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council we need to get started please

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00:05:30,000 --> 00:05:37,420
are we are we live yes okay

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00:06:00,000 --> 00:06:15,880
have something for you

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00:07:00,000 --> 00:07:18,060

all right ladies and gentlemen i have um 606 so i'd like to call it our city council meeting

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00:07:18,060 --> 00:07:24,880

city work council work session actually november 18th 2025 to order and please stand for an

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invocation connie hambrick from henry county government will give this for us

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is it is on for you agreeing um can you hear me there we go okay

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00:07:42,520 --> 00:07:50,260

thank you for this opportunity father we gather here this evening with grateful hearts the

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00:07:50,260 --> 00:07:55,100

opportunity to serve our community we ask for your guidance as we make decisions that affect

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00:07:55,100 --> 00:07:59,980

the lives of our neighbors grant us the wisdom that's steady lord courage

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00:07:59,980 --> 00:08:06,620

us and let us be compassionate and spirit and cooperation that rises above any differences

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bless the council members here tonight the staff and all who are present may our discussions be

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00:08:12,480 --> 00:08:18,040

thoughtful our intentions pure in our actions rooted in fairness and respect watch over our

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00:08:18,040 --> 00:08:23,520

city its families our schools businesses and first responders keep our community safe and

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00:08:23,520 --> 00:08:29,460

united and hopeful help us remember that leadership is a privilege and that every choice we make has

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00:08:29,460 --> 00:08:29,960

the power to act

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00:08:29,980 --> 00:08:36,220

uplift others may we serve with humility integrity and sincere desire to do good amen

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00:08:36,220 --> 00:08:53,020

roll call madame

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00:08:53,020 --> 00:08:59,900

good evening evening mayor ford president president pro tem gantt present

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councilmember thomas let the record reflect councilmember thomas is not in attendance
councilmember

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00:09:06,220 --> 00:09:11,740

barry councilmember barber president councilmember alexander president mayor ford you have a
form

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00:09:11,740 --> 00:09:17,740

thank you madam clerk mayor pro tem there's an amendment to the agenda please yes mayor um i

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00:09:17,740 --> 00:09:24,380

would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to move up our executive session right after

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agenda item number four of the public hearing and that is for for real estate personnel
litigation and

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00:09:29,980 --> 00:09:34,700

cyber security appreciate is there a second that motion um mr barry second all in favor please

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00:09:34,700 --> 00:09:45,340

indicate mayor ford yes ma'am um i want to support this motion but once again uh i am unaware
of what

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00:09:45,340 --> 00:09:53,020

this executive session entails seems like they all know but i don't so i'm going to abstain
okay so

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00:09:53,020 --> 00:09:59,740

be it so all in favor of the motion please indicate three real quick i don't know what it's
about either

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00:09:59,980 --> 00:10:05,820

this is part of being on a team i trust this team okay and that's what we do thank you all
right so

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00:10:05,820 --> 00:10:12,060

once again all in favor of the motion okay and uh we got three four and one to abstain so we'll
put

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00:10:12,060 --> 00:10:16,460

that right after the uh public hearing now i need a motion to adopt the rest of the agenda
please

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so moved okay for miss gantt miss miss alexander on favor please indicate thank you appreciate
it

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00:10:23,500 --> 00:10:29,740

okay um so we did that okay public comments do we have any public comments at all comment okay

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00:10:29,980 --> 00:10:35,340

review the minutes council and review the city council minutes from november 10 2025 review

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00:10:35,340 --> 00:10:39,580

those and our next meeting we'll go ahead and prove those any changes or updates please talk

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00:10:39,580 --> 00:10:45,340

to the clerk about that on that note we have a presentation henry helps make well excuse me

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00:10:45,340 --> 00:10:49,980

henry helps mobile wellness unit presented by kevin johnson the deputy county manager

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00:10:49,980 --> 00:10:56,380

amanda reese director of community resources please um to the mic up front

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00:10:59,980 --> 00:11:12,700

yes sir if i could mr ivy whatever they present i want it to be on the screen whatever it is we

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00:11:12,700 --> 00:11:18,780

need to have the apparatus there at the table so when they present something that they can magnify

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00:11:18,780 --> 00:11:26,620

and the people watching can see it i don't see the scanner there you don't want it it's up on the

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00:11:26,620 --> 00:11:29,660

screen okay well

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00:11:29,980 --> 00:11:33,900

well they might have some documents that they might have document do you have any separate

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00:11:33,900 --> 00:11:39,580

documents we just have exactly what's up yeah okay okay thank you i know we have another apparatus

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00:11:39,580 --> 00:11:44,140

there if they want to have something that they want to present thank you thank you

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00:11:46,220 --> 00:11:50,620

good evening council members mayor thank you so much for the opportunity to speak before

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00:11:50,620 --> 00:11:55,260

you tonight we're super excited to share with you a new initiative in henry county

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00:11:55,260 --> 00:11:59,660

my name is amanda reeves i'm the director of the community resources division of henry county

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it's a division of our government that has been in existence for the last 22 months

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after covid our deputy county manager and county manager recognized that there was a great need for

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a lot of resources here in our community connection to resources for our constituents and

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they didn't have a department that was a single place of intake for individuals in need so that

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00:12:19,660 --> 00:12:24,700

is why the division that i'm directing was formed and just wanted to give you a brief overview of

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what we do in that division of henry county government and then share a really wonderful up-and-coming initiative

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that's going to begin in the first quarter of 2026 to serve constituents in need in all of the

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cities within our county so our mission at the henry county community resources division is to

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empower individuals and families to reach their full potential by providing accessible compassionate

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00:12:47,420 --> 00:12:52,860

support services that address their unique needs promote well-being and strengthen our community

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00:12:52,860 --> 00:12:59,740

obviously in every city within our community there are people who have great needs for basic life-sustaining

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00:12:59,980 --> 00:13:05,420

resources whether that be food insecurity that a family is suffering lack of the clothing that

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00:13:05,420 --> 00:13:11,740

they need lack of job resources lack of educational resources and especially lack of affordable housing

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00:13:11,740 --> 00:13:17,260

in our community our division works to align each of those individuals and families with services

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00:13:17,260 --> 00:13:24,140

that can assist them to meet the needs with each of those those resources an overview of

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our particular division we established the public-facing community resource center where

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constituents can connect with vital resources necessary to maintain a healthy and stable life

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for themselves and their families so far we've developed the henry helps app which is now available

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in the app store the apple store it's coming soon for android devices we're just waiting on

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00:13:45,180 --> 00:13:48,940

the google play store to review the privacy policy and make sure that it meets their legal

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00:13:48,940 --> 00:13:54,540

requirements and then it will also be available for android devices it's a beautiful app that has

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00:13:54,540 --> 00:13:59,580

wonderful icons anybody can download it and see the icons of resources available they can click on

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00:13:59,980 --> 00:14:04,060

icons and have a wonderful view of all the resources available within the community and

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00:14:04,060 --> 00:14:09,100

within the metro area and i've got the qr code for you later in this presentation so everyone

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00:14:09,100 --> 00:14:15,100

can see that and download that app also we have created a community pantry where families that

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00:14:15,100 --> 00:14:20,380

we serve can come at any moment without an appointment needed they can walk in shop

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00:14:20,380 --> 00:14:25,020

through the groceries that we have we have personal care items dry items and we also offer

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00:14:25,020 --> 00:14:29,340

some dairy products as well gallons of milk and they can come and get those for free at any time

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00:14:29,980 --> 00:14:34,540

so if you have constituents who have need for food immediately they can absolutely call our

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00:14:34,540 --> 00:14:38,860

department and we'll be happy to prepare them an emergency food box with anything that they happen

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00:14:38,860 --> 00:14:43,580

to have need of and then most exciting is the inception of our mobile wellness unit

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a mobile medical trailer has been purchased and custom built and it has two medical

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00:14:49,900 --> 00:14:55,740

operatories a waiting area and a registration area we plan to provide free primary medical

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00:14:55,740 --> 00:14:59,580

care throughout henry county in the underserved areas of every municipality

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00:14:59,980 --> 00:15:03,020

and in collaboration with hands of hope clinic and piedmont henry hospital

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00:15:06,540 --> 00:15:11,020

an overview of the services that we provide in community resources would be assistance with

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00:15:11,020 --> 00:15:16,620

emergency shelter affordable housing connections food and personal care items utility deposit

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00:15:16,620 --> 00:15:21,900

assistance mortgage and rental payment assistance credit and financial counseling workforce

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00:15:21,900 --> 00:15:28,140

readiness elder care resources child well-being resources veteran services behavioral health

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00:15:28,140 --> 00:15:29,800

services crisis intervention

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00:15:30,740 --> 00:15:33,340

astute guidance with any need that a family may have,

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00:15:33,460 --> 00:15:35,060

and also charitable health care.

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00:15:37,840 --> 00:15:39,540

So to move closer to the initiative

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00:15:39,540 --> 00:15:41,780

that we really wanted to share with you tonight,

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00:15:42,040 --> 00:15:44,500

we'll move toward the mobile wellness unit.

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00:15:44,920 --> 00:15:46,560

We just have this cute little catchphrase,

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00:15:46,700 --> 00:15:47,920

turning wheels into wellness.

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00:15:48,540 --> 00:15:50,780

And this trailer, there's an example picture here.

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00:15:50,920 --> 00:15:52,340

I'll show you, and then I'll go back.

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00:15:52,680 --> 00:15:54,040

This is what it looks like right now.

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00:15:54,340 --> 00:15:56,200

We're finalizing some beautiful graphics

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00:15:56,200 --> 00:15:57,320

with sponsor logos.

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00:15:57,780 --> 00:15:59,360

It's going to be really, really attractive.

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00:15:59,980 --> 00:16:02,080

The inside here is one shot that we had.

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00:16:02,700 --> 00:16:05,480

That's the hallway where the registration area is,

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00:16:05,980 --> 00:16:08,920

and also a little picture of one of the operatories

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00:16:08,920 --> 00:16:10,340

on the far side of that picture

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00:16:10,340 --> 00:16:11,900

where patients can be seen.

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00:16:12,000 --> 00:16:14,220

Each of those operatory rooms has a closing door.

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00:16:14,600 --> 00:16:16,320

This is very private, really nice,

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00:16:16,460 --> 00:16:17,580

brand new, custom built.

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00:16:18,300 --> 00:16:19,400

This is the floor plan.

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00:16:19,520 --> 00:16:21,160

Gives you a little bit better look of what's in there.

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00:16:22,760 --> 00:16:23,920

And then I'm going to go back,

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00:16:25,360 --> 00:16:27,620

tell you a little bit about how we're going to function

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00:16:27,620 --> 00:16:29,660

with this particular mobile wellness unit.

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00:16:29,980 --> 00:16:33,340

We have plans to have a weekly mobile wellness clinic

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00:16:33,340 --> 00:16:36,520

across the county with specific attention given to areas

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00:16:36,520 --> 00:16:38,140

with the least access to healthcare.

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00:16:38,360 --> 00:16:41,440

We've had our GIS department look at a heat map

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00:16:41,440 --> 00:16:43,220

of where the healthcare facilities are located

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00:16:43,220 --> 00:16:45,360

in the county, and we're going to be transporting

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00:16:45,360 --> 00:16:47,920

this trailer to the areas that have the least access

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00:16:47,920 --> 00:16:49,100

on a weekly basis.

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00:16:49,680 --> 00:16:52,680

We'll have every Friday of the week, of each week,

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00:16:52,760 --> 00:16:56,180

we'll have a clinic set up in a different city

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00:16:56,180 --> 00:16:58,940

at the same location each time to begin with.

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00:16:59,020 --> 00:16:59,740

We're going to have a little,

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00:17:00,340 --> 00:17:03,000

trial period, three to six months to see, you know,

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00:17:03,000 --> 00:17:05,160
where the most people are needing that help,

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00:17:05,160 --> 00:17:07,420
and if they come to the location we're established at.

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00:17:07,920 --> 00:17:10,920
And we'll be onsite at each location once every month,

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00:17:10,920 --> 00:17:11,660
consistently.

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00:17:11,660 --> 00:17:14,800
So every four weeks, that wellness unit will be back

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00:17:14,800 --> 00:17:16,780
in the location where we first saw a patient.

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00:17:16,860 --> 00:17:18,220
Perhaps we did some lab work.

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00:17:18,220 --> 00:17:20,820
We've been able to get them a diagnosis of a chronic illness,

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00:17:21,200 --> 00:17:22,820
get them the medication that they've needed,

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00:17:22,820 --> 00:17:25,160
and we'll be following up with them every four weeks

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00:17:25,160 --> 00:17:26,340
in that same location.

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00:17:27,040 --> 00:17:29,920
Our team plans to provide preventive screenings,

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00:17:29,980 --> 00:17:33,600
immunizations, primary care, chronic disease management,

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00:17:33,600 --> 00:17:36,600
referral to free specialty care, health education,

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00:17:36,600 --> 00:17:39,540
and enrollment and prescription assistant programs onsite.

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00:17:39,800 --> 00:17:42,120
We can do all of that right where the trailer sits.

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00:17:42,640 --> 00:17:44,920
We also connect residents to ongoing care

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00:17:44,920 --> 00:17:47,240
and additional community resources they may have need of,

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00:17:47,800 --> 00:17:49,380
in essence turning brief encounters

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00:17:49,380 --> 00:17:51,240
into long-term wellness connections.

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00:17:55,240 --> 00:17:58,480
Our collaborative partners right now providing these services are

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00:17:58,480 --> 00:17:59,540
Piedmont Henry Hospital.

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00:17:59,540 --> 00:17:59,960
They are great partners.

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00:17:59,960 --> 00:18:02,520
They are graciously providing all lab work and diagnostics

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00:18:02,520 --> 00:18:04,800
for free to the patients that we see on this bus.

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00:18:05,460 --> 00:18:07,500
And then Hands of Hope Clinic will be staffing the mobile

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00:18:07,500 --> 00:18:09,520

wellness unit with licensed medical providers,

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00:18:09,520 --> 00:18:12,340

administrative staff, and volunteers from their clinic

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00:18:12,340 --> 00:18:14,300

and providing ongoing referrals and care.

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00:18:16,400 --> 00:18:17,200

How you can help.

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00:18:17,200 --> 00:18:19,040

If anybody in the community would like to know how they can

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00:18:19,040 --> 00:18:21,120

help us with this initiative, we just ask

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00:18:21,120 --> 00:18:23,240

that you consider including us in your annual budget

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00:18:23,240 --> 00:18:25,840

as we serve your constituents and your municipality.

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00:18:26,360 --> 00:18:28,380

You can become an individual or corporate sponsor

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00:18:28,380 --> 00:18:29,960

to help us reach more people in need.

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00:18:29,960 --> 00:18:32,100

You can donate medical supplies.

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00:18:32,100 --> 00:18:34,400

You can invite us to participate in your events.

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00:18:34,400 --> 00:18:36,320

We'd love to bring this trailer out to the City

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00:18:36,320 --> 00:18:39,220

of Stockbridge's events to set it up, let people know

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00:18:39,220 --> 00:18:40,380

in the community what we're doing

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00:18:40,380 --> 00:18:41,640

so that they can tell their neighbors

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00:18:41,640 --> 00:18:44,180

that they actually have this resource here in Henry County.

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00:18:44,960 --> 00:18:47,580

You could volunteer to serve alongside us in your city.

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00:18:48,080 --> 00:18:49,820

You can work collaboratively with us

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00:18:49,820 --> 00:18:52,320

as we seek mobile clinic locations within your city.

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00:18:52,320 --> 00:18:54,540

And you can attend our fundraising events.

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00:18:56,540 --> 00:18:59,800

In order to learn more about this division and all the services

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00:18:59,800 --> 00:19:03,040

that we can provide, I've listed some helpful information here.

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00:19:03,540 --> 00:19:05,500

We have a beautiful public-facing facility

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00:19:05,500 --> 00:19:07,880

at the Public Safety Headquarters for Henry County Government.

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00:19:07,880 --> 00:19:10,640

It's at 114 South Sackhenton Parkway.

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00:19:10,640 --> 00:19:13,080

We're open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

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00:19:13,820 --> 00:19:15,180

We accept appointments.

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00:19:15,180 --> 00:19:16,320

We accept walk-ins.

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00:19:16,320 --> 00:19:18,440

Anytime someone has a need, if they walk to our door,

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00:19:18,440 --> 00:19:20,340

we're going to align them with what they need right away.

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00:19:20,340 --> 00:19:21,340

We're not going to turn them away.

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00:19:22,040 --> 00:19:23,840

We have an email address here that anyone

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00:19:23,840 --> 00:19:25,980

in the community can email for more information.

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00:19:26,360 --> 00:19:28,760

My direct contact information is listed as well.

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00:19:28,760 --> 00:19:29,740

And then we also have a website.

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00:19:29,740 --> 00:19:31,180

We also have this beautiful QR code,

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00:19:31,180 --> 00:19:33,480

so anyone that's interested can download that app,

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00:19:33,980 --> 00:19:35,500

take a look at what that looks like.

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00:19:36,200 --> 00:19:38,820

And I think it's going to be a wonderful resource for all

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00:19:38,820 --> 00:19:40,300
of the cities within our county.

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00:19:40,600 --> 00:19:42,560
And with that, I'm prepared

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00:19:42,560 --> 00:19:44,200
to take any questions you might have.

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00:19:45,100 --> 00:19:46,040
Yeah, go ahead, please.

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00:19:46,640 --> 00:19:47,220
Yeah, thanks.

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00:19:47,220 --> 00:19:53,340
I appreciate the presentation and bringing us up to speed on this.

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00:19:53,620 --> 00:19:56,860
So what is your budget for the year?

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00:19:56,960 --> 00:19:59,520
Let's say, what are you all, what are you budgeted?

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00:19:59,520 --> 00:20:01,020
That's an excellent question.

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00:20:01,020 --> 00:20:04,400
I'm only in the 22nd month for this division, and right now,

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00:20:04,400 --> 00:20:06,400
my budget's right around \$300,000 a year.

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00:20:06,640 --> 00:20:07,900
Okay. Wow.

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00:20:08,080 --> 00:20:11,480
Okay. So my question always with that is, of course,

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00:20:11,480 --> 00:20:13,640

you need funding in order to do that,

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00:20:13,640 --> 00:20:16,620

in order to make these things happen, because operating

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00:20:16,620 --> 00:20:20,360

in a nonprofit sphere, my phone rings multiple times a day.

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00:20:20,740 --> 00:20:22,520

Can I get utility assistance?

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00:20:22,520 --> 00:20:24,040

Can I get rental assistance?

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00:20:24,540 --> 00:20:28,680

Is money available currently for that, or do you, will you,

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00:20:28,680 --> 00:20:32,580

will you be looking for allocation in the 2026 budget?

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00:20:32,580 --> 00:20:36,000

Because \$300,000 might sound a lot to everybody else,

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00:20:36,000 --> 00:20:39,420

but out of your operating expenses and location and all

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00:20:39,420 --> 00:20:43,360

of that, it certainly could be increased.

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00:20:43,360 --> 00:20:47,180

So right now, somebody wanted to call in, and they wanted,

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00:20:47,180 --> 00:20:49,400

because I get it every day,

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00:20:49,400 --> 00:20:51,360

somebody's calling about rental assistance.

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00:20:51,680 --> 00:20:55,140

Is there specific funding that you have that is available

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00:20:55,140 --> 00:20:58,640

for rental assistance and utility assistance right now?

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00:20:58,940 --> 00:21:01,020

Councilman Alexander, thank you for that question.

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00:21:01,020 --> 00:21:04,040

And in my division, there's not money immediately available

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00:21:04,040 --> 00:21:05,040

for rental assistance.

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00:21:05,040 --> 00:21:07,740

However, in our community development division,

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00:21:07,740 --> 00:21:10,740

there is more money available for rental and utility assistance,

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00:21:11,000 --> 00:21:12,760

and we collaborate really well together.

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00:21:12,760 --> 00:21:15,120

So if someone calls my department and has that need,

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00:21:15,420 --> 00:21:18,160

I let them know that I can't help them with that specific need,

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00:21:18,160 --> 00:21:21,380

but I can refer them to the community development department

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of Henry County government.

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Okay. So all of that information,

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this presentation could be sent to us digitally as well.

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Sure. Absolutely.

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Also, in terms of, let me make sure I get my notes right here.

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The location of the pantry, and the hours of it.

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Yes. So it's open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

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and it's also located at 114 South Zach Kenton Parkway.

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And if a family needs food, they can just call.

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They can call our main line at 770-288-7506, and I

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or my staff will prepare that food for them on the basis

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of what they specifically need.

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If they have children that need snack foods,

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or if they have a baby that needs diapers, whatever they need,

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we'll prepare a box and have it waiting for them.

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We'll even walk out to the car with it at the curb.

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They don't even have to come in.

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Okay. So this particular facility is located at 114, you said Zach Kenton?

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South Zach Kenton Parkway.

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Yes, sir.

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Zach Kenton.

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And it's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Yes, sir.

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So if somebody just can walk up, the clinic will be open.

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There's going to be staffed at that time.

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Absolutely.

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So the clinic is not located at 114 South Zach Kenton.

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The clinic's going to be on that mobile wellness unit,

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but we are staffed every day, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Yes, sir.

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So for the pantry, they can show up anytime, 8 to 5, and they will be taking care.

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Okay. That's a good resource there.

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So do you, Mr. Johnson, how are you doing?

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I'm doing good, sir.

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So what's our projected budget in 2026?

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So I'll be honest with you, Councilman, we're doing a really good job

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of bringing in community partners.

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Her main objective is to be that single point of entry

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to connect non-profits that are providing a resource to those

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that are in need, not to be the service provider themselves.

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Okay.

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So our goal, and what she's been doing a great job with,

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from emergency sheltering with the hotel stays,

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and even the purchase of this mobile medical unit,

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we're using grant funds, we're using opioid remediation funds,

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and trying to stay away from general fund usage.

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I know that she is adding another staff member.

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Hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

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So we're going to see the increase there.

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But I don't see her budget operationally changing too much

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rolling into our next fiscal year.

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Okay. Well, in those areas, maybe community development,

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wherever the funding can go in order to have more funding available

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for utility assistance and rental assistance as far as that is concerned.

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And let me take off my City Council hat for just a second, okay?

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Yes, sir.

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As a non-profit representative who works in the community,

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the pipeline is very tight right now.

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You've seen that when you handed out the food and how many people showed up.

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So whatever provisions that you can provide for not just my non-profit,

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but all of the non-profits out there,

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because this shutdown has literally devastated the food pipeline

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in every way possible.

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So whatever funding that any entity can provide would much be appreciated

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because the lines you saw, we saw those lines every week for the last month

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in our food inventory.

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It's always depleted.

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No doubt, sir.

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And I appreciate the work that you're doing in the community.

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We see it and everybody appreciates that.

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I would like Amanda to talk about the collaborative group that meets,

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the group of non-profits that share information,

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share relationships, contacts for that food.

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So in the time that I've been with Henry County Government,

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I've worked really hard along with some of my colleagues to form

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what's called the Henry County Relief Aid Collaborative.

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And it's a group of non-profits, non-profit leaders,

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non-profit members who meet once a month.

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We meet typically at the Emergency Operations Center at 526 Industrial Boulevard.

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And we all talk about what community needs we have

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and how we can each help meet those needs.

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And we've done a lot of good work so far.

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We just finished building our website.

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We've been formed as an official 501 ourselves.

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We've gotten some grant dollars to help with home repairs for people

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who had damages from a tornado of 2023 that were still waiting

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for their homes to be repaired.

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So that's the Relief Aid Collaborative.

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And then we also have a non-profit collaborative that meets at my office

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once every month.

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We pull together non-profit directors and members to just talk about

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what those needs are as well.

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And we're working really hard to make sure that we can all collaborate

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to have the resources where they need to be.

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For instance, you talk about all these food giveaways,

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Councilman Alexander, we were just discussing on the drive over here,

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because today, before I came here, I helped to pack 1,700 boxes of food

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that we intend to give out this Friday, the 21st.

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We're still working towards the goal of 3,000 boxes,

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but today was our second day packing, and so we packed 1,700 boxes of food.

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And we were talking about the fact that everyone's doing a food giveaway

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right now, which is wonderful, but sometimes it works really well

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if we can pool our resources together, provide a more robust box of food

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to give to more people.

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So we work together as a collaborative of non-profits

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and then also government officials.

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And try to accomplish help for as many people as possible.

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But I hear you, for sure, with the way the resources are strained

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for non-profits right now.

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I think Henry County does a really solid job

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of supporting non-profits locally.

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If we can't help them with funding, we certainly will help them with work

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and volunteer hours.

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So if there's anything we can do to help your CD,

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Community Development for Real People, let us know.

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We'll be happy to help, for sure.

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And the last question, what is the line between you,

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and Connecting Henry?

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So that's a great question.

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So Connecting Henry is an independent non-profit that also serves

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as City of McDonough's Health and Human Services Division.

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Henry County Government has given them some funding each year

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in order to help them meet the needs of the people in our community

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to help pay utility bills, rental deposits, etc.

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We are not affiliated, but we are definitely associated.

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Barbara Coleman and I and Barbara's people and our people

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work together closely to counter-refer.

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So there may be people that we get calls from that Barbara can assist,

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and we'll refer them to her.

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And there are certainly people that Barbara gets calls from

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that we can assist, and she refers them to us.

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All right, thank you. I appreciate it.

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You're very welcome.

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I've got a question for you.

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Just for reference, back to the mobile medical unit.

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Sure.

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Is there a certain amount of funding level,

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like a gold, silver, bronze level that you advertise

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or are looking for a certain amount of funding for organizations?

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Absolutely.

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And I can send you that information directly, Mayor Ford.

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We are hopeful to have sponsors

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that are considered platinum sponsors

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for a \$10,000 sponsorship a year.

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We can go all the way down to just sponsoring one daily clinic

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for \$1,000.

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We'll take any amount of money.

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If somebody wants to donate \$10 to help pay for, you know,

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ibuprofen for, you know, a week's worth supply,

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then we'll certainly take that as well.

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But we do have a sponsorship form that I can send to you all

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as council members so that you'll have awareness

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of what we hope to accomplish in our community.

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We're currently seeking corporate sponsorships.

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We hope to have beautiful decals of all of our sponsors

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on that trailer.

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We'd love to be able to put the City of Stockbridge's logo

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on that trailer.

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We've asked City of McDonough to do that as well.

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We have intentions to meet with every city within the county

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to ask for their support.

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We want all of you to be aware of what we're doing,

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and we want you to feel like you have an active role

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in what we're accomplishing across the county.

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Yeah, I would think that you could send that probably

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to the clerk's office or to the city manager,

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and they'll filter that to us, okay?

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Absolutely.

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We'll get that to you.

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Council, any other questions?

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Go ahead, Ms. Barber.

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Go ahead, Ms. Barber.

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All right.

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Please, thank you again for your presentation.

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You're welcome.

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I did have some follow-up questions.

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Specifically to the unhoused or the sheltering aspect

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of your program, how does that work,

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and how does an individual or a community provide that?

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Thank you for asking.

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So you might be aware, just a week ago,

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we had a winter weather event where temperatures dropped

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below freezing, and so generally when that happens,

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my division will spend time contacting all of the chiefs

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of police, all the public safety officials,

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so that they know what hotels we're particularly sheltering

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in for that specific event.

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And we send out an email.

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Godfrey's very familiar with that, Chief Trammer as well,

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and we'll tell them, these are the hotels that we're using

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for this winter weather event, and if a Henry County public

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safety professional refers a person that they encounter

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on the street who is unsheltered to one of those hotels,

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then that hotel has a relationship with me

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and my staff.

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They house that person for as many nights

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as we've told them they can, and then they bill us

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for that stay within the time that the stay expires.

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So the day that the person checks out,

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they send us a bill, and we pay it.

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Also, are you collaborating with the faith-based organizations

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within Henry County?

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We are.

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They don't help us particularly with that part of the job

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that we accomplish, but they have offered their facilities

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for warming centers in the past.

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We've had a couple officially approved as warming centers

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through the Red Cross, and one of them is McDonough First

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United Methodist Church, so we hope to increase that

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collaboration with faith-based organizations during times

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of emergency.

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Are those faith-based organizations to reach out

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to your office and your personal contact?

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Please, sir.

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We would love that.

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I would love to have them reach out to me, for sure.

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I believe that there's a breakfast plan very soon

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for pastors of churches to talk about that need specifically

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in our community.

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I can get you that information for sure.

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Our EMA director, Ryan Morrison, is handling that.

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Please share that.

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I will.

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Ms. Barbara, go ahead, please.

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Thank you.

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You're welcome.

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Thank you for the work that you do on behalf of our community.

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Thank you.

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You mentioned about a schedule.

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What is your faith-based schedule of windows, wellness trailers?

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Do you have a map and a schedule?

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We are going to publish a map and a schedule on our website.

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We hope to have that available before December 31st.

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We're finalizing that now, but there will be a very publicly

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listed schedule of locations where we will be appearing,

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and I will definitely make sure you get a copy directly,

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but it will be published on our website at the time

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that it's available.

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It will also be broadcast very widely

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on all of our social media channels.

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Awesome.

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Thank you.

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You're very welcome.

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I'm assuming you have a question.

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Go ahead, please.

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More so a comment.

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Listen, thank you guys for this presentation.

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It was excellent, and it actually helps us to get the word out

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about where help can come from.

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Can you explain to me what one of your biggest challenges is,

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what's going on right now?

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What is your biggest challenge?

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The increasing population of those who are unsheltered

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in our community,

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and the lack of funding to support the volume of the need.

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Henry County's done a great job.

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In the last 12 months, they've spent a fortune sheltering people

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who are unsheltered.

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I've made those reservations myself.

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I know the number in my head.

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But we just need more funding and more support.

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What happens to us when it gets cold or if there's an emergency

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like a storm, everyone calls our division and says,

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we need a place for this person to stay.

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It's an elderly person who has oxygen or a mother with two babies

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who's sleeping in her car at Walmart.

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And it's hard to help every single person that calls.

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My heart wants to help every single person that calls,

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but we don't have enough money to help every single person that calls.

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And I think more than anything,

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we want to find a permanent solution for those families who are unsheltered.

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Putting them in a hotel for a week or two or even 30 days sometimes is great.

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But if they don't have credit to qualify for an apartment

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that they could rent on their own or if they've had a prior eviction

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or they don't have the money to pay the rent,

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they don't have the money to pay the deposits for utilities,

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plus the first and last month's rent,

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it's very challenging to find them a stable place to live that's affordable.

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And I heard you mention that you guys packed like 1,700 boxes of food recently.

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Do you place that somewhere where we can get volunteers to come and help you

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and if I'm free that day, by chance, I can come down and help participate in that?

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So this particular session, we asked for volunteers

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for Monday through Thursday of this week,

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and then we have the giveaway on Friday.

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So if you know someone who wants to volunteer,

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I have a flyer that they can scan a QR code for and they can sign up to help us.

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We're going to be packing tomorrow and Thursday as well,

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and we're packing at a location that I don't want to give the name of,

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but I can certainly give you the address if you reach out to me.

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It's a very generous donor has allowed us to use their space

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but doesn't want to be identified publicly.

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So when we, are you selective at who you give the flyer to

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or it's not something that you post publicly for help with?

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I'm just curious because we have volunteers.

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And then we have students who need volunteer hours.

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I just want to help where I can.

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I appreciate that, Councilwoman Gantt.

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I'm sorry, you're Mayor Pro Tem.

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No, and I'm Councilwoman Gantt.

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So we do post those on our social media pages,

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and anyone is welcome to sign up to volunteer.

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If you have any questions,

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if you come across someone that wants to help

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or a student that needs the service hours,

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they could certainly call my department as well,

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and we can tell them where we're going to be and when,

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and we can help them get those service hours.

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If you know students that need service hours outside of these food giveaways,

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my department actually uses them often.

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We have them scan documents and get ready to shred documents,

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things like that.

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We've used students in the past couple of weeks

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to help us complete some projects in my particular division.

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Well, I love this program.

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I think it's excellent.

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I want to promote it as much as I can.

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Years ago, I did a nonprofit mixer,

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and it sounds like that's something I would love to speak with you,

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and I'll reach out to you.

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Where we can maybe have something at Monroe Manders

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and get nonprofits and churches together.

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I did it one time before.

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It was really successful.

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And have you guys kind of help spearhead it with me where,

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for instance, one of the things we talked about

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and what I recognize is we'll have people provide food,

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and people will come and pick up the food.

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You got the people who don't have transportation.

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You got churches that deliver.

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You got other organizations who do different things.

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So if we can get all these nonprofits together,

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not just for this.

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I mean, there are nonprofits for youth.

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There are different types of things that we can put people in

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and get creative and just start mingling and talking.

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I think that that ultimate goal of One Henry

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is finally, like, coming together.

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I see it, and I want to thank both of you

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for spearheading and being a great partner.

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Yes, ma'am.

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Thank you for that.

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Absolutely.

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Mayor, I'd like to follow up.

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Certainly, what I would like to see us do is,

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as we're talking about forming the One Henry,

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Mr. Johnson, is break down the lines between the city limits

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and the county.

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The amphitheater's sitting right there.

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Got 700 parking spots.

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It would be a perfect location if we don't have to just have them

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in unincorporated areas, IGA, whatever we can do

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to make sure that those facilities are available

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or those resources are available.

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The amphitheater is available.

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Mural Manors is available.

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I think I can concur with the rest of the board up here.

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We'll say we will lean forward to do whatever's necessary

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to make sure that these resources are available to us.

