DO ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY.
FOR WHAT HAPPENS ALL ACROSS THIS CITY BECAUSE EVERY VOTE WE TAKE
IS A VOTE FOR EVERYONE ALL ACROSS THIS CITY.
YES WE EACH KNOW OUR OWN DISTRICT BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE
DISTRICTS.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME.
PLEASE COME INTO DISTRICT 4 ANY TIME.
THERE'S GREAT PARTS AND NOT SO GREAT PARTS.
BUT I DO GET TO RIDE MY BIKE EVERYDAY THROUGH MY DISTRICT AND
THROUGH SEVERAL OTHER DISTRICTS.
AND I SEE SOME BEAUTIFUL THINGS.
SOMETHING STRUCK ME AS STRANGE THIS WEEK.
I RECEIVED, AND I THINK EVERYONE DID, THERE WAS A PRESS RELEASE
THAT THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE HAS BEEN AWARDED 2-3 ADDITIONAL
AWARDS.
WE HEAR NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME.
ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
AND THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND DURING MAYOR FISCHER'S
ADMINISTRATION.
THERE HAS BEEN PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF ACCOLADES, CERTIFICATIONS
AND AWARDS GIVEN TO OUR CITY.
BUT WHAT STRIKES ME, YOU GUYS, WE HAVE NOT WON THE HEARTS AND
THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COUNTING ON US.
AND THAT'S THE AWARD THAT WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING FOR.
THAT'S THE ONE THAT WE WANT.
THAT'S THE ONE THAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER.
NOW IS EVERYBODY GOING TO GET EVERYTHING THEY WANT TONIGHT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY DOES.
WE COME TOGETHER.
WE ADDRESS LEGISLATION.
WE AGREE TO DISAGREE.
WE COMPROMISE.
AND THEN WE VOTE.
WE VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER.
SOMEONE SAID EARLIER TONIGHT, IT WILL DO THE CITY NO GOOD TO
HAVE A SPLIT VOTE HERE.
BECAUSE THAT WILL SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE CITY OF
LOUISVILLE.
THEN THE SPOTLIGHT COMES ON US.
THE METRO COUNCIL.
WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN PULL OURSELVES TOGETHER.
AND AGREE ON A PATHWAY FORWARD.
SURE, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT HOW
THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE AND RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED OR NOT
ACHIEVED AND I'M NOT IN COMPLETE FAVOR OF EVERYTHING WHAT'S
BEING PRESENTED BEFORE US TONIGHT.
BUT I BELIEVE I CAN FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH, OPERATE WITH AND
WORK WITH EACH OF YOU.
TOGETHER AND INDEPENDENTLY ON MOVING THESE THINGS FORWARD.
WHERE IS THE LACK OF CONFIDENCE?
IS IT IN OURSELVES OR THE SYSTEM?

RIGHT NOW IT'S PARTIALLY BOTH.

AND I THINK SELF CONFIDENCE IS A TREMENDOUS POWER AND IT'S RIGHT INSIDE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO DO THAT THING WE WERE ALL PUT ON THIS EARTH TO DO, THAT'S LEAVE IT BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT. THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT DOING THAT IS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES WORK TOGETHER AND AGREE TO DISAGREE ON THIS PATHWAY FORWARD.

I CHOOSE TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER JEFFERSON COUNTY AND ALL THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT, DISTRICT 4.

AND A LOT OF THE FOLKS IN DISTRICT 4 ARE SAYING TO ME, PLEASE DON'T REMOVE THE MAYOR.

PLEASE LET US FIND OUR WAY FORWARD TOGETHER.

THEY ARE NOT 100% HAPPY WITH EVERYTHING.

BUT I'M HEARING THAT.

I'M ALSO HEARING THE OPPOSITE FROM SOME FOLKS.

BUT HERE IS SOMETHING I DON'T THINK WE CAN ARGUE WITH.

HOW IS IT THERE WERE 20 APRIL PPLICATIONS APPLICATION FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.

THOSE ARE 20 PEOPLE SAYING I WANT TO APPLY FOR THE JOB AND I BELIEVE IN THE LEADERSHIP AND I BELIEVE IN THE METRO COUNCIL AND I BELIEVE IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM ENOUGH THAT I'M WILLING TO APPLY FOR THIS JOB.

THINK ABOUT THAT.

THERE HAVE BEEN THREE NEW DIRECTORS WHO HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE JUST RECENTLY.

OUR NEW TARC DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS AND A LEADER WHO MAY BE IN AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION.

THOSE ARE FOLKS JUST IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS THAT HAVE BEEN, I WANT TO STEP UP, I WANT TO BE PART OF IT.

I MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING.

SO THERE ARE SOME LEADERSHIP CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE.

177,000 PEOPLE SAID YES.

FOR ME IT FEELS VERY MUCH LIKE A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT SOMEONE WOULD WRITE FOR THEIR BUSINESS.

THESE ARE COMPONENTS OF IT.

WE EACH CAN DO WITH A WE WANT TO WITH IT.

WE CAN PUT IT ON THE SHELF, LET IT COLLECT DUST AND FORGET ABOUT IT WHICH IS WHAT A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS DO.

OR WE CAN EACH PICK IT UP AND BETTER THE BALL.

MOVE IT DOWN THE FIELD.

WORK TOGETHER.

AND PICK OUT PIECES OF THIS THAT WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND YES, LET'S HOLD THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE.

THAT IS WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO.

SO COLLEAGUES, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU EVEN ON THE PARTS OF THIS THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH.

I AM WILLING TO MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET THIS JOB DONE TOGETHER AND I'LL BE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND WE ARE AT A PIVOTAL TIME IN OUR CITY THAT DEMANDS CHANGE.

WE OWE IT TO THE COMMUNITY.

HOW GENERALLY SUPPORT MUCH OF WHAT'S LISTED IN THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.

BUT TO EXECUTE THESE ITEMS IT REQUIRES COMMITMENT ON HIRING AS A COUNCIL.

IT REQUIRES INVESTMENTS WE COULD HAVE MADE LAST YEAR AND THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE WORKING ON NOW.

I'M NOT INCLINED TO DO THE EASY THING AND SOMETHING THAT FEELS EASY.

FEELS LIKE A COMBINATION OF HEARING OF THE GRIEVANCES AND ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS.

I'M NOT SAYING THAT TO DISMISS THE EFFORT THAT'S BEEN MADE BY COLLEAGUES THAT COME TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.

BUT I AM SAYING IT HOLDS THE POTENTIAL TO UNDERMINE THE CIVIC PROCESS.

AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT TAKES TO GET THERE.

WHICH IS US WORKING TOGETHER COLLECTIVELY AS A COUNCIL.

WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

I'M NOT CLEAR WHERE THIS TAKES US IN THE SPIRIT OF PRODUCTIVITY AND FOR THAT, I'M A NO ON THE AMENDMENT OF SUBSTITUTION.

I AM HOWEVER A YES ON WORKING ON THESE ITEMS LISTED ITEMS THAT ADVANCE EQUITY AND I'M WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

FOR THAT, I'M A YES.

BUT FOR THE AMENDMENT, I'M A NO.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.
COUNCILWOMAN FOWLER?

>> MR. PRESIDENT.

WELL, YOU ALL CAN IMAGINE WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY.

ONE MORE TIME.

IT HAS BEEN MONTHS OF IGNORING BLOGS AND I'VE ASKED AND ASKED THE MAYOR TO PLEASE CONSIDER UPHOLDING OUR ORDINANCES AND OUR LAWS THAT WE MAKE, OUR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT MAKES.

YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE CALL.

YOU HEARD ME ASK.

YOU DIDN'T OR COULDN'T SEE THE VALUE OF THOSE REQUESTS.
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE THAT ASKED.
AND THE LITTLE THINGS, NOW WE ARE IN A PLACE WHERE THE BIG
THINGS ARE GETTING IGNORED.
70-YEAR-OLD WOMEN GETTING PISTOL WHIPPED IN FRONT OF GROCERY
STORE.
FISH'S BIG BOY GETTING LOOTED AND EVERY GLASS IN THE PLACE
GETTING BROKEN.
I MEAN THAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST WEEK.
THAT'S NOT, YOU KNOW, WHAT HAPPENED TWO MONTHS AGO.
SO THIS IS JUST GOTTEN WORSE.
I'M SORRY I REALLY DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE MAYOR CAN TAKE
HOLD OF THE REIGNS AND DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
IT IS JUST FRUSTRATING TO ASK AND FOR IT ALL TO BE IGNORED.
I'M NOT IN THIS POSITION, I HAVE TO SAY THAT I DON'T KNOW.
YOU KNOW.
I DO KNOW THAT SOMETHING DIFFERENT HAS TO HAPPEN.
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION WILL CHANGE THAT
IN THAT REGARD.
IT'S JUST VERY, VERY FRUSTRATING.
WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY.
AND IT'S HARD TO DO WHEN WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER OUR LAWS
AND OUR ORDINANCES.
ALL WE CAN DO IS MAKE THEM.
GOD BLESS OUR MAYOR.
HE NEEDS OUR PRAYERS.
WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS AND DO IT
WITHOUT CAUSING MORE DIVISION AMONGST OURSELVES BECAUSE THAT'S A
BIG DEAL AND WE HAVE HAD TROUBLE WITH THAT FOR SOME TIME.
SO I'M HOPING THAT THIS WILL BE A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD.
THANK YOU.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.
COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
I THINK THIS IS AN EFFORT TO ACCURATELY REFLECT WHAT IT IS THAT
THE COUNCIL IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EVENING.
I THINK IT'S, WE DO HAVE, WE HAVE A HAMMER THAT WE COULD
INSTITUTE OR INITIATE REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.
THAT IS POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO.
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE ARE DOING.
WE ARE ASKING THE MAYOR TO ASK HIM SELF A QUESTION, IS THIS
REALLY THE WAY I WANT THINGS TO BE.
IS THIS WORKING THE WAY I WOULD WANT THE CITY TO WORK.
WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT'S IN FRONT OF ME.
AND I LOOK AT THE SKILL SET I POSSESS AND I LOOK AT MY RESOLVE.
WHEN I LOOK AT EVERYTHING GOING ON, AM I, IS THIS MY FUTURE?
IS THIS WHAT I WANT.

SO WE ARE ASKING HIM TO MAKE THAT, TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND REEXAMINE AND MAKE THAT CONSIDERATION.

I THINK ALL OF US IN OUR CAREERS AT SOME POINT HAVE REACHED TIME WHERE'S IT WAS A CHALLENGE AND WE ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTION. AM I THE PERSON WHO SHOULD BE DOING WHAT I AM DOING NOW OR STEP ASIDE AND LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE THE REIGNS WHO HAS A FRESH SET OF EYES.

AND A DIFFERENT APPROACH.

THAT'S ALL WE ARE ASKING.

I APPRECIATE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER SAID ABOUT THE BUDGET.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

I WOULD ASK TO STATE THAT ONE MORE TIME.

>> IT WOULD BE A NEW SECTION 3.

THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THAT THE 14 PROCEEDING ISSUES ARE ONES THAT THE MAYOR HAS THUS FAR FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH AND REQUEST THE MAYOR REEXAMINE HIS RESOLVE AND CONSIDER RESIGNATION.

AND THEN IT WOULD ADD LANGUAGE TO THE NEW SECTION FOUR THAT WOULD SAY IF THE MAYOR REFUSES TO RESIGN AND PICKS UP LANGUAGE THAT SECTION 3 CURRENTLY HAS.

FOLKS HAVE SAID THIS IS A RESOLUTION, INK ON PAPER.

THAT'S NOT TRUE OF ALL RESOLUTIONS.

IT'S NOT JUST SYMBOLIC.

IF I WANTED TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE MAYOR AS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMAN I CAN DO THAT ON MY LETTER HEAD.

OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN.

OR A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO AGREE WITH ME.

BUT A RESOLUTION THROUGH THIS BODY AFTER A VERY DELIBERATIVE PROCESS THIS IS THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL.

THIS IS WHAT THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU DO.

WE DON'T, IN THIS CASE HAVE THE ABILITY TO FORCE AND WE AREN'T TRYING TO FORCE.

BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY SAY WITH A STRONG VOICE WE ARE IMPLORING YOU MR. MAYOR TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION WE ARE IN AND ASK YOUR SL THE QUESTION IS THIS REALLY THE DIRECTION YOU WANT US TO GO OR DO YOU THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO RECONSIDER.

I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

ANY DISCUSSION?

COUNCILMEMBER COAN?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I'M OPPOSED TO COUNCILMAN KRAMER'S NEW AMENDMENT.

I'M GLAD IT'S SHORTER THAN THE LAST ONE BUT IT'S REDUNDANT, IT'S COMBATIVE.

IT ESSENTIALLY IS A RESTATEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL NO CONFIDENCE MOTION AND ASKING HIM TO CONSIDER HIS RESIGNATION.

I THINK IT'S COUNTER PRODUCTIVE IN THAT WE ARE BASICALLY GETTING TO A POINT IN THIS DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION WHERE WE HAVE REACHED THE LIMITS OF PRODUCTIVITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE QUESTION ON COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER'S AMENDMENT.