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And we have a really good setup, right, Chief,

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for us to set up out here at the amphitheater

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and move those cars through and the traffic plan and everything.

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So I'm sure we can coordinate on making one happen here.

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Council, any other questions, anybody?

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I'll be in touch with you with that.

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I'll look forward to that, truly.

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Thank you for the presentation.

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Appreciate it.

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You're very welcome.

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Thank you for the opportunity.

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Please know any of you can reach out to me at any time.

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If you have any questions, I'm available to you at any time.

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Thank you.

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You're welcome.

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What's next, ladies and gentlemen, will be the consent agenda.

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Council consideration approves the 2026 meeting schedules

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for the City Council, Municipal Court, Main Street Planning Commission,

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Community Zoning and Information Meeting, Downtown Development Authority,

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Citywide Development Authority, Ethics Board,

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Urban Redevelopment Agency, Public Facility Authority,

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Youth Council, Youth Council Advisory Committee,

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and Starbridge Police Advisory Council 2026 agenda timeline

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and 2026 holiday calendar.

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And if there's no objection, then that would be considered approved.

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Yeah, I was going to get that next.

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But thank you.

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And the B element would be Council consideration approves

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the amendment to the Starbridge Youth Council bylaws.

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Questions, concerns?

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I would like to know what that bylaws change was,

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and then we can go from there.

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We can keep it on the consent, but we need to know what that change is.

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It was discussed at the retreat where they wanted to increase

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the number of students from 15 to 20.

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Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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All in favor indicate, please.

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So now it's a decision.

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What's next is a public hearing.

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Public hearing will be the second reading of the proposed FY2026 operating budget capital

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improvements plan.

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Please mute all cell phones and electronic devices.

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If anyone wishes to speak tonight on a public hearing item, please fill out the form available

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on the table and hand it to the city clerk before approaching the podium.

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After each case is called, the council will hear from the city staff, followed by the

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applicant and their representative regarding the proposed plans for property along with

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or any other relevant information.

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The council will be free to ask questions at any time before the vote.

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Following the applicant, anyone who wishes to speak in favor or oppose to the case will

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have an opportunity to do so.

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Each side will be allowed 10 minutes total.

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Additional time will be extended at the discretion of the council.

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Please keep comments and presentations.

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Professional referring only to the facts that are pertinent to the case.

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We will not allow comments or personal attacks toward any individual or group.

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Please refrain from any applause or comments from the audience during the public hearing.

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After the presiding officer recognizes the speaker, he or she shall direct all comments

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to the presiding officer and never to members of the council staff or the audience.

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All comments will be made from the podium where you will be required to state your name

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and address for the record.

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Please note that these hearings are not a debate.

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Fair to comply will cause you to be removed from the chamber and building by law enforcement

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if you deviate from these proceedings.

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Other than the applicant, no person may speak more than once.

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The applicant may reserve part of his or her speaking time as a rebuttal and may speak

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next and last and may use the entire 10 minutes allowed for the pro side of the application.

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If questions are raised, the council may ask the applicant to address questions and or concerns.

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The presiding officer will call for a motion.

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Second the motion.

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If any necessary discussion.

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If the matter is not tabled, the presiding officer will call for the vote to recommend approval

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and or deny of the request.

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So this is the second reading of our proposed operating budget presented by Mr. Edmondson

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and Mr. Malazzi, please.

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Gentlemen.

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Good evening, mayor, council, and community.

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Pursuant to section 2.21.5 of the city charter, I'm pleased to submit for your review and

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consideration the proposed operating and capital budget for physical use.

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The fiscal year 2026.

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This budget embodies the city's council vision for responsible growth, efficient governance,

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and long-term financial stability.

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It builds on the progress achieved in fiscal year 2025 and incorporates findings from 2024

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annual comprehensive financial report which confirms Stockbridge's strong financial position

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and compliance with government auditing standards.

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Stockbridge remains a key economic driver within Henry County's growth corridor.

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The city's population is estimated at 38.5 residents within the county of 250,000 people.

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Employment has risen more than 3% since 2023, while the unemployment rate has been held below 4%.

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Medium household income has surpassed 80,000, reinforcing a strong consumer base and sales tax performance.

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Commercial activity continues to accelerate.

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In fiscal year 2025, First Watch restaurant opened its first Stockbridge location, recording the fourth most successful

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grand opening and second best first week sales since the company's inception.

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This achievement not only enhanced our local dining and retail profile,

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but also signaled continued investors' confidence in the city's market potential.

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Anchors such as Costco Wholesales and Sprouts Groceries have similarly contributed to our commercial growth,

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complementing ongoing small business expansion throughout the corridor.

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Stockbridge balanced physical philosophy.

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The city anchored in a millage rate of 3.77 mills, adopted in 2023 and maintained for three consecutive years,

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continues to fund expanded services without increasing the tax burden on residents.

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The fiscal year 2026 budget is balanced at \$73,302,280 across all funds, with a general fund of 3.7 mill.

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This represents an 18% increase in sales.

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The fiscal year 2025 total of \$62 million.

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The following are key highlights of financial trends.

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We have revenue growth.

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City-wide revenues have grown since fiscal year 2024, driven by sales tax performance and new construction.

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Expenditure management operating costs have increased at a sustainable rate of approximately 9% per year while expanding services.

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Debt elimination.

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The Stockbridge Amphitheater bond was fully paid off in fiscal year 2025, eliminating \$1.2 million in annual debt service.

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We also have financial resilience.

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The city general fund balance remains above GFOA recommended reserve thresholds.

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With that, I move on to Mr. Malazzi's presentation.

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Good evening.

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Good evening, mayor and council.

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Good evening.

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I would give the summary of the 2026 budget,

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and also some of the changes that have been made as per your request,

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and then thereafter will be available for questions and comments.

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00:44:19,320 --> 00:44:24,320

So revenues and expenditures are estimates of the budget.

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00:44:24,320 --> 00:44:26,580

We estimate we are going to receive so much.

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00:44:26,580 --> 00:44:29,260

We estimate we are going to spend so much.

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00:44:29,260 --> 00:44:31,460

And in 2026 expenditure,

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00:44:32,560 --> 00:44:36,640

estimates the budget will be 34.7 million,

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00:44:36,640 --> 00:44:41,640

which is an increase of 5.5 million, or 19%,

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00:44:41,740 --> 00:44:46,400

over the 2025 budget of 29.2.

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00:44:46,400 --> 00:44:47,840

Excuse me, Frank, for a second.

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00:44:47,840 --> 00:44:49,640

The slide, the presentation is not moving.

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00:44:49,640 --> 00:44:51,340

I don't know whether or not you need IT to,

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00:44:51,340 --> 00:44:52,180

okay, there you go.

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00:44:52,180 --> 00:44:54,120

I just want to make sure this moves along

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00:44:54,120 --> 00:44:55,220

as you talk.

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00:44:55,220 --> 00:44:56,060

Thank you.

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00:44:57,220 --> 00:45:01,860

The 2025 budget is 29.2 million.

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And the total proposed budget,

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that's a general fund plus other funds,

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it's 73.3 million for fiscal year 2026

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that is presented to council for consideration.

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This budget is a roadmap fiscal plan for our city

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00:45:19,940 --> 00:45:23,620

to continue providing various services across the city

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00:45:23,620 --> 00:45:24,120

for upcoming fiscal year.

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00:45:24,120 --> 00:45:28,700

Some capital projects will take more than one year,

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00:45:28,700 --> 00:45:30,900

but they will need annual funding.

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00:45:33,300 --> 00:45:38,240

So this is a summary of the proposed general fund,

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00:45:38,240 --> 00:45:42,480

which revenues is equal to 34.7 million

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00:45:42,480 --> 00:45:45,340

and expenditures 34.7 million.

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00:45:45,340 --> 00:45:49,440

That means general fund is balanced.

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Proposed total budget for all funds that include general fund,

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00:45:53,620 --> 00:45:57,120

revenues is 73.3 million.

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And expenditures is equal to 73.3 million,

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00:46:00,800 --> 00:46:06,560

meaning that all funds revenues equal to all funds expenses

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00:46:06,560 --> 00:46:09,040

and that's we have a balanced budget.

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00:46:14,340 --> 00:46:16,880

Budget without revenue cannot be budget.

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00:46:16,880 --> 00:46:22,240

So here is the summary of our revenues.

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Our franchisee fund which is already 10.2 million,

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Franchise taxes, we're expecting to receive 2.8 million, and sales tax, we're expecting to receive 10 million, insurance premiums, 3.5 million, property taxes, 7.4 million, occupational taxes, 2 million, other taxes, 2.7, license and permits, 1 million,

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00:46:47,800 --> 00:47:04,800

intergovernmental revenues, we're expecting to receive 221,000, charge for services, 853,000, fines and forfeitures, 1.4 million,

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00:47:05,260 --> 00:47:16,780

interest that we are going to receive is about 450, which is really under estimate, because currently we have over 600,

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00:47:16,780 --> 00:47:20,220

and we are going to go over 800 by end of December.

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00:47:20,700 --> 00:47:25,300

So that number, by the time we adopt the budget, will be increased.

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00:47:27,060 --> 00:47:33,420

Transfers is 2.2 million, for a total of 34.7 million in revenues.

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00:47:37,620 --> 00:47:43,380

Then you'll see the chart of revenues, just distribution, the same thing that I've gone through.

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00:47:45,020 --> 00:47:46,380

I'll move to this.

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00:47:46,780 --> 00:47:49,140

This is what we had last year.

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00:47:50,060 --> 00:47:53,560

So it's a summary of previous year's revenues.

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And I'll get into distribution of expenses.

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That's in the general fund.

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So we'll start with our governing board.

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00:48:07,280 --> 00:48:09,620

That is getting 9.6.

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00:48:09,920 --> 00:48:10,820

So there are various.

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00:48:11,000 --> 00:48:14,700

You'll see how much is it this fiscal year, 2025.

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And then there's that.

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00:48:16,860 --> 00:48:23,240

And then there's that increase, some of those increases will be in the benefits.

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00:48:23,680 --> 00:48:26,600

You have insurances, you have workers' camps.

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00:48:26,600 --> 00:48:32,860

So, and then you have some staff may have had some changes.

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00:48:33,120 --> 00:48:38,060

That's why you may have like 300 something, 300,000.

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00:48:38,540 --> 00:48:43,380

It does not mean that our governing body's earnings have gone up.

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00:48:43,380 --> 00:48:44,500

That's not the case.

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00:48:44,760 --> 00:48:46,300

But it's on the running costs.

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00:48:46,780 --> 00:48:52,440

And then you have the city clerks, it's 527,000.

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00:48:52,440 --> 00:48:52,960

One second.

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00:48:53,180 --> 00:48:53,560

Yes, ma'am.

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00:48:53,560 --> 00:48:53,820

I'm sorry, Mayor.

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00:48:54,240 --> 00:48:56,780

What are you saying about the governing body?

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00:48:57,420 --> 00:48:58,880

What are you saying about the increase?

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00:48:59,160 --> 00:49:04,600

I thought we were changing that to take, what exactly is that \$300,000 difference?

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00:49:04,800 --> 00:49:07,760

About from now, it's about 300.

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00:49:08,200 --> 00:49:11,420

And the reasons that I have itemized are those ones.

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Most of those ones will be in the health insurance that will be for the personnel.

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And then there are some areas, again, we have bumped up, like travel, training, yeah, those are the areas.

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00:49:28,340 --> 00:49:28,840

Okay.

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00:49:28,840 --> 00:49:30,440

But not additional personnel?

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No, there's no additional personnel to council.

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00:49:33,280 --> 00:49:33,780
Okay.

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00:49:33,780 --> 00:49:34,780
Yes, ma'am.

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00:49:36,780 --> 00:49:38,780
Through mayor and council?

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00:49:38,780 --> 00:49:39,780
Mayor and council, yes.

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00:49:39,780 --> 00:49:42,780
There's no additional personnel cost.

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00:49:42,780 --> 00:49:43,780
Okay, thank you.

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00:49:46,780 --> 00:49:56,780
Then you have finances, 1.7, non-governmental, that's covering for all, there's no particular government.

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00:49:56,780 --> 00:50:06,780
We pay services for all government, for all general fund, that's 1.9.

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00:50:06,780 --> 00:50:11,780
We have business services, 227.

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00:50:11,780 --> 00:50:14,780
And then we have information technology.

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00:50:14,780 --> 00:50:15,780
That's 1.9.

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00:50:15,780 --> 00:50:16,780
Okay.

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00:50:16,780 --> 00:50:17,780
And we have resources, 1 million.

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We have human resources.

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Human resources, the increase, as I said, the area is to do much with our general liability.

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The cost has gone up.

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So you'll see a big bump on that.

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And also we have prescreening has all been moved from various departments to human resources.

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Then we have government.

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00:50:44,780 --> 00:50:45,780

Okay.

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00:50:45,780 --> 00:50:57,120

government government buildings then we have municipal court of public police

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00:50:57,120 --> 00:51:06,480

department public works city events parks permitting planning economic

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00:51:06,480 --> 00:51:12,300

development Main Street GIS and the general funding so it's not again

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00:51:12,300 --> 00:51:17,940

attributed to one department but they are from different departments so with

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00:51:17,940 --> 00:51:24,840

all that those expenses are equal to thirty four point seven million to

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00:51:24,840 --> 00:51:32,260

balance with the revenue that we have just discussed again this is a chart for

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expenses distribution of various expenses then this one is the

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distribution for

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00:51:42,300 --> 00:51:50,040

other funds for the other funds we have of course we have general fund which is

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00:51:50,040 --> 00:51:59,520

our main one who have general fund we have some they don't have amount but we

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00:51:59,520 --> 00:52:03,900

have to itemize them because during the fiscal year you may have some of the

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00:52:03,900 --> 00:52:10,720

revenues coming in confiscated assets you have property and evidence you have

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00:52:12,300 --> 00:52:18,840

some of the revenues coming in which is our new fund you have upper fund upper

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00:52:18,840 --> 00:52:26,640

fund will be finishing come December 31st 2026 so we still have got general

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00:52:26,640 --> 00:52:32,400

liabilities or we have got money that was the assigned to finish the projects

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00:52:32,400 --> 00:52:38,840

but there is no new funding for upper fund then we have grants

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00:52:42,300 --> 00:52:46,800

then we have

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00:52:46,800 --> 00:53:03,520

it's plus five plus six tis plus all those different other funds total they

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00:53:03,520 --> 00:53:12,280

add up to seventy three million that's equivalent to

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00:53:12,300 --> 00:53:16,960

revenues is that he we have each one of this one they have corresponding

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00:53:16,960 --> 00:53:19,440

revenues

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00:53:22,280 --> 00:53:28,720

yes ma'am really quick question on this summary of revenues and expenditure of

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00:53:28,720 --> 00:53:38,060

slide at the bottom for the Merle Manders just looking at the 2024 in 2025

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approved budget I see a significant decrease

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yes in 2026 can you explain that the big decrease is the makeup of how it was

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00:53:48,960 --> 00:53:54,080

made that the personnel was in the conference center personnel is supposed

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00:53:54,080 --> 00:53:58,260

to be in event during the retreat I think I mentioned that we are going to

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move personnel ought to go to events so that's the big decrease personnel then

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00:54:08,760 --> 00:54:12,260

we have mayor and council 2020

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00:54:12,300 --> 00:54:19,660

six priorities these are the major priorities that they want be done or we

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00:54:19,660 --> 00:54:26,020

start them work on them that's community center tis plus projects there's a list

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00:54:26,020 --> 00:54:33,220

of tis plus projects that they want them be worked on and then you have downtown

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00:54:33,220 --> 00:54:40,800

development we're finding that is to do with the

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00:54:40,800 --> 00:54:42,080

giving different

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00:54:42,080 --> 00:54:52,160

different types of signage throughout the city then you have city municipal building that

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00:54:55,840 --> 00:55:03,200

it has to be worked on there are things that have to be you have chairs you have

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00:55:03,200 --> 00:55:09,440

various areas maintenance that are needed on the municipal building various municipal buildings

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00:55:09,440 --> 00:55:13,680

some are taking place now but they will not finish until next year

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00:55:20,960 --> 00:55:24,720

and some of the things again these are budget highlights

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00:55:26,960 --> 00:55:33,520

you have road sidewalk improvements to continue they are going on now some are grant funded and

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00:55:33,520 --> 00:55:39,200

some are coming from us plus six then we have public safety

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00:55:39,440 --> 00:55:47,440

enhancements no increase in property tax marriage rate as you all know that since we started

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00:55:47,440 --> 00:55:55,280

it's still the same 3.77 meals community development fee proposed to be submitted

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00:55:55,280 --> 00:56:01,760

we are increasing i think if i'm not mistaken we may be the lowest on services that we are

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00:56:01,760 --> 00:56:09,120

providing on the fee schedule so instead of catching up we want to catch it slowly if that's

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00:56:10,000 --> 00:56:13,760

it mr director community development so you will see a change

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00:56:13,760 --> 00:56:18,640

for the services that we are providing we may be the lowest in the community

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00:56:20,800 --> 00:56:25,520

and then we are suggesting or the city managers proposing to have three percent

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00:56:25,520 --> 00:56:33,680

caller for all city employees public works a new facility is under construction what are

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00:56:35,440 --> 00:56:39,280

receivable rights off they are before you

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00:56:39,440 --> 00:56:42,320

for consideration which will be presented at a later time

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00:56:43,280 --> 00:56:48,560

and then you have similar improvements credit card payment fees to be

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00:56:50,800 --> 00:56:55,360

implemented or reinstalled i think there's a presentation i'll get into details on that

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00:56:56,320 --> 00:57:05,280

then pay off jfa loan about 800 something that we are trying to pay actually if possible this year

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00:57:06,240 --> 00:57:09,120

with that i'll ask questions

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00:57:10,080 --> 00:57:16,560

will be available and the city manager to attend to questions that you may have comments

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00:57:16,560 --> 00:57:20,240

but at the same time we addressed some of the questions that you had

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00:57:20,240 --> 00:57:26,720

and we expect to have some more uh until we you pass the budget on the 8th of

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00:57:27,440 --> 00:57:34,400

december so keep on working it's a working plan available for you i have something for you in

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00:57:34,400 --> 00:57:37,260

In reference to the water receivables,

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00:57:37,260 --> 00:57:39,800

if the meters are considered malfunctioning,

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00:57:39,800 --> 00:57:41,440

I'm assuming that we're trying to repair them

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00:57:41,440 --> 00:57:43,060

or getting replacements in for that.

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00:57:43,060 --> 00:57:44,240

I'm assuming that.

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00:57:44,240 --> 00:57:45,080

Is that right?

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00:57:46,960 --> 00:57:49,020

You have your water receivables write-off higher

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00:57:49,020 --> 00:57:51,360

due to a meter's malfunction, so.

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00:57:52,500 --> 00:57:55,000

So water receivables write-off,

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00:57:55,000 --> 00:57:57,700

that means we have,

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00:57:59,280 --> 00:58:02,720

they owe us, they are supposed to pay us,

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00:58:02,720 --> 00:58:04,280

but it's bad debt.

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00:58:04,280 --> 00:58:07,700

We'll never correct that money for several reasons.

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00:58:07,700 --> 00:58:12,080

Some of those main reasons is our meters were malfunction.

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00:58:12,080 --> 00:58:13,960

They were not working.

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00:58:13,960 --> 00:58:17,500

Some is the, few of them they have moved.

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00:58:17,500 --> 00:58:19,100

We can't trace them.

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00:58:19,100 --> 00:58:21,780

But the majority of them was for the malfunctions

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00:58:21,780 --> 00:58:23,180

of our meter.

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00:58:23,180 --> 00:58:27,420

So we will write-off to say that if your debt is up to 90

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00:58:27,420 --> 00:58:31,080

days, beyond 90 days, the chances of correcting those debts

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00:58:31,080 --> 00:58:32,380

are very limited.

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00:58:32,380 --> 00:58:33,980

Not that we are not trying.

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00:58:33,980 --> 00:58:36,740

We will send them out for debt correctors,

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00:58:36,740 --> 00:58:39,780

but to receive everything may not be.

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00:58:39,780 --> 00:58:42,700

So we are writing-off 18,000.

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00:58:42,700 --> 00:58:46,420

The only time we wrote-off a lot, which was 45,000,

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00:58:46,420 --> 00:58:49,140
was during 2022, during COVID.

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00:58:49,140 --> 00:58:50,840
People did not afford.

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00:58:50,840 --> 00:58:55,780
But 18,000 with how much we receive is normal.

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00:58:56,820 --> 00:58:59,560
But it will be again in the next presentation.

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00:58:59,560 --> 00:59:00,800
Okay.

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00:59:00,800 --> 00:59:01,640
So be it, thanks.

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00:59:01,640 --> 00:59:03,600
So this is the money that we expected to receive,

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00:59:03,600 --> 00:59:06,780
but we say these ones, we are not going to recover them.

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00:59:06,780 --> 00:59:10,660
So instead of counting them, we write them off.

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00:59:10,660 --> 00:59:13,980
All right.

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00:59:13,980 --> 00:59:16,460
Did you, for loan, pay off?

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Further explain, please.

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00:59:18,640 --> 00:59:21,560
So this is the loan that we have for water.

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00:59:21,560 --> 00:59:26,100
And we are paying.

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00:59:26,100 --> 00:59:31,020
So what they did was we were to pay money from APA,

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00:59:31,020 --> 00:59:32,360
which didn't work.

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00:59:33,600 --> 00:59:35,760
Water doesn't have enough money.

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00:59:35,760 --> 00:59:40,360
So every month we transfer 10,000 from general fund to pay.

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00:59:40,360 --> 00:59:44,120
And we feel like the better way to do that,

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00:59:44,120 --> 00:59:46,800
if we pay off, because we are able to,

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00:59:46,800 --> 00:59:49,900
we'll save principal and we'll save interest.

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00:59:51,200 --> 00:59:52,840
Good deal. All right.

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00:59:52,840 --> 00:59:54,940
Counsel, any questions thus far?

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00:59:54,940 --> 00:59:55,780
Go ahead.

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00:59:55,780 --> 00:59:56,920
Go ahead, please.

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00:59:56,920 --> 00:59:58,020
Go ahead.

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00:59:58,020 --> 01:00:02,900

Okay, certainly, bring up the capital projects.

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01:00:03,600 --> 01:00:06,640

Slide, let's go back to that one.

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01:00:06,640 --> 01:00:10,700

Mr. Edmondson, you come up, too, please.

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The one that had the Recreation Center, Community Center,

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01:00:16,180 --> 01:00:18,020

the one that had the list of the projects.

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That one right there.

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01:00:27,040 --> 01:00:29,220

That one right there.

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01:00:29,220 --> 01:00:32,900

Okay, as we review this right here, this is my thing right here.

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01:00:32,900 --> 01:00:34,340

We got to get these moving.

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01:00:34,340 --> 01:00:38,940

We got to get these, this particular entity moving.

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01:00:38,940 --> 01:00:41,000

You know, I had somebody ask me,

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01:00:41,000 --> 01:00:44,700

why can't we work on more than one project at a time?

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And certainly that should be the goal to be able to do that.

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Now, so everybody understand the Community Center

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is the Recreation Center.

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We refer to it sometimes as the Youth

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and Senior Recreation Center, Recreation Center,

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01:00:58,780 --> 01:01:02,820

but this is the Community Center that we're talking about.

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We have in splice six,

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we have a \$10 million allocation

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01:01:07,840 --> 01:01:12,620

that the council had set aside for that particular project.

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01:01:12,620 --> 01:01:15,340

We also have \$14 million sitting

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in the account that we bonded

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01:01:18,000 --> 01:01:21,780

that we could use for that particular project.

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01:01:21,780 --> 01:01:24,360

So that's a total of \$24 million.

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01:01:24,360 --> 01:01:27,520

And then I think the, we had looked at the facility

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that we looked at all in was about \$30 million

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with the indoor pool

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and the walking track and all of that,

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01:01:33,840 --> 01:01:36,180

TSW had put all of that together.

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01:01:36,180 --> 01:01:38,840

So as we move ourselves forward

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to make this our number one project,

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01:01:41,080 --> 01:01:45,300

certainly we're putting things in place in order to do that.

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01:01:45,300 --> 01:01:49,240

And then as we move down to the T-Splice projects,

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01:01:49,240 --> 01:01:50,660

we've got commissioner in the house here,

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01:01:50,660 --> 01:01:54,600

we're working on the Rock Quarry Road widening project.

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01:01:54,600 --> 01:01:59,420

So making sure that that project is moving along briskly

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01:01:59,420 --> 01:02:02,460

and that we're communicating with all parties

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01:02:02,460 --> 01:02:03,660

about the interest,

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01:02:03,660 --> 01:02:06,360

like we had interest in connecting our trail

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01:02:06,360 --> 01:02:07,580
to the trail there.

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01:02:07,580 --> 01:02:09,500
We've had emails going back and forth

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01:02:09,500 --> 01:02:13,620
to make sure that we had an accessible crossing,

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01:02:13,620 --> 01:02:14,520
a safe crossing.

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01:02:14,520 --> 01:02:16,180
Our PATH Foundation has some concern

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01:02:16,180 --> 01:02:19,960
about whether or not going the way that we were going,

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01:02:19,960 --> 01:02:23,240
but hopefully this is thinking this out now

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01:02:23,240 --> 01:02:26,000
so that when Rock Quarry Road is finished,

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01:02:26,000 --> 01:02:29,380
our trail will connect to it seamlessly and safely.

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01:02:29,380 --> 01:02:31,420
The downtown development,

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01:02:31,420 --> 01:02:34,140
we talked about the alleyway project, right?

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01:02:34,140 --> 01:02:36,280
And making sure that that happened.

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01:02:36,280 --> 01:02:38,880
Now we had talked about that project moving dirt

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01:02:38,880 --> 01:02:40,420

before the end of the year,

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01:02:40,420 --> 01:02:43,340

and certainly that needs to be able to come to us

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01:02:43,340 --> 01:02:45,840

in order to make that happen,

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01:02:45,840 --> 01:02:48,240

because we've already identified

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01:02:48,240 --> 01:02:52,100

that it is our number one goal in the downtown area

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01:02:52,100 --> 01:02:53,840

in order to make that happen.

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01:02:53,840 --> 01:02:58,340

Now, the updates that I want are on the way finding signs.

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01:02:58,340 --> 01:02:59,180

Now,

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01:02:59,380 --> 01:03:02,440

I heard that we would start in the third quarter,

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01:03:02,440 --> 01:03:06,160

I think, in order to get the city limit signs up

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01:03:06,160 --> 01:03:07,520

in order to make that happen.

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01:03:07,520 --> 01:03:08,840

Where are we with that?

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01:03:08,840 --> 01:03:10,460

And then how does this look forward

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01:03:10,460 --> 01:03:14,240
into going into an additional phase in 2026?

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01:03:15,180 --> 01:03:18,980
Yes, we have started having those meetings again

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01:03:18,980 --> 01:03:22,220
with the point of contact with the way finding,

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01:03:22,220 --> 01:03:24,040
moving into phase two.

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01:03:24,040 --> 01:03:26,240
We at the very end on phase one,

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01:03:26,240 --> 01:03:28,740
which most of you all have seen the signs from the city,

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01:03:28,740 --> 01:03:31,360
Love Street, the different street signs, et cetera.

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01:03:31,360 --> 01:03:35,340
So the phase two is part of the larger phase

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01:03:35,340 --> 01:03:36,940
that's dealing with the electronic sign

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01:03:36,940 --> 01:03:38,900
that we're gonna have here at city hall

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01:03:38,900 --> 01:03:40,540
and different areas of way finding signs

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01:03:40,540 --> 01:03:42,580
when people coming into the city,

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01:03:42,580 --> 01:03:43,960
expressway, et cetera, et cetera.

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01:03:43,960 --> 01:03:46,380

So we set up those meetings to get on track

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01:03:46,380 --> 01:03:48,160

and actually map out a plan

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01:03:48,160 --> 01:03:49,560

in regards to what that looks like

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01:03:49,560 --> 01:03:50,960

and the total price for that.

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01:03:51,840 --> 01:03:54,620

They budget part of that for ARPA.

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01:03:54,620 --> 01:03:56,260

So the complication with that was

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01:03:56,260 --> 01:03:57,980

now we just trying to make sure that

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01:03:58,740 --> 01:04:01,260

the money that we do have left over from ARPA,

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01:04:01,260 --> 01:04:02,740

because it was already prior allocated,

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01:04:02,740 --> 01:04:05,620

that it doesn't go beyond the 1.1 million

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01:04:05,620 --> 01:04:08,340

that we have left in regards to way finding,

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01:04:08,340 --> 01:04:11,120

because that's all we have left in ARPA is way finding,

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01:04:11,120 --> 01:04:13,100

which has already been allocated to that.

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01:04:13,100 --> 01:04:17,100

So it just sent down with the vendor

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01:04:17,100 --> 01:04:19,860

and mapping that plan out and see what that looks like

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01:04:19,860 --> 01:04:22,940

in the event that we have to use funds from another funding

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01:04:22,940 --> 01:04:25,940

to complete that entire way finding project.

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01:04:25,940 --> 01:04:28,180

Yeah, as I drive down in my district

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01:04:28,740 --> 01:04:31,560

all the time with the McDonough addresses,

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01:04:31,560 --> 01:04:34,980

I definitely surely want to see those city limits,

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01:04:34,980 --> 01:04:38,000

city limit signs go up sooner rather than later.

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01:04:38,000 --> 01:04:40,960

So when someone pulls off at the Jodico exit

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01:04:40,960 --> 01:04:42,460

that they know they're in Stockbridge

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01:04:42,460 --> 01:04:44,800

or when they pull off at any of these exits

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01:04:44,800 --> 01:04:46,420

that the city limit signs

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01:04:46,420 --> 01:04:48,720

and that these beautiful signs are reflected

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01:04:48,720 --> 01:04:49,980

throughout the city.

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01:04:49,980 --> 01:04:53,680

So whatever support that you need from the council,

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01:04:53,680 --> 01:04:54,720

let's go ahead and do that

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01:04:54,720 --> 01:04:55,940

because I was under the impression

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01:04:55,940 --> 01:04:58,740

that we would have some of the city limit signs up,

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01:04:58,740 --> 01:05:00,140

before the end of the year.

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01:05:01,360 --> 01:05:02,840

And we push them real hard on that.

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01:05:02,840 --> 01:05:07,280

It was just some stalling with transitioning

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01:05:07,280 --> 01:05:09,580

and everything with the economic development department,

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01:05:09,580 --> 01:05:13,180

but I have personally reached out directly to the vendor

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01:05:13,180 --> 01:05:16,140

and me and Ms. Farid is getting them back on track

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01:05:16,140 --> 01:05:17,900

to figure out the timeline

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01:05:17,900 --> 01:05:19,800

and present that timeline to everybody.

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01:05:19,800 --> 01:05:22,240

But we are expediting that project.

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01:05:22,240 --> 01:05:24,800

They know that's a priority as we listed in here

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01:05:24,800 --> 01:05:27,380

to get that particular project completed.

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01:05:27,380 --> 01:05:30,800

Okay, and as far as the teeth floss projects are concerned,

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01:05:30,800 --> 01:05:33,380

certainly Councilman Thomas is not here.

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01:05:33,380 --> 01:05:35,180

He's to represent district number two,

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01:05:35,180 --> 01:05:38,820

but Mr. Cloud was elected to represent the district.

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01:05:38,820 --> 01:05:42,000

He's not here to speak for them at this time,

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01:05:42,000 --> 01:05:45,040

but we have a tie street sidewalk program.

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01:05:45,040 --> 01:05:47,920

I think Falcon Design is working on that.

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01:05:47,920 --> 01:05:50,560

What are we looking like on that particular,

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01:05:50,560 --> 01:05:53,280

maybe Mr. Owen, how we look on that?

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01:05:53,280 --> 01:05:57,040

What's the latest on the tie street path moving forward?

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01:05:57,040 --> 01:06:00,040

Right, and I think the biggest part

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01:06:00,040 --> 01:06:04,300

that I'm realizing now is actually identifying

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01:06:04,300 --> 01:06:08,140

who's the lead on these projects and actually getting it done.

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01:06:08,140 --> 01:06:11,280

I noticed that it was some hiccups with that in regards

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01:06:11,280 --> 01:06:13,940

to ownership and actually mapping out a plan

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01:06:13,940 --> 01:06:15,440

because it's not necessarily funding.

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01:06:15,440 --> 01:06:17,040

It's okay, who's the lead on that?

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01:06:17,040 --> 01:06:18,640

When is the meeting and when are we pushing it?

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01:06:18,640 --> 01:06:20,500

And what's that timeline look like?

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01:06:20,500 --> 01:06:24,940

So, and as you can see in the budget book, the exhibits

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01:06:24,940 --> 01:06:26,840

and the worksheets, they have all those projects

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01:06:26,840 --> 01:06:29,540

in there, how much is allocated for the, for 2026.

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01:06:29,540 --> 01:06:31,140

So it's not like it's not there.

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01:06:31,140 --> 01:06:33,340

It's just getting it back on track.

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01:06:33,340 --> 01:06:36,040

So I'm looking forward to the management analysts coming

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01:06:36,040 --> 01:06:40,040
on there, that's the number one priority is taking that list

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01:06:40,040 --> 01:06:42,240
and creating timelines and milestones

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01:06:42,240 --> 01:06:44,540
and briefing those milestones so that y'all are aware

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01:06:44,540 --> 01:06:47,400
of where we are for each of those projects.