AND THEN IF I HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN ON THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION ITSELF SO WE CAN GO AHEAD AND DO WHAT I THINK PEOPLE WANT TO DO HAVE A NO CONFIDENCE VOTE, UP OR DOWN.

IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN.

LIKE AGAIN, WE TRIED TO DO IT HERE OR SOME OF US HAVE TRIED TO DO IT HERE.

I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE OF THE PROCESS.

A SECOND ROUND OF STIMULUS BUT ON CURRENT EVENTS.

AND TRYING TO SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN THESE AREAS.

AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T DO ON THE FLY TONIGHT. SOMETHING THAT TAKES TIME.

AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO TAKE THE FORM OF LEGISLATION.

I WILL STOP MYSELF BECAUSE I SEE OTHER PEOPLE BUZZING IN.

>> POINT OF ORDER.

I DON'T THINK HE CAN DO THAT DOWN THE SCALE.

HE CAN CALL THE QUESTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER, THERE'S NOBODY IN THE QUEUE SO WE CAN VOTE ON IT.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION CANNOT INTERRUPT.

WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO WHOEVER ELSE IS IN THE QUEUE.

>> POINT OF ORDER, MR. PRESIDENT, BARBARA SEXTON SMITH.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES.

>> ARE WE GOING TO TAKE OUR OFFICIAL ROBERTS RULES OF OFFERED AND PROTOCOL FROM A COLLEAGUE OR JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THE CALLING OF THE QUESTION ISN'T NECESSARY BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER PEOPLE WANTING TO QUESTION.

SO WE ARE READY TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

ALL IN FAVOR OF COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER'S AMENDMENT PLEASE SAY AYE. ALL OPPOSED?

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER'S AMENDMENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN?

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS.

>> NO.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER COAN.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOX.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER REED.
COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PARKER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.
>> YES
>> COUNCILMEMBER BENSON.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER YATES.
>> ABSTAIN.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK, THE AMENDMENT BY
COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER FAILS.
COUNCILMAN WINKLER.
>> THANK YOU.
HOLLY, YOU ARE UNMUTED IF YOU DON'T KNOW.

>> I WANT TO RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS ABOUT LEGISLATIVE OVER REACH WHICH I APPRECIATE.
I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT ASKING FOR FEEDBACK ON PERSONNEL DECISIONS IS DIFFERENT FROM MAKING PERSONNEL DECISIONS.
I WOULD ARGUE ANY GOOD BUSINESS PARTNER WOULD ASK FOR FEEDBACK FROM THEIR BUSINESS PARTNERS ON HOW THEIR TEAM IS PERFORMING. THAT FEEDBACK, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE SHOULD GO INTO THE COACHING OF YOUR TEAM MEMBERS.
I DON'T PERCEIVE ASKING FOR INPUT AND SAYING IS THIS PERSON MEETING YOUR NEEDS.
AGAIN YOU USE THAT TO ADVANCE COACHING.
I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR POINT.
I SHARE THE CONCERN AND DON'T BELIEVE IT OVER STEPS.
AND I WOULD, WELL, I WOULD CALL THE QUESTION.
ON THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION.
>> THANK YOU.
THE QUESTION HAS BEEN CALLED.
DO WE HAVE A SECOND?
>> SECOND.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: WE HAVE A SECOND.
I THINK THAT SOUNDED LIKE COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.
IS THAT CORRECT?
OKAY.
ALL IN FAVOR OF CALLING THE QUESTION, PLEASE SAY AYE.
ALL OPPOSED?
MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
>> COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER COAN?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOX.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER REED.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PARKER.
>>
YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BENSON.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER YATES.
>> FOR THE REASON STATED BEFORE, I WOULD ABSTAIN.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 21 YES VOTES, 3 NO VOTES, 1 ABSTENTION
AND ONE NOT VOTING.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

THE QUESTION IS CALLED.

AND NOW WE HAVE THE AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION BEFORE US.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

[ROLL CALL]

>> THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN THERE I DID NOT LIKE.

BUT MY CONCERN THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE THINGS --
BUT I DO HAVE TO SAY THAT IT MAY BE MY FAULT, THE MOMENT I
CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM MY NEED THEY WERE TAKEN CARE OF THE NEXT
DAY.

I HAVE TO BE MORE FORWARD CALLING MORE OFTEN, WHATEVER IT TAKES
TO GET WHAT I NEED DONE IN SAYING THAT, I WILL SUPPORT THE
AMENDED VERSION.

[ROLL CALL]

MR. PRESIDENT BECAUSE THIS IS A VOTE TO AMEND A RESOLUTION I HAVE A CONFLICT WITH, I BELIEVE I MUST ALSO ABSTAIN FROM THIS VOTE.

[ROLL CALL]

14 YES VOTES AND 11 NO VOTES.

1 ABSTENTION.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

THE AMENDED RESOLUTION IS NOW BEFORE US.

IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION, COUNCILMAN ACKERSON?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WAS A NO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT FOR SUBSTITUTION, THE REASON I FOUND IT TO BE WAY TOO COMPLICATED AND LISTED OUT TOO MANY THIS AND THAT'S THAT NEED TO TAKE PLACE.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS OVER THE TOP.

I CAME IN HERE TONIGHT PREPARED TO VOTE MY CONSCIENCE.

VOTE MY OPINION.

I'M NOT A FAN OF WHAT WE HAVE JUST SUBSTITUTED EITHER.

ABOUT CALLING FOR THE MAYOR'S RESIGNATION.

I THINK THAT'S UP TO HIM TO DECIDE WHAT HE WILL DO AND WHAT PEOPLE WILL THINK OF HIM AND WHAT HIS LEGACY WILL BE.

I CAME TONIGHT PLANNING TO VOTE NO CONFIDENCE.

IN 2010 WHEN GREG FISCHER FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE, THERE WAS A PRIMARY.

AND OF THE 26 COUNCIL PEOPLE I WAS THE ONLY COUNCIL PERSON TO ENDORSE HIM IN THAT PRIMARY.

I FINANCIALLY GAVE TO HIM AND RAISED MONEY TO HIM OVER 1,000 OF MY OWN MONEY.

WE RAN FOR REELECTION IN 2014.

I VOTED FOR HIM AND RAISED ANOTHER \$1,000 TO GIVE TO HIM.

WHAT I'M NOTICING IS A PATTERN OF DECISIONS.

DECISIONS, POOR DECISIONS ON HIS PART AND DECISIONS NOT TO TAKE ACTION THAT RESULTED IN DETRIMENT TO THE CITY OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

WHEN IT COMES TO DECISIONS, ULTIMATELY THE BUCK STOPS WITH THE MAN OR WOMAN AT THE TOP.

PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

THAT'S WHERE THE BUCK STOPS.

THERE'S THAT ADAGE THAT THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK.

I'M THINKING ABOUT MY VOTE TODAY, I STARTED OFF WITH A LIST OF THINGS THAT REALLY SORT OF STOOD OUT AT ME.

POOR MAJOR DECISIONS.

AND I DON'T THINK, I'M NOT HITTING THEM ALL.

THIS IS TIP OF THE ICEBERG AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.

WE HAVE HAD A MYRIAD OF PROBLEMS WITH LOUISVILLE METRO SERVICES.

THE HOMELESS CAMPS.

WHERE WE WERE TEARING DOWN TENTS AND HOW WE ARE DEALING WITH HOMELESS.

WE HAVE THE ARRESTS AT TRAFFIC STOPS.

TAVON LEE.

STUPID TRAFFIC STOP.

WE HAD AN ADMINISTRATION THAT PROMOTED A STOP AND SEARCH POLICY THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGETED PEOPLE OF COLOR.

WE HAD THE JIMMY HARPER WHISTLE-BLOWER SUIT.

THIS CITY GOT SUED BY JIMMY HARPER BY BLOWING THE WHISTLE.

SURE ENOUGH HE WON, IT WAS A JURY TRIAL.

HE WON THAT AND WE PAID OUT A LOT OF MONEY.

AND WHAT HAPPENED?

NO HEADS ROLLED.

NO ONE WAS PUNISHED.

JIMMY MAY HAVE WON SOME MONEY FROM THAT SUIT BUT ULTIMATELY HE WAS PUNISHED, HE WAS THE WON AFFECTED.

AND NO HEADS ROLLED.

THAT'S POOR DECISIONS.

COUNCILWOMAN SHANKLIN WHO WAS OUT SICK AND A ZONING MATTER SHE OPPOSED WHILE SICK WAS PUT BEFORE THIS COUNCIL WITH HER BEING THE PRIMARY SPONSOR AND SHE TO THIS DAY IS STILL TRYING TO FIX THAT AND HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THAT OVER IN THE NEWBERG AREA. THERE WAS AN EXPLORER PROGRAM WE HAD CHILDREN MOLESTED AND RAPED BY POLICE OFFICERS.

THIS CITY HAS BEEN FIGHTING THOSE FOLKS.

SIX MONTHS AFTER BREONNA TAYLOR'S MURDER, JUSTICE HAS BEEN SEEN. TALKED ABOUT THE CLIENT, THE CLIENT IS THE MAYOR.

THE MAYOR THOUGHT IT WAS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BRING HEALING.

WHY IS IT FOUR YEARS LATER WE HAVEN'T BROUGHT HEALING TO THIS COMMUNITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE RAPE OF CHILDREN.

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HAPPENED.

THOSE FOLKS ARE IN JAIL, FEDERAL PRISON.

YET WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE VICTIMS TRYING TO SAVE A COUPLE DOLLARS.

WHERE IS THE COMMUNITY HEALING THERE.

WE HAD A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE CHIEF.

DID THEY LISTEN TO US?

NO.

THE CHIEF STAYED ON.

NOT ONLY DID THE CHIEF STAY ON, BUT THE CHIEF STAYED ON AFTER THE RANK AND FILE OFFICERS VOTED NO CONFIDENCE.

BUT THE DECISION WAS MADE BY THE MAYOR THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN.

AS COUNCILMEMBER FOX POINTED OUT, BEAUTIFULLY, THIS WHOLE TIME OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ROTTING FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

CHIEF WAS FIRED ONE MONTH BEFORE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO BE RETIRED. THAT'S IT.

HE WAS GOING TO RETIRED AND WAIT A MONTH.

IT APPEARED THE DECISION OF DAVID MCATEE.
THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT BODY CAMERAS.
WELL, WE AND THIS BUDGET VOTED NEW BATTERIES FOR THOSE HAMMERS.
THEY HAD BEEN OUT ALL DAY AND DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHARGE THEM.
I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT AGAIN HOW THAT WAS THE STRAW THAT BROKE
THE CAMEL'S BACK FOR CHIEF CONRAD.
WE HEARD LIEUTENANT COLONEL ASSISTANT CHIEF TALKING ABOUT WHY
THEY WERE AT 26th AND BROADWAY.
HE LEGITIMIZED THE DECISION TO BE THERE.
AGAIN TO REMOVE THE CHIEF AT THE LAST MINUTE ONE MONTH BEFORE,
THAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO.
BECAUSE ALL THE PROBLEMS WITH THE CHIEF, WE SAID THE BUCK STOPS
WITH THE CHIEF.
IT STOPS WITH THE CHIEF'S BOSS.
WHICH WAS THE MAYOR.
WE HAD DURING THESE PROTESTS, THE L.M.P.D. RANK AND FILE WALKED
OUT ON THE MAYOR AT THE FAIRGROUNDS WHEN HE CAME IN TO SPEAK TO
HIM.
THEY ALL GOT IN AND WALKED OUT.
THAT'S THE CONFIDENCE THEY HAD HE HAS INSTILLED IN HIS POLICE
DEPARTMENT THAT FURTHER ROTS FROM THE INSIDE OUT.
YOU KNOW, WE HAD OFFICER HANKENSON FIRED BY THE MAYOR.
THAT TERMINATION TOOK PLACE JUNE 19th THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED WE'VE
GOT THE EVIDENCE TO FIRE THIS TEST THEY HAD THE EVIDENCE FROM
THE GET-GO TO FIRE THAT MAN IF THAT'S THE CASE.
WHY WAIT SO LONG?
POOR DECISION-MAKING.
POOR DECISION MAKING.
WE'VE HAD OFFICERS LEAVING.
PART OF OUR PROBLEM HERE IS FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING
ABOUT THE FALLING APART OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.
YOU KNOW, WE ARE HEARING ABOUT NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE IN CLASSES.
WE ARE HEARING ABOUT GOOD OFFICERS LEAVING.
COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN RAISED A GOOD ALSO.
OUR FOURTH DISTRICT LIAISON GEORGE MCMILLAN IS LEAVING.
HE IS GOING TO MIDDLETOWN
THAT IS A FANTASTIC OFFICER, A RESOURCE THIS CITY HAD, THAT WE
LOST.
THAT FOREVER PUTS US IN THIS ROTTING FROM THE INSIDE OUT.
AND THAT AGAIN, THOSE DECISIONS, THIS IS NOTHING NEW.
THERE'S NO DECISIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADDRESS THESE
PROBLEMS.
WE HAVE HAD A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION.
TRANSPARENCY WHEN IT CAME TO AMAZON OFFER WE GOT SUED ABOUT.
WE HAD THE EXPLORER INVESTIGATION.
REMEMBER WE SPENT 107,000 TO INVESTIGATE SO WE COULD FIGURE OUT
WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE EXPLORER.

WE HIRED MR. CARRIE, BROUGHT HIM IN
THEY SHOWED US STUFF, WE HAD TO KEEP IT SECRET.
WE HAD TO SIGN COPIES, HAND IT BACK AND A LOT OF THAT STUFF.
THEY ARE STILL FIGHTING TO GET THAT INFORMATION OUT.
MY UNDERSTANDING IN FEDERAL COURT THEY ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO
KEEP THAT SUPPRESSED.

WE HAD TO, THERE WAS A LAWSUIT AND I BELIEVE THAT COUNCILMEMBER
BLACKWELL WAS CORRECT WHEN HE SAID WE KNEW THAT WAS GOING TO BE
THE CASE.

THERE WAS A QUESTION OF AUTHORITY ON OUR SUBPOENA POWER.
SO IT HAD TO COME TO A LAWSUIT.

SO WE KNEW THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IN MY OPINION.
HOWEVER, ONCE IT HAPPENED AND IT WAS DECIDED OUR WAY, WHAT
HAPPENS IS THEY COME IN HERE CHIEF SCHRODER STILL REFUSES TO
TESTIFY.

HE IS APPEALING ON RIDICULOUS TECHNICALITIES, TRYING TO GET OUT
BEFORE OCTOBER 1st BEFORE HAVING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS BODY.
THE LAWSUIT MADE AGAINST THE CITY.

THAT LAWSUIT IN PARAGRAPH 12 SAID HE WAS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE
OF HIS EMPLOYMENT, WHICH MEANS WE INDEMNIFY.

IF THERE'S ANY A JUDGMENT AGAINST CHIEF SCHROEDER PERSONALLY.
HE WORKS FOR THE MAYOR.

THE MAYOR SENDS IN HIS STAFF AND THEY SAY LOOK, THE CITY IS
GETTING SUED.

BUT WE ARE OKAY ABOUT TRYING TO LET THE TRUTH OUT.

SO I WILL HAVE CHIEF COME IN AND BRING IN THE MAJORS AND THE
COLONELS.

WHY DIDN'T OUR MAYOR DEMAND HIS CHIEF OF POLICE TO COME IN HERE
AND TESTIFY?

WHY DIDN'T HE SAY CHIEF SCHROEDER, YOU ARE GOING TO TESTIFY, WE
KNOW YOU AREN'T GOING TO PAY A PENNY OF THIS LAWSUIT.

YOU GO IN THERE AND TELL THE TRUTH AND YOU MAKE IT PUBLIC.

THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW.

THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SAID.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN FINE, I WILL FIRE YOU.

HAVE A BACKBONE ABOUT THE SITUATION.

BUT THAT DIDN'T TAKE PLACE.

ANOTHER STRAW, THE TARC.

THE REALITY HERE, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE CONTROLS TARC FOR ALL
PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

THEY HIRE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

THEY HIRE THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THEY CHOOSE TO BE
ON THE BOARD.

WHEN RISCO WAS FIRED THE MAYOR BROUGHT IN FOLKS TO TAKE CARE OF
THAT.

NEW LEADERSHIP, AS FAR AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

BROUGHT IN OUR FORMER COUNTY ATTORNEY MATT GOLDEN TO HELP WITH THE LEGAL SIDE OF THINGS.

BUT WE STILL HAD TRANSPARENCY ISSUES THERE.

TRANSPARENCY ISSUES THAT, IN MY OPINION SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

THE MAYOR CONTROLS THIS BOARD.

NOBODY DID A SEARCH ON FERDINAND BEFORE WE HIRED HIM.

A GOOGLE SEARCH WOULD HAVE SHOWED ALL THE PROBLEMS.

CHIEF HESEN SAT IN ON THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

YOU KNOW, I'M LOOKING AT A W.F.P.L. NEWS ARTICLE HERE FROM EARLIER THIS WEEK.

WHERE IT'S TALKING ABOUT OUR R.M.S.D. DIRECTOR AND ALL THE PROBLEMS HE HAD FOUND OUT THROUGH AUDITS FROM CINCINNATI. HE IS THE ONE THAT INTRODUCED OUR TARC DIRECTOR TO THIS YOUNG LADY WHO IS GETTING THIS EXORBITANT CONTRACTS FOR REALLY DOING NO WORK.

THE OVERLAP HERE OF ALL THESE POOR DECISIONS.

THE BUCK STOPS WITH MAYOR FISCHER, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

ONE THING THAT REALLY STRUCK ME TODAY, BLEW ME AWAY, WITH WHAT'S GOING ON NOW, ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN A PLUSH JOB TO BE THE NEW GENERAL COUNSEL OF TARC.

GOING TO MAKE-OVER \$100,000 A YEAR BEING IN-HOUSE COUNSEL THAT ANSWERS TO THIS MAYOR AND THIS BODY.

WE ARE INVESTIGATING TARC RIGHT NOW.

WE HAVE THE POWER TO REMOVE TARC MEMBERS.

WE VOTE ON BUDGETS THAT AFFECT TARC AND YET, TO THE PUBLIC.

FROM PERCEPTION ALONE, I CAN SEE HOW MY CONSTITUENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE GOING TO VIEW THIS.

A METRO COUNCIL PERSON NOW GETS A CITY JOB ALSO.

A DOUBLE DIP.

HOW DOES THAT PERSON VOTE ON ISSUES KNOWING THEY ARE AT THE WILL OF THE MAYOR AND PEOPLE THAT ANSWER TO HIM.

IT'S SHOCKING.

IT'S POOR DECISION MAKING AND EVEN POORER DECISION MAKING TO NOT STEP IN AND TRY TO CORRECT IT.

BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE THINGS, I WILL EXPRESS MY OPINION HERE THAT I LACK CONFIDENCE IN THE MAYOR TODAY.

AM I IN FAVOR OF VOTING THAT HE RESIGN, NO, THAT'S UP TO HIM.

BUT I WILL EXPRESS MY OPINION FROM MY CONSTITUENTS FROM MYSELF, THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T MY CONSTITUENTS BUT STILL RUN INTO ME DOWNTOWN AND TALK TO ME ABOUT THINGS.

I HEAR REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALL OF THEM.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS TALKING TO ME SAYING, WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON, WE JUST DON'T SEE HOW THIS CITY CAN MOVE FORWARD.

THAT'S MY CONCERN, WE WILL HAVE TWO MORE YEARS.

MY DECISION TONIGHT IS TO VOTE NO CONFIDENCE.

NOT A MAN OF THIS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION.

I WOULD RATHER MAKE IT SIMPLE.

I HAVE GIVEN MY REASONS WHY.

I'M A NO CONFIDENCE VOTE.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER.

BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT --

COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER, I NEED YOU TO TAKE THE CHAIR, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL BE BRIEF.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER HAS DONE.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THE DEBATE AND THE DISCUSSION THIS EVENING AND OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULL CONVERSATION IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC SO THE FOLKS GET A SENSE OF WHERE WE ARE.

AS IS OFTEN THE CASE WHEN GOOD DELIBERATION TAKES PLACE, VERY RARELY DOES EVERYBODY GET WHAT THEY WANT.

SO I THINK COMPROMISE IS IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY.

AND THIS IS NOT THE AMENDMENT -- NOT THE RESOLUTION I WOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO VOTE ON BUT IT'S THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US.

SO I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US AND I WANT TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE GIVE CONSIDERABLE CONSIDERATION TO WHAT COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER HAS PUT FORWARD AND I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK TOO LONG BECAUSE I THINK COUNCILMAN ACKERSON SUMMED UP MY FRUSTRATIONS, IN THE SAME MESSAGES I'VE HEARD FROM PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE SPECTRUM.

AGAIN, I PUT FORWARD A RESOLUTION, IT WASN'T THE ONE THAT IS BEFORE US RIGHT NOW.

BUT THAT'S NOT HOW THIS PROCESS WORKS.

IT DOESN'T GET TO BE JUST ME WRITING THIS STUFF.

AND I ASKED FOR INPUT AT THE BEGINNING, AS I SAID EARLIER.

I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S INPUT.

IT SOUNDS TO ME AND I THINK SOMEBODY SAID, I THINK COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL SAID HE CAN READ SOME OF THESE THINGS AND SAID THIS MIGHT HAVE COME FROM THIS PERSON AND THIS MIGHT HAVE COME FROM THAT PERSON JUST BASED ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE ISSUES.

IT STILL ENCOMPASSES THE BODY OF THE MESSAGE I WAS TRYING TO EXPRESS AND I HEAR FROM MANY, MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE.

AGAIN, NOT PRECISELY THE WAY I WOULD HAVE WRITTEN IT.

NOT EVERY SINGLE THING I WOULD HAVE WANTED BUT I APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE LANDED ON.

I APPRECIATE IT ENCOMPASSES THE MAJORITY OPINION WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND OPINION MORE IMPORTANTLY OF THOSE WE REPRESENT AND AS A RESULT I WILL BE VOTING YES FOR THIS AMENDMENT. FOR THIS CURRENT VERSION.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

SEEING NO ONE ELSE IN THE QUEUE.

I WILL TURN THE CHAIR BACK OVER, MADAM CLERK.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE LET THE RECORD REFLECT

I'M TURNING THE CHAIR BACK OVER TO PRESIDENT JAMES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

>> I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD, THE QUEUE IS CLEARED SO I THINK WE ARE READY TO VOTE.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

[ROLL CALL]

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER GREEN?

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN?

>> I WANT TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE AGAIN.

LISTENING TO THIS BROUGHT BACK BAD MEMORIES.

THE MEMORIES ARE OF THIS PIECE OF LAND SOLD AND SOMEONE PUT MY NAME AND OF COURSE WE KNOW WHO DID IT.

PUT MY NAME ON IT AND I NEVER VOTED, I NEVER WAS THERE AND WE HAVE NO PARTS IN IT.

I'M STUCK WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE CAN'T GET RID OF.

WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER AND EVERYBODY SAYS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS, WE KNOW WHO DID IT.

I REALLY HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL OF IT BUT I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT.

THANK YOU.

>> THAT'S A YES, VOTE, CORRECT MA'AM?

>> YES.

I WILL BUT I HAVE A BAD FEELING.

>> COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS?

YES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER COAN?

>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOX?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLET?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER REED?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?
>> YES AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE. I WOULD JUST SAY I HOPE WE TAKE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND THE PATH FORWARD. I HOPE THE ADMINISTRATION SEES IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE LIVES FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOUISVILLE, METRO. I APPRECIATE PRESIDENT JAMES WORK AND EVERYBODY'S WORK ON THIS.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PARKER?
>> I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, WE ARE VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT, OR THE ACTUAL RESOLUTION NOW?
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN PARKER.
WE ARE VOTING ON THE ACTUAL RESOLUTION PUT FORTH BY MYSELF AND COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER.
>> OKAY, YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER BENSON?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER YATES?
>> MR. PRESIDENT, AS THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US, AS AMENDED NO LONGER HAS ANY MENTION OF THE EXPLORER ISSUE, I NO LONGER HAVE THAT CONFLICT AND I BELIEVE I'M PERMITTED TO VOTE.

AND I WOULD VOTE YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON.

>> MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE.

>> YES.

>> THAT IS, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR, I THINK I WANT TO SAY WITH MY VOTE THAT I BELIEVE IN A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

THAT'S THE WAY I WILL BE VOTING.

I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF ALL THIS OTHER LANGUAGE.

I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER AND EVERYBODY'S HARD WORK, I UNDERSTAND IT'S A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

IT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED. I WOULD RATHER JUST HAVE VOTED A STRAIGHT NO CONFIDENCE, BUT IT IS WHAT IT IS, AND AS SUCH, I AM A YES VOTE.

THANK YOU, SIR.

>> THAT WAS A YES VOTE.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILMEMBER, PRESIDENT JAMES?

YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE THE FINAL VOTE?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THAT'S CORRECT.

COUNCILMEMBER REED WISHES TO CHANGE HIS VOTE, I BELIEVE.

COUNCILMEMBER REED?

COUNCILMEMBER REED.

>> COUNCILMEMBER REED, DO YOU HEAR US?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILMEMBER REED, DO YOU HEAR US?

COUNCILMAN REED, CAN YOU HEAR US?

WE LOST COUNCILMEMBER REED, WE WILL PAUSE FOR FIVE MINUTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILMAN REED, CAN YOU HEAR US?

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES.

>> I'M SORRY, I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE MY VOTE TO A YES

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN REED.

>> MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 22 YES-VOTES AND 4 NO-VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

BEFORE I ANNOUNCE THE OUTCOME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE ORIGINAL SPONSORS OF THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, DO YOU WISH TO STILL BE SPONSORS ON THE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION.

I'LL ASK EACH ONE, I WILL HAVE THE CLERK ASK EACH ONE OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

COUNCILMEMBER -- SORRY, BENSON?

>> I'M SORRY, YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER ROBIN ENGEL.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MARILYN PARKER.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT REED?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PIAGENTINI?

>> YES.

>> AND COUNCILMEMBER JAMES PEDEN?

>> COUNCILMEMBER JAMES PEDEN?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK COULD YOU ANNOUNCE THE TOTAL AGAIN?