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01:06:47,400 --> 01:06:49,740
But it's just taking ownership and understanding where we at

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01:06:49,740 --> 01:06:51,480
with it, getting the right people at the table

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01:06:51,480 --> 01:06:52,940
and pushing these projects forward,

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01:06:52,940 --> 01:06:54,640
which is what we have been doing

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01:06:54,640 --> 01:06:56,840
and just identifying those key players.

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01:06:56,840 --> 01:06:59,240
And understanding where we at and getting our foot in

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01:06:59,240 --> 01:07:01,540
so that we can go ahead and push these projects forward.

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01:07:01,540 --> 01:07:04,340
So the analyst is going to act sort of like the quarterback.

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01:07:04,340 --> 01:07:04,740
Absolutely.

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01:07:04,740 --> 01:07:07,540

Coming in there to make sure that we get the ball snapped

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01:07:07,540 --> 01:07:08,840

before the clock run out.

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01:07:08,840 --> 01:07:09,340

Absolutely.

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01:07:09,340 --> 01:07:11,640

And that these projects are coordinated

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01:07:11,640 --> 01:07:14,540

and they're moving along down the track.

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01:07:14,540 --> 01:07:18,340

Because the biggest part, I mean, we are more than halfway there

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01:07:18,340 --> 01:07:20,840

because at the point where you identify the project,

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01:07:20,840 --> 01:07:24,440

you identify the funding, you get approval, it's go time.

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01:07:24,440 --> 01:07:26,740

I mean, so it's really on us and we have

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01:07:26,740 --> 01:07:30,140

to take responsibility and get these projects moving forward.

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01:07:30,140 --> 01:07:32,340

That's why I'm trying to get the right people in place

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01:07:32,340 --> 01:07:34,840

to understand who's on first.

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01:07:34,840 --> 01:07:37,840

You know, who's lead and let's get this stuff done and map

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01:07:37,840 --> 01:07:40,640
out a timeline and see where we at.

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01:07:40,640 --> 01:07:41,740
Because there's going to be times

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01:07:41,740 --> 01:07:44,340
as we start rolling these projects out where we may have

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01:07:44,340 --> 01:07:46,740
to shift to the left or right depending on if we run

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01:07:46,740 --> 01:07:48,840
into some issues where we require more funding

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01:07:48,840 --> 01:07:50,240
or we have to pause.

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01:07:50,240 --> 01:07:52,940
But those things are important in getting a project started

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01:07:52,940 --> 01:07:55,340
so that if you are running into some impediments,

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01:07:55,340 --> 01:07:56,440
you have a plan of action.

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01:07:56,440 --> 01:07:59,040
To respond and get back on course.

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01:07:59,040 --> 01:08:01,740
Right. And the other trail that the council voted

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01:08:01,740 --> 01:08:05,440
on with fully funding was the model mile,

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01:08:05,440 --> 01:08:08,740
which is the Brush Creek Trail, which is Path Found,

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01:08:08,740 --> 01:08:10,240

it's in Path Foundation's hand.

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I don't see Mr. Aaron here tonight,

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01:08:12,440 --> 01:08:15,240

but certainly the council had allocated the funding.

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01:08:15,240 --> 01:08:18,840

There was a timeline put forth so we need to get

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01:08:18,840 --> 01:08:22,440

with our Path Foundation partners and Mr. Aaron

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01:08:22,440 --> 01:08:25,840

and that project needs to move on down the track sooner rather

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01:08:25,840 --> 01:08:29,440

than later because, again, that's a project that was,

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01:08:29,440 --> 01:08:31,440

the timeline was already established

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01:08:31,440 --> 01:08:34,940

and certainly this analyst coming on to make sure

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01:08:34,940 --> 01:08:39,040

that somebody has an eye on that project would be worthwhile.

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01:08:39,040 --> 01:08:41,240

Right. And I know some of those projects too,

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01:08:41,240 --> 01:08:45,040

we was working on, you know, external agencies such as GDOT

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and those type of people getting those permits

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01:08:46,740 --> 01:08:48,740

and signing waivers and et cetera.

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01:08:48,740 --> 01:08:52,140

So I signed a couple of those permits and waivers,

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01:08:52,140 --> 01:08:55,640

even for the way finance signs, depending on what's going on,

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01:08:55,640 --> 01:08:57,440

which was a requirement from GDOT.

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01:08:57,440 --> 01:09:00,640

So I know sometimes they use things outside of our control,

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01:09:00,640 --> 01:09:02,140

but that's as far in between.

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01:09:02,140 --> 01:09:04,840

So we just want to make sure that we look forward ahead

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01:09:04,840 --> 01:09:07,240

and identify those things so that when they do come up,

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01:09:07,240 --> 01:09:09,340

we prepared to respond and keep them moving.

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01:09:09,340 --> 01:09:12,240

And my last question, Mr. Washington, can you come up?

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01:09:20,540 --> 01:09:23,640

Nope. It's about the council.

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01:09:23,640 --> 01:09:25,440

The question here,

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is about the recreation center.

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We have \$10 million allocated for the recreation center

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in the SPLOST that's currently being collected.

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That's \$14 million sitting there in the bond.

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In order for us to shift those funds officially

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01:09:41,640 --> 01:09:43,040

to the recreation center,

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01:09:43,040 --> 01:09:46,440

we need to make a motion in order to do that to,

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01:09:46,440 --> 01:09:49,640

because right now, you know, certainly we had it out there,

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01:09:49,640 --> 01:09:51,640

but to just go ahead and sanction that

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01:09:51,640 --> 01:09:55,540

and to make that official to transfer the \$14 million

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01:09:55,540 --> 01:09:57,740

over to the recreation center.

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01:09:57,740 --> 01:10:00,540

And the \$14 million is in what account?

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01:10:00,540 --> 01:10:02,640

What account is it in?

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01:10:02,640 --> 01:10:03,240

Right.

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01:10:03,240 --> 01:10:05,040

The only thing, because of those bond proceeds,

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I just need to check with,

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I want to check with Ed Wall about that,

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01:10:07,640 --> 01:10:08,940

but I'm thinking that that's correct.

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01:10:08,940 --> 01:10:10,240

City facilities.

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01:10:10,240 --> 01:10:11,340

City facilities?

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01:10:11,340 --> 01:10:12,640

I thought it was bonding money, though.

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01:10:12,640 --> 01:10:13,240

Yeah.

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01:10:13,240 --> 01:10:13,840

Yeah.

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01:10:13,840 --> 01:10:15,540

The city facilities, it would be a resolution

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01:10:15,540 --> 01:10:16,940

that would transfer it over,

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01:10:16,940 --> 01:10:20,340

but I just want to check to make sure that the bond documents

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01:10:20,340 --> 01:10:24,140

that we sign are in agreement with that as well.

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01:10:24,140 --> 01:10:25,140

If you would do that,

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01:10:25,140 --> 01:10:27,440

because of course we want to make sure

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01:10:27,440 --> 01:10:28,540

that the money is there.

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01:10:28,540 --> 01:10:30,040

We don't want to get to the end of the road

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01:10:30,040 --> 01:10:32,140

and be like, let's go ahead and start construction

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01:10:32,140 --> 01:10:33,140

and the money is there.

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01:10:33,140 --> 01:10:34,640

So if that is the case,

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01:10:34,640 --> 01:10:37,240

certainly we need to look at the resolution

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01:10:37,240 --> 01:10:39,040

and bring it to the next available meeting

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01:10:39,040 --> 01:10:44,040

so that we would have \$24 million actually available

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01:10:44,040 --> 01:10:46,040

for the recreation center.

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01:10:46,040 --> 01:10:48,140

We say it's our number one project.

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01:10:48,140 --> 01:10:49,040

In order to do that,

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01:10:49,040 --> 01:10:51,140

we got to have that funding put in place.

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01:10:51,140 --> 01:10:54,440

And I know we had an additional incremental that we had,

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01:10:54,440 --> 01:10:57,040

what's the gentleman's name from Brookhaven

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01:10:57,040 --> 01:10:58,240

that came in to talk to us?

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01:10:58,240 --> 01:10:59,240

John .

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01:10:59,240 --> 01:10:59,540

Right.

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01:10:59,540 --> 01:11:03,640

And we had the special service district that was allocated.

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01:11:03,640 --> 01:11:06,540

Now, I don't see, I guess I'm not sure how that budget worked,

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01:11:06,540 --> 01:11:09,840

but certainly that might be able to close the additional funding.

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So we had 100% of the funding that we need

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01:11:13,640 --> 01:11:16,940

for our top project, which is the recreation center.

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01:11:16,940 --> 01:11:17,640

Yeah.

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01:11:17,640 --> 01:11:23,440

Well, .

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01:11:24,440 --> 01:11:27,340

Okay, okay.

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01:11:27,340 --> 01:11:29,140

Yeah, we'll be able to report back to council on that.

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01:11:29,140 --> 01:11:30,940

But the \$14 million, I will ask,

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01:11:30,940 --> 01:11:33,540

I will confirm with our financial advisor

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01:11:33,540 --> 01:11:35,340

that it can be done by resolution.

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01:11:35,340 --> 01:11:36,840

We're not having to redo the documents.

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01:11:36,840 --> 01:11:37,640

Okay.

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01:11:37,640 --> 01:11:39,040

All right, well, if you would do that,

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01:11:39,040 --> 01:11:41,840

because again, as we work toward this project,

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01:11:41,840 --> 01:11:43,140

it's our number one project

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01:11:43,140 --> 01:11:46,040

in order to make substantial progress on it.

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01:11:46,040 --> 01:11:50,140

And Mr. Edmondson, we certainly need to,

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01:11:50,140 --> 01:11:53,940

I mean, TSW did the original work on it.

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01:11:53,940 --> 01:11:54,240

Yes.

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01:11:54,240 --> 01:11:56,540

I met with them already, looked at the plans,

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01:11:56,540 --> 01:12:00,440

looked at everything, make sure everything was still there.

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I think the biggest thing was actually,

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01:12:02,440 --> 01:12:05,640

I don't think we have it formalized, the actual location.

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01:12:05,640 --> 01:12:08,340

And I know that it was proposed several different locations,

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01:12:08,340 --> 01:12:12,540

but I think they narrowed it down to Burke Street,

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01:12:12,540 --> 01:12:13,640

I believe so.

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01:12:13,640 --> 01:12:15,940

Right there where the old cultural arts center was.

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01:12:15,940 --> 01:12:18,740

And because the current location that we had,

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01:12:18,740 --> 01:12:22,140

certainly I think from talking to our county partners

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01:12:22,140 --> 01:12:24,140

and that we were trying to get them to partner with us,

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01:12:24,140 --> 01:12:25,840

they were not going to have,

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01:12:25,840 --> 01:12:29,440

that Thai Street space was not going to be sufficient.

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01:12:29,440 --> 01:12:29,740

Right.

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01:12:29,740 --> 01:12:31,240

So I appreciate that.

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01:12:31,240 --> 01:12:33,840

So let's make that our number one priority,

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01:12:33,840 --> 01:12:36,340

and let's go ahead and work on that if we will.

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01:12:36,340 --> 01:12:38,940

We'll do a resolution on that, too, for the location.

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01:12:38,940 --> 01:12:39,640

Okay.

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01:12:39,640 --> 01:12:40,040

Yes, sir.

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01:12:40,040 --> 01:12:42,040

Ms. Barber, go ahead, please.

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01:12:44,540 --> 01:12:45,540

Thank you, Mayor Ford.

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01:12:45,540 --> 01:12:46,740

You're welcome.

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01:12:54,140 --> 01:13:02,240

Mr. Malazi, thank you.

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01:13:02,240 --> 01:13:05,640

And Mr. Edmondson, thank you for the presentation.

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01:13:05,640 --> 01:13:09,440

I know at times it's like a thankless job,

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01:13:09,440 --> 01:13:13,540

but I just want you to know that I see you, I hear you,

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01:13:13,540 --> 01:13:15,740

and I appreciate you.

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01:13:15,740 --> 01:13:18,740

Mr. Malazi, I know this is not your budget.

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01:13:18,740 --> 01:13:21,740

You're just presenting what has been given to you.

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01:13:21,740 --> 01:13:23,640

But unfortunately, I still have to ask these questions.

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01:13:23,640 --> 01:13:27,840

And they're all for the record, Ms. Holladay.

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01:13:30,840 --> 01:13:31,340

Okay.

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01:13:31,340 --> 01:13:36,240

During the first reading of the proposed FY2026 budget,

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01:13:36,240 --> 01:13:38,540

I submitted a series of questions

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01:13:38,540 --> 01:13:42,340

to the governing body, the city manager, city treasurer,

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01:13:42,340 --> 01:13:45,740

city clerk, and the city attorney

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01:13:45,740 --> 01:13:50,640

to be submitted to me regarding a number

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01:13:50,640 --> 01:13:53,340

of general ledger line items.

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01:13:53,340 --> 01:14:00,540

I also cited the city's charter section 3.04-060

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01:14:00,540 --> 01:14:04,140

that requires job descriptions, the pay and classification

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01:14:04,140 --> 01:14:08,540

report, and organizational chart to be attached.

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01:14:08,540 --> 01:14:12,240

Yesterday afternoon, only partial responses

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01:14:12,240 --> 01:14:14,140

were submitted.

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01:14:14,140 --> 01:14:15,840

There was no response to the request

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01:14:15,840 --> 01:14:19,840

for the list of items surplusd in 2025

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01:14:19,840 --> 01:14:22,540

and the revenue received for the sale of those items.

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01:14:23,340 --> 01:14:26,540

There was no response to the request for the marketing plan

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01:14:26,540 --> 01:14:30,540

for the Merle Manders Conference Center to increase revenue.

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01:14:30,540 --> 01:14:33,740

There was no response to the request for a building

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01:14:33,740 --> 01:14:35,740

and maintenance plan.

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01:14:35,740 --> 01:14:39,140

There was no response to the request for a sponsorship plan

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01:14:39,140 --> 01:14:44,440

to offset the cost of concerts and free city events.

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01:14:44,440 --> 01:14:47,440

There was no response to the request for an updated

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01:14:47,440 --> 01:14:50,440

or status of the assistant public works director

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01:14:50,440 --> 01:14:53,140

or engineering services to reduce costs.

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01:14:53,340 --> 01:14:59,340

Under human resources, as required by the charter,

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01:14:59,340 --> 01:15:07,540

section 3.04-060, all new positions require a job description

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01:15:07,540 --> 01:15:11,140

or a chart and paying classification.

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01:15:11,140 --> 01:15:13,540

Please submit the job descriptions

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01:15:13,540 --> 01:15:20,740

for all new positions, a full and complete organizational chart

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01:15:20,740 --> 01:15:22,940

and paying classification report

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01:15:22,940 --> 01:15:28,040

for the city's FY2026 budget.

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01:15:28,040 --> 01:15:30,240

There was no response to the request for the list

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01:15:30,240 --> 01:15:35,340

of all 2026 salaries for current, new,

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01:15:35,340 --> 01:15:38,840

and reclassified positions.

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01:15:38,840 --> 01:15:42,440

Under events, there was no response to the request

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01:15:42,440 --> 01:15:46,940

to explain why the events department staff salaries have

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01:15:46,940 --> 01:15:52,940

more than doubled from 293,207 in FY2026,

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01:15:52,940 --> 01:16:03,940

to the proposed FY2026 budget, request of \$667,758,

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01:16:03,940 --> 01:16:06,240

just for salaries.

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01:16:06,240 --> 01:16:09,740

Under planning and zoning, the council was advised

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01:16:09,740 --> 01:16:17,940

that the UDC update would take place in 2026, not 2025.

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01:16:17,940 --> 01:16:22,940

Therefore, the \$100,000 budgeted in the FY2025 budget,

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01:16:22,940 --> 01:16:25,940

could have and should have been allocated towards

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01:16:25,940 --> 01:16:29,940

City Council District 4, as I requested

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01:16:29,940 --> 01:16:33,940

and mastered development plan or studies for the district

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01:16:33,940 --> 01:16:36,940

in which I am duly elected to represent.

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01:16:36,940 --> 01:16:50,940

Under permitting, general ledger line item number 100-72200-523850,

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01:16:50,940 --> 01:16:52,040

for personnel services.

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01:16:52,040 --> 01:16:59,040

Has \$112,000 budgeted for FY2026.

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01:16:59,040 --> 01:17:02,040

The response submitted was that the funds would be used

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01:17:02,040 --> 01:17:06,040

to purchase defibrillators, first aid kits,

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01:17:06,040 --> 01:17:10,040

and pay for fire inspections for buildings throughout the city.

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01:17:10,040 --> 01:17:15,040

The account coding needs to be corrected.

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01:17:15,040 --> 01:17:21,040

Under GIS, there is one position on the org chart,

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01:17:21,040 --> 01:17:22,040

the current one.

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The current org chart that was submitted by community development.

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01:17:27,040 --> 01:17:32,040

Again, \$8,000 has been budgeted in the FY2026 proposed budget

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01:17:32,040 --> 01:17:34,040

for uniforms.

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01:17:34,040 --> 01:17:39,040

I'm sure this is an error, just needs to be corrected.

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01:17:39,040 --> 01:17:49,040

Under police, general ledger line item number 100-32100-523940,

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01:17:49,040 --> 01:17:51,040

spent less than \$1,000 on postage.

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01:17:51,040 --> 01:17:54,040

For 2025.

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01:17:54,040 --> 01:18:01,040
However, there is a \$17,500 budget for 2026.

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01:18:01,040 --> 01:18:03,040
There was no explanation submitted.

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01:18:03,040 --> 01:18:09,040
Under the amphitheater, this is the second reading

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01:18:09,040 --> 01:18:11,040
of the proposed 2026 budget.

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01:18:11,040 --> 01:18:17,040
And the amphitheater budget of revenues and expenditures remains zero.

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01:18:17,040 --> 01:18:20,040
There is a contracted general manager position that was posted.

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01:18:20,040 --> 01:18:23,040
With no salary referenced.

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01:18:23,040 --> 01:18:28,040
And the duties are responsible for the overall leadership,

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01:18:28,040 --> 01:18:31,040
management, and operation of the amphitheater.

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01:18:31,040 --> 01:18:37,040
This position oversees event execution, venue operations,

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01:18:37,040 --> 01:18:42,040
financial performance, staff management, vendor relations,

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01:18:42,040 --> 01:18:46,040
customer experience, and safety compliance.

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01:18:46,040 --> 01:18:49,040
The general manager ensures that all concerts, festivals,

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01:18:49,040 --> 01:18:54,040

community events, and private rentals are delivered

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01:18:54,040 --> 01:18:57,040

at the highest level of quality, professionalism,

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01:18:57,040 --> 01:19:00,040

and fiscal responsibility.

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01:19:00,040 --> 01:19:05,040

This posting gives a description of all of the responsibilities

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01:19:05,040 --> 01:19:09,040

for the venue operations and event management.

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01:19:09,040 --> 01:19:14,040

Oversee all amphitheater event operations, including production,

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01:19:14,040 --> 01:19:19,040

crowd management, hospitality, vendor services, concessions,

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01:19:19,040 --> 01:19:21,040

and client relations.

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01:19:21,040 --> 01:19:26,040

Serves as the primary liaison for touring managers, booking agents,

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01:19:26,040 --> 01:19:30,040

promoters, artists, and production crews.

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01:19:30,040 --> 01:19:36,040

Develop and enforce venue policies, SOPs, and operational standards.

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01:19:36,040 --> 01:19:40,040

Review and approve event run sheets, technical riders,

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01:19:40,040 --> 01:19:45,040

hospitality riders, and production requirements.

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01:19:45,040 --> 01:19:49,040

Coordinates with city departments, police, fire,

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01:19:49,040 --> 01:19:54,040

EMS, public works, communications for event safety, logistics,

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01:19:54,040 --> 01:19:56,040

and traffic plans.

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01:19:56,040 --> 01:20:00,040

Hire, schedule, supervise, and evaluate amphitheater staff,

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01:20:00,040 --> 01:20:04,040

including ushers, stage crew, security, operations,

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01:20:04,040 --> 01:20:07,040

and custodial support.

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01:20:07,040 --> 01:20:11,040

They oversee vendor contracts for concessions, merchandise,

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01:20:11,040 --> 01:20:13,040

production, and maintenance.

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01:20:13,040 --> 01:20:17,040

It continues to ensure vendor compliance with agreements,

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01:20:17,040 --> 01:20:19,040

including commission structures,

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01:20:19,040 --> 01:20:22,040

and reporting requirements.

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This general manager position also manages the amphitheater budget,

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01:20:26,040 --> 01:20:29,040

including forecasting, revenue projections,

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01:20:29,040 --> 01:20:32,040

and expense tracking.

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01:20:32,040 --> 01:20:34,040
Submits POs, invoices, settlements,

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01:20:34,040 --> 01:20:37,040
and financial reconciliation.

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01:20:37,040 --> 01:20:40,040
Maximize revenue through ticketing strategies,

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01:20:40,040 --> 01:20:44,040
sponsorships, rentals, and vendor agreements.

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01:20:44,040 --> 01:20:48,040
Provide regular financial and attendance reports to the city manager

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01:20:48,040 --> 01:20:53,040
and council, and events and conference center director.

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01:20:53,040 --> 01:21:01,040
Ensure a positive, safe, and memorable guest experience.

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01:21:01,040 --> 01:21:06,040
This general manager contractor oversees customer service protocols,

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01:21:06,040 --> 01:21:10,040
ADA guest services, and complaint resolution.

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01:21:10,040 --> 01:21:14,040
It supports the city's mission by incorporating community programs

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01:21:14,040 --> 01:21:17,040
and accessible entertainment.

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01:21:17,040 --> 01:21:20,040
Ensures all equipment, systems, trailers, dressing rooms,

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01:21:20,040 --> 01:21:25,040
and backstage areas are maintained and show ready.

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01:21:25,040 --> 01:21:30,040

Develop and enforce safety plans, emergency protocols,

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01:21:30,040 --> 01:21:34,040

ADA compliance, and risk management policies.

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01:21:34,040 --> 01:21:38,040

I absolutely agree with every duty listed,

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01:21:38,040 --> 01:21:45,040

and should be done so at 100% by a third party venue management company.

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01:21:45,040 --> 01:21:50,040

Let them take on all these duties and responsibilities.

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01:21:50,040 --> 01:21:55,040

No budget for the amphitheater has been presented to the mayor and council.

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01:21:55,040 --> 01:22:01,040

This is the second reading of the FY2026 proposed budget.

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01:22:01,040 --> 01:22:06,040

How is the council supposed to legitimately approve an operating budget

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01:22:06,040 --> 01:22:10,040

for the city without having a complete and thorough budget

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01:22:10,040 --> 01:22:13,040

for anticipated revenues and expenses?

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01:22:13,040 --> 01:22:14,040

We must be.

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01:22:14,040 --> 01:22:17,040

We must be fiscally responsible.

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01:22:17,040 --> 01:22:20,040

We, the governing body.

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01:22:20,040 --> 01:22:26,040

I've repeatedly requested that after three years and millions of dollars

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01:22:26,040 --> 01:22:32,040

of budget amendments that we bring in a venue management company

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01:22:32,040 --> 01:22:38,040

like a iHeart Radio or a Live Nation to run the amphitheater 100%

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01:22:38,040 --> 01:22:43,040

using their capital so that they can bear all of the associated costs

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01:22:43,040 --> 01:22:48,040

and the city would negotiate a flat rate fee or percentage.

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01:22:48,040 --> 01:22:53,040

Right now, as was clearly pointed out, during our budget retreat,

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01:22:53,040 --> 01:22:58,040

the amphitheater has placed a strain on the city's finance department

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01:22:58,040 --> 01:23:02,040

with both resources and manpower.

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01:23:02,040 --> 01:23:06,040

Why won't we continue to place that burden on our finance personnel?

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01:23:06,040 --> 01:23:12,040

I certainly do not support bringing this in-house and

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01:23:12,040 --> 01:23:18,040

continuing for taxpayer dollars to be spent, millions of dollars,

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01:23:18,040 --> 01:23:22,040

on the operations and management of the amphitheater.

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01:23:22,040 --> 01:23:28,040

Turn this over to experts like iHeart Radio, Live Nation, and others

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01:23:28,040 --> 01:23:33,040

who has the infrastructure, capital, and network to run this amphitheater.

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01:23:33,040 --> 01:23:40,040

We are a municipality, and our main goals and focus should be on

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01:23:40,040 --> 01:23:46,040

providing services for our residents and the businesses in the city.

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01:23:46,040 --> 01:23:53,040

But every day, all day, we seem to be focused on concerts and events.

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01:23:53,040 --> 01:23:56,040

Let the venue management company do that.

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01:23:56,040 --> 01:24:00,040

There are experts who do that, and they do it well.

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01:24:00,040 --> 01:24:05,040

Clearly, millions of dollars later, as you can see,

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01:24:05,040 --> 01:24:09,040

we have another budget amendment on the agenda tonight,

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01:24:09,040 --> 01:24:14,040

where we will have to subsidize this amphitheater,

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01:24:14,040 --> 01:24:19,040

and it's draining our budget that is funded by taxpayer dollars.

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01:24:19,040 --> 01:24:28,040

Make that make sense.

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01:24:28,040 --> 01:24:36,040

Under public works, additional positions were requested and approved for 2025,

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01:24:36,040 --> 01:24:38,040

making the department fully staffed.

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01:24:38,040 --> 01:24:49,040

Personnel services line item number 100-42200-52380 for 2025, year to date,

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01:24:49,040 --> 01:24:56,040
is less than \$20,000, and yet \$100,000 has been budgeted for 2026.

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01:24:56,040 --> 01:24:59,040
Please explain.

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01:24:59,040 --> 01:25:03,040
The city has multiple contracts for engineering services,

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01:25:03,040 --> 01:25:07,040
and we talked about engineers and engineering services in great lengths.

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01:25:07,040 --> 01:25:09,040
During the budget retreat,

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01:25:09,040 --> 01:25:15,040
and whether or not the city hires an assistant public works director with an engineering degree,

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01:25:15,040 --> 01:25:21,040
and I believe Mr. Aaron confirmed that we have engineering contracts for public works

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01:25:21,040 --> 01:25:26,040
and for community development department that uses engineering firm.

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01:25:26,040 --> 01:25:30,040
What is the status of hiring the assistant public works director,

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01:25:30,040 --> 01:25:32,040
as discussed during the budget retreat,

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01:25:32,040 --> 01:25:36,040
to help offset the professional and engineering services

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01:25:36,040 --> 01:25:39,040
that are budgeted throughout the public works,

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01:25:39,040 --> 01:25:44,040
water, sewer, storm water, and sanitation department's budget?

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01:25:44,040 --> 01:25:57,040

Under sewer, general ledger line item number 505-43300-531-229 for Georgia Power

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01:25:57,040 --> 01:26:02,040

was \$170,000 in 2025, year to date.

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01:26:02,040 --> 01:26:05,040

Do we anticipate an increase of more than \$100,000?

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01:26:05,040 --> 01:26:08,040

The city has multiple contracts for engineering services,

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01:26:08,040 --> 01:26:11,040

and yet \$200,000 for 2026,

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01:26:11,040 --> 01:26:15,040

budgeted \$260,000, plus \$50,000,

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01:26:15,040 --> 01:26:24,040

line item number 505-44200-531-229.

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01:26:24,040 --> 01:26:26,040

Please explain.

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01:26:26,040 --> 01:26:27,040

The consent order,

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01:26:27,040 --> 01:26:34,040

find general ledger line item number 505-43300-573105,

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01:26:35,040 --> 01:26:38,040

merchant credit card fees.

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01:26:38,040 --> 01:26:40,040

Per Mr. Malazzi,

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01:26:40,040 --> 01:26:43,040

the city will no longer absorb the credit card fees,

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01:26:43,040 --> 01:26:46,040
and we should not budget \$40,000

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01:26:46,040 --> 01:26:56,040
in general ledger line item number 505-43300-523902,

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01:26:56,040 --> 01:27:03,040
or \$35,000 in general ledger line item number 505-44200-531-229.

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01:27:03,040 --> 01:27:05,040
Please explain.

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01:27:05,040 --> 01:27:06,040
The consent order,

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01:27:06,040 --> 01:27:11,040
find general ledger line item number 505-44200-523902,

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01:27:11,040 --> 01:27:20,040
or \$7,000 in general ledger line item number 510-52500-523902.

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01:27:20,040 --> 01:27:21,040
Please explain.

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01:27:21,040 --> 01:27:25,040
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01:27:25,040 --> 01:27:31,040
general ledger line item number 505-44200-61151,

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01:27:31,040 --> 01:27:38,040
there was zero billed in 2024 or 2025.

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01:27:38,040 --> 01:27:42,040
However, \$1,000 has been budgeted for 2026.

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01:27:42,040 --> 01:27:44,040
Please explain.

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01:27:44,040 --> 01:27:46,040

Under sanitation,

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01:27:46,040 --> 01:27:50,040

the city outsources sanitation through GFL,

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01:27:50,040 --> 01:27:55,040

and \$1.7 million has been budgeted for 2026.

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01:27:55,040 --> 01:27:58,040

Why is there a budget of \$15,000 for postage

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01:27:58,040 --> 01:28:00,040

when sanitation is billed

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01:28:00,040 --> 01:28:03,040

on the Henry County property tax statement?

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01:28:03,040 --> 01:28:11,040

General ledger line item number 540-45200-523940.

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01:28:11,040 --> 01:28:13,040

Please explain.

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01:28:13,040 --> 01:28:23,040

Please explain general ledger line item number 540-54200-524000,

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01:28:23,040 --> 01:28:29,040

SWMP cost JT.

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01:28:29,040 --> 01:28:32,040

Henry County and city.

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01:28:32,040 --> 01:28:37,040

In 2025, their approved budget was \$1,096,

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01:28:37,040 --> 01:28:42,040

and \$45,000 has been budgeted for 2026.

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01:28:42,040 --> 01:28:44,040

Please explain.

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01:28:44,040 --> 01:28:53,040

General ledger line item number 540-45200-561000,

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01:28:53,040 --> 01:28:56,040

for depreciation for 2025 was zero,

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01:28:56,040 --> 01:28:58,040

and \$25,000 is budgeted for 2026.

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01:28:58,040 --> 01:29:01,040

Please explain.

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01:29:01,040 --> 01:29:09,040

The amphitheater.

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01:29:09,040 --> 01:29:11,040

There is no funding or revenue for the amphitheater

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01:29:11,040 --> 01:29:15,040

for 2026 in the budget that was presented.

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01:29:15,040 --> 01:29:19,040

Has there been advertising for a venue management company

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01:29:19,040 --> 01:29:23,040

who will be 100% responsible for all aspects

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01:29:23,040 --> 01:29:25,040

of the operation of the amphitheater

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01:29:25,040 --> 01:29:27,040

to include talent, services,

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01:29:27,040 --> 01:29:29,040

and expenses,

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01:29:29,040 --> 01:29:31,040

and relieving the city's budget,

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01:29:31,040 --> 01:29:34,040
staff, and other resources?

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01:29:34,040 --> 01:29:36,040
Merle Manders Conference Center.

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01:29:36,040 --> 01:29:45,040
General ledger line item number 555-15650-542502.

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01:29:45,040 --> 01:29:51,040
Miscellaneous has budgeted zero in 2024 and 2025,

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01:29:51,040 --> 01:29:56,040
and \$64,000 has been budgeted for 2026.

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01:29:56,040 --> 01:29:58,040
Please explain.

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01:29:58,040 --> 01:30:01,040
Capital Improvement Plan.

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01:30:01,040 --> 01:30:05,040
Please update the spreadsheet to where it is legible,

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01:30:05,040 --> 01:30:07,040
and we can read it.

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01:30:07,040 --> 01:30:10,040
The City Council approved several vehicles

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01:30:10,040 --> 01:30:15,040
to be purchased in 2025 for PD using Red Speed

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01:30:15,040 --> 01:30:18,040
and Public Works using SPL0ST,

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01:30:18,040 --> 01:30:21,040
and we just approved roof repairs, etc.

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01:30:21,040 --> 01:30:25,040

However, the capital report attached to the 2026 budget

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01:30:25,040 --> 01:30:28,040

shows the funding source as general fund

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01:30:28,040 --> 01:30:31,040

for the purchases in the five-year plan.

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Please include an update for five-year 2026 to 2031

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Capital Improvement Plan.

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01:30:40,040 --> 01:30:46,040

Take-home vehicle policy and fuel usage for 2025.

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Please provide a copy of the City's approved vehicle

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take-home policy and a listing of take-home vehicles

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by department and by position,

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and the 2025 year-to-date fuel usage by department.

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Please also provide the total fuel usage by department

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01:31:05,040 --> 01:31:09,040

for 2024 for comparison to 2025,

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01:31:09,040 --> 01:31:13,040

and the estimated usage for 2026.

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01:31:13,040 --> 01:31:18,040

I'll send all of my questions to the governing body,

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01:31:18,040 --> 01:31:21,040

city manager, the treasurer, the city clerk,

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01:31:21,040 --> 01:31:24,040

and the city attorney for review.

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01:31:24,040 --> 01:31:25,040

Please explain.

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01:31:25,040 --> 01:31:26,040

Thank you.

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01:31:26,040 --> 01:31:28,040

Ms. Barber, I would imagine that the gentleman here

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01:31:28,040 --> 01:31:31,040

before you are going to answer as many questions as you can.

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01:31:31,040 --> 01:31:34,040

They can on this aspect, but I would also say to you

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01:31:34,040 --> 01:31:37,040

that this probably could have been done with them directly

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01:31:37,040 --> 01:31:40,040

in the office sometime versus right now.

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01:31:40,040 --> 01:31:42,040

That's my assumption.

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01:31:42,040 --> 01:31:44,040

But on that note, go ahead, gentlemen,

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01:31:44,040 --> 01:31:46,040

whatever explanation you have, please.

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01:31:46,040 --> 01:31:50,040

So most of the questions that have been asked,

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01:31:50,040 --> 01:31:54,040

they have been addressed,

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01:31:54,040 --> 01:31:59,040

and I think in your binders you should have them.

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01:31:59,040 --> 01:32:05,040

I did receive the e-mail responses,

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01:32:05,040 --> 01:32:08,040

but again, all the ones that I mentioned,

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01:32:08,040 --> 01:32:13,040

I mentioned the ones that there was no response.

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So I think the best way we can do,

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because we still have got one public hearing,

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you tell us exactly how you want these ones

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can be sent to you through e-mail.

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You can read them, but they will also be given

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01:32:28,040 --> 01:32:33,040

to the entire council, which they have already done.

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Some of those ones you talked about,

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01:32:35,040 --> 01:32:38,040

the conference center, I think I discussed that one,

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that the conference center's personnel went up

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01:32:42,040 --> 01:32:49,040

because in the past, events personnel has doubled.

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01:32:49,040 --> 01:32:53,040

Because in the past, personnel was being budgeted

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01:32:53,040 --> 01:32:56,040

in the conference center, which was not the right thing.

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So we moved that, the entire personnel expenses,

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01:33:00,040 --> 01:33:03,040

that's salaries, wages, and benefits

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01:33:03,040 --> 01:33:07,040

from the conference to events.

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01:33:07,040 --> 01:33:10,040

And you see the events has gone up

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01:33:10,040 --> 01:33:14,040

and the conference center expenses have gone down.

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Regardless, there is an additional, I think,

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two new positions in the events,

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the bigger one is now events has got personnel expenses.

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And in last year's budget, 2025 budget,

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as we are talking now, in the amendment,

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there were two positions that were never budgeted.

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In 2025, two positions were not budgeted.

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So we have amended to include them

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so that when we end the fiscal year,

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those two staff have been included.

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So, plus the movement of staff from conference center

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01:33:46,040 --> 01:33:48,040

to events,

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01:33:48,040 --> 01:33:50,040

the addition of the two employees

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that were there in 2025 were omitted,

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have been included,

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plus the two proposed positions

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that has made the expenses to go up.

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Supplies, unless otherwise,

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01:34:03,040 --> 01:34:06,040

there has never been supplies of items for us

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01:34:06,040 --> 01:34:08,040

because finance would have known that.

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01:34:08,040 --> 01:34:11,040

So there's nothing in 2025 unless.

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01:34:11,040 --> 01:34:14,040

If it's there, I will keep you posted.

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01:34:14,040 --> 01:34:17,040

But I would request if ever you see this,

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01:34:17,040 --> 01:34:20,040

you see these ones, plus the one that you have said,

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01:34:20,040 --> 01:34:22,040

we email them to you, all of you.

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01:34:22,040 --> 01:34:24,040

And if you have some questions,

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01:34:24,040 --> 01:34:28,040

we can address that before the next council meeting

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01:34:28,040 --> 01:34:31,040

or the next public hearing, which will be the 8th.

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Thank you so much.

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I have some, two comments.

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01:34:36,040 --> 01:34:41,040

Because although I'm reading a lot about policy

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01:34:41,040 --> 01:34:45,040

for the market here, I'm expecting,

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01:34:45,040 --> 01:34:48,040

I'm expecting an email event

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01:34:48,040 --> 01:34:51,040

to give everybody, to you all,

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01:34:51,040 --> 01:34:53,040

I'm expecting an explanation.

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01:34:53,040 --> 01:34:56,040

You can email or you can come to me

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01:34:56,040 --> 01:35:01,040

and respond to every single one of the questions you have.

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01:35:01,040 --> 01:35:04,040

I asked you two questions about job description

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01:35:04,040 --> 01:35:06,040

and same time.

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It's in the book, ma'am.

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01:35:07,040 --> 01:35:08,040

It's in the book.

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01:35:08,040 --> 01:35:10,040

It's in your book right now, ma'am.

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Every last job description,

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every last job description you ask for,

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01:35:14,040 --> 01:35:16,040
is inside the book.

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01:35:30,040 --> 01:35:33,040
So the approach that we did to respond to your question

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01:35:33,040 --> 01:35:35,040
was things that we can just answer.

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01:35:35,040 --> 01:35:38,040
And a lot of stuff, as I spoke with you earlier,

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01:35:38,040 --> 01:35:40,040
will be covered here in the budget.

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01:35:40,040 --> 01:35:43,040
So everything you ask for, we have responded.

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01:35:43,040 --> 01:35:45,040
With answers.

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01:35:45,040 --> 01:35:47,040
Now there are some additional questions

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01:35:47,040 --> 01:35:49,040
that we can definitely talk about

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01:35:49,040 --> 01:35:51,040
and go a little bit more in detail.

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01:35:51,040 --> 01:35:52,040
Specifically about the amphitheater,

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01:35:52,040 --> 01:35:54,040
because there's not a lot of information

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01:35:54,040 --> 01:35:55,040
about the amphitheater.

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And what we intend to do

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01:35:57,040 --> 01:35:59,040

is have a separate presentation

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01:35:59,040 --> 01:36:02,040

because again, the amphitheater is an enterprise fund.

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01:36:02,040 --> 01:36:04,040

It's not like a separate,

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01:36:04,040 --> 01:36:06,040

it's not like a general fund item like that.

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01:36:06,040 --> 01:36:08,040

So it's a separate conversation

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01:36:08,040 --> 01:36:10,040

that we should have around that.

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01:36:10,040 --> 01:36:11,040

Our approach, and we try,

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01:36:11,040 --> 01:36:14,040

and we're trying to package up

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01:36:14,040 --> 01:36:17,040

what that will actually look like for 2026

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01:36:17,040 --> 01:36:20,040

to include scheduling, personnel.

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01:36:20,040 --> 01:36:22,040

We're supposed to bid those positions out that you said,

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01:36:22,040 --> 01:36:24,040

and that was part of the response as well.

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01:36:24,040 --> 01:36:26,040

All those positions that you talked about,

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01:36:26,040 --> 01:36:31,040

we're going to put them out there to our RFP out there

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01:36:31,040 --> 01:36:34,040

so that we can solicit some information back from that.

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We also did that for the general manager position already.

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We actually got five responders back.

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We have portfolios.

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01:36:40,040 --> 01:36:41,040

We have that package,

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01:36:41,040 --> 01:36:43,040

but I didn't want to piecemeal it.

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01:36:43,040 --> 01:36:45,040

I want to do a separate presentation

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01:36:45,040 --> 01:36:47,040

specifically for the amphitheater

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01:36:47,040 --> 01:36:49,040

so that we could go over these things

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01:36:49,040 --> 01:36:51,040

and address a lot of the concerns that we had before

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01:36:51,040 --> 01:36:53,040

so that we're not repeating the same thing.

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Also, the approach to the amphitheater,

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and I know you say we talked about it in the budget retreat,

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01:36:58,040 --> 01:36:59,040

which we did.

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01:36:59,040 --> 01:37:01,040

We heard different scenarios

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01:37:01,040 --> 01:37:03,040

in regards to the amphitheater,

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01:37:03,040 --> 01:37:05,040

one of which what you said,

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01:37:05,040 --> 01:37:07,040

hey, having somebody completely take it over.

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01:37:07,040 --> 01:37:09,040

We had other council members weigh in saying,

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01:37:09,040 --> 01:37:12,040

hey, look, we want to maybe do a hybrid thing,

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01:37:12,040 --> 01:37:14,040

have somebody that's an expert in the field

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01:37:14,040 --> 01:37:16,040

of general management that goes out there

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01:37:16,040 --> 01:37:19,040

and solicit talent and contracts

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01:37:19,040 --> 01:37:21,040

and vendor management, et cetera,

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01:37:21,040 --> 01:37:24,040

but also keep it in-house to have somebody over that person

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01:37:24,040 --> 01:37:27,040
so that reporting and we're getting timely reports

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01:37:27,040 --> 01:37:29,040
and accurate status and transparency

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01:37:29,040 --> 01:37:31,040
so you keep that in-house

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01:37:31,040 --> 01:37:32,040
instead of depending on the contractor

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01:37:32,040 --> 01:37:34,040
to provide that information.

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01:37:34,040 --> 01:37:36,040
The approach that we try to take for 2026

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01:37:36,040 --> 01:37:38,040
is a hybrid model that capture that.

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01:37:38,040 --> 01:37:39,040
Right?

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01:37:39,040 --> 01:37:42,040
That contracted person that's on the outside

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01:37:42,040 --> 01:37:43,040
that go get that talent

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01:37:43,040 --> 01:37:45,040
that is the expert in that field,

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01:37:45,040 --> 01:37:46,040
but also keep it in-house

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01:37:46,040 --> 01:37:49,040
in regards to oversight and transparency.

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01:37:49,040 --> 01:37:52,040

So that's the approach that we are taking for 2026.

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01:37:52,040 --> 01:37:54,040

But we are preparing a full briefing

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01:37:54,040 --> 01:37:56,040

on the amphitheater itself

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01:37:56,040 --> 01:37:59,040

to have us pay attention to

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01:37:59,040 --> 01:38:00,040

before the budget is adopted.

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01:38:00,040 --> 01:38:03,040

So that's the plan for the amphitheater itself.

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01:38:03,040 --> 01:38:05,040

But everything else regarding,

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01:38:05,040 --> 01:38:07,040

I know you hit a lot on about the positions,

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01:38:07,040 --> 01:38:08,040

but that definitely in your book,

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01:38:08,040 --> 01:38:11,040

every job description that we added

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01:38:11,040 --> 01:38:14,040

is in there to include the payout,

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01:38:14,040 --> 01:38:15,040

the pay scales,

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01:38:15,040 --> 01:38:17,040

everything that you asked for is inside the book.

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01:38:17,040 --> 01:38:19,040
What about the marketing plan?

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01:38:19,040 --> 01:38:20,040
Yes, ma'am.

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01:38:20,040 --> 01:38:22,040
The marketing plan was also in there.

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01:38:22,040 --> 01:38:25,040
We list about 10 different companies.

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01:38:25,040 --> 01:38:27,040
That's Jordan,

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01:38:27,040 --> 01:38:28,040
by the way,

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01:38:28,040 --> 01:38:30,040
she was everybody.

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01:38:30,040 --> 01:38:31,040
Mm-hmm.

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01:38:31,040 --> 01:38:32,040
Let me see that.

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01:38:32,040 --> 01:38:35,040
.

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01:38:35,040 --> 01:38:36,040
Mm-hmm.

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01:38:36,040 --> 01:38:37,040
It's also the marketing plan.

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01:38:37,040 --> 01:38:40,040
There was nothing in the text.

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01:38:40,040 --> 01:38:42,040

I was going to have you experiment

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01:38:42,040 --> 01:38:44,040
and borrow .

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01:38:44,040 --> 01:38:47,040
There is nothing in the text.

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01:38:47,040 --> 01:38:52,040
So, all I have is the general answer.

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01:38:52,040 --> 01:38:53,040
Mm-hmm.

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01:38:53,040 --> 01:38:55,040
With all the questions that I asked.

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01:38:55,040 --> 01:38:56,040
Okay.

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01:38:56,040 --> 01:38:58,040
And the internet.

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01:38:58,040 --> 01:38:59,040
The address in the book,

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01:38:59,040 --> 01:39:01,040
I just got the book and I'll get it.

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01:39:01,040 --> 01:39:02,040
Huh.

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01:39:02,040 --> 01:39:04,040
I'm looking at the email response.

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01:39:04,040 --> 01:39:05,040
Mm-hmm.

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01:39:05,040 --> 01:39:06,040
So all the questions that I asked,

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01:39:06,040 --> 01:39:13,220

right and we did both and that's that was the point we did both but uh also if you recall when

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01:39:13,220 --> 01:39:19,380

we requested these new uh positions we did say that it's going to be a part of the 2026 budget

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01:39:19,380 --> 01:39:23,440

because that's the proper way of doing it adding those job details and all those things that we

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01:39:23,440 --> 01:39:29,460

talked about the whole point for getting uh pre-approval is so that we can understand the

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01:39:29,460 --> 01:39:32,380

budget in the direction that we're trying to go just to make sure we're able to cover those

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01:39:32,380 --> 01:39:39,200

positions but of course we included it in the book as part of the budget presentation uh for
for

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01:39:39,200 --> 01:39:47,180

approval so well the proper way to do it would have been um for the council to approve and
adopt

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01:39:47,180 --> 01:39:56,960

all of those new positions prior to the vote that they had two meetings ago when the request

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01:39:56,960 --> 01:40:02,240

was made to the governing body to approve new positions no job descriptions

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01:40:02,240 --> 01:40:02,360

no job descriptions no job descriptions no job descriptions

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01:40:02,360 --> 01:40:06,280

or paying class were provided right that is when it should have been provided

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01:40:06,280 --> 01:40:11,960

being right and we won't adopt this budget until the third reading third and final reading
right

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01:40:11,960 --> 01:40:20,920

and that's fair i'm asking all of my questions up front all i'm asking is please respond to all of

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01:40:20,920 --> 01:40:26,680

my questions they don't have to be here in the public meeting just please respond to my email

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01:40:26,680 --> 01:40:32,280

with all of the questions that i've asked please include the information that i'm asking for

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01:40:32,360 --> 01:40:41,240

as well thank you all right stand by a second and miss um vanessa you said something earlier i

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01:40:41,240 --> 01:40:46,520

didn't hear you in reference to the correspondence here what was that you forwarded to the clerk's

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01:40:46,520 --> 01:40:51,640

office and i immediately forwarded it to the governing body so whatever was attached is what

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01:40:51,640 --> 01:40:56,920

was sent out okay all right thank you was there anything attached there were attachments but

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01:40:57,480 --> 01:41:02,200

i afforded what was forwarded to the clerk's office so whatever you see really

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01:41:02,360 --> 01:41:13,240

see is what was sent okay so i'm asking mr malazzi and mr edmondson my requests are to you

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01:41:14,520 --> 01:41:22,360

why are you sending it to her send it to me please respond to me and my emails my questions

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01:41:22,360 --> 01:41:29,000

so that there is no confusion please thank you i'll have to interject i would assume

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01:41:29,000 --> 01:41:32,120

that that happened because that needed to go into the books for this evening

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01:41:32,360 --> 01:41:38,200

this presentation for everybody it's my assumption on that but anyway miss gangoy please mayor thank

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01:41:38,200 --> 01:41:44,840

you i do have some concerns i have some concerns because once again the information was given to us

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01:41:44,840 --> 01:41:49,960

it was whether it was it was emailed to us as well as in our book and i don't

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01:41:49,960 --> 01:41:56,120

want us wasting our time or being gaslighted on certain topics enough is enough we need to

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01:41:56,120 --> 01:42:02,360

either meet i met i scheduled some time and met with mr malazzi and mr edmondson and when i was

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01:42:02,360 --> 01:42:05,800

done with the budget and i still have some questions and i'm going to meet with you again

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01:42:06,440 --> 01:42:11,800

but i'm not going to gaslight you into thinking that you did something wrong when you provided

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01:42:11,800 --> 01:42:17,320

us with the documentation and the descriptions the job descriptions and the layout is right

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01:42:17,320 --> 01:42:22,200

here in the book black and white and i'll leave it out for any of the constituents who want to see it

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01:42:23,160 --> 01:42:26,680

we're not going to exercise you i'll pull it so you can look over it if you want to

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01:42:26,680 --> 01:42:31,880

every job description and every layout of the budget and i think that's unfair

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01:42:32,360 --> 01:42:39,080

i think it's unfair to constantly target or label staff or or pinpoint or point and point and point

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01:42:39,080 --> 01:42:44,760

at staff like they're not doing their job when they are it's only been a repeat i'm sorry i'm

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01:42:44,760 --> 01:42:51,320

talking okay are you and it's only been a repeat if you are addressing it's only been a minute
i

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01:42:51,320 --> 01:42:57,480

will respond it's only been i will respond let her finish your comment it is it has only been

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01:42:57,480 --> 01:43:02,200

it has been constantly repetitive and we have only we had this

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01:43:02,360 --> 01:43:10,760

budget review last week and so my concern is is that we take the time out to ask those
questions

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01:43:11,800 --> 01:43:16,920

councilwoman did send us those list of questions and say she was for the record

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01:43:17,720 --> 01:43:24,520

those were responded to in a in a timely manner because they're clearly in our book and we did

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01:43:24,520 --> 01:43:29,960

have and to answer a question so you won't be gaslighted again yes we had attachments to the

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01:43:29,960 --> 01:43:30,920

agenda items

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01:43:32,360 --> 01:43:37,160

and i understand that but what is it that you're saying is that that that is not appropriate
and

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01:43:37,160 --> 01:43:41,640

it's unacceptable to continue to say the house is on fire the house is on fire when it's not

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01:43:42,840 --> 01:43:47,160

because that picture is being painted as if somebody's doing something manipulative

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01:43:47,160 --> 01:43:53,960

and it's not i came in here when i when we sat down i had no clue that we needed to do

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01:43:53,960 --> 01:43:57,400

executive session at the beginning of the meeting like anybody else and just like councilman

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01:43:57,400 --> 01:44:01,640

alexander or anybody else we are going based off of the people that we hire and the instructions and

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01:44:01,640 --> 01:44:02,280

directions we're giving

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01:44:02,360 --> 01:44:06,160

Now there are some additional questions I will ask you in regards to the amphitheater

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01:44:06,160 --> 01:44:07,800

or whatever the case may be.

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01:44:07,800 --> 01:44:09,620

This is the second reading.

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01:44:09,620 --> 01:44:17,860

We've had these discussions and I respect that, but I expect for us to respect and not

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01:44:17,860 --> 01:44:24,460

try to look and downplay our staff in the public when they've done their job and your

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01:44:24,460 --> 01:44:27,500

job is to simply read fundamental.

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01:44:27,500 --> 01:44:31,560

And I've done it and this has happened more than once.

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01:44:31,560 --> 01:44:33,620

And I'm done with it.

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01:44:33,620 --> 01:44:34,620

And I'm not going to hold back.

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01:44:34,620 --> 01:44:35,620

Okay.

1761

01:44:35,620 --> 01:44:36,620

You got four years of it.

1762
01:44:36,620 --> 01:44:37,620
Stand by.

1763
01:44:37,620 --> 01:44:38,620
Okay.

1764
01:44:38,620 --> 01:44:39,620
Stand by before you do it.

1765
01:44:39,620 --> 01:44:44,440
Did you, before I do that, you'll get, okay, did you have any other comments before we

1766
01:44:44,440 --> 01:44:45,440
go further?

1767
01:44:45,440 --> 01:44:46,440
Yeah.

1768
01:44:46,440 --> 01:44:47,440
Let me just say this.

1769
01:44:47,440 --> 01:44:48,440
You'll get your opportunity in a second.

1770
01:44:48,440 --> 01:44:49,440
Go ahead.

1771
01:44:49,440 --> 01:44:51,920
And certainly, I appreciate the work that you put in.

1772
01:44:51,920 --> 01:44:57,320
I appreciate the work that the previous Mr. Knighton put in.

1773
01:44:57,320 --> 01:44:59,400
See, this is what happens.

1774
01:44:59,400 --> 01:45:01,520
This is serious business what we do.

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01:45:01,520 --> 01:45:04,200

I don't understand why this is a joke.

1776

01:45:04,200 --> 01:45:06,880

This is serious business what we're doing here.

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01:45:06,880 --> 01:45:08,580

It's always serious business.

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01:45:08,580 --> 01:45:13,000

It's serious business that we handle business in a professional manner and that we treat

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01:45:13,000 --> 01:45:16,120

staff with the utmost respect.

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01:45:16,120 --> 01:45:19,340

No one wants to be called out in public consistently.

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01:45:19,340 --> 01:45:24,360

In a professional environment, we should set up a meeting with you offline in your office

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01:45:24,360 --> 01:45:28,760

to be able to talk about whatever is going on and whatever concerns we have.

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01:45:28,760 --> 01:45:30,580

The issue is, no professional.

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01:45:30,580 --> 01:45:34,300

No professional would go back and forth on email 10 times.

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01:45:34,300 --> 01:45:38,940

You would call the meeting and you would sit down so that we can flesh everything out.

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01:45:38,940 --> 01:45:42,080

Because you don't know what the tone, there's always going to be another question once the

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01:45:42,080 --> 01:45:43,960

email comes back and forth.

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01:45:43,960 --> 01:45:49,680

The proper way to do that is to set up some one-on-one time, the amount of time necessary

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01:45:49,680 --> 01:45:54,260

to flesh out the questions in detail that are, let me email you, let me email you back,

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01:45:54,260 --> 01:45:55,260

let me email you.

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01:45:55,260 --> 01:45:57,860

We got 20 emails going back and forth.

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01:45:57,860 --> 01:46:00,460

We've lost the thought of where we started.

1793

01:46:00,460 --> 01:46:04,920

Start with all of these emails instead of having a face-to-face conversation.

1794

01:46:04,920 --> 01:46:12,220

Now you've been with the city now since when we started, what was your start date?

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01:46:12,220 --> 01:46:14,220

Today is 104 days.

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01:46:14,220 --> 01:46:15,960

104 days, right?

1797

01:46:15,960 --> 01:46:20,360

We were six months without a city manager and one of the reasons we were without a city

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01:46:20,360 --> 01:46:23,600

manager is because this is how we treat our city manager.

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01:46:23,600 --> 01:46:24,980

We shouldn't do that.

1800

01:46:24,980 --> 01:46:28,360

We should understand that respect is a must.

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01:46:28,360 --> 01:46:30,020

Professionals expect that respect.

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01:46:30,020 --> 01:46:34,380

We should give it to them and we should make sure that we do what's necessary.

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01:46:34,380 --> 01:46:40,320

And I'm calling on everybody up here to do the appropriate thing and to ask.

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01:46:40,320 --> 01:46:44,380

Now as was stated, our meeting was last week.

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01:46:44,380 --> 01:46:49,420

It wasn't five, it wasn't two months ago or three months ago, it was just last week.

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01:46:49,420 --> 01:46:53,040

So it's not unreasonable that the answers took time.

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01:46:53,040 --> 01:46:59,560

If you have 25 or 30 questions, it's going to take time to do the research and to flesh

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01:46:59,560 --> 01:47:01,940

everything out to get you an answer.

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01:47:01,940 --> 01:47:02,940

Seven days is not bad.

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01:47:02,940 --> 01:47:09,320

I've been doing this job for 10 years and getting the answer to 35 questions in 10 days or seven

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01:47:09,320 --> 01:47:12,660

days is not unreasonable.

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01:47:12,660 --> 01:47:15,760

It is planned out to be that way, but it's not unreasonable.

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01:47:15,760 --> 01:47:17,220

And let me say this again.

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01:47:17,220 --> 01:47:23,440

I have a vote of confidence in you, Mr. Edmondson, you, Mr. Malazzi, and all of our staff members

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01:47:23,440 --> 01:47:28,920

who are doing a great job because you operate under a tremendous amount of unnecessary stress.

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01:47:28,920 --> 01:47:37,420

Because instead of me, members, coming to you before the meeting with common courtesy

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01:47:37,420 --> 01:47:42,440

and respect and requesting the information that could be brought to you and then giving

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01:47:42,440 --> 01:47:47,780

you the appropriate time to respond, I don't even know how I would respond to 35 questions

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01:47:47,780 --> 01:47:50,920

at one time on a via email.

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01:47:50,920 --> 01:47:55,440

How do I respond to that without coming to the meeting and sitting down in the room with

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01:47:55,440 --> 01:47:57,300

you and fleshing all of that out?

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01:47:57,300 --> 01:47:58,300

All of us up here.

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01:47:58,300 --> 01:48:01,240

We are professionals and that's what we would all do.

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01:48:01,240 --> 01:48:06,660

I'm calling on Councilwoman Barber, anybody up here with that many questions, not to do

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01:48:06,660 --> 01:48:11,940

this at a public meeting, but to ask for a private meeting and to go in and sit down

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01:48:11,940 --> 01:48:15,020

and to get each and every last one of these questions answered.

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01:48:15,020 --> 01:48:20,900

I'm glad that you came and you had the evidence, that you have everything in the book that

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01:48:20,900 --> 01:48:22,440

has been requested.

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01:48:22,440 --> 01:48:27,800

And sometimes it's like we got the answer, but we don't like the answer that was given.

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01:48:27,800 --> 01:48:35,240

I can't ask for the answer and then say, expect the answer to be the answer that I expect.

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01:48:35,240 --> 01:48:40,320

I might not like the answer that I'm given sometimes, but that's just how it is.

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01:48:40,320 --> 01:48:44,400

And then there'll be another series of questions that'll follow up with that.

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01:48:44,400 --> 01:48:50,880

So let's try to make sure that we have mutual respect on both sides of the dais and that

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01:48:50,880 --> 01:48:54,800

we endeavor to understand that the citizens have invested time here.

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01:48:54,800 --> 01:48:55,800

I see my concern.

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01:48:55,800 --> 01:48:56,800

I see my concern.

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01:48:56,800 --> 01:48:57,800

I see my concern.

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01:48:57,800 --> 01:48:58,800

I see my concern.

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01:48:58,800 --> 01:49:01,280

The constituent, Mr. Fritz is sitting here tonight.

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01:49:01,280 --> 01:49:06,660

He decided to come down tonight to see what his city government was all about.

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01:49:06,660 --> 01:49:09,200

This is what he's witnessing.

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01:49:09,200 --> 01:49:14,920

I apologize for you coming to see this, because this is not what we do, and this is not how

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01:49:14,920 --> 01:49:16,620

the city ought to operate.

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01:49:16,620 --> 01:49:22,080

It should be handled in a more professional manner, and we would treat our professionals

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01:49:22,080 --> 01:49:24,780

with respect, and that's what we should all do.

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01:49:24,780 --> 01:49:27,240

And that's what the city charter calls for.

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01:49:27,240 --> 01:49:27,280

Right?

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01:49:27,800 --> 01:49:35,120

It is a violation to come up here and to castigate somebody in public over the diets like this.

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01:49:35,180 --> 01:49:40,760

We're supposed to do this behind closed doors because personnel matters are supposed to be handled that way.

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01:49:40,940 --> 01:49:50,220

And we've gone into areas where we're questioning the professional ability and the ethics of the staff, which is not something that we ought to ever do.

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01:49:50,580 --> 01:49:54,960

So I apologize on behalf of this mayor and council, and we should all do better.

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01:49:55,120 --> 01:49:55,540

Thank you.

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01:49:55,540 --> 01:49:56,420

All right, Ms. Barber.

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01:49:56,420 --> 01:49:58,240

Our last comment there, I'm going to go into the public hearing.

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01:49:58,260 --> 01:50:00,360

Okay, make sure you say that to the other council members.

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01:50:01,020 --> 01:50:05,040

You tend to always want to check me and let me know this is my last time speaking.

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01:50:05,060 --> 01:50:07,420

Because we, well, go ahead, please.

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01:50:07,700 --> 01:50:13,660

My comments are not directed to you, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Malazzi.

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01:50:14,100 --> 01:50:18,160

You can only do what you are being allowed to do.

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01:50:19,100 --> 01:50:23,560

My comments are directed to every member of this governing body.

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01:50:26,420 --> 01:50:30,740

The dysfunction and chaos that you see

1862

01:50:30,820 --> 01:50:35,680

in our city comes from members of this governing body.

1863

01:50:36,080 --> 01:50:40,940

I don't need to schedule a meeting with any staff member.

1864

01:50:42,100 --> 01:50:46,700

What I do expect, when I send them questions, that they respond.

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01:50:47,600 --> 01:50:51,800

What I expect is that member of this council will stop interfering.

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01:50:52,700 --> 01:50:53,920

That's what I expect.

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01:50:54,600 --> 01:50:55,860

I expect that members of this Managed Board of this government will stop interfering.

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01:50:55,860 --> 01:50:59,420

that members of this council will allow staff

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01:50:59,420 --> 01:51:02,400

to do the job that they've been hired to do

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01:51:02,400 --> 01:51:06,120

without repercussions, without retaliation,

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01:51:06,120 --> 01:51:09,740

without fear of losing their jobs.

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01:51:09,740 --> 01:51:13,480

What I expect is that members of this council

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01:51:13,480 --> 01:51:17,480

will stop interfering with the operations of this city

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01:51:18,480 --> 01:51:21,360

and the financial aspects of this city.

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01:51:21,360 --> 01:51:23,120

That's what I expect.

1876

01:51:23,120 --> 01:51:25,940

I don't need to have a one-on-one conversation

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01:51:25,940 --> 01:51:28,920

with Mr. Malazi or Mr. Edmondson

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01:51:28,920 --> 01:51:33,640

regarding a list of surplus items for 2025.

1879

01:51:33,640 --> 01:51:35,980

They can just respond in the email.

1880
01:51:35,980 --> 01:51:38,680
I don't need to have a one-on-one conversation

1881
01:51:38,680 --> 01:51:43,680
with Mr. Malazi or Mr. Edmondson regarding a marketing plan.

1882
01:51:45,600 --> 01:51:47,540
I just sent the email.

1883
01:51:47,540 --> 01:51:50,260
Respond to my email.

1884
01:51:50,260 --> 01:51:52,180
Respond to me.

1885
01:51:52,180 --> 01:51:53,120
I'm the one who sent the email.

1886
01:51:53,120 --> 01:51:54,520
I'm the one who sent the questions.

1887
01:51:54,520 --> 01:51:58,760
I don't need to set up any meetings with anybody.

1888
01:51:58,760 --> 01:52:01,020
Respond to my email.

1889
01:52:02,760 --> 01:52:06,420
My comments and questions are for the public,

1890
01:52:06,420 --> 01:52:08,320
for the public's knowledge,

1891
01:52:08,320 --> 01:52:10,700
because I want them to see

1892
01:52:10,700 --> 01:52:13,620
how their government is being operated.

1893

01:52:13,620 --> 01:52:18,480

I want them to see how their city is being managed

1894

01:52:18,480 --> 01:52:20,440

by these people.

1895

01:52:20,440 --> 01:52:22,980

These are the same people who said that they didn't know

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01:52:22,980 --> 01:52:27,980

how we were able to mismanage \$32.9 million.

1897

01:52:28,360 --> 01:52:29,480

They didn't know.

1898

01:52:29,480 --> 01:52:31,680

When it comes to me,

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01:52:31,680 --> 01:52:35,040

I'm going to provide the proper oversight.

1900

01:52:35,040 --> 01:52:36,900

I believe in accountability.

1901

01:52:36,900 --> 01:52:41,440

Every single one of you and you too,

1902

01:52:41,440 --> 01:52:44,700

Ms. Holliday and the city attorney,

1903

01:52:44,700 --> 01:52:46,760

every employee of our city,

1904

01:52:46,760 --> 01:52:48,620

I believe in accountability.

1905

01:52:48,620 --> 01:52:49,960

Absolutely.

1906

01:52:49,960 --> 01:52:52,740

Am I disrespectful to no one?

1907

01:52:52,980 --> 01:52:54,340

I believe in accountability.

1908

01:52:54,340 --> 01:52:58,480

Me simply asking questions is what's upsetting some people.

1909

01:52:58,480 --> 01:53:01,660

What I want is respect in return.

1910

01:53:01,660 --> 01:53:06,320

What I want are answers to the questions that I ask.

1911

01:53:06,320 --> 01:53:11,140

If I ask the questions, please respond to me respectfully.

1912

01:53:12,560 --> 01:53:15,220

I asked regarding two items,

1913

01:53:15,220 --> 01:53:18,560

two zoning items in my district.

1914

01:53:19,520 --> 01:53:22,100

I asked, I called and asked

1915

01:53:22,100 --> 01:53:22,460

about two zoning items in my district.

1916

01:53:22,460 --> 01:53:22,960

I asked, I called and asked about two zoning items in my district.