>> 22 YES-VOTES AND 4 NO-VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

THE RESOLUTION PASSES.

ALL RIGHT.

MADAM CLERK.

A READING OF ITEM 34.

>> [READING ITEM 34]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, PLEASE.

>> MOTION BY TRIPLETT.

SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH.

THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US, IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?
COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD THE FLOOR TO COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN AND MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL TRY TO BE BRIEF, I KNOW THE HOUR IS GETTING LATE.

THIS ORDINANCE SEEKS TO BAN LICENSED PROFESSIONALS FROM
ENGAGING IN THE RANGE OF DANGEROUS AND DISCREDIT PRACTICES,
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS CONVERSION THERAPY.

WHICH PURPORT TO CHANGE AN INDIVIDUAL'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR
GENDER IDENTITY.

THE PRACTICES ARE DISCREDITED BECAUSE THEY DON'T WORK.

THEY ARE DANGEROUS BECAUSE THEY HURT KIDS.

THE ORDINANCE WOULD PROHIBIT LICENSED PROVIDERS FROM ENGAGING IN
SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGING EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 20 STATES, 70 CITIES AND FIVE COUNTRIES THAT
HAVE PASSED SIMILAR BANS. THE

THE CITIES INCLUDE ST. LOUIS, CINCINNATI, COLUMBUS, DAYTON AND
PITTSBURGH AND

COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS CLAUSES IN THE ORDINANCE SET OUT THE DANGERS WITH KIDS,
INCREASED RATES OF DEPRESSION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE.

THIS IS ACTUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH, AS ONE OF OUR SPEAKERS
SAID.

SURELY TONIGHT WE CAN AGREE TO JOIN STATES AND CITIES ACROSS THE
COUNTRY IN BANNING A PRACTICE THAT DOESN'T WORK AND LEADS TO
SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER SUICIDE RATES IN CHILDREN.

EVERY MAINSTREAM MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION REJECTS
THESE PRACTICES.

A LITTLE UNDER A YEAR AGO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION VOTED FOR A BAN OF CONVERSION THERAPY IN THE UNITED STATES.

IT CITED TESTIMONY, INCLUDING FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANT HARMS TRIGGERED BY CONVERSION THERAPY, INCLUDING DEPRESSION, POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND ATTEMPTS.

THIS IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE.

IT'S NOT BEEN A PARTISAN ISSUE IN THE COUNTRY.

OF THE 20 STATES THAT BANNED, EIGHT ENACTED UNDER REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS.

KENTUCKY'S PROPOSAL FOR A STATE-WIDE BAN WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING HERE IS SPONSORED BY A DEMOCRATIC STATE REPRESENTATIVE, LISA WILMER, WHO WE HEARD FROM TONIGHT.

AND A REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR.

AND IT HAS ATTRACTED THE SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY.

I HOPE IT'S PASSED PROMPTLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IN THE MEANTIME WE CAN LEAD, ENJOY MORE THAN 70 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE BANNED THIS DISCREDITED AND DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

I WOULD URGE YOU TO PLEASE VOTE APPROVAL.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER.
COUNCILMEMBER BENSON.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL TRY TO BE QUICK.

I WANT TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE.

I KNOW I WILL GET A LOT OF EMAILS TOMORROW THAT I HATE KIDS.

IF ANYONE KNOWS ME, I LOVE KIDS.

THIS ORDINANCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT CAUSING A PERSON PROBLEMS.

COMMIT SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION AND ALL THAT STUFF.

WELL THERE'S A LOT OF COUNSELORS IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES, PROBABLY THE WORLD, THAT COUNSEL PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, DRUGS AND PEER PRESSURE AND ALL KINDS OF STUFF.

AND PROBABLY THERE ARE KIDS WALKING OUT FROM THE COUNSELOR SAYING YOU ARE PRESSURING ME.

I DON'T KNOW HOW WE ENFORCE.

COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER MENTIONED EARLIER IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE.

I HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE REGULATING ALL KINDS OF DOCTORS AND STUFF TO TELL THEM WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

THERE WAS A PRESIDENT NOT TOO LONG AGO THAT TOLD A LIE AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION TOOK HIS LICENSE AWAY.

I DON'T KNOW IF COUNSELORS HAVE AN ASSOCIATION OR NOT.

BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED IN MY LIFE, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING THAT'S NOT RIGHT I GO TO THEM.

I SAY DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?

I TRY IN A LOVING WAY SAY, YOU NEED TO STRAIGHTEN UP AND NOT DO THAT.

IF THEY DON'T LISTEN, I TRY TO GET SOMEONE TO GO WITH ME AND SAY, HEY.

YOU CAN MAKE LAWS.

WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE DO BETTER.

ONE PROBLEM I USED TO HAVE WHEN I WAS A TEACHER.

I HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HOW BAD TEACHERS ARE.

I SAID HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I SAID I DON'T KNOW ANY BAD TEACHERS, I'M IN MY CLASS DOING THE BEST I CAN TEACHING.

I TOLD THE PRINCIPAL IF YOU HAVE A TEACHER NOT DOING RIGHT, WHAT DO YOU DO TO HELP THAT PERSON.

WHEN THEY STARTED THEY WANTED TO TEACH, CAN YOU HELP THEM.

DO SOMETHING TO HELP THEM OUT.

TO ME, IF WE GOT SOME COUNSELORS HURTING SOME PEOPLE, SOMEONE SHOULD GO TO THEM AND SAY DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO THESE PEOPLE?

WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPFUL TO PEOPLE.

YOU KNOW, WE CAN MAKE REGULATIONS AND LAWS AND ALL KINDS OF STUFF.

I KNOW IT'S NOT TOO FAR THAT MAYBE A PREACHER FROM A PULL PET SAYS I DON'T LIKE IT AND THEY TAKE IT THE SUPREME COURT AND MAYBE 5-4 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

NOW YOU CAN'T SAY NOTHING.

YOU CAN'T PREACH THE BIBLE.

YOU CAN'T SAY THIS.

FOR ME THIS IS A LITTLE BIT SLIPPERY.

I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS, PARTICULARLY.

I'M TRYING TO HELP THE MAYOR.

YOU KNOW, YOU ALL WON'T BELIEVE THIS BUT THE MAYOR CALLED ME UP WHEN I WON MY ELECTION.

I SAID THANK YOU.

I SAID YOU KNOW, WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT.

YOU ARE MY MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU.

EVERY TIME I'M WITH YOU, I ALWAYS TELL YOU SOMETHING I THINK IS IMPORTANT.

NOW WHETHER YOU TAKE IT OR NOT THAT'S UP TO YOU.

BUT MY JOB IS TO TRY TO HELP YOU AND HELP US BE THE VERY BEST WE CAN POSSIBLY BE.

I HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH REGULATIONS.

EVERYBODY WANTS TO REGULATE ME, TELL ME WHAT TO EAT AND WHEN TO GO TO BED.

I DON'T NEED THAT.

I WANT TO HELP A PERSON LEARN HOW TO FISH, NOT JUST FEED HIM.

SO TO ME, IN MY LIFE, AS A TEACHER, I'M NOT A LICENSED COUNSELOR, BUT YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ALL THE KIDS WHO HAD ALL THE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS.
AND MOST OF MY STUDENTS, I CAN TEACH SKILLS BUT THEIR SELF-ESTEEM WAS LOW.
AND I TELL THEM, GOD LOVES YOU, AND YOU ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY ELSE SAYS.
YOU ARE IMPORTANT.
AND SEE IF I CAN'T HELP YOU AND HELP YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE TO DO THINGS GOOD FOR YOU.
AND TO ME, YOU KNOW, WE CAN MAKE LAWS ABOUT EVERYTHING. WE CAN, AND NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE ALL THE SCIENTISTS AND PEOPLE AND STUFF.
I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THIS REALLY UNTIL THE OTHER DAY. THAT'S WHY I SCREWED UP.
I SAID ABSTAIN, I SHOULD HAVE SAID PRESENT.
I'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE.
I THINK LONG AND HARD BEFORE I VOTE ON ANYTHING.
TO ME, I DON'T CARE IF ANYBODY IS WITH ME OR NOT.
I MADE IT BECAUSE I THINK I'M TRYING TO DO WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT.
NOW THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK I'M RIGHT.
IT'S OKAY.
BUT FOR ME I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN MY DISTRICT HELPING PEOPLE NAVIGATE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THEY FEEL NEGATIVE.
I'M THINKING I'M TRYING TO TURN THEM AROUND SO THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE I DO.
WE HAVE TO A GOVERNMENT, IT'S IN THE BIBLE.
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DOT BEST WE CAN TO HELP EVERYBODY OUT.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT REGULATIONS OR MAKING MORAL ISSUES ON PEOPLE.
WE HAVE A CONSTITUTION WE ARE FREE TO BELIEVE ANYTHING WE WANT TO, EVEN WHEN WE ARE WRONG.
THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD.
WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE THAT WE CAN TO THINK AND CHOOSE HOW WE FEEL.
AND IF WE HAPPEN TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO LOVES AND CARES ABOUT US, PAT US ON THE BACK SAYING I THINK YOU ARE GOING THE WRONG WAY.
I'M ALWAYS THANKFUL WHEN PEOPLE DO THAT TO ME.
I'M NOT A GENIUS BUT I'VE DONE WELL AND I'M OKAY.
I'VE BEEN LUCKY I HAD PARENTS THAT TOLD ME EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD, AS LONG AS I CAN DO THE BEST I CAN DO, I CAN'T DO NO BETTER.
MY GOAL IS TO THE BEST I CAN.
HELP OUT, I NEVER TRY TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S VOTE, I TRY TO GIVE THEM INFORMATION I KNOW ABOUT AND LET THEM SAY, THAT'S OUT OF LEFT FIELD.
OR HEY, MAYBE YOU GOT A POINT.

AND THEY THINK ABOUT IT.
THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.
HELP PEOPLE DO BETTER.
AND SO, AT THIS POINT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO REGULATE THE
COUNSELORS AND PEOPLE, BUT I THINK NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
TALKING ABOUT, I WILL BE MORE CONSCIOUS, WHEN I HEAR PEOPLE
SAYING SOMETHING, I WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
I WILL GO TO THEM AND SAY DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING?
I KNOW WE HAVE A REGULATION MAYBE, WE WILL HAVE A LAW, I DON'T
KNOW WHO IS GOING TO ENFORCE IT OR HOW WE WILL FIGHT IT.
WHEN I WAS TEACHING IN SCHOOL, AND THIS IS TERRIBLE, I STARTED
GETTING MORE GIRLS, GREAT KIDS BUT I TOLD MY PRINCIPAL, HEY, IF
ANYONE COMES UP AND SAYS I TOUCHED THEM,
I WANT TO GO DOWN TO THE POLICE STATION, I WANT TO TAKE A LIE
DETECTOR TEST.
BECAUSE REALLY, MY LIFE IS OVER.
THAT GIRL, OR WHOEVER, THEIR WORD IS MORE THAN MINE.
NOBODY MIGHT BELIEVE THIS BUT MY REPUTATION IS IMPORTANT TO ME.
WHO I AM AND WHAT I STAND UP FOR.
AND SO, I'M CONSCIOUS THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE DO DUMB THINGS AND I
PRAY FOR THEM.
AND I'M HERE TO HELP OUT AND I WILL STUDY THIS MORE.
I SCREWED UP ON A LOT OF VOTES AND I HATE IT.
BECAUSE I TRY TO KNOW WHAT I'M VOTING ON, BECAUSE I HURT MY
CONSTITUENTS WHEN I DO STUPID THINGS.
IF I FIND OUT I'M WRONG AS I LOOK THROUGH THIS MORE.
I WILL SAY YEP, ANOTHER ONE I SCREWED UP ON.
BUT AT THIS MOMENT, I JUST DON'T WANT TO REGULATE COUNSELORS OR
ANYONE TRYING TO HELP KIDS.
20% OF THE POPULATION OF THE 34,000 PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY WANT
TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
I'M THINKING THAT'S 7,000 PEOPLE.
WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT HELPING THEM.
WHO IS TALKING TO THEM TO TRY TO HELP THEM?
THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE.
I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY, HEY, WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH
THESE PEOPLE.
THEY ARE FEELING A PRESSURE THEY SHOULDN'T FEEL.
THEY SHOULD BE TOLD EVERYBODY LOVES THEM.
AND WE ALL MAKE DUMB MISTAKES.
KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU.
WE DON'T GO AFTER PEOPLE, WE DON'T TRY TO MAKE THEM FEEL BAD.
WE TRY TO HUG THEM, IN A WAY YOU CAN'T DO THAT ANY MORE, BUT IN
A WAY YOU WANT TO HELP THEM FEEL BETTER.
I KNOW YOU ALL THINK I'M NUTS, BUT THAT'S OKAY.
BUT I'M NOT VOTING OUT OF HATE.
I'M VOTING BECAUSE I JUST DON'T THINK THIS IS OUR LANE.

I THINK WE NEED TO LET THE COUNSELING PEOPLE FIGURE OUT THEIR PROBLEM AND WE BRING IT TO THEIR ATTENTION WHAT WE ARE DOING TONIGHT.

WHICH IS GOOD.

WE ARE TALKING TO THE COUNSELORS, TELLING THEM, WE'RE WATCHING YOU ALL.