1917

01:53:22,960 --> 01:53:28,080

items that are in my district they're being heard on the same day as my

1918

01:53:28,080 --> 01:53:32,140

community order your honor I know you talked about calling staff and having

1919

01:53:32,140 --> 01:53:36,320

one conversations with them what's your plan how staff is being used we're off

1920
01:53:36,320 --> 01:53:43,300
the top please I did not interrupt you when you were speaking when I asked

1921
01:53:43,300 --> 01:53:48,940
staff about deferring those two items to a Planning Commission meeting in

1922
01:53:48,940 --> 01:53:55,840
December I asked because those two items are on the same date point of

1923
01:53:55,840 --> 01:54:00,460
order by the Planning Commission on the same date as my community my point of

1924
01:54:00,460 --> 01:54:04,980
order is that it has nothing to do any budget you can stop that's not a

1925
01:54:04,980 --> 01:54:09,340
intention oh I am I just did a point of order maybe you should learn Robert

1926
01:54:09,340 --> 01:54:14,260
rules this is a direct point of order that how this has nothing to do with the budget

1927
01:54:14,260 --> 01:54:18,760
I hear you point of order they use staff to manipulate them and have

1928
01:54:18,760 --> 01:54:18,920
the

1929
01:54:18,920 --> 01:54:24,320
them doing things that they shouldn't do stop interfering allow staff to do

1930
01:54:24,320 --> 01:54:30,740
their jobs allow them to do their jobs without you all interfering with them so

1931
01:54:30,740 --> 01:54:34,820
you can get up here and try to make the public appear make it appear as though

1932
01:54:34,820 --> 01:54:41,960
I'm disrespecting staff I absolutely am NOT that is you and your gaslighting no

1933
01:54:41,960 --> 01:54:47,200
master manipulators no we got two of them on this council mayor okay master

1934
01:54:47,200 --> 01:54:48,740
point of order

1935
01:54:48,740 --> 01:54:54,560
I asked a question I asked for answers to my question I'm going to say I'm

1936
01:54:54,560 --> 01:54:59,960
going to email them to the governing body the city manager mayor treasurer

1937
01:54:59,960 --> 01:55:05,840
member clerk the city attorney just like I did the last time I'm expecting

1938
01:55:05,840 --> 01:55:12,920
answers directly from staff not them just putting it in the book please

1939
01:55:12,920 --> 01:55:18,560
respond to me and my questions thank you all right now on that note we will open

1940
01:55:18,560 --> 01:55:23,900
up this public hearing I need for folks that are that have approval for the

1941
01:55:23,900 --> 01:55:26,780
public hearing or approval for screaming for the budget from the public hearing

1942
01:55:26,780 --> 01:55:31,120
in my far left anybody wants to speak my father anybody in the middle for

1943
01:55:31,120 --> 01:55:36,860
anybody on my far right for seeing none anybody against any comments that were

1944
01:55:36,860 --> 01:55:41,840
made in the public hearing for the budget my far left in the middle far

1945
01:55:41,840 --> 01:55:43,940
right no comments whatsoever so I'll close

1946

01:55:43,940 --> 01:55:48,380

out this public hearing and we have the next hearing on December

1947

01:55:48,380 --> 01:55:54,260

8th and we'll go forward with that that hearing and approval on that date now

1948

01:55:54,260 --> 01:55:58,280

we'll move on actually what it is now we have an executive session so neither we

1949

01:55:58,280 --> 01:56:02,960

put put this next session early they have some issues to take care of so I

1950

01:56:02,960 --> 01:56:06,320

like a motion to go into second session please mayor light I've moved that we

1951

01:56:06,320 --> 01:56:09,800

go into executive session for real estate personnel litigation and

1952

01:56:09,800 --> 01:56:13,820

cybersecurity is there a second that motion sir mr. I was not second all

1953

01:56:13,820 --> 01:56:18,380

favor please indicate okay all opposed

1954

01:56:18,380 --> 01:56:32,960

same three's three zero one ladies and we'll be back one second session

1955

01:56:48,380 --> 01:56:50,440

you

1956

01:57:18,380 --> 01:57:20,440

you

1957

01:57:48,380 --> 01:58:18,380

1958

01:58:18,380 --> 01:58:48,380

1959

01:58:48,380 --> 01:59:18,380

1960
01:59:18,380 --> 01:59:48,380

1961
01:59:48,380 --> 02:00:18,380

1962
02:00:18,380 --> 02:00:48,380

1963
02:00:48,380 --> 02:01:18,380

1964
02:01:18,380 --> 02:01:48,380

1965
02:01:48,380 --> 02:02:18,380

1966
02:02:18,380 --> 02:02:48,380

1967
02:02:48,380 --> 02:03:18,380

1968
02:03:18,380 --> 02:03:48,380

1969
02:03:48,380 --> 02:04:18,380

1970
02:04:18,380 --> 02:04:48,380

1971
02:04:48,380 --> 02:05:18,380

1972
02:05:18,380 --> 02:05:48,380

1973
02:05:48,380 --> 02:06:18,380

1974
02:06:18,380 --> 02:06:48,380

1975
02:06:48,380 --> 02:07:18,380

1976
02:07:18,380 --> 02:07:23,360
, after researching it this is not the norm to answer your question we did put

1977
02:07:23,360 --> 02:07:28,520
out a bit we had three responders two of them were dealerships which puts us no

1978
02:07:28,520 --> 02:07:33,160
in no better position than we currently were and the third one was a diesel

1979
02:07:33,160 --> 02:07:37,660
trailer mechanic up in Lake City those were the only three respondents and we

1980
02:07:37,660 --> 02:07:41,160
left that bid out for over 30 days

1981
02:07:43,560 --> 02:07:47,520
okay so any other questions

1982
02:07:48,380 --> 02:07:51,960
so otherwise so you're making a recommendation we're going to leave it

1983
02:07:51,960 --> 02:07:58,200
as it is well my concern is still you know we do this and we're sitting

1984
02:07:58,200 --> 02:08:03,580
example of going this is general maintenance right this is just replacing

1985
02:08:03,580 --> 02:08:07,860
tires this is doing certain things and I love the fact that they are coming to

1986
02:08:07,860 --> 02:08:11,440
you everybody's not going to do that so to me that's especially unique that

1987
02:08:11,440 --> 02:08:16,100
they're willing to come and do the maintenance right on the spot it but but

1988
02:08:16,100 --> 02:08:18,320
my concern is

1989
02:08:18,380 --> 02:08:25,260
is that fair and reasonable like are we making a way to bend does that make

1990
02:08:25,260 --> 02:08:36,360
are we making a way of of bending the process to get who we want and not necessarily that's

1991
02:08:36,360 --> 02:08:43,420
that's the case specifically if they're coming to the police precinct and no one else is doing that

1992
02:08:43,420 --> 02:08:50,720
now obviously our primary focus was to focus on businesses here in the stock bridge i understand

1993
02:08:50,720 --> 02:08:54,980
grease monkey was one of those and discount tire on hudson bridge was was the other one

1994
02:08:54,980 --> 02:09:01,920
so we try to focus those general repairs within the city unfortunately as far as major repairs

1995
02:09:01,920 --> 02:09:07,540
really the dealerships are only the primary ones that are capable of doing what we're doing

1996
02:09:07,540 --> 02:09:12,760
and being responsive in the time that we need them back we could go to a local

1997
02:09:12,760 --> 02:09:13,400
mon policy

1998
02:09:13,420 --> 02:09:18,620
shop but unfortunately our car is going to sit there for weeks on end and we unfortunately just

1999

02:09:18,620 --> 02:09:23,560

don't have that time to wait on that car and the dealership was twelve dollars more than the

2000

02:09:23,560 --> 02:09:31,720

service at discount tires correct but discount tires was offering in addition to that mobile

2001

02:09:31,720 --> 02:09:39,440

mobility and the the other locations weren't is that the other dealerships offer that service

2002

02:09:39,440 --> 02:09:42,100

but they charge for that service okay discount tire

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02:09:42,100 --> 02:09:43,400

as long as you're not doing that you're not doing that you're not doing that you're not doing that

2004

02:09:43,400 --> 02:09:47,720

because you're if you have so many vehicles that you're going to be servicing they provide that

2005

02:09:47,720 --> 02:09:54,440

service free free of charge and are we putting them on a contract we currently do not have a

2006

02:09:54,440 --> 02:09:59,320

contract that was one of the main purposes of making this an exception to the procurement rule

2007

02:09:59,320 --> 02:10:09,580

i don't know okay all right any questions about this if not then i need a motion to go ahead and

2008

02:10:09,580 --> 02:10:13,240

prove this then is there a motion go right ahead please

2009

02:10:13,400 --> 02:10:20,560

uh this is a this is in the city the district district five discount tires located in in the

2010

02:10:20,560 --> 02:10:25,640

city yes sir that's correct that was one of the things and then as far as our um procurement

2011

02:10:25,640 --> 02:10:33,240

process uh goes that we passed several years ago they get additional points for being a business a

2012

02:10:33,240 --> 02:10:39,320

local business uh in the city i would believe i don't uh i don't know mr washington you might

2013

02:10:39,320 --> 02:10:43,380

have that but when we passed our procurement policy several years ago we passed our procurement

2014

02:10:43,400 --> 02:10:48,280

policy several years ago there were scores and one of the scores one of the score basis's was

2015

02:10:48,280 --> 02:10:53,240

if they were in the city or they were a local business they would be granted some additional

2016

02:10:53,240 --> 02:11:00,520

points so um the idea that the business could actually they're actually coming here they're

2017

02:11:00,520 --> 02:11:05,880

doing that free of charge and that they're getting these vehicles up and running that's it to me

2018

02:11:05,880 --> 02:11:10,600

that's an exceptional circumstance so i make a motion for approval sir second to the motion

2019

02:11:12,120 --> 02:11:13,400

mr barrett second all favor

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02:11:13,400 --> 02:11:18,280

please indicate that's assumption okay announced decision thank you very much appreciate you all

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02:11:18,280 --> 02:11:23,960

right uh new business council consideration to approve the stop bridge citizens police advisory

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02:11:23,960 --> 02:11:29,640

council policy to be amended with respect to member terms chief tremor please

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02:11:34,520 --> 02:11:38,520

good evening mayor and council evening sir um i have here with me

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02:11:38,520 --> 02:11:42,120

dr thomas smith who serves as the chairperson for the

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02:11:42,120 --> 02:11:43,320

stockbridge police advisory

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02:11:44,040 --> 02:11:49,160

council i just wanted to apprise the council that these recommended changes are not changes

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02:11:49,160 --> 02:11:52,840

that i recommended these are changes that were recommended by the council and they were voted

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02:11:52,840 --> 02:11:58,280

on during a regular council meeting and the minutes uh of the approval of these items

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02:11:58,280 --> 02:12:04,840

were submitted to legal in accordance with the policies outlined through the city there are four

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02:12:04,840 --> 02:12:10,120

substantive changes you all have those within your budget book there's a strike through portion

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02:12:10,120 --> 02:12:12,280

there where you can see the changes in red and essentially

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02:12:13,400 --> 02:12:17,500

are is that the council wanted to extend the terms. Currently you can only serve for two years.

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02:12:17,600 --> 02:12:21,120

They wanted to extend it to allow two consecutive terms so that council members could serve for a

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02:12:21,120 --> 02:12:27,380

total of four years on the council. The second requested change was that the council had voted

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02:12:27,380 --> 02:12:33,080

on making it a requirement for any member of the advisory council to have to go through the

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02:12:33,080 --> 02:12:39,540

Citizens Police Academy within six months of being appointed to their position. The fourth was

that

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02:12:39,540 --> 02:12:45,220

they changed the time of the meetings from six o'clock to 6 30 and then the last was that it

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02:12:45,220 --> 02:12:49,740

listed me as the police chief as the facilitator and overseer of the meetings and that language

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02:12:49,740 --> 02:12:54,520

was modified to make sure that it's the chairman or the vice chairman of the police advisory council

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02:12:54,520 --> 02:12:59,260

and we are requesting your approval for those changes. If you have any specific questions I'd

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02:12:59,260 --> 02:13:05,200

be glad to address those as would Dr. Smith. I have one question. Go right please. Just one. The

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02:13:05,200 --> 02:13:09,400

the academy class you're not

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02:13:09,400 --> 02:13:09,520

going to be able to do that. I'm going to be able to do that. I'm going to be able to do that.

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02:13:09,520 --> 02:13:17,180

You're not required to like now so for instance my appointee I don't know if she went to the class

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02:13:17,180 --> 02:13:23,520

or not but if she did not you're not making her required I mean she's already grandfathered in

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02:13:23,520 --> 02:13:28,200

correct you're not making them required to take is the newly newly duly appointed

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02:13:28,200 --> 02:13:35,620

um correct not those that are already on your own cap. That's correct the language says all

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02:13:35,620 --> 02:13:39,380

newly appointed members of the advisory council. So current people are grandfathered in the sense

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02:13:39,380 --> 02:13:39,500

like.

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02:13:39,520 --> 02:13:47,000

I'm going to say this. Okay. I don't I don't I'm not sure I'm okay with that. They want to serve let

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02:13:47,000 --> 02:13:53,160

them serve. They might not have to go to the police academy. They just serving their objective

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02:13:53,160 --> 02:13:59,240

eyes to do what they want to do and certainly if they choose to do so I'm I'm okay with that

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02:13:59,240 --> 02:14:05,660

but forcing them to go to the the the academy I'm I'm I don't know about that and certainly

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02:14:05,660 --> 02:14:08,420

some of the people have not already been to that.

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02:14:08,420 --> 02:14:14,280

Grandfathered them in yeah but is it fair to the new members that they the original members

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02:14:14,280 --> 02:14:20,700

didn't have to go and certainly I understand the value of it but people are busy they might not

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02:14:20,700 --> 02:14:26,140

have the time to devote to the class but they would certainly be able to serve uh admirably

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02:14:26,140 --> 02:14:31,820

as we've had people be able to serve without going to the academy so I'm okay with the other

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02:14:31,820 --> 02:14:38,400

three but that particular provision it puts if I'm somebody who might not be able to serve

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02:14:38,420 --> 02:14:43,340

I might not be as mobile might not have transportation to get to all of those classes I might not

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02:14:43,340 --> 02:14:48,360

be able to do that so I have some concerns about that that provision how about maybe

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02:14:48,360 --> 02:14:52,680

highly recommended or recommended recommended would be okay you know something like that

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02:14:52,680 --> 02:14:57,980

might work I will say this that of the 12 members who sat on the advisory council all

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02:14:57,980 --> 02:15:04,260

but 11 miscance appointee have been through the citizens police academy anyway Dr. Smith

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02:15:04,260 --> 02:15:07,860

here can speak specifically all of the members with the exception of

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02:15:08,420 --> 02:15:13,580

of uh Miss Reese who was the nominee by Miss Gantt had voted uh that this was something

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02:15:13,580 --> 02:15:17,400

they thought was valuable they've all been through this program and they stipulated that

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02:15:17,400 --> 02:15:21,320

it's difficult for people to weigh in on decisions and have an understanding of how the police

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02:15:21,320 --> 02:15:26,240

department operates if you don't know the particulars of the police department so again

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02:15:26,240 --> 02:15:30,160

I think Dr. Smith would be the best to speak to that because this again was not my recommendation

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02:15:30,160 --> 02:15:38,400

this was a recommendation of the council yes uh and Councilman Alexander

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02:15:38,400 --> 02:15:45,360

yes the the academy what we're finding is academy is going on tonight that the people that are coming

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02:15:45,360 --> 02:15:50,320

to the academy they really want to be involved they want to learn more about the police department

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02:15:50,320 --> 02:15:54,680

and how they can interact in a community relationships with community policing

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02:15:54,680 --> 02:16:02,120

so we as a committee and Mr. Alexander uh yeah I agree with you but yet we determined and we

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02:16:02,120 --> 02:16:07,640

found out that by having a better understanding of Stockbridge police department and the ins and

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02:16:08,400 --> 02:16:17,200

that that helped us as volunteer citizens of Stockbridge who want to see our city improve

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02:16:17,200 --> 02:16:22,720

and be better we had a better understanding what was going on and that allowed us to interact with

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02:16:22,720 --> 02:16:27,020

the police department interact with the chief and give our advice and suggestions as we saw things

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02:16:27,020 --> 02:16:32,940

because now we have a better understanding of how things work and while I agree with you we found

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02:16:32,940 --> 02:16:37,740

the better way if we are all involved with it so we thought

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02:16:38,400 --> 02:16:44,960

new people coming in would be interested in being a part they should take it and what we're

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02:16:44,960 --> 02:16:50,400

discovering is that the people who are taking the academy they're stepping up and saying when the time

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02:16:50,400 --> 02:16:55,680

comes yeah we'd like to be a part because we now have an understanding of what the police department

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02:16:55,680 --> 02:17:01,360

is how it works and how it functions and we we feel that we can be a better volunteer and for

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02:17:01,360 --> 02:17:08,080

all of us that are on the committee in the original the same thing once we took the police academy

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02:17:08,400 --> 02:17:15,500

we found that that was true even for us so well I certainly understand that but that's something

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02:17:15,500 --> 02:17:22,360

to be said that somebody comes in with a just a clean set of eyes that's it I don't know

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02:17:22,360 --> 02:17:29,920

a lot about it I want to learn I want to learn some things about it but the perception is nine

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02:17:29,920 --> 02:17:35,540

times out of ten there's going to be ninety nine percent of the community is not going through the

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02:17:35,540 --> 02:17:38,320

police academy they're going to be looking at the they're going to be

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02:17:38,320 --> 02:17:41,780

and making judgments just like the person who hasn't been to class.

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02:17:42,440 --> 02:17:45,980

Now, when something happens or something goes down in the community,

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02:17:46,520 --> 02:17:51,380

they're not going to have the access to the Citizens Police Academy training.

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02:17:51,680 --> 02:17:55,060

They're going to be making the same judgments that that person is going to be making

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02:17:55,060 --> 02:17:56,420

without the training.

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02:17:56,980 --> 02:18:01,640

So I want my representative attached to the community.

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02:18:02,360 --> 02:18:07,400

And I want to say this, I don't want them to have too much access

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02:18:07,400 --> 02:18:12,500

because I don't want them to take on the mantra of what the official statement.

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02:18:12,500 --> 02:18:17,060

I want them to have a completely unbiased statement from the outside

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02:18:17,060 --> 02:18:19,960

to be able to look at it and make a decision like that.

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02:18:20,020 --> 02:18:24,500

I understand the value of them understanding the way that things are done

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02:18:24,500 --> 02:18:28,280

inside the department and maybe the department's message

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02:18:28,280 --> 02:18:31,480

that you want to be out to the community,

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02:18:31,640 --> 02:18:34,600

but that's not how it's going to be received when something happens.

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02:18:34,780 --> 02:18:36,580

So I understand.

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02:18:36,580 --> 02:18:39,100

I understand the rationale behind it.

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02:18:39,520 --> 02:18:43,020

I agree with the mayor that I would say that it would be strongly recommended

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02:18:43,020 --> 02:18:48,240

that anyone would seek this out, but that it wouldn't be a requirement

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02:18:48,240 --> 02:18:51,140

because now I've got to go out and I've got to find somebody willing to go

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02:18:51,140 --> 02:18:57,760

to the committee meeting as well as somebody who's willing to serve on the committee.

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02:18:57,900 --> 02:19:00,940

Sometimes they might be willing to serve on the committee

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02:19:00,940 --> 02:19:05,960

because it's a once-a-month requirement versus going to a series of classes.

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02:19:06,580 --> 02:19:07,860

And that would be up to them.

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02:19:08,000 --> 02:19:09,540

That's my point of view.

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02:19:09,680 --> 02:19:11,460

The council's going to vote how they want to vote,

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02:19:11,560 --> 02:19:14,920

but I certainly would say strongly recommend it,

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02:19:15,000 --> 02:19:16,220

but it wouldn't be a requirement.

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02:19:17,280 --> 02:19:18,220

Questions on this side?

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02:19:18,340 --> 02:19:18,800

Go ahead, please.

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02:19:20,420 --> 02:19:22,400

Good seeing you, Mr. Thomas.

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02:19:24,240 --> 02:19:27,120

He and I went through the Citizens Police Academy.

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02:19:27,120 --> 02:19:33,420

We were the inaugural class for the Citizens Police Academy.

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02:19:34,020 --> 02:19:35,120

I strongly support.

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02:19:36,580 --> 02:19:42,740
All community members' participation in the Citizens Police Academy.

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02:19:43,620 --> 02:19:44,020
Why?

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02:19:44,220 --> 02:19:50,400
Because you learn the operations of our police department and its uniqueness.

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02:19:50,400 --> 02:19:54,280
I know with all of the other boards,

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02:19:55,880 --> 02:19:59,540
council just pretty much anyone who wants to submit an application

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02:19:59,540 --> 02:20:05,320
to serve on one of the boards, we just normally approve them.

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02:20:05,520 --> 02:20:06,400
But there are so many.

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02:20:06,400 --> 02:20:06,460
There are so many.

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02:20:06,460 --> 02:20:06,500
There are so many.

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02:20:06,500 --> 02:20:06,560
There are so many.

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02:20:06,560 --> 02:20:06,580
There are so many.

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02:20:06,580 --> 02:20:09,060
In certain committees and boards,

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02:20:09,240 --> 02:20:14,380
we want to make sure that people are informed, educated,

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02:20:14,720 --> 02:20:18,120

and really understands the function of the board.

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02:20:19,200 --> 02:20:23,940

I wouldn't want someone to just want to serve on CPAC

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02:20:23,940 --> 02:20:29,580

without knowing that our police department doesn't provide animal control services.

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02:20:30,300 --> 02:20:34,480

I wouldn't want someone to be appointed to CPAC

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02:20:34,480 --> 02:20:36,500

without knowing that our police department doesn't provide animal control services.

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02:20:36,500 --> 02:20:40,240

that our police department doesn't provide 911 service.

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02:20:40,240 --> 02:20:42,700

Those are basic responsibilities

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02:20:42,700 --> 02:20:46,800

that anyone who goes through the CPAC

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02:20:46,800 --> 02:20:49,960

or the six week, eight week course,

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02:20:49,960 --> 02:20:51,360

you'll learn all of that.

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02:20:52,540 --> 02:20:56,000

So all of the fundamentals would be learned

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02:20:56,000 --> 02:21:01,000

through the CPAC course or Citizens Police Advisory Course

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02:21:02,080 --> 02:21:03,420

if they take that first.

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02:21:03,420 --> 02:21:07,280

So I support what the CPAC committee

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02:21:07,280 --> 02:21:11,220

is recommending to the council to make it a requirement.

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02:21:11,220 --> 02:21:12,640

It is necessary.

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02:21:12,640 --> 02:21:15,940

Anyone who wants to participate

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02:21:15,940 --> 02:21:19,060

on this particular board or committee,

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02:21:19,060 --> 02:21:23,740

they must show a level of commitment and dedication.

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02:21:23,740 --> 02:21:28,180

And that means going through the eight weeks course.

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02:21:29,720 --> 02:21:31,720

That's my take.

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02:21:31,720 --> 02:21:33,220

And if there's no other questions,

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02:21:33,220 --> 02:21:35,780

comments, I'll make a motion to approve, sir.

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02:21:37,000 --> 02:21:40,340

All right, Mr. Barrett, do you have any comments at all?

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02:21:40,340 --> 02:21:43,700

No, I've already stated my opinion.

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02:21:43,700 --> 02:21:45,860

All right, so what is your motion?

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02:21:46,960 --> 02:21:51,220

My motion is to approve the recommendation

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02:21:51,220 --> 02:21:56,020

from Mr. Thomas of the Stockport Citizens Police Advisory

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02:21:56,020 --> 02:22:01,020

Council policy as amended and recommended by him

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02:22:01,100 --> 02:22:03,020

with respect to member terms,

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02:22:03,220 --> 02:22:07,020

and all of the other conditions that they recommended.

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02:22:07,020 --> 02:22:09,220

Okay, is there a second to that motion?

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02:22:09,220 --> 02:22:10,300

Mr. Barrett, second to that motion.

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02:22:10,300 --> 02:22:11,800

All in favor, please indicate.

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02:22:12,920 --> 02:22:14,160

Opposed?

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02:22:14,160 --> 02:22:16,260

Okay, three, one, motion passed.

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02:22:16,260 --> 02:22:17,900

Thank you, gentlemen, appreciate it.

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02:22:17,900 --> 02:22:20,500

Thank you, thank you, thank you very much.

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02:22:20,500 --> 02:22:23,120

Okay, council consideration to approve this,

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02:22:23,120 --> 02:22:26,080

oh, excuse me, back up, we already did that one.

2178
02:22:26,080 --> 02:22:27,220
It's three, one.

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02:22:28,560 --> 02:22:30,420
First reading, council consideration to approve

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02:22:30,420 --> 02:22:32,800
FY 2025 budget amendment ordinance.

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02:22:32,800 --> 02:22:34,300
Mr. Malazzi, please.

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02:22:48,900 --> 02:22:50,920
Good evening, mayor and council.

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02:22:50,920 --> 02:22:52,080
Good evening, again.

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02:22:53,340 --> 02:22:55,360
While the presentation is coming up,

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02:22:55,360 --> 02:22:58,040
I really wanted to talk about budget amendment.

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02:23:01,100 --> 02:23:02,780
It looks like sometimes we,

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02:23:02,800 --> 02:23:06,680
we misrepresent what budget amendment is.

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02:23:07,820 --> 02:23:09,580
Budget amendment is,

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02:23:11,200 --> 02:23:12,820
budget is estimate,

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02:23:14,280 --> 02:23:16,680
forecast, projections,

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02:23:16,680 --> 02:23:20,860
of what we feel we are going to receive revenues

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02:23:20,860 --> 02:23:24,320
in various line items, be it taxes.

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02:23:24,320 --> 02:23:27,800
We may say we are going to receive \$7.4 million,

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02:23:27,800 --> 02:23:29,860
but it's not everyone that will pay.

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02:23:30,860 --> 02:23:34,760
So we'll say we are going to receive sales tax,

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02:23:34,760 --> 02:23:35,900
just an estimate.

2197
02:23:35,900 --> 02:23:37,960
There are various things that will happen.

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02:23:37,960 --> 02:23:41,000
We may have more business, we may have less business.

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02:23:41,000 --> 02:23:44,200
And the money may be more, the money may be less.

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02:23:44,200 --> 02:23:46,660
Hotel, motel, revenues.

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02:23:46,660 --> 02:23:49,040
And that applies with expenses.

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02:23:49,040 --> 02:23:51,240
There will be some we say we are going to spend

2203
02:23:51,240 --> 02:23:53,280
so much on sidewalks.

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02:23:53,280 --> 02:23:55,340

It may happen to say we spend less

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02:23:55,340 --> 02:23:57,540

because the priorities have changed

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02:23:57,540 --> 02:23:59,940

and we have moved money to somewhere else.

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02:23:59,940 --> 02:24:01,920

Or we say this year we are not going to do it.

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02:24:01,920 --> 02:24:04,360

We'll do it next year.

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02:24:04,360 --> 02:24:10,560

So with all those projections, they come a time halfway.

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02:24:10,560 --> 02:24:12,300

You committed money somewhere else,

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02:24:12,300 --> 02:24:17,100

you say, OK, why should we give money to public works

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02:24:17,100 --> 02:24:20,960

while community development, they need more money

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02:24:20,960 --> 02:24:21,960

and they don't have.

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02:24:21,960 --> 02:24:22,860

So we may move.

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02:24:22,860 --> 02:24:24,120

That's the time you can move.

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02:24:24,120 --> 02:24:25,820

I'm just giving example, not that I've

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02:24:25,820 --> 02:24:27,520

got anything with public works or community

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02:24:27,520 --> 02:24:29,320
development.

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02:24:29,320 --> 02:24:32,440
Or the city manager may see something.

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02:24:32,440 --> 02:24:33,500
OK, let me do this.

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02:24:33,500 --> 02:24:37,280
Council may say, how about this one?

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02:24:37,280 --> 02:24:39,560
And sometimes we over-projected.

2223

02:24:39,560 --> 02:24:41,180
You have to come home.

2224

02:24:41,180 --> 02:24:44,800
Sometimes we underestimated, as you see some revenues.

2225

02:24:44,800 --> 02:24:51,580
You have to up to up to avoid having 600% increase in sales

2226

02:24:51,580 --> 02:24:56,700
tax because we budgeted \$5,000 and we have received \$16,000.

2227

02:24:56,700 --> 02:24:57,520
So you bring it.

2228

02:24:57,520 --> 02:24:59,320
You bring it to where it's supposed to be.

2229

02:24:59,320 --> 02:25:00,700
That's budget amendment.

2230

02:25:00,700 --> 02:25:03,220
And when you are doing budget amendment, you have revenues.

2231

02:25:03,220 --> 02:25:04,720

You have expenses.

2232

02:25:04,720 --> 02:25:07,020

Whether you are going to make transfers,

2233

02:25:07,020 --> 02:25:10,440

but they have to balance.

2234

02:25:10,440 --> 02:25:14,980

So last time we had about 32 million budget.

2235

02:25:14,980 --> 02:25:20,060

The major purpose of that or the major difference of that

2236

02:25:20,060 --> 02:25:24,060

was that many of them, they didn't budget.

2237

02:25:24,060 --> 02:25:26,140

In the budget, they put 0, 0, 0.

2238

02:25:26,140 --> 02:25:27,320

But we had revenues.

2239

02:25:27,520 --> 02:25:32,920

T-SPLUS, SPLUS, different capital projects,

2240

02:25:32,920 --> 02:25:36,060

they had corresponding revenues.

2241

02:25:36,060 --> 02:25:40,120

So what we did was to put into where it's supposed to be.

2242

02:25:40,120 --> 02:25:42,040

You cannot have budget amendment.

2243

02:25:42,040 --> 02:25:43,720

The city manager has no authority

2244
02:25:43,720 --> 02:25:45,040
to make budget amendment.

2245
02:25:45,040 --> 02:25:46,540
The finance, no.

2246
02:25:46,540 --> 02:25:48,540
It's only the governing body.

2247
02:25:48,540 --> 02:25:51,100
And if you are spending without it being allocated

2248
02:25:51,100 --> 02:25:56,820
by governing body, you are just going against the regulations.

2249
02:25:56,820 --> 02:25:58,580
That's what budget amendment is.

2250
02:25:58,580 --> 02:26:02,680
What you see today is the \$8 million, \$8.8 million.

2251
02:26:02,680 --> 02:26:06,300
It doesn't mean that we have overspent or the city is blocked

2252
02:26:06,300 --> 02:26:11,740
or the city has run out of \$8.8 million.

2253
02:26:11,740 --> 02:26:13,240
But this is what we projected.

2254
02:26:13,240 --> 02:26:16,520
So there's up and down.

2255
02:26:16,520 --> 02:26:19,800
Now, we have 2025.

2256
02:26:19,800 --> 02:26:22,940
That's where we have now.

2257

02:26:22,940 --> 02:26:26,620

This is the budget that we are in now.

2258

02:26:26,620 --> 02:26:29,740

And we have gone through half a year.

2259

02:26:29,740 --> 02:26:31,280

We have to make changes.

2260

02:26:31,280 --> 02:26:36,820

When the year ends, December 31, 2025,

2261

02:26:36,820 --> 02:26:41,320

we'll have to make a budget amendment next year.

2262

02:26:41,320 --> 02:26:44,080

All these are official reports.

2263

02:26:44,080 --> 02:26:48,180

The only official report that you have is from the auditors.

2264

02:26:48,180 --> 02:26:50,620

And the auditors depend on what we do,

2265

02:26:50,620 --> 02:26:54,340

because auditors are not there to make home for us.

2266

02:26:54,340 --> 02:26:56,380

We are here to put our house in order.

2267

02:26:56,620 --> 02:26:59,120

They are there to verify what you did is wrong

2268

02:26:59,120 --> 02:27:01,320

or what you did is not correct.

2269

02:27:01,320 --> 02:27:04,120

You ought to have done one, two, three.

2270

02:27:04,120 --> 02:27:12,860

So our 2025 budget, I'll start with general fund.

2271

02:27:12,860 --> 02:27:16,400

And on the general fund, at the top, there are revenues.

2272

02:27:16,400 --> 02:27:24,860

And on the revenue side, we adopted our revenues of \$29.2 million.

2273

02:27:24,860 --> 02:27:25,620

General fund.

2274

02:27:25,620 --> 02:27:26,320

General fund.

2275

02:27:26,320 --> 02:27:26,580

General fund.

2276

02:27:26,580 --> 02:27:33,240

And the distribution of expenses on general fund

2277

02:27:33,240 --> 02:27:34,820

are listed on the left.

2278

02:27:34,820 --> 02:27:37,540

So that means it's every department.

2279

02:27:37,540 --> 02:27:39,420

And it starts with our governing body,

2280

02:27:39,420 --> 02:27:44,600

how much was allocated to them when we're adopting the budget.

2281

02:27:44,600 --> 02:27:46,420

Then we have the city clerk.

2282

02:27:46,420 --> 02:27:48,000

We have the executive.

2283

02:27:48,000 --> 02:27:49,380

We have finance.

2284
02:27:49,380 --> 02:27:51,540
We have non-departmental.

2285
02:27:51,540 --> 02:27:54,000
And we have business services.

2286
02:27:54,000 --> 02:27:56,280
We have information technology.

2287
02:27:56,280 --> 02:27:57,840
We have human resources.

2288
02:27:57,840 --> 02:28:00,240
We have government buildings.

2289
02:28:00,240 --> 02:28:02,500
We have municipal court.

2290
02:28:02,500 --> 02:28:08,940
We have police administration, public works, city events, parks,

2291
02:28:08,940 --> 02:28:15,720
permitting, planning and zoning, economic development, Main Street, GIS,

2292
02:28:15,720 --> 02:28:23,540
and other financing for a total of \$29.2 million.

2293
02:28:23,540 --> 02:28:24,980
\$29,290,000.

2294
02:28:24,980 --> 02:28:25,480
\$390,000.

2295
02:28:25,480 --> 02:28:25,980
\$390,000.

2296
02:28:25,980 --> 02:28:27,200
\$390,000, \$390,000.

2297
02:28:27,200 --> 02:28:27,680
\$390,000.

2298
02:28:27,680 --> 02:28:28,300
\$390,000.

2299
02:28:28,300 --> 02:28:28,700
\$390,000.

2300
02:28:28,700 --> 02:28:29,640
\$390,000.

2301
02:28:29,640 --> 02:28:30,160
\$390,000.

2302
02:28:30,160 --> 02:28:30,620
\$390,000.

2303
02:28:30,620 --> 02:28:37,080
This was the adopted budget, from January 1 to go through December 31 of 2025.

2304
02:28:37,080 --> 02:28:39,260
A lot of things have happened.

2305
02:28:39,260 --> 02:28:43,020
And now that budget of 29 you see on the right side,

2306
02:28:43,020 --> 02:28:48,300
we have received more revenues than we projected.

2307
02:28:48,300 --> 02:28:52,220
We projected we are going to receive \$29.2 million,

2308
02:28:52,220 --> 02:28:55,100
but now we are going to receive \$2.2 million.

2309
02:28:55,100 --> 02:28:55,660
\$2.2 million.

2310

02:28:55,660 --> 02:28:55,940
\$2.2 million.

2311
02:28:55,940 --> 02:29:04,880
are anticipating to receive a 32.1 million because some revenues have come

2312
02:29:04,880 --> 02:29:14,240
way more than we anticipated but also expenses have gone up and then we get

2313
02:29:14,240 --> 02:29:20,480
into governing body several factors again that have made the expenses to go

2314
02:29:20,480 --> 02:29:26,400
up some of those ones would be running costs some of those would be how we

2315
02:29:26,400 --> 02:29:35,720
anticipated insurances to be now they are even more then we have again still

2316
02:29:35,720 --> 02:29:42,640
on the governing board instead of 581 it's still still the same 598 less two

2317
02:29:42,640 --> 02:29:48,940
hundred dollars are in there the city clerk executive finance non-departmental

2318
02:29:48,940 --> 02:29:50,460
business license

2319
02:29:50,460 --> 02:29:56,220
is on the right hand side information technology human resources governing

2320
02:29:56,220 --> 02:30:04,740
buildings municipal government municipal court police public works city events

2321
02:30:04,740 --> 02:30:11,460
parks permitting planning and zoning economic development Main Street GIS and

2322
02:30:11,460 --> 02:30:18,980
other financing on the left hand side we adopted the budget at twenty nine point

2323
02:30:18,980 --> 02:30:20,440

two million

2324

02:30:20,460 --> 02:30:27,700

general fund on the right hand side we are projecting to end the fiscal year

2325

02:30:27,700 --> 02:30:37,820

December 31 by having 32.1 million this will be much much closer to than what we

2326

02:30:37,820 --> 02:30:50,380

adopted come January February you see that that 32 may be 31 may be 33 so all

2327

02:30:50,380 --> 02:30:56,200

is projection but we want to go as close as possible there is no running short of

2328

02:30:56,200 --> 02:31:10,420

money it's a good news story second page that is to do with the other funds we

2329

02:31:10,420 --> 02:31:16,840

have various funds general fund as the name applies is general the the rest of

2330

02:31:16,840 --> 02:31:23,460

this one on this page they are specific specific purposes general fund is

2331

02:31:23,460 --> 02:31:30,840

different but these are specific we have confiscated assets are you as you see

2332

02:31:30,840 --> 02:31:38,800

budgeted zero but we got at least we have 338 then we have property and the

2333

02:31:38,800 --> 02:31:46,380

evidence we have red speed we have upper funds upper was budgeted zero but you

2334

02:31:46,380 --> 02:31:46,820

will see

2335

02:31:46,820 --> 02:31:52,000

on the other side we have spent I talked about 1.9 because when we received

2336

02:31:52,000 --> 02:31:59,060

upper money we didn't put in separate we put it in general fund general fund used

2337
02:31:59,060 --> 02:32:05,260
that money but we are obligated by the funder which is the federal government

2338
02:32:05,260 --> 02:32:13,980
we have to fund so we are funding upper because we used upper money so you see

2339
02:32:13,980 --> 02:32:16,360
1.9 until those projects are done

2340
02:32:16,360 --> 02:32:16,800
you will see 1.9 until those projects are done

2341
02:32:16,820 --> 02:32:23,620
that 1.9 is being allocated to fund the project Oh else as you remember we are

2342
02:32:23,620 --> 02:32:24,420
supposed to have refunded

2343
02:32:24,420 --> 02:32:29,340
2.2 million so this is the end of it we

2344
02:32:29,340 --> 02:32:35,500
cannot have any new projects founded by upper because there is no funding and

2345
02:32:35,500 --> 02:32:41,800
then we have Grants hotel motel we are on the left hand side hotel motel you

2346
02:32:41,800 --> 02:32:46,820
see we budgeted for 425,000

2347
02:32:46,820 --> 02:32:53,620
expect it to be the same so there's no change on the amendment it's the same we have plus five

2348
02:32:53,620 --> 02:33:02,280
we have plus six we have two plus uh urban development that is to do with the um loan

2349
02:33:02,280 --> 02:33:10,520
funding citywide projects you'll see that we didn't budget anything and there's no amendment

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02:33:10,520 --> 02:33:18,260

so it's zero this side is zero this side uh down um dda citywide development authority

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02:33:18,260 --> 02:33:25,600

public facility the one that we are talking about that's where there is the that of our 14 million

2352

02:33:25,600 --> 02:33:33,660

but here we are budgeting how much are we expecting to pay in debt so that's the one that you are

2353

02:33:33,660 --> 02:33:40,160

seeing four million and we're expecting to spend the four four million until the debt

2354

02:33:40,160 --> 02:33:40,500

change

2355

02:33:40,520 --> 02:33:48,420

is uh impact fees uh we budgeted nothing but we expected we have already received one million

2356

02:33:48,420 --> 02:33:55,380

uh similarly uh that's a ten thousand there will be no change ten thousand but there will be a

2357

02:33:55,380 --> 02:34:01,200

change in 2026 because there will be some developments that will take uh then water

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02:34:01,200 --> 02:34:10,160

sewer storm water sanitation um conference center and amp theater we adopted the

2359

02:34:10,520 --> 02:34:25,360

Our 2025 other funds, that is 64, and we are, that's 34, and we're expecting to have 40.

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02:34:26,580 --> 02:34:28,420

Some we didn't budget.

2361

02:34:28,960 --> 02:34:30,560

As you have seen, some there are zeros.

2362

02:34:30,720 --> 02:34:32,320

That's why you have 34 million.

2363
02:34:32,940 --> 02:34:37,640
But including everything on the right-hand side, we have that 40 million.

2364
02:34:37,640 --> 02:34:39,280
That's what we're expecting to have.

2365
02:34:39,280 --> 02:34:42,280
So in either way, there is revenue.

2366
02:34:44,820 --> 02:34:51,220
And the last one is the summary of general fund and other funds.

2367
02:34:53,660 --> 02:34:56,540
General fund is the one that you have already seen.

2368
02:34:56,800 --> 02:34:59,600
It's 32.1 million.

2369
02:35:00,400 --> 02:35:08,860
Then the rest of those ones is just a repetition of where we are just coming, the previous page.

2370
02:35:09,280 --> 02:35:12,380
At the bottom of it, there's a grand total.

2371
02:35:12,580 --> 02:35:20,880
That is for general fund plus other funds at 72.5 million, all funds.

2372
02:35:21,500 --> 02:35:23,120
But we budgeted.

2373
02:35:23,460 --> 02:35:26,680
We adopted the budget at 63 million.

2374
02:35:26,900 --> 02:35:35,700
So it's what we feel that we have captured everything, revenues and expenses, less what we adopted.

2375
02:35:36,200 --> 02:35:39,260

Then the difference is that 8.8 million.

2376

02:35:39,500 --> 02:35:45,820

Not that that's a shortfall or that's the running out of funds,

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02:35:46,160 --> 02:35:51,880

but that's the difference that we projected when we adopted the budget

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02:35:51,880 --> 02:35:57,380

and what we expect to happen by end of this fiscal year.

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02:35:58,780 --> 02:36:06,360

I will entertain any questions or comments that you may have on our 2025 budget amendment.

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02:36:06,360 --> 02:36:09,220

And the final one will be there.

2381

02:36:09,500 --> 02:36:11,660

Next year after we close the year.

2382

02:36:12,200 --> 02:36:15,640

It's advisable at least to have two budget amendments.

2383

02:36:15,820 --> 02:36:19,700

But you can have as many times as you may have, depending on changes.

2384

02:36:20,600 --> 02:36:21,160

Questions?

2385

02:36:23,740 --> 02:36:24,140

I do.

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02:36:24,400 --> 02:36:25,160

All right, please.

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02:36:26,320 --> 02:36:27,640

Thank you, Mr. Malazzi.

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02:36:28,380 --> 02:36:31,960

I won't be supporting this budget amendment, as you already know.

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02:36:33,380 --> 02:36:38,340

Because I think my councilmates are being very irresponsible.

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02:36:39,280 --> 02:36:47,400

When it comes to this amphitheater, once again, the amphitheater budget has been overspent.

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02:36:49,400 --> 02:36:56,960

Given the fact that the governing body knew about the mismanagement of \$32.9 million.

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02:36:57,500 --> 02:37:05,500

I know that the budget amendment that you're presenting to us includes, it encompasses a lot of accounts.

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02:37:05,500 --> 02:37:09,240

And as a staff member, you just threw in the amphitheater as well.

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02:37:09,900 --> 02:37:19,760

I would prefer these budget amendments be presented to the council at least quarterly and by departments.

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02:37:20,960 --> 02:37:24,500

Some of these items on here, I support.

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02:37:25,440 --> 02:37:29,340

But absolutely not the overspending of the amphitheater.

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02:37:30,260 --> 02:37:33,620

I've been very consistent in my message.

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02:37:33,620 --> 02:37:34,380

Thank you.

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02:37:34,380 --> 02:37:34,620

Thank you.

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02:37:34,620 --> 02:37:34,840

Thank you.

2401

02:37:34,840 --> 02:37:35,020

Thank you.

2402

02:37:35,020 --> 02:37:35,040

Thank you.

2403

02:37:35,040 --> 02:37:35,060

Thank you.

2404

02:37:35,060 --> 02:37:35,320

Thank you.

2405

02:37:35,320 --> 02:37:35,340

Thank you.

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02:37:35,340 --> 02:37:35,400

Thank you.

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02:37:35,400 --> 02:37:35,480

Thank you.

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02:37:35,480 --> 02:37:43,440

supported and approved adopting a millage rate. I said no tax dollars, none

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02:37:43,440 --> 02:37:49,760

of the millage rate that is collected would be used to fund free events in the

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02:37:49,760 --> 02:37:54,620

amphitheater. I believe that's exactly what's being used to fund this

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02:37:54,620 --> 02:38:01,640

amphitheater. No marketing plan, no sponsorship plan, or maintenance plan was

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02:38:01,640 --> 02:38:07,160

in the packet. I know either you or Mr. Edmondson said it was in our binders,

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02:38:07,160 --> 02:38:12,260

it's not, nor was it sent to us via email. There's a reason why I'm asking these

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02:38:12,260 --> 02:38:19,880

questions. I want to make sure that I am fully aware of how our government is

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02:38:19,880 --> 02:38:27,980

being operated and how responsible we should be to the taxpayers, but we're not.

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02:38:27,980 --> 02:38:30,740

We're constantly overspending.

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02:38:30,740 --> 02:38:31,580

I'll

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02:38:31,580 --> 02:38:38,480

want to see at least one solid budget in which this governing body adheres to the

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02:38:38,480 --> 02:38:43,820

budget and not allow the overspending. I'm not going to support this budget

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02:38:43,820 --> 02:38:47,860

amendment. I understand you need the council's approval. They'll support it

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02:38:47,860 --> 02:38:51,380

because they all agreed and supported the overspending of the amphitheater

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02:38:51,380 --> 02:38:57,680

amidst all of the other discussions that have been had earlier this year. Thank

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02:38:57,680 --> 02:38:59,400

you for your presentation, sir.

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02:38:59,400 --> 02:39:01,560

And I mentioned about the

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02:39:01,560 --> 02:39:11,620

events that two employees were omitted. Without budget amendment, that means we can't end

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02:39:11,620 --> 02:39:20,120

with events to pay. We can't pay. It's you who can... The city manager has no authority

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02:39:20,120 --> 02:39:25,660

to move money from one department to the other. So we have to move where we underspend to where

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02:39:25,660 --> 02:39:30,660

the money is needed and vice versa. About amphitheater, I think the city manager touched

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02:39:30,660 --> 02:39:37,140

it a bit that he has got a plan. So that plan will come in down the line. But the budget

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02:39:37,140 --> 02:39:45,640

amendment is one of the most important to remain fiscal responsible. So where there is less,

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02:39:45,640 --> 02:39:51,780

we move money. That's the time we move money where it's really needed. So at least

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02:39:51,780 --> 02:40:00,220

quarterly, it may not be feasible, but six months is the standard. That's why we have mid-year

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02:40:00,660 --> 02:40:07,460

budget amendment and year-end budget amendment. Having two... In some circumstances when there's

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02:40:07,460 --> 02:40:14,560

really an event that you never expected, you have more revenues or you have completely

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02:40:14,560 --> 02:40:20,860

too much less revenues, you may make that budget amendment. Two budget amendment I think

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02:40:20,860 --> 02:40:21,860

is more appropriate.

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02:40:21,860 --> 02:40:28,400

Well, the reason why I mention it is because we're not getting the monthly financial reports

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02:40:28,400 --> 02:40:29,500

that we're supposed to be receiving.

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02:40:29,500 --> 02:40:30,500

Okay.

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02:40:30,500 --> 02:40:36,860

If I had those monthly financial reports, and I know there are members of the council

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02:40:36,860 --> 02:40:41,840

that don't want you to send them to us. Don't send it to them, the ones that don't want

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02:40:41,840 --> 02:40:49,700

it. Don't send it to them. Please send them to me. So if I had that, I would know where

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02:40:49,700 --> 02:40:56,740

we are in our spending every month, at least quarterly. That's all. Thank you, sir.

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02:40:56,740 --> 02:41:00,480

I would think that the standard process for the amendments that you indicated, the

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02:41:00,480 --> 02:41:03,780

one that you indicated, would probably suffice for the majority of the council. And of course,

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02:41:03,780 --> 02:41:07,480

if you send any information to one council, you need to send it to everybody so everybody

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02:41:07,480 --> 02:41:14,480

sees that as well. In reference to that, this is the first reading. So since it's the first

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02:41:14,480 --> 02:41:17,920

reading, this is not... This is for discussion's sake. We're not going to approve this tonight

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02:41:17,920 --> 02:41:21,460

initially, since it's just the first reading. So I just wanted to clarify.

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02:41:21,460 --> 02:41:27,980

So the budget amendment, you don't approve budget amendment, you don't approve the budget,

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02:41:27,980 --> 02:41:29,480

you approve the ordinance.

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02:41:29,480 --> 02:41:30,480

Okay.

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02:41:30,480 --> 02:41:37,580

So next, the second reading, you approve budget amendment ordinance, and you approve

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02:41:37,580 --> 02:41:39,980
budget, 2026 budget ordinance.

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02:41:39,980 --> 02:41:42,380
Thank you, sir. Mr. Alexander, go ahead.

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02:41:42,380 --> 02:41:50,480
So what happens if we don't approve this amendment? We don't correct the books?

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02:41:50,480 --> 02:41:59,480
Right. You will make the staff, because we can't... We have to make the staff, because

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02:41:59,480 --> 02:42:04,880
we can't... We have to operate. So you make staff do things that they are not supposed

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02:42:04,880 --> 02:42:11,180
to do, which has been happening. You remember one time I said, we let you down, because

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02:42:11,180 --> 02:42:18,680
we are doing things on your behalf. So give an example of, I don't have enough money for

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02:42:18,680 --> 02:42:26,480
events staff that we omitted when we were preparing this budget 2025. I talked to Mrs.

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02:42:26,480 --> 02:42:27,480
Webster.

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02:42:27,480 --> 02:42:28,480
Just hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold

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02:42:28,480 --> 02:42:29,480
on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Hold

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02:42:29,480 --> 02:42:37,760
hold on hold on like now the only way there's no way out there are some departments because of the

2466
02:42:37,760 --> 02:42:45,440
uh the way it is they had to work over time even though they were not budgeted they had to spend

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02:42:45,440 --> 02:42:53,100

over time and we have to make changes so you can't continue non-budgeted spending so you encourage us

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02:42:53,100 --> 02:43:00,920

to spend that was not budgeted right so in essence without this budget amendment the people would not

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02:43:00,920 --> 02:43:08,860

be paid i'm saying they they they they wouldn't be paid out of the correct account they would not be

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02:43:08,860 --> 02:43:14,180

able to those funds that were expended in various departments because the city manager does not have

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02:43:14,180 --> 02:43:20,380

that authority to make those transactions then we would be the books would be then unbalanced once

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02:43:20,380 --> 02:43:22,620

again and one of the reasons

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02:43:22,620 --> 02:43:23,080

in

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02:43:23,080 --> 02:43:30,220

certainly there's no justifiable reason why these adjustments wasn't brought to us

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02:43:30,220 --> 02:43:37,160

but if you look at it and you brought the if you brought the adjustments to the council and the

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02:43:37,160 --> 02:43:42,600

council say i ain't gonna vote for it anyway you just brought yourself in a position of saying

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02:43:42,600 --> 02:43:49,420

okay they're bringing it to us if they'd have brought those 32.32 not 0.9 million in adjustments

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02:43:49,420 --> 02:43:52,600

to us and we would have voted no the books would have been screwed up

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02:43:52,600 --> 02:43:59,560

anyway right what we did was now we corrected those adjustments that have been brought to us let's make

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02:43:59,560 --> 02:44:06,260

something very clear that was never 32.9 million dollars missing correct it was indeed there was

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02:44:06,260 --> 02:44:13,120

there was transfers needed to be made that we made is that correct that was true and the majority of

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02:44:13,120 --> 02:44:20,060

it they were never budgeted but spending we had to spend because money was there so we were spending

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02:44:20,700 --> 02:44:22,440

it was non-budgeted spending

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02:44:22,600 --> 02:44:28,340

so we were doing things without the approval or allocation of council you have to allocate money

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02:44:28,340 --> 02:44:34,060

to spend and that's the reason why if it's not in the budget it doesn't exist because you can't

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02:44:34,060 --> 02:44:39,520

tell me treasure find money i can't find money if you didn't allocate right and that's the purpose

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02:44:39,520 --> 02:44:44,440

of the budget amendment is to correct the budget to make sure that the end of the year that the

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02:44:44,440 --> 02:44:50,680

budgets excuse me are balanced and that this is the way we're going and as we go along

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02:44:50,680 --> 02:44:57,480

what i want to make i want to take my time and i want to explain this so everybody understands

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02:44:57,480 --> 02:45:03,080

the original empathy of the budget was set at two million dollars for two point six two point

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02:45:03,080 --> 02:45:10,120

six millions for two concerts right the first year three it was a two or three two two two

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02:45:10,120 --> 02:45:19,160

concerts the first year right in 2023 in 2024 and 2025 for some unknown reason those numbers were

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02:45:19,160 --> 02:45:20,660

not changed when we had the budget amendment and we weren't going to have the budget amendment

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02:45:20,660 --> 02:45:20,680

we weren't going to have the budget amendment and we weren't going to have the budget amendment

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02:45:20,680 --> 02:45:24,900

had 12, I think, 15 concerts one year and 12 the other year.

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02:45:25,480 --> 02:45:31,180

The budget, the issue is the budget was never adjusted,

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02:45:31,760 --> 02:45:37,500

so the staff was adjusting those budgets inside the line items.

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02:45:37,500 --> 02:45:40,620

But in actuality, what should have been happening is,

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02:45:41,180 --> 02:45:44,880

in correct management before you arrived,

2500

02:45:45,580 --> 02:45:48,920

the budget for the amphitheater should have been adjusted upwards

2501

02:45:48,920 --> 02:45:53,300

in order to account for the actual budgets

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02:45:53,300 --> 02:45:58,240

instead of leaving it at \$2.6 million for two concerts

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02:45:58,240 --> 02:46:01,400

or thereabouts in what we're speaking.

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02:46:01,540 --> 02:46:05,540

So no one in plain layman terms would have ever thought

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02:46:05,540 --> 02:46:11,160

that you could get two concerts for \$2.6 million with a grand opening

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02:46:11,160 --> 02:46:15,720

and that you would be able to have 15 concerts for the same amount, right?

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02:46:17,160 --> 02:46:18,900

It just doesn't make common sense.

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02:46:18,920 --> 02:46:21,160

It just doesn't make sense that you would be able to do that.

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02:46:21,500 --> 02:46:24,700

And I think going forward, this council is not going to sit there

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02:46:24,700 --> 02:46:26,780

and set the budget at \$2.6 million.

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02:46:27,060 --> 02:46:30,360

I would expect that the city manager would not recommend

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02:46:30,360 --> 02:46:34,860

an unreasonable number like that

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02:46:34,860 --> 02:46:37,420

because we've exceeded it every single year.

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02:46:37,760 --> 02:46:41,340

The number needs to be set at where the actual budget is.

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02:46:41,440 --> 02:46:44,260

This year, you're showing, what, \$4.4 million?

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02:46:44,980 --> 02:46:47,200

That's probably where the number needs to be at,

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02:46:47,200 --> 02:46:48,420
somewhere in that range.

2518

02:46:48,920 --> 02:46:53,560
In order to make it happen once we get all the data back in,

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02:46:53,880 --> 02:46:56,060
you've got to set the budget at, you can't say,

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02:46:56,180 --> 02:46:59,860
okay, the budget for the police department is \$8 million this year

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02:46:59,860 --> 02:47:02,520
and then you want to increase the budget,

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02:47:02,660 --> 02:47:05,380
you want more police officers, you want more staff,

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02:47:05,460 --> 02:47:07,740
and then say, oh, we're not going to increase the budget at all.

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02:47:08,460 --> 02:47:13,360
And as I think the city manager has put very eloquently is,

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02:47:14,200 --> 02:47:17,800
it's not the benefit of the ticket sales.

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02:47:17,800 --> 02:47:18,540
It is.

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02:47:18,920 --> 02:47:23,920
The overflow, it is the economic development surrounding this area.

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02:47:23,920 --> 02:47:28,620
This area was depressed and dead before we built the amphitheater, dead.

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02:47:28,980 --> 02:47:32,740
Now we have Burlington that has bought, has opened up here.

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02:47:32,740 --> 02:47:34,220

Burlington is open here, right?

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02:47:34,780 --> 02:47:37,500

Now we have frozen smoke open across the tracks.

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02:47:37,840 --> 02:47:40,160

We have Crown Pizza that's open across the tracks.

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02:47:40,360 --> 02:47:43,820

We have Peach Cobbler Factory that's open down the street.

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02:47:44,240 --> 02:47:47,640

Numerous other businesses are coming to the area.

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02:47:48,000 --> 02:47:48,780

The old Burger King,

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02:47:48,780 --> 02:47:50,820

that many people have asked questions about,

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02:47:51,440 --> 02:47:55,080

a Panda Express is coming in the old Burger King on Highway 138.

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02:47:55,500 --> 02:47:59,140

Seven Brew is coming right there in the Walmart parking lot.

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02:47:59,620 --> 02:48:03,120

The overflow economics, you can see it.

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02:48:03,480 --> 02:48:05,940

It's not that you can't see it.

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02:48:06,200 --> 02:48:09,100

And the only reason those businesses are now coming

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02:48:09,100 --> 02:48:13,220

is because we spent \$22.5 million on the amphitheater

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02:48:13,220 --> 02:48:17,800

and that we said that we would get the economic windfall.

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02:48:17,800 --> 02:48:18,600

So you,

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02:48:18,780 --> 02:48:22,440

you need look no farther than Truist Park in Cobb County

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02:48:22,440 --> 02:48:25,220

where they spent \$740 million.

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02:48:25,960 --> 02:48:29,680

But the economic windfall in the surrounding area

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02:48:29,680 --> 02:48:31,200

was over a billion dollars.

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02:48:31,700 --> 02:48:32,200

And that's what,

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02:48:32,280 --> 02:48:33,160

that's what will happen.

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02:48:33,660 --> 02:48:33,940

That's,

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02:48:34,020 --> 02:48:34,800

that's the kind of,

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02:48:35,040 --> 02:48:37,100

not on that scale of a billion dollars,

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02:48:37,100 --> 02:48:42,820

but we're certainly the economic impact will pay for many times over

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02:48:42,820 --> 02:48:45,460

what we're seeing in this particular area.

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02:48:46,020 --> 02:48:46,960

So again,

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02:48:47,120 --> 02:48:47,680

right here,

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02:48:47,800 --> 02:48:48,760

I think later on,

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02:48:48,840 --> 02:48:49,640

the planning commission,

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02:48:49,800 --> 02:48:53,420

Tim Horton's coffee is coming right there at Rock Quarry Road

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02:48:53,420 --> 02:48:55,760

and North Henry Boulevard.

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02:48:56,400 --> 02:48:59,240

Those businesses aren't coming by accident.

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02:48:59,900 --> 02:49:02,760

They're coming because we invested in ourselves.

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02:49:03,320 --> 02:49:05,920

And we showed the world this area,

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02:49:06,080 --> 02:49:07,240

which was depressed,

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02:49:07,860 --> 02:49:09,040

is now class A.

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02:49:09,140 --> 02:49:10,300

The amphitheater is class A.

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02:49:10,360 --> 02:49:11,720

The city hall is class A.

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02:49:12,280 --> 02:49:13,520

Over across the street,

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02:49:13,520 --> 02:49:16,960

we reinvested in the businesses in downtown.

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02:49:17,540 --> 02:49:18,720

The Publix is invested.

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02:49:18,780 --> 02:49:19,320

See,

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02:49:19,380 --> 02:49:21,000

I was just at a ribbon cutting,

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02:49:21,860 --> 02:49:22,060

right?

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02:49:22,180 --> 02:49:22,520

Friday,

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02:49:22,680 --> 02:49:22,820

Mayor,

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02:49:22,940 --> 02:49:23,180

right?

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02:49:23,420 --> 02:49:23,900

Absolutely.

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02:49:24,120 --> 02:49:25,840

We were at the burn boot camp.

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02:49:26,100 --> 02:49:26,340

Right.

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02:49:26,520 --> 02:49:30,820

They spent \$500,000 remodeling that building down there.

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02:49:31,080 --> 02:49:35,240

They had been sitting there depressed for numerous years since I think.

2583
02:49:36,220 --> 02:49:36,780
Probably a good three,

2584
02:49:36,840 --> 02:49:37,200
four years.

2585
02:49:37,240 --> 02:49:37,420
Yeah.

2586
02:49:37,460 --> 02:49:41,720
I think it was a tulipies restaurant that was there previously.

2587
02:49:42,620 --> 02:49:45,780
Commissioner Thomas's restaurant before she got into politics.

2588
02:49:45,940 --> 02:49:48,720
And it had been sitting there empty until that time.

2589
02:49:49,260 --> 02:49:57,840
Now a new business is in that location and we're going to do the study and we're going to show you what the umbrella looks like in this area.

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02:49:57,840 --> 02:50:08,880
I would dare say the Jodico development has benefited from what we've done in the city center to the whole toll aspect of what Stockbridge looks like has changed because we invested in ourselves.

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02:50:09,120 --> 02:50:18,360
So I certainly appreciate the investment and that the courage that this council has shown in turning,

2592
02:50:18,360 --> 02:50:24,900
but around this completely the area that was so depressed that nothing was coming here.

2593
02:50:24,960 --> 02:50:31,620
The first four years or five years that I served on council and you served on council mayor and councilwoman get y'all served on council.

2594
02:50:32,020 --> 02:50:35,440
There was absolutely nothing going on in this area.

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02:50:35,540 --> 02:50:35,840

Nothing.

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02:50:35,840 --> 02:50:39,280

There was no development and people were fleeing right and left.

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02:50:39,800 --> 02:50:42,420

So what we've done is we've done it.

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02:50:42,500 --> 02:50:48,340

We've invested in ourselves and the windfall is showing up all over the city in different areas.

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02:50:48,340 --> 02:50:50,280

And the last thing that I'm going to point it out.

2600

02:50:51,620 --> 02:50:53,860

We have had balanced budgets, right?

2601

02:50:54,240 --> 02:50:55,280

We balance the budget.

2602

02:50:55,640 --> 02:50:59,480

This budget is balanced and that's going into 2026.

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02:50:59,660 --> 02:51:07,920

And as a matter of fact, this budget has, as you just indicated to us, there's \$32 million in revenue, right?

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02:51:08,360 --> 02:51:10,960

And then there's \$29 million in expenses.

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02:51:11,620 --> 02:51:14,100

That's what you just showed us on the diagram, right?

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02:51:14,100 --> 02:51:18,320

We adopted the \$29.2 million.

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02:51:18,340 --> 02:51:23,620

Revenues have grown up from \$29 to \$32 million.

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02:51:24,880 --> 02:51:25,560

Right.

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02:51:25,960 --> 02:51:28,660

So revenues have gone up from \$29 to \$32.

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02:51:29,240 --> 02:51:33,760

Now, again, what is explaining that total increase in revenue in the city?

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02:51:33,840 --> 02:51:36,420

The economic development that we've invested in ourselves.

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02:51:36,980 --> 02:51:46,520

So young people like Mr. Fritz over there can have activities in the community and we can have college people like Jaden there to come back to the community with a job.

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02:51:46,760 --> 02:51:48,320

And they like to.

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02:51:48,440 --> 02:51:54,160

They like to invest in this community and that they could be here and they could live here and they don't have to live downtown.

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02:51:54,160 --> 02:51:57,460

They can live in the suburbs and they can spend their money right here.

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02:51:57,780 --> 02:52:00,460

The young professionals is what we've been missing.

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02:52:00,700 --> 02:52:09,880

I look forward to having more young professionals move to the city because the population and the one thing that we understood and I'm going to close by saying this.

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02:52:10,540 --> 02:52:13,180

The Downtown Development Authority did a study.

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02:52:14,120 --> 02:52:18,220

The average home built in this downtown area was.

2620
02:52:18,220 --> 02:52:18,320
Bill.

2621
02:52:18,340 --> 02:52:20,100
Built in 1966.

2622
02:52:21,580 --> 02:52:27,020
What young person wants to move into a neighborhood with 50 year old homes in it?

2623
02:52:27,600 --> 02:52:32,000
Right now, all of a sudden, we've had numerous developments.

2624
02:52:32,580 --> 02:52:34,460
I look at Diamante down the street.

2625
02:52:35,340 --> 02:52:39,780
Young urban professionals are moving there right next to Publix, right across the street from the park.

2626
02:52:40,320 --> 02:52:41,600
I say mission accomplished.

2627
02:52:42,200 --> 02:52:44,160
And this is the vision of the city.

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02:52:44,460 --> 02:52:46,340
And that's the direction that we're going in.

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02:52:46,340 --> 02:52:48,180
So I appreciate the courage.

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02:52:48,180 --> 02:52:49,060
I appreciate the courage of our councilmates.

2631
02:52:49,160 --> 02:52:49,500
Thank you.

2632
02:52:50,460 --> 02:52:51,620
You had something, ma'am?

2633
02:52:51,820 --> 02:52:52,240
I did.

2634
02:52:52,500 --> 02:52:52,880
Go ahead, please.

2635
02:52:52,900 --> 02:52:53,860
Just a couple comments.

2636
02:52:54,380 --> 02:53:00,600
Number one, the council was not aware and nor were we claiming that we mismanaged any funds.

2637
02:53:00,780 --> 02:53:09,580
As we've stated before, you provided us notice of the policies and procedures that did not come before me and council until this year, this summer.

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02:53:10,160 --> 02:53:13,580
And we've since and we are still straightening those out.

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02:53:13,580 --> 02:53:17,980
In addition to that, the budget that you just put the budget amendment that you just presented.

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02:53:17,980 --> 02:53:31,260
I kind of cringe because like I said, the moment we started and broke ground on the amphitheater was the moment that I started looking at what's the next project.

2641
02:53:32,260 --> 02:53:35,220
Not harping every single day on the amphitheater.

2642
02:53:35,320 --> 02:53:42,100
And I'm not trying to brush over it, but the budget, there are so many more amendments that took place.

2643
02:53:42,180 --> 02:53:47,960
And I think people are failing to, they want to beam in on that and act like the conspiracy is, oh, that's where.

2644
02:53:48,020 --> 02:53:48,580
The money went.

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02:53:48,860 --> 02:53:49,500

That's all of it.

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02:53:49,560 --> 02:53:50,420

That's where it came to.

2647

02:53:50,480 --> 02:53:51,680

And that's not true.

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02:53:52,120 --> 02:53:52,880

It's not.

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02:53:53,340 --> 02:54:00,220

If you look at the numbers and the amendments that took place, the actual spending versus what the budget was for.

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02:54:00,220 --> 02:54:05,440

It was in every single department that did not come back to us to get amended.

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02:54:06,340 --> 02:54:09,040

Not the amphitheater.

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02:54:09,940 --> 02:54:17,940

That includes governing body, city clerk, executive finance, non-departmental, business services, information technology.

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02:54:17,960 --> 02:54:30,820

Human resources, government building, municipal courts, police administration, public works, city events, parks, permitting, planning zone, economic development, Main Street, GIS, and other financing.

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02:54:32,000 --> 02:54:33,740

Every single one of them.

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02:54:35,060 --> 02:54:37,540

So we can lay off the conspiracies of that.

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02:54:37,840 --> 02:54:39,260

We've said that over and over again.

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02:54:39,580 --> 02:54:43,840

And what we're doing right now is correcting every single thing.

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02:54:44,040 --> 02:54:45,680

We have a new finance director.

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02:54:45,680 --> 02:54:47,520

They brought it to our attention.

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02:54:47,960 --> 02:54:49,280

It has not been mismanaged.

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02:54:49,560 --> 02:54:51,000

There are no criminal activities.

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02:54:51,380 --> 02:54:52,520

The money has been found.

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02:54:52,620 --> 02:54:53,540

The money is there.

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02:54:55,040 --> 02:54:57,120

It was a process.

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02:54:58,260 --> 02:55:00,920

And yes, we under-budgeted.