DO YOU KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF DOING SOMETHING BECAUSE YOU ALL AREN'T.

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

AND HELP THESE PEOPLE DO WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING AND HELP THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO AREN'T GETTING COUNSELING.

A PARENT WHO IS SPENDING THEIR MONEY TO GET COUNSELING, IS THAT PARENT RESPONSIBILITY?

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TAKE THE KIDS AWAY FROM THE PARENT.

WE GO DOWN THIS SLIPPERY SLOPE.

I DON'T KNOW US IN GOVERNMENT ARE THAT GOOD AT TELLING OTHER PEOPLE WHAT THEY SHOULD DO.

I STRUGGLE WITH THAT ALL THE TIME.

I'M SORRY TO RATTLE ON, I DIDN'T MEAN TO TALK SO LONG.

I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW, I'M NOT HATEFUL.

EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT SOUND THAT WAY, SORRY.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER BENSON.
COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON.

>> A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR WE PASSED LEGISLATION THAT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.

NOT TO SAY OTHER LEGISLATION IS NOT IMPORTANT.

I WANT TO COMMEND COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER AND THANK HIM FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE US.

BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE HANDFUL OF INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT VOTES.

THIS VOODOO, THIS WITCHCRAFT, CAN'T BE TOLERATED.

I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I'M GLAD TO HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE YES ON THIS TONIGHT AND BE PART OF THIS CHANGE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE?

>> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT AND I WILL BE QUICK.

THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO REFLECT BACK ON WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A TEENAGER.

FOR MANY OF US IT WAS A TIME THAT WE WOULD NOT WANT TO RELIVE EVEN UNDER THE BEST CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE FELT A LEVEL OF ACCEPTANCE OR AFFIRMATION.

IMAGINE WHAT THAT'S LIKE FOR A TEEN THAT IS STRUGGLING AND LAYER THAT WITH A PRACTICE LIKE CONVERSION THERAPY.

I WON'T RECAP ALL THE CHALLENGES WITH CONVERSION THERAPY THAT COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER LAID OUT SO WELL BUT I WANT TO SAY I'M HONORED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR.

I SEE THIS ORDINANCE IS STAYING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROTECT OUR YOUTH AND ALLOW FOR A SPACE WHERE PRACTITIONERS AND FAMILIES CAN REALLY PUT FOCUS ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRACTICE THAT ENHANCE WELL-BEING.

I WOULD SAY THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IS PUBLIC SAFETY.
THAT IS OUR LANE.

THAT'S WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER AND AGAIN I'M HONORED TO BE HIS SPONSOR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADD DISTRICT 6, DAVID JAMES AS A CO-SPONSOR.

>> YES, SIR.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
COUNCILMEMBER YATES?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

WE HAD GOOD DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE.

THE QUESTION TALKED ABOUT LANES.

WHERE DO WE OVER REACH.

I THINK PUBLIC SAFETY HAS TO BE A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF GOVERNMENT.

I WILL SAY THAT AGAIN.

PUBLIC SAFETY HAS TO BE A TOP PRIORITY OF GOVERNMENT.

HERE YOU TALK ABOUT SAFETY OF YOUTH.

IT'S THE PRACTICES HAVE BEEN SO DEVASTATING TO YOUTH, WE HAVE STATISTICS TO LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE HARMING THEMSELVES TO THE POINT OF SUICIDE.

AND PRACTITIONERS, THE EXPERTS, NOT US, THE POLITICIANS, THE EXPERTS ARE SAYING THIS IS UNSAFE.

IT'S ON US TO MAKE SURE WE PROTECT THE PEOPLE.

I'M A YES-VOTE AND I'M EXCITED TO GO TO THE STATE.

ALONG WITH HOLLANDER.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

AS STATE SENATOR ELECT, IT DAWNS ON ME YOU GET TO VOTE ON THIS TWICE, BOTH AT THE CITY AND STATE LEVEL.

YES.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WILL SAY THIS AGAIN FOR THOSE BECAUSE I WAS MUTED.

IT JUST DAWNED ON ME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THIS SECOND, STATE SENATOR ELECT YATES, VOTE AT THE CITY LEVEL AND STATE LEVEL.

I AM VOTING YES.

I THINK THIS IS A WELL-CRAFTED PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

AND I SAY THAT SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE I WAS, SOMEBODY DID REACH OUT TO ME WITH ONE QUESTION RELATED TO OVER REACH.

AND THAT WAS LOOK THROUGH THE COURSE OF A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE. THEY WILL TALK TO ALL KINDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ADULTS AND THEIR PARENTS.

AND FAITH LEADERS AND SUCH.

I MYSELF AM PART OF A FAITH COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT FOR CONVERSION THERAPY,

TO BE QUITE CLEAR, THEY ARE NOT FOR THIS PRACTICE.

BUT THE QUESTION WAS, AND THEY CITED SOME PRECEDENT.

WHAT THEY WERE CONCERNED WITH, DID THIS OVER REACH INTO, FOR EXAMPLE WRITE A MEMBER OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY OR A PARENT, GIVEN, JUST TALKING TO A YOUNG PERSON.

AS THEY ARE DISCERNING THEIR LIFE.

I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.

IT'S A TIME OF DISCERNMENT AND IT'S CONFUSION.

IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE A MORE INTERESTING TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU ARE FIGURING THESE THINGS OUT.

THE DATA ON THIS IS VERY CLEAR RELATED TO WHAT THIS THERAPY IS.

RELATED TO THE INCREDIBLY POOR OUTCOMES AND RELATED TO ALL THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES THAT SAY IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN.

THE LEGISLATION IS DRAFTED SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT.

THAT'S WHAT I SUPPORT BECAUSE JUST FOR CLARITY FOR THOSE WHO DID ASK ME, IT DOES NOT, RIGHT, STEP INTO HOW OTHER PEOPLE MAY TALK TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEY MAY BE DISCERNING IDEAS AND THINKING OF THINGS FOR PARENTS AND OTHERS LIKE THAT.

THIS "THERAPY" I'M USING AIR QUOTES BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SO DISCREDITED DOES NEED TO STOP AND I'M PROUD TO VOTE FOR A VERY WELL-CRAFTED PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

THANK YOU TO COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAD A ROLE IN BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI. COUNCILMEMBER WALKER -- I MEAN, WINKLER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

HE AND I TALKED PREVIOUSLY.

I HOPE HE WILL STILL ALLOW ME AS A CO-SPONSOR.

>> CERTAINLY, I BELIEVE YOU ARE LISTED.

YES, SIR, AND IF NOT, PLEASE DO THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMAN ACKERSON?

>> THANK YOU, I WILL BE BRIEF.

I THANK COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER, BUT, I NOTICED COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER IS NOT LISTED AS A CO-SPONSOR ON THE DRAFT, I JUST SAW. BUT I WANT TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE, COUNCILMEMBER GREEN AND COUNCILMEMBER COAN FOR THEIR EQUAL EFFORTS IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

>> THANK YOU. I SPOKE TO COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER EARLIER ON ABOUT THIS AND I WAS REMISS FOR ASKING TO BE ADDED TO THE CO-SPONSORSHIP, SO COUNCILMAN HOLLANDER, IF WILL YOU HAVE ME, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

MADAM CLERK, I DON'T THINK COUNCILMAN WINKLER WAS ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

MY FAULT, HE SHOULD BE ADDED AS WELL

>> MS. CLERK: THANK YOU, SO NOTED.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS?

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: PRESIDENT JAMES?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER McCRANEY.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER COAN.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER?

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER MULVIHILL.

>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.

>> YES.

>>MS CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL.

>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER FOX.
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER.
>> YES.

>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER TRIPLETT?
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER REED.
COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER?
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER PARKER?
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI?
>> YES
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER BENSON.
>> NO.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE.
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL.
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN?
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD.
>> YES
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER YATES.
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON?
>> YES.
>> MS. CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE 24 YES VOTES, ONE NO VOTE,
AND ONE NOT VOTING.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, THE ORDINANCE PASSES.
READING OF ITEM 35.
>> MS. CLERK: [READING ITEM 35]
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.
I THINK THAT SOUNDED LIKE COUNCILMAN FOX.
AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS.
THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US.
ANY DISCUSSION?
COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
WE HEARD THIS IN COMMITTEE.
IT DID PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE BY A VOTE OF 4-3.
SO BECAUSE IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE IT WENT TO OLD BUSINESS, THE
PRIMARY SPONSOR, THE ONLY SPONSOR IS COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI,
I'M SURE WILL WANT TO SPEAK TO IT.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI.

>> THANK YOU.

I'M SURE WE GET THESE SO I WILL TRY TO BE SUCCINCT IN ADDRESSING BOTH THE QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP DURING THE COMMITTEE AND SINCE THEN.

FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO ESTABLISH VERY FIRMLY THE LEGALITY OF THIS.

THERE'S AN OPINION FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

JANUARY 30th 2017, RELATED TO AN N.D.F. THAT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY METRO COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

FOR THE J-TOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

THE STORY AT THE TIME WAS IN THE FLOYD AREA THERE WAS A PERSON INJURED IN AN AREA THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COULDN'T GET TO.

SO THE METRO COUNCILMEMBERS TOOK IN MONEY TO BUY A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE J-TOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THAT ISSUE.

AND SO, THE OPINION REQUIRES THREE TESTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH FOR FUTURE N.E.F.'S TO SEPARATE TAXING DISTRICTS THE REQUEST SHOULD EVALUATE AND APPROVE ONLY IF IT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

ONE THE PURPOSE OF THE FUNDING ADDRESSES THE STATUTORY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THEY ARE AUTHORIZED AND TAX PAYERS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE GRANT. IN THE LANGUAGE, IN THE N.D.F. APPLICATION, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEWED IT AND CLEARLY STATED IT MET ALL THREE TESTS AND LEGALLY WAS OKAY TO MOVE FORWARD.

I HAVE SEVERAL EXAMPLES WITH HE HERE, THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT N.D.F.'S OR OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS.

THIS IS FOR POLICE IN SUBURBAN CITY.

THERE WAS THE J-TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE DISTRICTS WHO HAVE PURCHASED OR ASSISTED IN PAYING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES SUCH AS SIDEWALKS, PAVING AND PLAYGROUNDS AND SUBURBAN CITIES.

THERE ARE JUST A MYRIAD OF TIMES FROM 2017-18 AND 19 WHERE PLAYGROUNDS, MARQUISES OR THEATER LIGHTS WERE PURCHASED FOR DIFFERENT FACILITIES WITHIN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

TO BE 100% CLEAR THAT'S THROUGH THEIR FOUNDATION BUT NONETHELESS IT IS TO PAY FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ON A TAXING DISTRICT THAT HAS A BUDGET TWO AND A HALF TIMES LARGER THAN OUR BUDGET.

SO IT'S FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THAT THIS IS LEGAL.

THERE'S PRECEDENT AND MANY OF THESE COUNCILMEMBERS AND ALL OF YOU HAVE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON MANY OF THESE N.D.F.'S THAT HAVE COME BEFORE.

THE MILTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS RELATIVELY NEW.

I SENT A LETTER FROM THAT DEPARTMENT TO ALL COUNCILMEMBERS INDICATING THE LITERALLY IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY STAFFED THOUSANDS OF RUNS OVER 3,000. OVER 500 REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE DONE THAT L.M.P.D. WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE DONE AND WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE DONE, HAD MILTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT EXISTED.

I HAVE, IN THAT SAME LETTER, AND RECENT EMAIL FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, MULTIPLE INSTANCES THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST L.M.P.D. IN COVERING A VARIETY OF AREAS ACROSS THE CITY THAT ARE COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF MIDDLETOWN, RELATED TO THE CURRENT CIVIL UNREST. ON THE GOOD TUESDAY DAY, THEY WERE ASSIGNED A SECTION OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY.

THAT WASN'T ANYWHERE NEAR MIDDLETOWN, FRANKLY, TO COVER IN CASE THE SPREAD OF CIVIL UNREST GOT THERE.

AND RECENTLY THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT FUERTES DATES, 75% OF THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON AN ALL-CALL DAY AND BE DEPLOYED ALL ACROSS THE CITY TO SUPPORT L.M.P.D.

BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE BASIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT, NON LETHAL, PEPPER BALL GUNS, PEPPER SPRAY AND PROTECTIVE SHIELDS THAT L.M.P.D. OFFICERS USE.

THEY DON'T HAVE THAT.

WE ARE SPLITTING THE COST.

BUT THIS BENEFITS QUITE LITERALLY THE ENTIRETY OF THE CITY. L.M.P.'S 8th DIVISION DOESN'T TAKE CALLS IN MIDDLETOWN UNLESS IT'S BACK UP, WHICH HASN'T HAD TO HAPPEN AT THIS POINT.

THEY ARE CREATING THEIR OWN DETECTIVE UNIT SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO BRING IN L.M.P.D. FOR THAT.

SO THOSE RESOURCES CAN NOW BE FURTHER DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE CITY AND REST OF THE DIVISION.

WE ESTABLISHED THE LEGALITY.

WE ESTABLISH ED THE PRECEDENT.

THIS IS WHY WE ARE ASKING FOR THIS MONEY.