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02:55:01,600 --> 02:55:07,740

There were some that we refused to budget for and we were uncomfortable with at one point.

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02:55:08,140 --> 02:55:14,320

It was because we under-budgeted prior to annexation.

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02:55:16,040 --> 02:55:17,280

We under-budgeted.

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02:55:17,280 --> 02:55:17,760

We under-budgeted.

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02:55:17,760 --> 02:55:17,840

We under-budgeted.

2671
02:55:17,840 --> 02:55:17,880
We under-budgeted.

2672
02:55:17,880 --> 02:55:17,920
We under-budgeted.

2673
02:55:17,920 --> 02:55:17,940
We under-budgeted.

2674
02:55:17,960 --> 02:55:18,080
We under-budgeted.

2675
02:55:18,080 --> 02:55:19,640
We have more citizens.

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02:55:19,900 --> 02:55:20,620
We have more constituents.

2677
02:55:20,880 --> 02:55:21,700
We have more land.

2678
02:55:21,880 --> 02:55:22,940
We have more roads.

2679
02:55:23,820 --> 02:55:31,740
When we brought those in, those projects, when we annexed other people in, we had 7,000

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02:55:31,740 --> 02:55:32,080
people.

2681
02:55:32,240 --> 02:55:34,180
We brought 6,700 people in.

2682
02:55:34,480 --> 02:55:40,760
We also had responsibilities and road responsibilities that we didn't have that were the responsibilities

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02:55:40,760 --> 02:55:42,760
of major road projects.

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02:55:43,560 --> 02:55:47,840

So let's be clear that those conspiracies and those I gotcha

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02:55:47,840 --> 02:55:55,080

moments are over we are working to start as a team and work on a clear slate and we are doing

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02:55:55,080 --> 02:56:03,000

we have to do to improve the budget and to focus on it and I'm going to take heed if you say that

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02:56:03,000 --> 02:56:08,540

we are to get the budget amendments you know every six months uh you know go revisit if we

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02:56:08,540 --> 02:56:16,200

need to amend the budget a budget is a roadmap it may not be accurate it's saying hey we think

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02:56:16,200 --> 02:56:22,960

it's going to cost us this much there's nothing wrong with going over and under the budget

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02:56:22,960 --> 02:56:30,500

we we would prefer to stay under the budget but if something happens and the projections are off

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02:56:30,500 --> 02:56:37,760

if more people moved in than we thought moved in and we you know we do census we say we did

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02:56:37,760 --> 02:56:43,640

6,700 but how how many other people have moved here since then I mean there are things and costs

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02:56:43,640 --> 02:56:45,040

and expenses that occur

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02:56:45,040 --> 02:56:52,660

in addition to that we did not budget I hate to even bring up the amphitheater we did not budget

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02:56:52,660 --> 02:56:59,860

it accurately on the actual expenses that would occur we're trying and we're learning

2696
02:56:59,860 --> 02:57:05,480
but we also the problem is we would be irresponsible

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02:57:05,480 --> 02:57:10,760
for not for not voting it's irresponsible not to vote

2698
02:57:10,760 --> 02:57:14,860
it's irresponsible to abstain

2699
02:57:15,040 --> 02:57:24,160
when you're not recusing yourself because you're a part of a of the the actual thing on the item

2700
02:57:24,160 --> 02:57:30,960
on the agenda it's a it's a road and a tool and a map but it's irresponsible for us not to vote

2701
02:57:30,960 --> 02:57:37,960
unless again it you know it's there's a reason

2702
02:57:37,960 --> 02:57:44,960
so my question my comment is no

2703
02:57:45,040 --> 02:57:51,500
one we did not mismanage anything we weren't aware of and when we made we were made aware

2704
02:57:51,500 --> 02:58:02,980
of it we began fixing it so thank you for fixing it and um let's start 2026 off the right way

2705
02:58:02,980 --> 02:58:05,680
thank you

2706
02:58:05,680 --> 02:58:13,460
quick please very quickly um campaign is over y'all let's let's get to the business of uh

2707
02:58:13,460 --> 02:58:15,020
what we need to do we need to do something we need to do we need to do something we need to do

2708
02:58:15,040 --> 02:58:18,200
We still talking about campaign-based stuff

2709
02:58:18,200 --> 02:58:21,700
and a lot of it is just misdirection.

2710
02:58:21,700 --> 02:58:24,840
We have six more agenda items tonight

2711
02:58:24,840 --> 02:58:27,460
that are first readings and we got the public hearing.

2712
02:58:27,460 --> 02:58:28,740
It's nine o'clock p.m.

2713
02:58:29,680 --> 02:58:31,720
We got one more item beyond that.

2714
02:58:32,800 --> 02:58:34,980
When it comes to this budget and amendment,

2715
02:58:34,980 --> 02:58:37,320
it's already been stated that it's our responsibility

2716
02:58:37,320 --> 02:58:39,480
to make sure that we do what's right,

2717
02:58:39,480 --> 02:58:43,040
fiscally responsible for the people of Stockbridge,

2718
02:58:43,040 --> 02:58:46,860
not giving us an opportunity to manage funds

2719
02:58:46,860 --> 02:58:48,360
does not mean you mismanaged it.

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02:58:48,360 --> 02:58:50,740
It just means gross negligence on the folks

2721
02:58:50,740 --> 02:58:53,660
who did not present it to you in the first place.

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02:58:53,660 --> 02:58:55,740

Having said that, that the new staff that is here

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02:58:55,740 --> 02:58:58,740

has given us every opportunity to be transparent with us

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02:58:58,740 --> 02:59:01,000

so we will know what is before us.

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02:59:01,000 --> 02:59:04,360

Moving forward, let's talk in unity and in unison

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02:59:04,360 --> 02:59:07,920

about what we need to do for the budget for this council.

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02:59:07,920 --> 02:59:12,260

We got new council members coming in in less than 30 days

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02:59:12,260 --> 02:59:13,040

and

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02:59:13,040 --> 02:59:15,880

frankly, I'm tired of the old narrative

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02:59:15,880 --> 02:59:18,280

and we need to move in unity and lock and step

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02:59:18,280 --> 02:59:20,840

and make sure that the city of Stockbridge is moving forward.

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02:59:20,840 --> 02:59:22,980

So let's start with these next seven items

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02:59:22,980 --> 02:59:24,420

we got to talk about tonight.

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02:59:25,420 --> 02:59:29,680

All right, any other comments, make sure, okay.

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02:59:29,680 --> 02:59:33,260

This is the first reading for that so it'll come back to us.

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02:59:33,260 --> 02:59:36,120

The next item, actually the next item is for you, Frank.

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02:59:36,120 --> 02:59:37,400

I don't know where you're going.

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02:59:37,400 --> 02:59:39,300

Council consideration approved the ordinance

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02:59:39,300 --> 02:59:41,720

to amend the title three of the city of Stockbridge

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02:59:41,720 --> 02:59:42,660

code of ordinances,

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02:59:42,660 --> 02:59:47,040

regarding finance to amend chapter 3.20 therefore,

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02:59:47,040 --> 02:59:49,740

thereof entitled credit card payments

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02:59:49,740 --> 02:59:51,720

to provide for convenience fees

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02:59:51,720 --> 02:59:56,020

for certain transactions citywide effective 1 January, 2026.

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02:59:56,020 --> 02:59:57,420

And it says, you're the presenter.

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02:59:57,420 --> 03:00:02,420

So it came a time when we had COVID-21, 22

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03:00:02,540 --> 03:00:06,260

and the council decided, or it was recommended to council

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03:00:06,260 --> 03:00:11,260

to say people are unable to pay credit card fees.

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03:00:12,660 --> 03:00:17,660

When we have services, we have options how people can pay.

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03:00:18,040 --> 03:00:19,440

And as you know, these days,

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03:00:19,440 --> 03:00:22,560

most people they will pay using credit card.

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03:00:22,560 --> 03:00:26,480

And those credit card, they are paying, it's not free.

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03:00:26,480 --> 03:00:30,000

They are credit card services,

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03:00:30,000 --> 03:00:33,020

they are credit card services fees.

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03:00:33,020 --> 03:00:37,280

Some they charge 2%, some they charge a fixed amount

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03:00:37,280 --> 03:00:39,740

or \$5, \$2, \$3.

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03:00:39,740 --> 03:00:44,740

So you allowed, how you allowed it there, I don't know.

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03:00:47,860 --> 03:00:49,480

I'll give you the reason why.

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03:00:50,420 --> 03:00:55,420

Because if we say for you to do zoning, planning,

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03:00:55,960 --> 03:01:00,960

the amount is \$300, someone pays you using credit card

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03:01:02,740 --> 03:01:07,600

and you absorb the credit card fees, that may be \$7,

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03:01:07,600 --> 03:01:09,080
that may be \$12.

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03:01:10,740 --> 03:01:13,540
The services are no longer \$300.

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03:01:14,840 --> 03:01:17,820
There are \$300 less fees.

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03:01:19,280 --> 03:01:23,100
Just from there, our calculations of estimates

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03:01:23,100 --> 03:01:24,180
are not correct.

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03:01:26,100 --> 03:01:31,100
So I'm not advocating because COVID is gone,

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03:01:34,540 --> 03:01:36,600
but we have to be realistic.

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03:01:36,600 --> 03:01:37,800
We have to be real.

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03:01:37,800 --> 03:01:38,840
We have to be realistic.

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03:01:38,840 --> 03:01:42,760
People, they chose to use credit card.

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03:01:42,760 --> 03:01:45,100
They will have to absorb the fees.

2773
03:01:46,500 --> 03:01:48,740
Somewhere, somehow we are talking about

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03:01:48,740 --> 03:01:50,120
credit card is not here.

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03:01:50,120 --> 03:01:52,320

Those are the fees we're talking about.

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03:01:52,320 --> 03:01:54,740

So the more revenues we receive,

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03:01:54,740 --> 03:01:56,720

the more fees we are charged.

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03:01:59,340 --> 03:02:01,880

So it goes into thousands.

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03:02:01,880 --> 03:02:05,240

That 40,000 that was mentioned is just one area.

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03:02:06,080 --> 03:02:06,920

So, so, so.

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03:02:06,920 --> 03:02:10,240

I just want to, I agree with what you're saying.

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03:02:10,240 --> 03:02:14,240

So if, let's say somebody came in and they,

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03:02:15,660 --> 03:02:18,520

on a new development and they send a really big check,

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03:02:18,520 --> 03:02:22,160

they're not going to pay cash for that, right?

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03:02:22,160 --> 03:02:24,600

The new development, some of these development fees,

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03:02:24,600 --> 03:02:25,860

what are some of them, Ryan?

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03:02:25,860 --> 03:02:27,340

Come to the podium real quick.

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03:02:27,340 --> 03:02:30,660

Sometimes somebody sent in a development charge

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03:02:30,660 --> 03:02:31,960
on a big development.

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03:02:31,960 --> 03:02:33,080
What are they paying?

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03:02:35,300 --> 03:02:36,320
I mean, it varies.

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03:02:36,320 --> 03:02:41,120
I mean, they can pay, on the building permit,

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03:02:41,120 --> 03:02:46,120
the assessment fees can be 50, 60, 70, thousand dollars.

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03:02:46,400 --> 03:02:47,240
Yeah.

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03:02:47,240 --> 03:02:49,840
Right, so it's 2% of that, right?

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03:02:49,840 --> 03:02:53,480
So it'd be 2% of \$70,000.

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03:02:53,480 --> 03:02:55,880
And most of those ones you are talking about,

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03:02:55,880 --> 03:02:57,920
they are not the ones that will use the card.

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03:02:57,920 --> 03:03:01,200
I know, but I'm just saying if the payment

2800

03:03:01,200 --> 03:03:06,200
in terms of just what we're doing in terms of these fees,

2801

03:03:06,320 --> 03:03:07,380
or just the amount of money that they're paying.

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03:03:07,380 --> 03:03:11,460

Somebody comes in, they pay a water bill, right?

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03:03:13,540 --> 03:03:15,620

It's still 2% of that.

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03:03:15,620 --> 03:03:18,100

And multiply that times all of the people paying

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03:03:18,100 --> 03:03:20,280

the water bill or whatever bill that is,

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03:03:20,280 --> 03:03:22,440

that number goes to be astronomical.

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03:03:22,440 --> 03:03:24,660

So I understand where we're going.

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03:03:24,660 --> 03:03:27,940

And I do remember during COVID,

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03:03:27,940 --> 03:03:31,200

what we were doing was we didn't do shutoffs.

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03:03:31,200 --> 03:03:32,600

We stopped doing shutoffs.

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03:03:32,600 --> 03:03:34,100

We stopped doing a lot of things.

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03:03:34,100 --> 03:03:36,200

And one of the things we did was suspended that bill,

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03:03:36,200 --> 03:03:41,780

the credit card fees because there was so many people unemployed and out of work so it is time

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03:03:41,780 --> 03:03:49,700

to rescind that it is all right anything else you need to answer oh okay any other questions

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03:03:49,700 --> 03:03:56,120

we have to have a hearing here or no that's the first hearing so we'll move on okay now we got

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03:03:56,120 --> 03:04:03,540

first hearing also we have several first hearings actually text amendment case tx 2025-04 for facade

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03:04:03,540 --> 03:04:10,200

building material citywide council consideration of the ordinance to revise section 4.4.4

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03:04:10,200 --> 03:04:15,800

under unified development code udc to establish updated requirements for building facade materials

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03:04:15,800 --> 03:04:22,480

for non-residential and multi-family structures the proposed ordinance outlines material standards

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03:04:22,480 --> 03:04:29,620

to promote architectural consistency durability and neighborhood compatibility mr anderson please

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03:04:29,620 --> 03:04:33,520

all right uh mayor for the

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03:04:33,520 --> 03:04:40,940

sake of time i'm just going on the building uh right there exactly i'm just going to give a brief

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03:04:40,940 --> 03:04:46,940

summary of this um basically what we're requiring on this text amendment is that our commercial um

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03:04:48,300 --> 03:04:56,140

establishments all mostly family all duplexes and things of that nature be 75 brick or stone and um

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03:04:56,780 --> 03:05:03,500

there's other list of acceptable materials but the primary facades and at least two sides have to be

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03:05:03,500 --> 03:05:11,320

brick or stone so we're trying to um ensure architectural uniformity across developments to

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03:05:11,320 --> 03:05:17,320

maintain neighborhood aesthetic carry character um support sustainability and durability enhance

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03:05:17,320 --> 03:05:23,160

quality of life and update building standards so basically we're just requiring all commercial

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03:05:23,160 --> 03:05:32,220

buildings multi-family uh town homes and um things of that nature to be 75 percent brick or stone

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03:05:32,220 --> 03:05:34,220

to the first reading, like there's several more first readings

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03:05:34,220 --> 03:05:36,320

coming up, so otherwise, this is something

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03:05:36,320 --> 03:05:38,280

that we'll go through the first reading for discussion

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03:05:38,280 --> 03:05:40,240

and say whatever questions the council may have

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03:05:40,240 --> 03:05:42,180

and we look toward to

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03:05:42,180 --> 03:05:44,280

change, come before us for all

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03:05:44,280 --> 03:05:46,160

these or whatever we agree to

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03:05:46,160 --> 03:05:48,200

here come next month. Is that what you're looking

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03:05:48,200 --> 03:05:50,320

for, dude? Yes, sir. We'll be coming back

2839
03:05:50,320 --> 03:05:52,240
for the final version to get

2840
03:05:52,240 --> 03:05:54,280
it adopted. If council has

2841
03:05:54,280 --> 03:05:56,020
any input tonight, we'll take that

2842
03:05:56,020 --> 03:05:58,000
and include it in these

2843
03:05:58,000 --> 03:05:58,900
ordinances.

2844
03:06:00,260 --> 03:06:02,040
But we hope to get them adopted

2845
03:06:02,040 --> 03:06:03,000
on the 8th of December.

2846
03:06:04,560 --> 03:06:05,720
And one last

2847
03:06:05,720 --> 03:06:08,040
I need to remind council

2848
03:06:08,040 --> 03:06:08,380
that

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03:06:08,380 --> 03:06:11,900
projects that have already been approved

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03:06:11,900 --> 03:06:13,880
in the hopper right now,

2851
03:06:14,360 --> 03:06:15,980
this doesn't apply to, and also

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03:06:15,980 --> 03:06:17,100

it doesn't apply to

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03:06:17,100 --> 03:06:20,080

developments that are governed by a master plan

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03:06:20,080 --> 03:06:21,820

or a development plan. You have to amend those

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03:06:21,820 --> 03:06:23,800

individually. But anything going

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03:06:23,800 --> 03:06:26,080

forward as of the adoption

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03:06:26,080 --> 03:06:28,060

of this ordinance will have to be set in the 5%

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03:06:28,060 --> 03:06:29,880

brick or stone. Current things are grandfathered

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03:06:29,880 --> 03:06:31,060

in a sense right now. Yes, sir.

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03:06:31,060 --> 03:06:31,780

Okay.

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03:06:32,040 --> 03:06:34,320

I think you said you had

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03:06:34,320 --> 03:06:36,120

something, sir. I just want to say this. The

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03:06:36,120 --> 03:06:38,200

jurisdiction around us, especially Henry

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03:06:38,200 --> 03:06:40,180

County, you know, you just look

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03:06:40,180 --> 03:06:42,060

at some of the businesses, you know, they built

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03:06:42,060 --> 03:06:43,860

the Starbucks on Jonesboro Road.

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03:06:44,420 --> 03:06:46,160

They got 100% brick. We

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03:06:46,160 --> 03:06:48,040

don't get that. We don't get that because

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03:06:48,040 --> 03:06:49,620

we don't require that.

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03:06:49,940 --> 03:06:52,040

They jump as high as you will have

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03:06:52,040 --> 03:06:54,120

them jump. And we just

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03:06:54,120 --> 03:06:56,040

need to make sure that the standards

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03:06:56,040 --> 03:06:58,160

are high enough that we get

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03:06:58,160 --> 03:06:59,740

these quality developments.

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03:07:00,060 --> 03:07:02,020

You know, all of us can look right

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03:07:02,020 --> 03:07:03,920

down the street and we can see that

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03:07:03,920 --> 03:07:05,980

new storage building that's along North

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03:07:05,980 --> 03:07:08,200

Henry Boulevard. It's under construction.

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03:07:08,660 --> 03:07:10,020

We couldn't stop it. We

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03:07:10,020 --> 03:07:12,000

didn't come to council. But if they

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03:07:12,000 --> 03:07:13,960

build in the future and we

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03:07:13,960 --> 03:07:15,880

can't stop it, they're not going to be able to build

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03:07:15,880 --> 03:07:18,120

a metal building on our main

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03:07:18,120 --> 03:07:19,860

corridor that is an ice

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03:07:19,860 --> 03:07:21,680

or they're going to have to at least build

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03:07:21,680 --> 03:07:24,020

something quality and it's going to be

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03:07:24,020 --> 03:07:26,160

representative of where we're trying to go

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03:07:26,160 --> 03:07:27,560

as a city. Thank you.

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03:07:28,400 --> 03:07:29,660

Any other comments right now?

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03:07:30,360 --> 03:07:31,900

Okay. Move on to the first

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03:07:31,900 --> 03:07:33,880

reading text amendment case

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03:07:33,880 --> 03:07:36,020
TX 2025-05

2893
03:07:36,020 --> 03:07:37,360
for two

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03:07:37,360 --> 03:07:40,000
car garages citywide.

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03:07:40,500 --> 03:07:41,980
Council consideration

2896
03:07:41,980 --> 03:07:44,040
of the ordinance to amend

2897
03:07:44,040 --> 03:07:46,080
section 4.4.2

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03:07:46,080 --> 03:07:48,180
F2 of the

2899
03:07:48,180 --> 03:07:50,120
Unified Development Code UDC to require

2900
03:07:50,120 --> 03:07:52,020
two car garages for all single family

2901
03:07:52,020 --> 03:07:54,180
homes, townhomes, and each unit within

2902
03:07:54,180 --> 03:07:56,120
duplexes. This amendment

2903
03:07:56,120 --> 03:07:57,960
updates the architectural standards to

2904
03:07:57,960 --> 03:07:59,900
promote adequate off-the-street parking

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03:07:59,900 --> 03:08:02,020
and consistent residential design.

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03:08:02,020 --> 03:08:04,120
Mr. Addison, please. Yes, this is

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03:08:04,120 --> 03:08:05,880
basically, we amended

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03:08:05,880 --> 03:08:07,840
this ordinance back

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03:08:07,840 --> 03:08:10,020
last year in the spring, but

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03:08:10,020 --> 03:08:11,940
there was a Scribner's error in the text, so

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03:08:11,940 --> 03:08:13,860
we're basically correcting the Scribner's error

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03:08:13,860 --> 03:08:15,940
to require two car

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03:08:15,940 --> 03:08:17,960
garages for townhomes, duplexes,

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03:08:18,420 --> 03:08:19,860
and other similar type

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03:08:19,860 --> 03:08:21,940
structures. The intent

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03:08:21,940 --> 03:08:24,020
of the original ordinance that was adopted was

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03:08:24,020 --> 03:08:25,580
for it to be two car garages, but

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03:08:25,580 --> 03:08:28,280

for some reason, there was a Scribner's

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03:08:28,280 --> 03:08:29,880

error that said one car garage.

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03:08:29,900 --> 03:08:31,960

So, we're just correcting our error

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03:08:31,960 --> 03:08:32,600

in the code.

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03:08:33,700 --> 03:08:35,980

All right. Questions, Council, on this

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03:08:35,980 --> 03:08:37,860

at all? No questions? Okay.

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03:08:38,540 --> 03:08:39,820

We'll move on. First reading, text

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03:08:39,820 --> 03:08:43,020

amendment case TX2025-06

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03:08:43,020 --> 03:08:43,960

for the

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03:08:43,960 --> 03:08:46,020

Entertainment District, Council Districts 4

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03:08:46,020 --> 03:08:47,720

and 5. Council

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03:08:47,720 --> 03:08:49,820

consideration of an ordinance to adopt Title

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03:08:49,820 --> 03:08:51,500

9, Chapter 200 of the

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03:08:51,500 --> 03:08:53,920

Municipal Code of Ordinance for

2932
03:08:53,920 --> 03:08:55,680
the City of Starbury to establish regulations

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03:08:55,680 --> 03:08:57,560
for entertainment districts within the city.

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03:08:57,560 --> 03:08:59,640
The ordinance outlines operational

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03:08:59,640 --> 03:09:01,540
standards, alcohol permitting, smoking

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03:09:01,540 --> 03:09:03,820
establishment requirements, enforcement

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03:09:03,820 --> 03:09:05,620
provisions to support safe

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03:09:05,620 --> 03:09:07,600
and vibrant public spaces. Ms. Anderson,

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03:09:07,760 --> 03:09:09,460
please. Yeah, I'm going to have Ms.

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03:09:09,480 --> 03:09:11,320
Junita come up and join me on this one.

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03:09:11,420 --> 03:09:12,040
But,

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03:09:12,720 --> 03:09:15,400
basically, we're proposing

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two entertainment districts in

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03:09:19,500 --> 03:09:20,820
the city of Stockbridge.

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03:09:21,400 --> 03:09:23,500
The current city code

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03:09:23,500 --> 03:09:24,920
of ordinances states that

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03:09:24,920 --> 03:09:27,620
it allows the

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03:09:27,620 --> 03:09:29,280
city to have three entertainment districts,

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03:09:29,640 --> 03:09:32,000
for the first 35,000 residents.

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03:09:32,000 --> 03:09:33,580
And, you can add one more, after you

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03:09:33,580 --> 03:09:35,400
reach an additional 10,000 residents.

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03:09:35,400 --> 03:09:37,400
So, right now, we can have three entertainment

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03:09:37,400 --> 03:09:41,120
districts, and the two areas that we selected

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03:09:41,120 --> 03:09:45,640
are the downtown area and Bridges and Jodico.

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03:09:45,640 --> 03:09:48,640
And, Junita will go over some of the rules

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03:09:48,640 --> 03:09:53,640
and regulations governing our entertainment district.

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03:09:53,640 --> 03:09:54,760
Welcome.

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03:09:54,760 --> 03:09:56,100
Good evening, Mayor and Council.

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03:09:56,100 --> 03:09:56,920
Welcome.

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03:09:56,920 --> 03:09:58,620
So, when the new city manager came, he went to the new city council and said,

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03:09:58,620 --> 03:10:05,440
came he wanted to also get a committee for special events and in that committee

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03:10:05,440 --> 03:10:09,360
this is one of the or it's one of the three ordinances that we all kind of

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03:10:09,360 --> 03:10:13,740
worked together to kind of develop and try to figure out some things that we

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03:10:13,740 --> 03:10:19,380
can add and enhance to the city of Stockbridge and one of them is the

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03:10:19,380 --> 03:10:25,060
downtown I mean the entertainment districts with downtown and in Jodico

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03:10:25,060 --> 03:10:32,380
being two of the premier places for events and nightlife and things to to

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03:10:32,380 --> 03:10:38,860
happen and help with everything especially with the amphitheater that is

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03:10:38,860 --> 03:10:43,200
one of the things and one of the main things that would also come with the

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03:10:43,200 --> 03:10:51,600
entertainment district is to make a lot of the businesses get clear cups is

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03:10:51,600 --> 03:10:54,820
going to be open containers because this is already

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03:10:54,820 --> 03:10:55,040

open containers because this is already open containers because this is already

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03:10:55,040 --> 03:10:59,820

an open container district down here so if we go ahead and approve this it will

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03:10:59,820 --> 03:11:03,540

make it that what all businesses will have to get clear cups they will it will

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03:11:03,540 --> 03:11:07,520

be 16 ounces they will have to have their label on there and they can't have

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03:11:07,520 --> 03:11:13,640

nothing but one drink come out of the business at one time so those are some

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03:11:13,640 --> 03:11:18,320

of the things that we were asking for you guys to look at and adopt you know

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03:11:18,320 --> 03:11:22,700

on December 8th for these two entertainment districts and for us to

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03:11:22,700 --> 03:11:24,800

look for another entertainment district in

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03:11:24,800 --> 03:11:25,040

the future.

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03:11:25,040 --> 03:11:29,960

I'm good deal now I was gonna ask Mr. well you're there you need it but as Mr.

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03:11:29,960 --> 03:11:33,260

Anderson what would what do you think that third entertainment district would

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03:11:33,260 --> 03:11:36,560

be I got an idea in my mind but I mean what do you think that would be we're

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03:11:36,560 --> 03:11:40,700

thinking about if Patrick if Patrick Henry unfolds a certain way we think

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03:11:40,700 --> 03:11:44,420

and that that's a possibility but what's what's your suggestion well I was just

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03:11:44,420 --> 03:11:47,240
thinking well we got a bunch of restaurants right around on Rock Croix

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03:11:47,240 --> 03:11:54,800
Road really too but I don't you know well that's what it is landing so I was just wondering

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03:11:54,800 --> 03:11:59,180
about that but Patrick Henry as you get on the south side of Patrick Henry

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03:11:59,180 --> 03:12:02,660
closer to Jodico yeah okay I was just wondering what you thought what the

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03:12:02,660 --> 03:12:06,140
third one would be just a curiosity question yeah I was thinking Patrick

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03:12:06,140 --> 03:12:11,980
Henry but um because it's going to unfold similar to our bridges of Jodico

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03:12:11,980 --> 03:12:16,100
unfold but yeah hopefully we're gonna have two because when the new next census

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03:12:16,100 --> 03:12:20,420
is taken we will be at over 45,000 residents so there's a possibility for

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03:12:20,420 --> 03:12:24,560
two okay yeah we'll do and staff will do an assessment and an

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03:12:24,560 --> 03:12:29,000
analysis of um the way things the trends and development patterns are

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03:12:29,000 --> 03:12:33,740
occurring population centers and the way people are moving and um and we'll

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03:12:33,740 --> 03:12:39,020
make a decision based on that yes all right yeah that's a good idea and also

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03:12:39,020 --> 03:12:45,620
um oh that's on the next ordinance any other questions for you need to hear yes

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03:12:45,620 --> 03:12:53,940
ma'am I have one and I agree I think that we might need to consider Patrick

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03:12:53,940 --> 03:12:59,520
Henry with Jodico in a certain degree it kind of ties in together but my my

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03:12:59,520 --> 03:13:05,220
concern is the development Authority has also too brought up a entertainment and

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03:13:05,220 --> 03:13:12,840
food district and it is in District one it is um we have two we have another

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03:13:12,840 --> 03:13:19,080
development coming and maybe um we do have another hotel that applied right

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03:13:19,080 --> 03:13:23,520
and then we have a couple other um some some land

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03:13:23,940 --> 03:13:31,920
that might have uh and they have already brought interest and I haven't had a chance to talk to

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03:13:31,920 --> 03:13:39,960
Mayor Council about it yet but um they asked recently in our last meeting about um a food

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03:13:39,960 --> 03:13:45,600
entertainment district so we'll just come back and amend that that code to to take the
restrictions

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03:13:45,600 --> 03:13:51,360
off on the limitation maybe to increase it to six okay so we can address it when we get there
thank

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03:13:51,360 --> 03:13:53,700
you any other questions that's for on this topic

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03:13:53,940 --> 03:13:58,680
I just have to say one thing certainly I'm supportive of that let's have as many as possible

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03:13:58,680 --> 03:14:05,400
all of those drive economic development and certainly what I see is I see Jodico and Patrick

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Henry kind of being right there together they're the same to me this one it would be one big

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Entertainment District and then I see Eagles Landing Parkway being potentially another one

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where now we have Frida's over there we have serafinos over there we have Link Kitchen and

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cocktails over there we have a number of restaurants over there that would would would fit

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03:14:29,760 --> 03:14:36,900

into that category and then hopefully uh that area starts to develop I tell you that but you

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03:14:36,900 --> 03:14:42,060

can't even go over to Frida's and get on that parking lot right now that business is just

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03:14:42,060 --> 03:14:47,460

booming so that's that's what it kind of brought it to my attention is that those parking lots are

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03:14:47,460 --> 03:14:53,880

jam-packed in in that area and it's drawing people right and left yeah I have another comments move

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03:14:53,940 --> 03:15:02,640

on first reading text amendment case TX2025-07 for outdoor festivals Citywide Council's consideration

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03:15:02,640 --> 03:15:09,300

of an ordinance to revise title 9 chapter 28 section 040 the municipal code of ordinances

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03:15:09,300 --> 03:15:14,160

for the city Star Bridge to establish updated permitting requirements for outdoor festivals

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03:15:14,160 --> 03:15:20,220

and temporary special events within the city the proposed ordinance outlines application procedures

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03:15:20,220 --> 03:15:23,880

public safety measures and fee structures to ensure responsible event management

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03:15:23,940 --> 03:15:29,580

Mr Anderson please uh yes just give a basic overview and then I'll let you need to chime in

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03:15:29,580 --> 03:15:37,740

basically what this does is um try to regulate um the number of events that are one uh an entity or

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03:15:37,740 --> 03:15:44,340

business or restaurant can have per year we're proposing to limit them to four by one individual

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03:15:44,340 --> 03:15:50,460

uh business to four per year with a 60-day interval and if they want to exceed that they

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03:15:50,460 --> 03:15:52,620

can apply for a waiver to the special um

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03:15:53,940 --> 03:15:58,980

the special uh committee I mean a special events committee of the city they're going to apply for

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03:15:58,980 --> 03:16:04,260

two waivers per year so they can have a total of six events per year but we're just trying to

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03:16:04,260 --> 03:16:10,260

regulate that that's the main component of this well let me ask you this and we say four uh is

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03:16:10,260 --> 03:16:15,480

that would that be based on a quarter or that's just for regardless regardless with 60-day

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03:16:15,480 --> 03:16:23,640

intervals okay all right thank you appreciate it any other questions yeah go ahead please so is this

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03:16:23,940 --> 03:16:32,700

to regulate businesses yes okay so it wouldn't have anything to do with the amphitheater no okay

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03:16:33,900 --> 03:16:37,080

we don't have a rental policy for the amphitheater

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03:16:39,480 --> 03:16:47,160

I don't know what criteria staff has been using or are using but just curious if this events

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03:16:48,060 --> 03:16:53,760

committee would have any decision making in the rental policy for

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03:16:53,940 --> 03:17:00,180

the theater no ma'am this don't have anything to do with the rental of that what the committee is

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03:17:00,180 --> 03:17:05,520

for um what the city manager has done is tasked us with is always getting together when there's

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03:17:05,520 --> 03:17:12,600

any type of event whether it is a city council event I mean a council initiative if it's a City

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03:17:12,600 --> 03:17:17,760

event so that all departments are together so that we can make sure that everything goes smoothly

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03:17:17,760 --> 03:17:19,500

and everybody will be on one page

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03:17:21,420 --> 03:17:23,520

excellent I don't understand why the city has to go through with sort of any of these things if I make sure that everything goes smoothly and everybody will be on one page

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03:17:23,940 --> 03:17:30,440

the amphitheater would not be a part of that as well then that was never part of what was given

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03:17:30,440 --> 03:17:37,180

to me as a person that is over that committee um unfortunately that's not something that i can

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03:17:37,180 --> 03:17:44,320

speak on as far as the amphitheater goes thank you okay mayor yes go ahead please so ryan come

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03:17:44,320 --> 03:17:50,580

back up a second now as we talk about these entertainment districts certainly as we go and

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03:17:50,580 --> 03:17:56,140

we're talking with the people at jodico we need a public meeting space over there some type of

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03:17:56,140 --> 03:18:02,540

space that is you know like you go up to avalon you have that central area where the gathering

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03:18:02,540 --> 03:18:07,660

space there's in the plans for the original plan for the development there was a gathering space

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03:18:07,660 --> 03:18:15,140

and at some point i know we talked about uh in the you know in some area over there behind

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03:18:15,140 --> 03:18:20,060

sprouts in that area potentially some type of gathering space but we need to

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circle

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03:18:20,560 --> 03:18:25,840

back to the development agreement and look to see what the green space requirement was because

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03:18:26,800 --> 03:18:33,280

i could see that area as an entertainment district we could have you know pop-up events over there

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03:18:33,840 --> 03:18:38,880

outside those businesses it would be super popular especially with the container law where you could

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03:18:38,880 --> 03:18:44,240

go around and go from business to business just like we do downtown that area is established

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03:18:44,240 --> 03:18:49,680

already where you could do it in the next few months when we got five or six restaurants right

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03:18:49,680 --> 03:18:50,540

in that central area

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03:18:50,560 --> 03:18:54,520

yes i'll bring it up to him at the meeting on thursday next thursday

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03:18:54,520 --> 03:18:55,500

thank you

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03:18:55,500 --> 03:18:57,320

any other comments on this issue?