YOU KNOW, LOOK, COLLEAGUES, THE LAST THING I WILL SAY.

I DON'T BEGRUDGE PEOPLE THEIR VOTE.

WITH THAT SAID, I TYPICALLY DEFER IF IT'S LEGAL AND ETHICAL AND IT'S DONE THE PROPER WAY.

TO MY COLLEAGUES AND HOW THEIR N.D.F. MONEY SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR DISTRICT.

I DON'T LIKE IT MICRO MANAGE THAT.

I WOULD HOPE I COULD GET DEFERENCE FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND WE BATTED THIS AROUND PRETTY GOOD LENGTH THE OTHER DAY.

THIS IS LARGE SCALE CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.
THE L.M.P.D. ALREADY SUPPLIES THAT TO THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN.
THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, THEY ARE ABLE TO FINANCIALLY START A
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THEIR OWN.

THEY CAN DO THAT, THAT'S A WONDERFUL THING.

THEY GET AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION THE REST DON'T GET.

I HAVE EQUIPMENT THAT WILL NOT BE UNDER CONTROL OF THIS CITY,
BUT PURCHASE WITH THEIR MONEY.

I WILL BE VOTING AGAINST THIS.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN COAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I'M GOING TO BE VOTING NO AGAINST THIS ALSO.

I GENERALLY TEND TO DEFER TO PEOPLE -- MY SPECIFIC REASON FOR
NOT SUPPORTING THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE
PEPPER BALL GUNS.

ACCORDING TO THE APPLICATION ON PAGE 6 SAYS IT WILL BE USED FOR
CIVIL UNREST AND PEOPLE THAT ARE IN CRISIS WITH MENTAL AND
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS.

TO ME THAT'S JUST, THAT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS THING.

I HOPE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE SAYING BUT WE ARE
GRAPPLING WITH POLICE USE OF FORCE POLICIES.

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS FOR OUR
OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW.

PEPPER BALL GUNS AGAINST PEOPLE FOR CIVIL UNREST AND PEOPLE THAT
ARE IN MENTAL AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL CRISIS.

THAT'S A BIG RED FLAG TO ME.

THAT IS GOING TO BE THE CHIEF REASON I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS.

THANKS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN COAN.

COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER?

>> THANKS, MR. PRESIDENT.

I AM SOMEWHAT SURPRISED WE ARE IN THE PLACE WE ARE, I'VE BEEN ON
THE COUNCIL FOR 18 YEARS NOW.

AND HAVE HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WAY WE USE TAX PAYER DOLLARS.

I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER FOX'S CONCERN ABOUT THE USE OF TAX
PAYER FUNDS.

I'VE TRIED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO CHANGE THE POLICIES, TO
TIGHTEN IT UP, TO SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO,
WE MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER.

HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN GENERALLY UNSUCCESSFUL.

AND AS A RESULT OF THAT.

I RECOGNIZE THESE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ARE
APPROPRIATED TO EACH DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE USED BY THAT DULY
ELECTED COUNCIL PERSON TO REPRESENT THAT DISTRICT TO THE BEST
OF THEIR ABILITY.

I'M ON RECORD ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, THE CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL CERTAINLY ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT JUST ABOUT EVERY TIME ANYBODY EVER WANTED TO OFFER OVERTIME MONEY TO LOUISVILLE POLICE TO DO POLICE WORK THIS THEIR DISTRICT I HAVE RAISED OBJECTIONS.

I HAVE SAID, IF WE PUT THE POLICE IN THE BUDGET, IT'S THE LARGEST PORTION, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO WHAT THEY ARE ASKED TO DO BUT AFTER EVERYONE OF THOSE COMPLAINTS I HAVE VOTED YES, THE RULES ALLOW IT.

THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS ESTABLISHED THERE'S PUBLIC PURPOSE HERE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT'S NOT THE BEST USE OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COUNCIL PERSON IN THAT DISTRICT NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FOLKS IN THAT DISTRICT.

TO MAKE THE ARGUMENT WE ARE USING TAX PAYER MONEY IN A WAY THAT SOMEHOW VOTING AGAINST THIS WOULD PREVENT THAT SPENDING, I WOULD REMIND MY COLLEAGUES WE ALL HAVE AN N.D.P. ACCOUNT AND EVEN IF THIS FAILS TONIGHT, IT DOESN'T SAVE ANYBODY ANYTHING, IT SIMPLY MEANS COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI WOULD REAPPROPRIATE THOSE FUNDS IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

I'VE MADE THOSE ARGUMENTS BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I HAVE REFERRED TO THE PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT AND I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO REMEMBER THAT.

TO REMEMBER THIS HAS BEEN AN APPROACH FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS THIS COUNCIL HAS EXISTED.

IT REALLY CONCERNS ME THAT TONIGHT WE WOULD DECIDE TO CHANGE THAT PROCESS.

BECAUSE IT OPENS THE DOOR FOR EVERY SINGLE TIME A COUNCIL PERSON THINK THAT'S THEY COULD DO A BETTER JOB IN A DIFFERENT COUNCIL PERSON'S DISTRICT THAT THEY WOULD WEIGH IN ON NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

I JUST THINK THAT'S A, THAT'S A BAD ROAD TO GO DOWN.

I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES, PLEASE LET'S BE RESPECTFUL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE DISTRICT WHETHER ELECTED AND ALLOW THEM TO DO THE WORK THEY NEED TO DO.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER.

COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON.

>> THANK YOU.

THEY, FOR WHATEVER REASON AREN'T, WEREN'T, OR ARE NOT ANY MORE. BUT I WILL TRULY BELIEVE THAT IF P.R.P. WANTS TO FORM A SMALL CITY, THEY COULD HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT, GARBAGE COLLECTION SO THEY CAN HAVE THEIR OWN HOME RULE ON PLANNING AND ZONING.

THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

THAT WOULD DO AWAY WITH A LOT OF INEQUITIES WE TALK ABOUT.

EVEN IF IT'S IN THE OLD CITY, PORTLAND WANTS TO FORM THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FORM THEIR OWN SMALL CITY WITH THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT OR WHATEVER, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

I THINK THAT'S ANOTHER INEQUITY WE ARE FIGHTING THROUGH AND THIS N.D.F. IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THAT, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

COUNCILMAN YATES.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I THINK SINCE I CAME ON THE COUNCIL WE HAVE TRIED TO DEFER TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE SET UP AS NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS BUT ALSO PEOPLE TRY DIFFERENT STUFF AND WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T WORK.

IF YOU ARE WRONG YOU ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE REQUEST FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IS FOR NON LETHAL WEAPONS.

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, BIG DISCUSSION OVER THE USE OF HAVING NON LETHAL WEAPONS.

I SURE THE HECK WOULD LIKE THE OFFICER TO HAVE THE DISCRETION TO USE NON-LETHAL FORCE AS OPPOSED TO HAVE TO PULL THEIR GUN.

IF THE COUNCILMEMBER IN THAT AREA BELIEVES THIS IS NECESSARY THAT IT'S NOT ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE L.M.P.D. OR WORKING WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS IN THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IT'S SOMETHING THEY DO NEED THEN I WOULD SUPPORT THAT DECISION ALLOWING TO DO SO.

WE FIND OUT WHAT WORKS BEST WHERE.

BUT I THINK THE REASON WE HAVE 26 SMALL DISTRICTS.

EACH GET TO WORK IN OUR OWN LOCAL COMMUNITIES WE FIND OUT BEST PRACTICES.

I CAN TELL YOU, A LOT OF US HAVE DONE THINGS THAT DIDN'T WORK. WITH THAT, I WILL SUPPORT IT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER YATES.

COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI. MAY I ASK HIM DIRECTLY?

>> YES, PLEASE.

YES, MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI, I THINK I HEARD YOU MENTION THE \$10,000 IN N.D.F. FROM YOUR DISTRICT FUNDS WOULD PAY FOR PART OF THE OVERALL COSTS AND IF THAT'S CORRECT I HAVE HEARD YOU SAY THAT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE TOTAL COST IS OF THIS PARTICULAR INITIATIVE THAT THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DOING AT THIS TIME?

>> YES, MA'AM.

IT'S JUST SHORT OF 20,000, WHICH IS IN THE N.D.P. DOCUMENTATION.

>> OKAY.

I SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT THAT.
I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN READING THE VERBIAGE IN THE N.D.F., WHICH I DID, AND I DIDN'T GET TO THAT.
SO THEN THIS WOULD BE, THIS \$10,000 WOULD BE FUNDING HALF ROUGHLY.
>> THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE \$10,000 AND I WOULD PUT \$10,000 TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT.
>> I APPRECIATE THAT RESPONSE.
ALSO I APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED COMMENTS THIS EVENING THAT YOU WELCOME A HEALTHY DEBATE AND IF WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE THAT WOULD BE FINE THEN WE GO ON DOWN THE ROAD AND WORK ON OTHER THINGS TOGETHER.
I KNOW IT WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO GET A LOT OF DISTRICTS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS THAT FUNDING THE SURPLUS OF MIDDLETOWN CITY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HELPING ALL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.
HOWEVER MY MAIN ISSUE WITH THIS VERY SINGULARLY FOCUSED. FUNDING A MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM.
ONLY EXACERBATES THE SITUATION.
SO I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS THIS EVENING.
WE NEED TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT.
WE JUST LOST COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.
WE GOT HER BACK.
OKAY, COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
I WAS A NO-VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE.
WHILE I DO GENERALLY SUPPORT PROJECTS IN A COUNCIL PERSON'S DISTRICT, I WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI ON 95 OR 98% OF HIS EXPENDITURES IN THIS DISTRICT BECAUSE I BELIEVE A COUNCILMEMBER KNOWS BEST.
IN THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE THOUGH, IT FEELS TO ME LIKE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF METRO WIDE.
THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT MIDDLETOWN OR ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR PART. WE ARE IN A METRO WIDE DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE USE WEAPONS AND HOW WE DEESCALATE ISSUES, SOCIAL UNREST AND THAT SORT OF THING. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT CONVERSATION.
IN OUR GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF SPECIFIC DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST AND WHETHER WE MADE THE RIGHT DECISIONS OR NOT.
IT JUST FEELS TONE DEAF TO ME TO ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF THESE KINDS OF AMMUNITION.
AND YET ANOTHER POLICE DIVISION.
SO FOR THAT REASON, I CAN'T SUPPORT IT TONIGHT.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY?
>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

MAY I ASK COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI A COUPLE QUESTIONS IF THAT IS OKAY?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

>> DURING THE CIVIL UNREST, HOW WERE MIDDLETOWN OFFICERS HANDLING CIVIL UNREST PRIOR TO PURCHASING, OR PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THESE PEPPER BALLS OR WHATEVER THEY ARE LOOKING TO PURCHASE?

HOW ARE THEY CURRENTLY HANDLING THE ISSUES?

>> SO THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

THEY ARE LESS EQUIPPED THAN OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING MANY SUBURBAN POLICE DEPARTMENTS WITH THIS EQUIPMENT AND OF COURSE L.M.P.D. THEMSELVES.

THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED NOW.

FIRST OF ALL, THE DEPARTMENT IS CLEAR, THE DEPARTMENT IS VERY NEW.

THEY WERE ONLY AT FULL STAFF EIGHT MONTHS AGO.

PRIOR TO THAT, L.M.P.D.'S 8th DIVISION IS STILL LARGELY COVERING THE MIDDLETOWN AREA WITH, AT THAT POINT, I THINK FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF TO TWO YEARS WITH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, NOW THE METRO SAFE CALLS GO TO THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NOT THE 8th DIVISION.

QUITE FRANKLY, INITIALLY, THERE WASN'T MUCH OF A CONCERN ABOUT THIS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: HOLLY, YOU ARE UNMUTED.

>> SO SORRY, I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, I APOLOGIZE, COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

IT IS ONLY RECENTLY, AND AGAIN I'VE CITED TWO SPECIFIC EXAMPLES, ONE IS GOOD TUESDAY AND ONE IS ANOTHER ONE COMING UP.

I CAN'T GET INTO ANY MORE SPECIFIC, I HAVE THE SPECIFICS IN MY EMAIL.

I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I CAN SHARE AND HOW MUCH I CAN'T SHARE.

BUT THERE ARE NOW MULTIPLE OCCASIONS.

IN THE UPCOMING OCCASION, WHAT I WILL BROADLY SAY IS MIDDLETOWN, ALL THESE DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO BE, HAVE TO HAVE, I FORGET WHAT THE LEGAL TERM IS.

MEMORANDUMS, I THINK CALLED --

PRESIDENT JAMES?

MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING.

THEY HAVE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO ESSENTIALLY LEAVE TWO OFFICERS IN MIDDLETOWN AND HAVE THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT SPREAD ALL THROUGH THE REST OF THE CITY WHICH MEANS THEY --

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>> A COUPLE HUNDRED CARS SHUT DOWN THE CITY FOR A COUPLE HOURS. AND THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH IT.

BUT THEY DEAL WITH IT.

COUNCILMEMBER YATES SAID, THEY HAVE TASERS, THEY HAVE GUNS, THEY HAVE STICKS.

THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE, WE HEARD TESTIMONY YESTERDAY IF THINGS START GETTING THROWN AT THEM, ONE OF THE THINGS WE ARE PURCHASING IS SHIELD.

THOSE SHIELDS ARE STRICTLY FOR PROTECTIVE USE.

IN A GROUP ENVIRONMENT, WHICH THEY ARE INCREASINGLY BEING ASKED TO SUPPORT.

SO LOOK, I'LL BE CLEAR.

I HOPE THEY NEVER HAVE TO USE THIS STUFF, OKAY.

QUITE LITERALLY NEVER HAVE TO USE THIS STUFF.

FOR COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH, I WAS VERY MUCH SIGNED ON TO THE BUDGET WHICH SAID WE WOULD EARMARK DOLLARS FOR DIVERSION AIRY PROGRAMS.

I CAN'T IGNORE THE FACT THEY ARE INCREASINGLY BEING ASKED ON AND NOW MULTIPLE OCCASIONS TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THESE GROUP SCENARIOS WITH L.M.P.D. AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME EQUIPMENT THAT THOSE OFFICERS HAVE.

WHICH LARGELY PROTECT THEM AND LARGELY PREVENT THEM FROM USING LETHAL FORCE.

I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>> YES IT DOES.

I'LL BE HONEST AND CANDID.

I'M TOO TIRED TO BE ANYTHING ELSE.

REALLY WHAT WE HAVE IS A RACIAL CRISIS IN THE CITY.

MIDDLETOWN IS PREDOMINANTLY WHITE.

WEST LOUISVILLE IS PREDOMINANTLY BLACK.

WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT THESE SITUATIONS.

IF I'M A BLACK WOMAN, LET ME BACK UP.

SIT IN FOR PART OF CIVIL UNREST.

THE MARCHES WERE PART OF CIVIL UNREST.

PEOPLE WERE BREAKING LAWS IN SIT-INS THAT'S WHY PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND WATER HOSED AND FIRE HOSED.

THEY WERE BREAKING LAWS.

THAT'S HOW I AM A COUNCILWOMAN TODAY.

SO PART OF THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OF A RUB FOR ME.

IN ALL HONESTLY BECAUSE REALLY, CIVIL ARREST IF WE CALL IT WHAT IT IS, IT'S A DOG WHISTLE FOR RACISM.

WE ARE HAVING A CONFLICT ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO DEFINE RACE AND HOW DO WE HANDLE THOSE ISSUES.

HOW ARE PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

FOR ME THAT'S JUST WHAT IT IS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY WHAT I APPRECIATE ABOUT MIDDLETOWN IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT YOU SAID.

WHAT I'VE SEEN FROM THEM HAS ACTUALLY BEEN A VERY DEESCALATED WAY OF HANDLING THOSE.

I SAW REVERENT FINDLEY GET ARRESTED IN MIDDLETOWN, HE WAS ARRESTED.

THERE WERE NO PEPPER BALLS OR INTERACTION.

HE WAS ARRESTED AND MAYBE IN A WAY THAT FELT A LITTLE BRUTAL, BUT EVEN STILL HE WAS ARRESTED.

THERE WAS NO PEPPER SPRAY.

IT WAS A STRAIGHT ON INTERACTION.

EVEN WITH THAT I CAN APPRECIATE THE DE-ESCALATION TYPE OF IT.

I UNDERSTAND ANY DEPARTMENT, IF THEY CAME TO ME AND SAY HEY WE NEED PEPPER BALLS AS PART OF THEIR ARSENAL.

WHAT YOU ARE REALLY SAYING THEY NEED TO BUILD OUT THEIR ARSENAL TO BE A FULL DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS A PART OF THEIR NON-LETHAL ARSENAL FOR ANY DEPARTMENT.

BUT WHAT GOT ME WAS WHEN THEY SAID SPECIFICALLY FOR CIVIC -- CIVIL UNREST.

THAT'S THE RUB FOR ME.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT WE NEED AS A DEPARTMENT.

THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS, IS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER SAID, I HAD AN N.D.P. VOTED DOWN.

I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO IN OUR DISTRICT.

WE LEARN, WE GET KNOCKED DOWN, WE GET UP AND LEARN.

AS A NEWBIE I'VE GOTTEN KNOCKED DOWN A COUPLE TIMES.

THE SPECIFIC FACT THEY ARE SAYING THEY WANT TO USE THIS FOR CIVIL UNREST, WHICH FOR ME, AS A BLACK WOMAN, IF I GO TO MIDDLETOWN AND I HAPPEN TO BE, YOU KNOW, PROTESTING SOMETHING THAT I FEEL IS INEQUITABLE AND TO KNOW I AS A COUNCILWOMAN SUPPORTED THEM PAYING FOR ME GETTING PEPPER SPRAYED.

THAT'S LIKE A SLAP IN THE FACE.

I CAN'T SUPPORT IT ON THAT.

I THINK THE BASIS IS REALLY SAYING THERE'S A RACIAL ISSUE UNDERNEATH IT.

WE AREN'T ATTACKING OR EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

THAT'S THE RACIAL ISSUE BEHIND THIS.

SO FOR THAT REASON AND LOOKING AT WAYS WE ARE ALREADY TRYING TO CHANGE THE WAY WE DO WITH POLICING FROM A RACIAL ASPECT.

I HAVE TO VOTE NO.

I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT AT THAT.

HAVE I MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT BLACK VERSUS WHITE AND ALL THAT, WHEN WE GET DOWN TO IT WE KNOW THERE MAY BE SOME ISSUES.

I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO TACKLE THAT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.

ESPECIALLY BEING A YOUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT JUST YET FROM THAT MISNOMER.

THE FACT THEY INTEND TO USE THIS FOR CIVIL UNREST.

IT SPEAKS TO THE UNCONSCIOUS BIAS THAT WE MAY HAVE TO EVEN THE FOUNDATIONS OF WHY WE ARE HAVING CIVIL UNREST.

WITH THAT, I'M A NO.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.
I WILL TAG IN NATALIE FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE.

>> HI, NATALIE JOHNSON HERE.

I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD WHAT THE COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S POSITION IS ON THIS APPROPRIATION.
BASICALLY OUR POSITION IS THERE IS NO BLANKET BAN ON
APPROPRIATING MONEY TO ANOTHER TAXING DISTRICT.
COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI MENTIONED THE MEMO FROM 2017 THAT LAID
OUT THAT BALANCING TEST ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
THAT APPROPRIATION IS APPROPRIATE.
REALLY, ULTIMATELY UP TO YOU ALL METRO COUNCIL TO MAKE THAT
DETERMINATION AND I JUST WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT.
THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILWOMAN McCRAANEY.

>> MY QUESTION TO MY COLLEAGUES I RESPECT AND I RESPECT THE
DECISION PIAGENTINI IS TO ASK IF HE CONSULTED WITH THE COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR AN OPINION FOR THIS APPROPRIATION.
I DO WANT TO SAY I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT READING THE ORDINANCE AND
ALL OF THE DETAILS BECAUSE I CERTAINLY CAME IN THINKING THAT I
WAS JUST AUTOMATICALLY VOTE FOR THIS.
IT WAS A NO-BRAINER FOR ME.
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE I AM A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SUBURBAN AREA.
I UNDERSTAND, I GET IT.
I ALWAYS WANT TO SUPPORT THEM AS MUCH AS I POSSIBLY AND LEGALLY
CAN.

I UNDERSTAND WHY MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILMAN PIAGENTINI IS
PROPOSING THIS APPROPRIATION.
BUT I HAVE A QUESTION.
THE QUESTION WAS A LONG THE WOMAN WHEN COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA
SEXTON SMITH STATED IT WAS FOR THE YOUTH ON MENTAL ILLNESS.
I DIDN'T READ THAT.
SO I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT READING AND BEING PREPARED TO ASK YOU
BEFORE THIS MEETING TONIGHT.
COULD YOU SPEAK TO THAT TO EASE MY MIND.
IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO APPROPRIATE WHAT YOU NEED AND CERTAINLY I
HAVE TO TRUST THAT YOU HAVE DONE YOUR RESEARCH AND WHAT YOU ARE
TELLING US IS TRUE.
SO CAN YOU JUST SPEAK TO THAT AND MAKE ME UNDERSTAND WHY THEY
WOULD WANT TO USE PEPPER BALLS ON THOSE TYPES OF CONSTITUENTS.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI?

>> THANK YOU.

LOOK.

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE.

I WOULD SUPPORT THAT FOR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACROSS THE COUNTY.

I THINK THEIR POINT WAS QUITE SIMPLY WHEN THE REALITY ON THE GROUND SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY IS, WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A COUNSELOR OR SOMEBODY THAT CAN EASILY DEESCALATE THAT SITUATION. THAT IN ORDER TO PREVENT HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT WITH A PERSON WHO MAY NOT BE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND, BECAUSE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, BECAUSE OF SUBSTANCE USE, SOME OF THESE NON LETHAL TACTICS CAN HELP BOTH REMOVE THE THREAT TO PHYSICAL HARM, BOTH FOR THE OFFICER AND FOR THE PERSON THAT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO JUST BE PHYSICALLY GRAPPLED WITH IN ORDER TO DETAIN THEM.

UNTIL WE HAVE, AND IF WE HAVE A COUNTYWIDE SOLUTION FOR DE-ESCALATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE AND THOSE IN CRISIS, THEN I WOULD REQUIRE THEM TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE IN A HEART BEAT BUT THAT DOES NOT EXIST CURRENTLY.

SO CURRENTLY WHAT IS AN OFFICER TO DO IN THAT SITUATION?

I THINK THAT'S WHY THAT LANGUAGE IS IN THERE.

UNFORTUNATELY, AND I'LL BE GLAD TO SAY THAT, IT IS THE CASE THAT IS HOW, THAT IS THE OPTION THEY HAVE CURRENTLY IN THEIR ARSENAL TO USE NON-LETHAL METHODS TO GET SOMEBODY TO NOT HARM THEMSELVES OR NOT HARM THAT OFFICER ANY MORE THAN THEY HAVE TO IN ORDER TO SEE THE NEXT DAY AND NOT BE PERMANENTLY HURT.

THESE NON LETHAL MEANS DO NOT CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE.

OR PERMANENT HARM.

THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE AND I HOPE IN THE FUTURE WE HAVE A DIVERSION AIRY TACTIC THAT COVERS THE ENTIRE COUNTY WE COULD APPLY TO MIDDLETOWN.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT CURRENTLY.

IN AN IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCE WHEN I HAD THEM WORD THIS DIFFERENTLY, TO MAKE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A PURPOSE, THE PURPOSE ULTIMATELY IS TO FULLY EQUIP THE DEPARTMENT BEING CALLED ONTO DO WHAT FULLY EQUIPPED DEPARTMENTS DO ACROSS THIS COUNTY.

THAT IS THE INTENTION HERE.

IT IS NOT TO TARGET PEOPLE OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

IT NOT TO HARM PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A TON OF OTHER SOLUTIONS THOSE ARE THE TOOLS THAT OFFICERS HAVE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT WITH SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT THINKING PROPERLY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE GETTING ACROSS THERE.

I KNOW THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE GETTING ACROSS THERE.

THEY ARE NOT SAYING, I THINK IT'S PRETTY SAFE TO SAY, THEY ARE USING THIS TO TARGET OR WANT TO USE THIS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND/OR EXPERIENCING CRISIS.

I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>> MR. PRESIDENT MAY I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP?

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: YES MA'AM.

>> WHAT I'M HEARING I'M NOT FEELING COMFORTABLE.

I HEARD YOU MENTIONED L.M.P.D. IS FALLING MORE AND MORE ON MIDDLETOWN TO HELP THEM.

IF THAT IS THE CASE I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY CERTAINLY SUPPLY MIDDLETOWN WITH THE PROPER GEAR IF THEY ARE NEEDING ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE I THOUGHT I HEARD FROM COUNCILMAN FOX THAT EQUIPMENT IS THERE.

L.M.P.D.

NOW, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS WITH WHAT I HEARD TONIGHT, I CANNOT VOTE FOR THIS, BUT I WANT TO SEE THIS APPROPRIATION COME BACK THROUGH WITH SOME OTHER INTENTIONALITY.

AND WHEN I HEAR IT AGAIN, I HOPE THAT I'M HEARING THAT THEY HAVE A DE-ESCALATION PLAN.

THAT THEY ARE WORKING FOR THEIR STRATEGIC PLAN AND THAT YOU'RE NOT WAITING ON L.M.P.D. TO COME UP WITH A PLAN, BECAUSE I THINK I HEARD YOU SAY THERE'S NOT A COUNTY-WIDE PLAN BUT I WOULD EXPECT IF THEY ARE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT AGENCY THAT THEY WOULD INDEED COME UP WITH THEIR OWN PLAN.

A PART OF THEIR PLAN IS THEY WANT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE METRO COUNCIL CANNOT BE PEPPER BALL SPRAYING MENTALLY ILL CONSTITUENTS.

THANK YOU.

>>> WHERE IT WAS THE PROSPECT POLICE THAT CAME AND RESPONDED TO THAT INCIDENT AND BROKE THAT UP.

IT WASN'T L.M.P.D. AND THEY PROBABLY WANT THEM TO HAVE THE TOOLS IN THE TOOL BAG AS SOMEONE MENTIONED BEFORE IN ORDER TO DO THAT. YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS.

YOU REMEMBER THE INCIDENT.

I MEAN I DON'T LIKE THAT THE LANGUAGE IN THERE WITH PEPPER BALL THE MENTALLY ILL.

THAT DOES BOTHER ME AND I CAN'T THINK OF WHY THEY WOULD PUT THAT IN THERE.

MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR THEM, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY SHOT BACK BUT THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED.

IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO USE THE PEPPER BALL THAN TO FIRE A WEAPON AND HAVE SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN.

I WILL SAY 90% OF ME SUPPORTS THIS AND 10% WHERE I DON'T LIKE THAT LANGUAGE IN THERE AND I WISH THEY HADN'T PUT THAT IN THERE. ANYWAY, THOSE ARE MY REASONS FOR SUPPORTING IT.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN, COUNCILMEMBER YATES?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

RIGHT NOW, I THINK THAT WE KNOW WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WE KNOW FOR BEING ON COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. SOME WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUNDS OR WHATEVER IT'S BEEN.

THEY WILL OPERATE ON A FORCED CONTINUUM.
THEY WILL LOOK AND SAY WHAT LEVEL, OFFICER'S PERCEPTION OF
WHAT'S HAPPENING AND THE OFFICERS RESPOND.
SO WHEN THERE IS A THREAT, OFFICERS WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT LEVEL
OF RESPONSE THEY WILL HAVE.
IF THEY DO NOT HAVE THE TOOLS OF NON-LETHAL FORCE WHAT ARE THEY
GOING TO DO?
BY US SAYING WE CANNOT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
THAT IS THE DANGEROUS THING.
WE SEE IT LOTS OF PLACES.
I REMEMBER I WAS IN UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE.
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF REQUIRING NON-LETHAL
FORCE.
TO SAVE SO MANY LIVES THAT WE OTHERWISE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE
TAKEN.
I THINK IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OFFICERS ARE NOT PUT IN
THAT POSITION, THE POSITION WHERE THEY FEAR FOR THEIR LIFE,
FEARED FOR THE LIFE OF ANOTHER.
OR HAVE TO SHOOT THEY HAVE SOME TYPE OF WEAPON OR WHAT NOT, BUT
WHEN THERE IS A SOLID AGGRESSIVE PHYSICAL ACT YOU DON'T WANT THE
ONLY ALTERNATIVE THE OFFICER TO HAVE IS TO SHOOT.
I LISTENED TO SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS.
I CAN HEAR, I THINK, COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY, WHEN SHE TALKS.
THE PASSION AND HOW THAT LANGUAGE WOULD COME ACROSS.
I THINK THAT IS PROBLEMATIC.
BUT THEN I HAVE TO THINK WHAT IS OUR ALTERNATIVE, IF WE SAY NO,
THEY CAN'T HAVE THOSE TOOLS.
DO NOT TAKE ANY GUNS AWAY.
I ALMOST FEEL WHAT'S HAPPENED IS, THIS COUNCIL.
WE ARE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION.
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW.
SO MUCH OF WHAT WE DO, POLITICS BUT SO MANY POLITICAL DECISIONS
WE MAKE.
I HAVE REAL ISSUES WITH MAKING A POLITICAL ISSUE BASED ON THE
WAY SOMETHING IS WORDED WHEN I KNOW THE IMPACT COULD BE LIFE OR
DEATH.
SO I THINK IF I COULD GET FOR THE SPONSOR, THE ONLY SPONSOR,
COUNCILMEMBER PIAGENTINI, IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO
THE LANGUAGE AT THIS POINT?
IF SO I THINK IT WILL SOLVE A LOT OF DISPUTES.
YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE LESS LETHAL FORCE WE ALL DEMAND.
I THINK THE LANGUAGE IS RUBBING OFF AS WRONG.
I WOULD PROPOSE THE JUNCTURE IF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY CAN DO THAT.
IF THEY CAN'T MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING TO BRING BACK.
>> I HAVE TO BE HONEST.
KICKING WITH PARLIAMENTARIAN PROCEDURE.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE EASIEST WAY TO DO THIS RIGHT NOW IS.

WHETHER THAT IS TO WITHDRAW OR TECHNICALLY I IT DIES ON THE FLOOR OR IN COMMITTEE.
SO WHAT I WILL DO IS, I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO ASSIGN IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.
AND IF WE WANT TO KILL IT OR WHATEVER WE DO IN COMMITTEE WE CAN DO IT THERE.
I WILL MAKE THAT MOTION, MR. PRESIDENT.
THANK YOU.
>> SECOND.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KRAMER.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
ALL OPPOSED.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
IT GOES BACK TO COMMITTEE.
ALL RIGHT.
MADAM CLERK, A READING OF ITEM NUMBER 36.
>> MS. CLERK: [READING ITEM 36]
READ IN FULL.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR APPROVAL?
>> SO MOVED, ENGEL.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILMEMBER ENGEL MADE THE MOTION.
MAY I HAVE A SECOND?
>> SECOND, McCRANEY.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: I HAVE A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN McCRANEY.
THE APPOINTMENT IS BEFORE US.
IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION.
COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON?
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS WAS PUT ON OLD BUSINESS SO COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH COULD ABSTAIN.
I WILL TURN THE MIC OVER TO HER FOR HER EXPLANATION AND THEN A VOTE.
>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND THANK YOU, CHAIR ACKERSON.
YES, I WILL BE ABSTAINING, THE REASON IS SUPER ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT.
I AM SERVING IN THE CAPACITY OF A BOARD MEMBER ON THIS BOARD AS AN APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES.
AND IT'S ONE OF THE METRO COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS HE MAKES EACH YEAR.
I FEEL I SHOULD NOT VOTE ON A FELLOW BOARD MEMBER.
I WILL BE ABSTAINING.
THANK YOU.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: I WILL BE ABSTAINING BECAUSE I SIT ON THE BOARD ALSO WITH SEXTON SMITH.
AT THIS TIME I WILL TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO COUNCILMEMBER WINKLER, IF YOU DON'T MIND, AS THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

>> I GOT YOU.
SEEING NO ONE IN QUEUE, I BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE.
>> MS. CLERK: [ROLL CALL]
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: I WILL BE ABSTAINING BECAUSE I ALSO SERVE ON
THAT BOARD.
THANK YOU.
>> MS. CLERK: [ROLL CALL]
KIND OF FREEZING.
SAY IT ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON.
YOU HAVE 19 YES-VOTES AND TWO ABSTENTIONS.
>> THANK, MADAM CLERK.
MOTION PASSES.
AND PLEASE LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT I'M TURNING THE CHAIR
BACK OVER TO PRESIDENT JAMES.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, READING OF ITEM 37, PLEASE.
>> MS. CLERK: [READING ITEM 37]
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MAY I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, PLEASE.
WE ADDED BINDING ELEMENTS NUMBER 9, NUMBER 10, NUMBER 9 REFLECTS
FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO EXPLORE CONNECTING THE TWO PIECES OF
PROPERTY WITH A GATE.
SAID IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
THE DEVELOPER HAS ALSO AGREED TO PAY FOR THAT GATE BUT ALSO
AGREED TO PAY FOR SPEED HUMPS, IF THEY WERE SO NEEDED.
NUMBER TEN WE ADDED.
ANY CHANGES ORALITY RATIIONS OF THE STRUCTURE, SUCH AS BUILDING
HEIGHT OR NUMBER OF UNITS OR BUILDINGS.
ANY CHANGES IN THE USE OF PROPERTY OR AMENDMENTS SHALL BE
REVIEWED BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FINAL ACTION TO BE
DETERMINED BY THE METRO COUNCIL.
THIS IS IN MY DISTRICT AND COUNCILMEMBER BARBARA SHANKLIN'S
DISTRICT.
SHE ASKED FOR ME TO SPEAK ON IT TONIGHT SO IT NEEDS GO NO
FURTHER.
>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.
FURTHER DISCUSSION?
COUNCILMEMBER PEDEN?
NUMBER ONE, DISCREPANCY ON THE LOAN IS FULLY 100 TREE LOT,
DISCREPANCY BETWEEN MYSELF AND I BELIEVE COUNCILMEMBER
[INDISCERNIBLE] WAS THERE.
WHETHER THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE NEW TREE OR OLD TREE ORDINANCE.
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET WHERE THEY ALLOW TO DROP A SINGLE
BUILDING ALLOWING IT TO ENCROACH INTO THE PARKWAY BUFFER.
FOR THOSE REASONS I WILL BE VOTING NO WHICH DOESN'T DO MUCH ON A
PLANNING AND ZONING CASE.
PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
>> MS. CLERK: [ROLL CALL]

YOU HAVE 26 VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, A READING OF ITEM 38, PLEASE.

>> MS. CLERK: [READING ITEM 38]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MAY I HAVE A SECOND?

THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US.

IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION, COUNCILMEMBER FLOOD?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

THIS IS ACTUALLY ON THE CORNER, IT'S CURRENTLY USED AS RESTAURANT.

THEY WILL BE REMOVING THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND REDEVELOPING THE PROPERTY TO A CAR WASH CAME FROM PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

ALSO BINDING ELEMENT NUMBER 9 THAT LIMITS THE TIME THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH VACUUMS ON SITE WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M. SO THERE'S BEEN MITIGATION TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY ACROSS THE STREET WHICH IS A CONDOMINIUM REGEM.

COUNCILMEMBER ACKERSON'S DISTRICT SO HE MAY WISH TO SAY SOMETHING ON THAT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

>> COLLEAGUES THIS IS A YIN-YANG SITUATION.

I'M PLEASED SOMETHING WILL GO THERE, I'M DISPLEASED THE CAR WASH AT THE END OF THE DAY WE HAVE A COUPLE RIGHT THERE.

NOT PLEASED WITH WHAT'S GOING, BUT PLEASED THE PROPERTY WILL BE PUT TO USE VERSUS BEING VACANT.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED EVERYTHING THEY ARE DOING IS LEGAL AND AS SUCH I WILL SUPPORT IT TONIGHT AND I ASK YOU TO DO THE SAME THING.

THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL REQUIRE A ROLL CALL VOTE.

MADAM CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.

COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.

COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

[ROLL CALL]

23 YES VOTES.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU.

THE ORDINANCE PASSES.

MADAM CLERK, READING OF ITEM 39.

>> MS. CLERK: [READING ITEM 39]

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

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PURVIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

THE ORDINANCE IS BEFORE US.

IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION?

COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

THIS IS IN THE SHELBY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, THE EXISTING STRUCTURE WILL REMAIN AND THERE WILL BE AN ADD ON.

THE ZONING CHANGE WILL UNIFY THE ZONING OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY. TRACK ONE IS GOING TO HAVE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ON THAT AND THAT WAS ACTUALLY, WOULD BE NON APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL BUT WILL BE APPROVED BY -- IT PROBABLY HAS ALREADY HAPPENED BY NOW.

BACK WALL WILL CONTAIN A MURAL.

THERE ARE STILL THREE SMALL BUSINESS START-UPS THAT WILL GO THERE.

ONE IS THE COMPASSION CLINIC WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH'S DISTRICT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: COUNCILWOMAN SEXTON SMITH?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT DESCRIPTION.

THERE'S A NUMBER OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS LOCATED IN THIS AREA SO COUNCILWOMAN FLOOD DID A GREAT JOB EXPLAINING THAT.

I WANT TO ADD A PIECE OF GREAT INFORMATION.

THIS IS A DEVELOPMENT BEING LED BY OUR VERY OWN -- U-CIL AND YOUNG ADULTS TURNING THEIR LIFE AROUND THROUGH THAT ORGANIZATION.

I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS AND HOPE EVERYONE WILL SUPPORT IT.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN.

IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?

HEARING NONE, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER GREEN.

COUNCILMEMBER SHANKLIN.

COUNCILMEMBER DORSEY.

COUNCILMEMBER SEXTON SMITH.

[ROLL CALL]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU, AND THE ORDINANCE PASSES.

COLLEAGUES, I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I SAW A LEVEL OF DEDICATION FROM ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS I HAVE NEVER SEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE TONIGHT.

COUNCILWOMAN GREEN WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ORDINANCE SHE WORKED ON WITH COUNCILMEMBER HOLLANDER, THAT SHE GOT TO VOTE ON IT AND YOU MAY BE SAYING WHERE IS SHE NOW.

SHE IS WELL ON HER WAY TO BRINGING NEW LIFE IN THIS WORLD.

SHE HAD TO LEAVE AND TAKE CARE OF THAT.

IT'S AMAZING, SO LET'S JUST PRAY FOR HER AND EVERYTHING GOES OKAY.

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS IS NEW BUSINESS.

I WOULD ASK THE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO WISH TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO PLEASE REMAIN AFTER NEW BUSINESS IS READ IN THE RECORD.

COMPRISES ITEMS NUMBER 40-50.

WILL THE CLERK PLEASE READ THOSE ITEMS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS TO COMMITTEE.

>> MS. CLERK: [READING NEW BUSINESS ITEMS 40-50]

>> PRESIDENT JAMES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ANYBODY ON THE COUNCIL?

ALL RIGHT.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE ANY TONIGHT.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR MEETING.

AND OUR NEXT MEETING WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th AT 6:00 P.M.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE STAND ADJOURNED.