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03:18:57,320 --> 03:19:03,100

not we'll move on first reading text amendment case tx 2025-08

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03:19:03,100 --> 03:19:12,080

for temporary alcohol licenses city-wide council of consideration of the amendment to chapter 9.04 section 595.1

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03:19:12,080 --> 03:19:16,800

of the municipal code of ordinances for the city of starbridge to establish a permitting process

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03:19:16,800 --> 03:19:22,080

FOR TEMPORARY ALCOHOL SALES AND OUTDOOR EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY THE ORDINANCE

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03:19:22,080 --> 03:19:26,960

OUTLINES APPLICATION PROCEDURES FEE STRUCTURES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR BOTH NON-PROFIT AND

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03:19:26,960 --> 03:19:33,200

COMMERCIAL APPLICANTS MR. RYAN PLEASE MR. BASICALLY WHAT THIS IS JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW IS

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03:19:34,160 --> 03:19:41,680

WE'RE CREATING A PROCESS FOR BUSINESS TO APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ALCOHOL PERMIT IF THEY'RE

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03:19:41,680 --> 03:19:47,360

HAVING AN EVENT THEY CAN HAVE OUTDOOR POUR YOU NEED TO GO OVER THE CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

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03:19:56,400 --> 03:20:02,720

SO THIS ORDINANCE THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO CREATE A STRUCTURE PROCESS FOR

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03:20:02,720 --> 03:20:08,240

TEMPORARY POURING BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING BASED ON STATE LAW WHEN IT COMES TO

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03:20:08,240 --> 03:20:11,600

ALCOHOL IF YOU WANT ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD OUTSIDE OF YOUR

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03:20:12,240 --> 03:20:16,720

ESTABLISHMENT THEN WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THEM TO DO THAT

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03:20:16,720 --> 03:20:22,320

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE WAY OUR ORDINANCE READS IS THAT ALL ALCOHOL SALES MUST BE ON THE INSIDE OF

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03:20:22,320 --> 03:20:28,560

THEIR LOCATION IF THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL EVENT TO HAVE ALCOHOL OUTSIDE

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03:20:28,560 --> 03:20:34,400

THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO GET A PERMIT TO ACTUALLY DO THAT AND THAT'S WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS ASKING FOR

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03:20:34,960 --> 03:20:39,840

YOU GUYS TO APPROVE FOR AND THERE ARE SOME FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT

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03:20:39,840 --> 03:20:46,400

UM IT WOULD BE A FEE IF THEY WANT TO DO BEER AND WINE OF 500 AND IF THEY WANT TO DO DISTILLED

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03:20:46,400 --> 03:20:53,360

SPIRITS WITH BEER AND WINE IT WOULD BE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS IS PER EVENT PER EVENT WOW OKAY UM

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03:20:53,360 --> 03:20:57,840

WHAT CLEM BRINGS TO MIND IS THAT I THOUGHT WE APPROVED SOME TYPE OF WHEN YOU HAVE AN OPEN CARRY

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03:20:57,840 --> 03:21:02,480

WE CAN I THOUGHT YOU COULD HAVE SOMETHING IN A CAN OR A BOTTLE AND YOU CAN MOVE MOVE FROM POINT

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03:21:02,480 --> 03:21:08,480

A TO POINT B BUT THAT IS IF YOU'RE THAT'S IF YOU'RE INSIDE THE LOCATION PURCHASING THE ALCOHOL

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03:21:09,840 --> 03:21:17,280

OUTSIDE THIS RIGHT HERE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS IS YOU'RE ACTUALLY HAVING YOUR BARS OUTSIDE

OKAY

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03:21:17,280 --> 03:21:22,400

AND SELLING IT OUTSIDE OF YOUR ESTABLISHMENT ALL RIGHT I HAVE A QUESTION ON THAT GO AHEAD PLEASE

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03:21:22,400 --> 03:21:29,120

MY QUESTION IS WE ALLOW FOR FOOD TRUCK VENDORS WE HAVE AN ALCOHOL VENDOR LIKE A FOOD TRUCK WHO

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03:21:29,120 --> 03:21:36,480

SELLS ALCOHOL SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN THEM COMING AND SELLING THEIR ALCOHOL VERSUS A BUSINESS

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03:21:36,480 --> 03:21:38,880

AT AN EVENT THAT SETS UP A BAR

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03:21:40,000 --> 03:21:49,120

BECAUSE THE BUILDING GETS CROWDED IF THEY SET UP A BAR OUTSIDE FOR THAT PARTICULAR EVENT A THOUSAND

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03:21:49,120 --> 03:21:57,360

DOLLARS IS A LOT I THINK THAT CAN BE EXTREMELY I DON'T I SEE THAT'S PREVENTING US FROM SELLING

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03:21:57,360 --> 03:22:02,320

RIGHT OUT AND MAYBE IF THERE WAS SOME KIND OF RULE THAT REGULATED WHERE THE BAR WAS TO BE REPLACED

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03:22:02,320 --> 03:22:08,240

PLACED AND IT WAS FOR THAT SINGLE EVENT ONLY THEY I LIKE THE PERMIT PART WHERE YOU HAVE TO

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03:22:08,960 --> 03:22:09,600

YOU HAVE TO GET

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03:22:10,400 --> 03:22:14,720

YOU HAVE TO PAY A FEE FOR IT RIGHT TO PUT A BAR OUTSIDE BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT

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03:22:14,720 --> 03:22:22,640

BAR OUTSIDE EVERY DAY AT A BUSINESS I LIKE IT FOR EVENTS BUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS SEEMS LIKE A LOT

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03:22:22,640 --> 03:22:30,320

IS THAT AVERAGE WELL I MEAN AND IT'S LIKE IT'S LIKE A SYNTAX KIND OF LIKE A SYNTAX IT'S NOT A

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03:22:30,320 --> 03:22:36,640

SYNTAX YOU LOOK AT YOU KNOW THE KICKBACK THE KICKBACK IS GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN I MEAN IT'S

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03:22:36,640 --> 03:22:39,520

GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN IT WAS PHENOMENAL RIGHT IT WAS

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03:22:39,840 --> 03:22:47,280

RIDICULOUSLY PHENOMENAL SO MY THOUGHT PROCESS IS NO FEE IT BENEFITS IT BENEFITS THOSE

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03:22:48,560 --> 03:22:54,560

BUSINESSES AND IT HELPS US ELEVATE SOME OF THE TRAFFIC BECAUSE EVEN WHEN YOU BRING THE

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03:22:54,560 --> 03:22:59,200

FOOD TRUCKS IT'S STILL OVERFLOW I MEAN PEOPLE LINES ARE EVERYWHERE YOU GOT THE LINES AT THE

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03:22:59,200 --> 03:23:04,080

TRUCKS YOU GOT THE LINES INSIDE THE BUSINESSES NOBODY'S HURTING WHEN YOU HAVE THOSE SPECIAL

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03:23:04,080 --> 03:23:09,680

EVENTS IT COSTS US TO IT WILL BE A REGULATED A REGULATORY BUSINESS SO IT COSTS US TO REGULATE

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03:23:09,840 --> 03:23:13,920

IT COSTS THE DEPARTMENT TO REGULATE THOSE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES SO WE HAVE TO CHARGE SOMETHING

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03:23:13,920 --> 03:23:18,240

WE CAN REDUCE IT I WANT TO I WANT TO I WANT TO CHARGE SOMETHING I DEFINITELY THINK WE SHOULD

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03:23:18,240 --> 03:23:27,280

TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHARGE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE BAR BUT AT THE SAME TIME UM A THOUSAND DOLLARS IS A

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03:23:27,280 --> 03:23:32,240

LOT MR. MR. EVANSON SO YOU WALKED UP HERE SO I DON'T THINK SOMETHING

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03:23:35,680 --> 03:23:39,760

NO NO NO NO I MEAN THAT'S SEVERAL REASONS I MEAN THAT'S GOING TO BE UP FOR DISCUSSION

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03:23:39,840 --> 03:23:44,480

BUT IT'S SEVERAL DIFFERENT REASONS BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE THESE VENDORS WE CALL THEM

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03:23:44,480 --> 03:23:49,920

MOBILE VENDORS UM AND TYPICALLY YOU KNOW DEPENDS ON WHAT TYPE OF RULES YOU HAVE THEY A PART OF

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03:23:49,920 --> 03:23:54,000

HENRY COUNTY THEY HAVE OTHER ALCOHOL LICENSES ASSOCIATED IN HENRY COUNTY THEN THAT'S REDUCED

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03:23:54,000 --> 03:23:59,840

PRICE BUT IF THEY OUTSIDE THE COUNTY THEN IT GOES UP RIGHT THERE THE WHOLE POINT FOR THAT IS RISK SO

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03:23:59,840 --> 03:24:03,920

IT'S A WHOLE PROCESS HERE IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA THAT IF THEY HAVE A VENDOR IT'S THREE DIFFERENT

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03:24:03,920 --> 03:24:09,600

TIERS SO TIER THREE IS THE HIGHEST TIER THAT THEY CAN HAVE MEANING THAT THEY CAN HAVE MOBILE

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03:24:09,600 --> 03:24:13,840

LICENSE AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE BUT THEY STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS WHICH IS THE CITY

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03:24:13,840 --> 03:24:20,720

PROCESS TO REGULATE IT BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS THEY CALL IT A MOBILE VENDORS LICENSE WHERE THEY HAVE

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03:24:20,720 --> 03:24:26,800

TO REPORT THAT SALES TO THE STATE RIGHT SO IT'S THE REGULATORY PIECES WHAT'S REALLY BEING CHARGED

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03:24:26,800 --> 03:24:31,920

IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THAT WE'RE CHARGING THAT IT'S BECAUSE WHATEVER ALCOHOL SALES THAT COMES FROM THE

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03:24:31,920 --> 03:24:38,880

DISCRIBUTOR THEY HAVE TO COUNT HOW MUCH SALES UH ALCOHOL THEY SOLD IN THAT AREA BECAUSE IT HAS TO

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03:24:38,880 --> 03:24:39,580

BE OFF-SALE AND THEY HAVE TO COUNT HOW MUCH ALCOHOL THEY SOLD IN THAT AREA BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE OFF-SALE

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03:24:39,580 --> 03:24:45,980

IT BY FOOD SO THAT'S JUST KIND OF HOW IT WORKS SO IT'S A TRUCK BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BUSINESS NO
NO

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03:24:45,980 --> 03:24:49,980

I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A MOBILE VENDOR LIKE A BOOF SOMEBODY SET UP A BOOF AND SELL THAT IT'S
BECAUSE

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03:24:49,980 --> 03:24:55,900

OF THAT IT'S THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATORY PIECE THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND SOMETIMES
BUSINESSES

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03:24:55,900 --> 03:25:01,180

GET MAD BECAUSE THOSE MOBILE VENDORS THEY GET A LOT OF BUSINESS WELL THEY DO BUT WHEN YOU HAVE
SOMETHING

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03:25:01,180 --> 03:25:08,300

LIKE WHAT WE HAD AND WE LIMIT THE WHAT TYPE OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE CAN SELL AND AND LAST TIME I

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03:25:08,300 --> 03:25:14,300

LIMITED WHERE THEY KNOW ALCOHOL VENDORS EXCEPT FOR THE BUSINESSES THAT WE HAD THEN THEY'RE

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03:25:14,300 --> 03:25:19,980

EVERYBODY'S TRYING TO GO INSIDE AND THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO BUY THE FOOD THEY'RE TRYING TO GET
THE

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03:25:19,980 --> 03:25:26,060

ALCOHOL SO YOU GOT A LINE TWO LINES OUT THE DOOR ONE AT THE BAR ONE AT THE MADE-UP BAR THEY
HAVE

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03:25:26,060 --> 03:25:36,540

BY THE DOOR AND I I JUST YOU KNOW THOSE THOSE TYPE OF EVENTS THE PURPOSE IS TO SHOW OUR
DOWNTOWN

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03:25:37,100 --> 03:25:37,900

AND IT WORKS

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03:25:38,300 --> 03:25:41,660

WE HAD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT WELL WHAT ABOUT THAT BUILDING IT'S EMPTY

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03:25:41,660 --> 03:25:46,220

HOW CAN I GET IN THAT LIKE WE'RE PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY DOING IT BUT WE'RE

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03:25:46,220 --> 03:25:52,380

ALSO HELPING AND THANKING THOSE BUSINESSES WHO'VE TAKEN A RISK TO BE DOWNTOWN WELL AND SO THERE'S

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03:25:52,380 --> 03:25:56,780

GOT TO BE SOME KIND OF BALANCE RIGHT WELL AND YOU GOT TO THINK ABOUT IT TOO SO WHEN SHE SAID

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03:25:56,780 --> 03:26:01,740

BEER AND WINE LIKE THAT'S TYPICALLY THE LICENSE IS MUCH LESS BUT WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SPIRITS

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03:26:01,740 --> 03:26:07,820

I MEAN EACH DRINK IS LIKE 12 A PIECE I KNOW SO YEAH I THINK THOUSAND DOLLARS GOOD SO IF YOU GET

3137

03:26:08,300 --> 03:26:12,940

FIVE PEOPLE YOU'RE ALREADY AT A THOUSAND OKAY WELL THEN SO BE IT SOMEBODY SAID BRING IT UP HIGHER

3138

03:26:14,220 --> 03:26:21,900

LET'S GO OKAY IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA LIKE DOWNTOWN YOU MIGHT GET THE FESTIVAL MIGHT

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03:26:21,900 --> 03:26:29,980

KEEP YOU FROM SINKING AND SWIMMING SO TO ME IF YOU SET UP THE THE THE IT'D BE DIFFERENT IF YOU WERE

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03:26:29,980 --> 03:26:37,900

AT A FESTIVAL AND YOU CHOSE THIS PRIME TIME LOCATION BUT IF YOU SET UP THE ALCOHOL STAND RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR

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03:26:38,300 --> 03:26:46,300

YOU OWN THE BUILDING IF I SOLD THE ALCOHOL ON THE INSIDE OF THIS WALL IT'S FREE IF I PUT THE STAND

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03:26:46,300 --> 03:26:52,700

RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DOOR WHICH IS LITERALLY FIVE FEET AWAY I'M GONNA CHARGE YOU A FEE I SAY TO ME

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03:26:52,700 --> 03:26:58,060

IF IT'S RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DOOR AND WE'RE TRYING TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO DO THINGS THE FEE SHOULD BE

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03:26:58,060 --> 03:27:03,900

MINIMAL OR NONE AT ALL ESPECIALLY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN ORDER TO HELP THEM TO SURVIVE DOWN THERE

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03:27:03,900 --> 03:27:08,220

BECAUSE THEY'RE STRUGGLING JUST TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN RIGHT NOW THAT THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO

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03:27:08,220 --> 03:27:13,980

THAT EXTRA MONEY THAT THEY'RE MAKING IS GOING TO BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM CLOSING AND OPEN

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03:27:13,980 --> 03:27:17,420

THEY'RE NOT MAKING ANY MONEY NONE OF THOSE BUSINESSES OVER THERE ARE MAKING ANY MONEY

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03:27:17,420 --> 03:27:25,500

THEY'RE NOT AND THE IDEA THAT WE'RE GONNA DE-INCENTIVIZE THEM THEY'RE NOT THERE'S NO

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03:27:25,500 --> 03:27:33,340

DE-INCENTIVIZE THEM FROM UM THEY'RE STRUGGLING RIGHT WE I'M GONNA TELL YOU THEY ARE AND THEY ARE

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03:27:34,220 --> 03:27:38,140

LIKE THIS AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEM I TELL EVERYONE

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03:27:38,220 --> 03:27:38,460

I TELL EVERYONE

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03:27:38,460 --> 03:27:43,980

TO SUPPORT THEM TO DO WHAT YOU CAN DO TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN AND TO KEEP THEM BUSY

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03:27:43,980 --> 03:27:49,740

I'M VERY COGNIZANT AS THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN BECAUSE

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03:27:49,740 --> 03:27:56,220

IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO RECRUIT ANOTHER ONE TO REPLACE THEM SO IN OTHER AREAS AROUND TOWN

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03:27:56,220 --> 03:28:02,300

IN MY DISTRICT IN JODOCO YEAH I CHARGE THEM A FEE BUT NOW BECAUSE IT'S BOOMING OVER THERE

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03:28:02,300 --> 03:28:07,580

THEY'RE GONNA GET THE FOOD TRAFFIC NO MATTER WHAT WE DO OVER HERE WE GOT TO GENERATE THE FOOD TRAFFIC

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03:28:07,580 --> 03:28:08,140

SO IN DOWNTOWN

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03:28:08,140 --> 03:28:13,500

DOWNTOWN THAT'S DIFFERENT SO IF IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM KEEPING THE DOORS

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03:28:13,500 --> 03:28:17,740

OPEN IT'S JUST KIND OF LIKE WE DID WITH THE FOOD TRUCKS WHEN THE FOOD TRUCKS FIRST CAME

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03:28:17,740 --> 03:28:23,340

IT WAS FREE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T GET ANYBODY TO COME BUT IT WAS VERY LOW IT WAS VERY LOW BECAUSE

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03:28:23,340 --> 03:28:29,100

IT WAS ALMOST NOTHING DOWN HERE WE'RE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COME AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THESE

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03:28:29,100 --> 03:28:36,700

BUSINESSES TO HAVE TO HAVE OUTDOOR EVENTS LIKE THE KICKBACK AND WE WANT THEM TO HAVE THE ALCOHOL

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03:28:36,700 --> 03:28:37,980

SALES I LIKE SEEING

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03:28:38,140 --> 03:28:44,460

THAT THAT THAT WHOLE VIBE OF EVERYBODY OUTSIDE ENJOYING THEMSELVES AND THOSE BUSINESSES THRIVE

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03:28:44,460 --> 03:28:49,900

I WANT TO SEE THEM DO THAT MORE I DON'T WANT TO SEE I DON'T KNOW WHAT LET'S DO A SURVEY TO SEE WHAT

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03:28:49,900 --> 03:28:56,540

OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING AND THEN LET'S GO TO SOME OTHER DOWNTOWN AREAS TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND

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03:28:56,540 --> 03:29:02,060

MAYBE THEY JUST GET A WINDOW OR LET'S SAY MAYBE A COUPLE A TWO-YEAR WINDOW WHERE THEY DON'T PAY

A

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03:29:02,060 --> 03:29:07,180

FEE AND THEN AFTER THAT THEY DO BECAUSE WE KNOW OVER TIME THEY'RE GOING TO INCREASE AND SOMETHING'S

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03:29:07,180 --> 03:29:07,980

GOING TO HAPPEN

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03:29:07,980 --> 03:29:14,780

BUT FOR RIGHT NOW WHEN WITH WITH JUST THE EMPHASIS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I WILL TRY TO SET THE

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03:29:14,780 --> 03:29:21,260

FEET AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE OR ZERO IF I SET IT OUT FRONT OF MY FRONT DOOR COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER

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03:29:21,260 --> 03:29:26,220

AND THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN IT'S NOT JUST WRITTEN FOR DOWNTOWN SO WE DO HAVE TO TAKE INTO IT

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03:29:26,220 --> 03:29:33,340

IN CONSIDERATION THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CHANGE THE WORDING TO SAY SPECIFICALLY THIS IS FOR DOWNTOWN

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03:29:33,340 --> 03:29:37,100

BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE FOR ALL BUSINESSES NOT JUST DOWNTOWN

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03:29:37,980 --> 03:29:48,700

AND I DO WANT TO ANSWER SOMETHING FOR MAYOR PROTEM AGAIN IF THERE IS A FOOD TRUCK THAT IS SELLING

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03:29:48,700 --> 03:29:57,580

ALCOHOL I PROMISE YOU BUSINESS SERVICES DIDN'T KNOW IT BECAUSE BY LAW ANY FOOD TRUCK THAT SELLS

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03:29:57,580 --> 03:30:05,420

ALCOHOL IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE CITY THREE PERCENT OF THOSE SALES AT THE END OF EVERY

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03:30:07,100 --> 03:30:07,660

FOOD TRUCK

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03:30:07,980 --> 03:30:15,900

EVENT SO A LOT OF THIS WOULD TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THAT STUFF HAPPENS THEY WE'RE WE'RE

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03:30:15,900 --> 03:30:21,180

MORE THAN HAPPY TO HAVE THE FOOD TRUCKS OR SOME OF THE BUSINESSES TO BE OUT BUT WE JUST NEED TO

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03:30:21,180 --> 03:30:26,140

MAKE SURE THAT AS OF RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT IN OUR ORDINANCE FOR THEM TO DO IT THAT'S GOOD AND SO

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03:30:27,100 --> 03:30:31,580

THERE WERE NO FOOD TRUCKS WITH ALCOHOL AT THAT EVENT JUST SO YOU KNOW OKAY THAT'S WHAT I WAS

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03:30:31,580 --> 03:30:37,660

SAYING I MADE SURE THAT WHATEVER THE PRIMARY SAID THEY SOLD WINGS THERE WERE NO WINGS SOLD OUTSIDE IF

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03:30:37,980 --> 03:30:42,300

THEY SELL PIZZA THERE'S NO PIZZA SOLD OUTSIDE BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO SUPPORT THOSE BRICK AND

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03:30:42,300 --> 03:30:46,700

MORTARS SO I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I APPRECIATE THAT THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW THOUGH

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03:30:46,700 --> 03:30:51,820

TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE HAVE THOSE OTHER EVENTS THAT THEY GET OUR THREE PERCENT BECAUSE REMEMBER

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03:30:51,820 --> 03:30:58,220

THIS RIGHT HERE WOULD ALSO GO FOR A LOT OF OUR MEXICAN RESTAURANTS FOR SINCO DE MAYO

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03:30:58,220 --> 03:31:02,380

WHEN THEY ARE HAVING THINGS ON THE OUTSIDE HAVING ALCOHOL THEY WILL HAVE TO GET THE PERMIT

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03:31:03,180 --> 03:31:07,100

IF WE WANT TO GO DOWN I WILL GET WITH MY TEAM AND GET WITH RYAN

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03:31:07,100 --> 03:31:12,060

ALONG WITH THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE TO MAYBE COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT'S A LITTLE

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03:31:12,060 --> 03:31:17,580

BIT SMALLER BY THE TIME WE COME FOR THE SECOND READ BUT THIS IS JUST FOR ALL BUSINESSES I DIDN'T

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03:31:17,580 --> 03:31:22,380

SPECIFY FOR JUST ONE LOCATION AND JUST TO JUST TO CLARIFY WITH YOU I DON'T

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03:31:23,020 --> 03:31:30,540

WANT TO BOTHER ALL BUSINESSES I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE IT LIKE IT IS OKAY MINUS WE MIGHT TALK ABOUT

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03:31:30,540 --> 03:31:36,700

EXCLUDING DOWNTOWN THAT MIGHT BE AN INCENTIVE FOR DOWNTOWN DOES THAT MAKE SENSE YES IF WE YOU KNOW

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03:31:36,700 --> 03:31:42,860

WE JUST NEED TO KIND OF DETERMINE IT HOW HOW THAT'LL WORK AND THEN SPEAK TO OUR MY COLLEAGUES

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03:31:42,860 --> 03:31:46,540

ALL OF THEM ON THAT WELL I THANK YOU I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT

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03:31:46,540 --> 03:31:51,580

QUESTION AND GO THAT LINE AS WELL TOO BUT ANYWAY ANY COMMENTS THIS WAY YOU'RE GOOD OKAY ALL RIGHT

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03:31:51,580 --> 03:31:59,660

THANK YOU SO THE LAST ONE HERE I GOT FIRST READING TEXT AMENDMENT CASE TX2025-10 FOR CONTAINER BASED

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03:31:59,660 --> 03:32:05,980

COMMERCIAL BUILDING DISTRICT 4 COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2.5

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03:32:06,700 --> 03:32:15,020

.3 E AND 2.5.3 H THE STOP BRIDGE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE UDC TO ALLOW CONTAINER BASED

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03:32:15,020 --> 03:32:20,700

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AS A TYPE OF SPECIAL USE WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT

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03:32:20,700 --> 03:32:28,060

MR. ANDERSON PLEASE YES TO SUMMARIZE THIS AT LAST AT LAST MONTH'S WORK SESSION A GENTLEMAN

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03:32:28,060 --> 03:32:36,460

CAME IN AND PRESENTED ON A PROPOSAL ON HAVING THE CONTAINER CARS UNDER THE BRIDGE BUT THAT

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03:32:36,460 --> 03:32:36,680

TYPE OF CONTAINER CARS IS NOT A CONTAINER CARS UNDER THE BRIDGE BUT THAT TYPE OF CONTAINER CARS

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03:32:36,680 --> 03:32:38,540

IS NOT A CONTAINER CARS UNDER THE BRIDGE BUT THAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED IN THE CITY

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03:32:38,540 --> 03:32:42,020

OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF UM STOCK BRIDGE SO THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEXT

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03:32:42,020 --> 03:32:43,260

OF STOCK BRIDGE SO THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEXT AMENDMENT IS TO Um Billy

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03:32:43,260 --> 03:32:45,100

Come make that a permitted use IN THE CITY

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03:32:45,100 --> 03:32:47,100

Consent to make that a permitted use in the CITY OF STOCK BRIDGE THAT SUMMARIZES THAT

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03:32:47,100 --> 03:32:49,540

ANDit's T CITY OF STOCK BRIDGE THAT SUMMARIZES THAT AND ALSO WE ADD DESIGN CRITERIA AND OTHER

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03:32:49,540 --> 03:32:51,980

ABOUT THAT AND ALSO WE ADD DESIGN CRITERIA AND OTHER STANDARDS TO REGULATE THAT.

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03:32:51,980 --> 03:32:54,300

STANDARDS TO REGULATE THAT. TYPE OF USE.

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03:32:54,300 --> 03:33:02,940

let me read this i want to be very specific with the containers that we would approve i i don't

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03:33:02,940 --> 03:33:07,020

think there's appropriate that they go everywhere no it's just it's just downtown but it's in

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03:33:07,020 --> 03:33:14,000

downtown but specifically under the bridge right and maybe a couple of i don't know maybe another

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03:33:14,000 --> 03:33:19,920

area too but specifically underneath the bridge that it would go under the bridge there's not

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03:33:19,920 --> 03:33:25,500

we want to encourage regular development the containers are the exception to the rule not

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03:33:25,500 --> 03:33:31,880

that we will want them to be like the the pervasive design in downtown yeah that's

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03:33:31,880 --> 03:33:36,620

we rejected the first one because it had containers over here containers over here

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03:33:36,620 --> 03:33:40,860

containers over there this one was very specific about under the bridge and maybe

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03:33:40,860 --> 03:33:47,620

maybe another area or two but not the whole downtown yeah we've identified um sites we've

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03:33:47,620 --> 03:33:49,900

identified five potential sites

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03:33:49,920 --> 03:33:58,180

for um the container um okay so it's not the whole area no we got them on uh if you look at

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03:33:58,180 --> 03:34:03,080

the map on the screen that's just our proposal whatever uh council's input that's what that's

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03:34:03,080 --> 03:34:06,600

why we're having the first reading we'll take input and we'll go back and make the changes but

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03:34:06,600 --> 03:34:12,580

staff identify five areas okay okay i didn't see that i know overlook that's good right there
yeah

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03:34:12,580 --> 03:34:19,640

it's not all of downtown and it and it only applies to the downtown overlay district okay

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03:34:19,920 --> 03:34:26,780

great any other questions on this particular topic okay so thank you mr uh mr anderson council

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03:34:26,780 --> 03:34:34,480

consideration fy 20 uh 24 utility billing bad debt write-offs in the amount of eighteen
thousand

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03:34:34,480 --> 03:34:38,760

eight hundred twenty seven dollars and thirty two cents and i'll imagine it's presented by frank

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03:34:38,760 --> 03:34:45,480

right okay there you go sir appreciate it may i want to start with the the question you asked

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03:34:45,480 --> 03:34:49,120

you wanted you asked if meters are being repressed okay

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03:34:49,920 --> 03:34:57,560

yes meters are being replaced but i answered that one on the bad debt so i just wanted to make a

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03:34:57,560 --> 03:35:02,480

correction that you wanted to know if meters are being replaced yes they are being replaced all

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03:35:02,480 --> 03:35:09,280

right so bad debt is the as i mentioned the area most of the business people they

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03:35:09,280 --> 03:35:19,560

can create a fee debt has not been paid in 60 days 90 days 120 days you can almost forget about

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03:35:19,920 --> 03:35:30,180

like so we have that most of those ones we attribute to malfunctioning of meters few of

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03:35:30,180 --> 03:35:37,460

our clients have left the city we can't trust them but majority of them is due to malfunction

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03:35:37,460 --> 03:35:44,840

of our meters okay because again you have a question i would like i'd like to make a motion

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03:35:44,840 --> 03:35:48,960

that we approve the bad debt write off an amount of eighteen thousand eight hundred and twenty

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03:35:48,960 --> 03:35:50,400

7,032 cents.

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03:35:51,120 --> 03:35:51,980

Is there a second to the motion?

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03:35:52,400 --> 03:35:53,900

Mr. Barry, second.

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03:35:54,020 --> 03:35:57,020

Okay, that's a unanimous decision there.

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03:35:57,660 --> 03:35:58,620

Okay, thank you, Frank.

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03:35:58,740 --> 03:35:59,140

Appreciate it.

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03:35:59,700 --> 03:36:02,440

Announcements and upcoming meetings and events.

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03:36:03,180 --> 03:36:04,320

Council meetings will be held in

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03:36:04,320 --> 03:36:07,340

City Council Chamber.

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03:36:07,840 --> 03:36:08,720

Meeting dates and location

3251

03:36:08,720 --> 03:36:10,760

and times of subject change or contact

3252

03:36:10,760 --> 03:36:11,840

City Hall offices at

3253

03:36:11,840 --> 03:36:14,780

770-389-7900

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03:36:14,780 --> 03:36:15,980

or visit the website

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03:36:15,980 --> 03:36:19,080

at www.stuybridgega.org

3256

03:36:19,080 --> 03:36:19,780

for updates.

3257

03:36:20,840 --> 03:36:22,380

Youth Council Advisory Committee meeting

3258

03:36:22,380 --> 03:36:24,460

Thursday of each month

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03:36:24,460 --> 03:36:26,900

at 6.30 p.m. in City Hall Levi Meeting Room

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03:36:26,900 --> 03:36:29,000

November 20th.

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03:36:29,780 --> 03:36:31,040

Downtown Development Authority

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03:36:31,040 --> 03:36:33,020

Board meeting at 3.00 Tuesday

3263

03:36:33,020 --> 03:36:34,540

of each month at 6.00 p.m. in

3264

03:36:34,540 --> 03:36:35,820

Downtown Connection Center

3265

03:36:35,820 --> 03:36:39,180

130 ML King Senior Heritage Trail

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03:36:39,180 --> 03:36:40,880

also November 20th.

3267

03:36:41,640 --> 03:36:42,640

Planning Commission meeting

3268

03:36:42,640 --> 03:36:45,020

Thursday of each month at 6.30 p.m.

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03:36:45,040 --> 03:36:45,960

at City Hall Council Chamber.

3270
03:36:45,980 --> 03:36:47,580
November 20th.

3271
03:36:48,420 --> 03:36:49,280
Youth Council meeting

3272
03:36:49,280 --> 03:36:50,560
first Monday of each month

3273
03:36:50,560 --> 03:36:52,220
at 6.30 p.m. in City Hall

3274
03:36:52,220 --> 03:36:53,460
Levi Meeting Room

3275
03:36:53,460 --> 03:36:55,380
December 1st.

3276
03:36:55,760 --> 03:36:57,140
Citizens Police Advisory

3277
03:36:57,140 --> 03:36:58,480
first Thursday of each month

3278
03:36:58,480 --> 03:36:59,240
6.00 p.m.

3279
03:36:59,600 --> 03:37:00,760
Stuybridge Police Department

3280
03:37:00,760 --> 03:37:01,600
Community Room

3281
03:37:01,600 --> 03:37:03,960
4545 North Henry Boulevard

3282
03:37:03,960 --> 03:37:04,980
December 4th.

3283
03:37:05,800 --> 03:37:06,680
City Council meeting

3284
03:37:06,680 --> 03:37:07,960
second Monday of each month

3285
03:37:07,960 --> 03:37:08,640
6.00 p.m.

3286
03:37:09,040 --> 03:37:10,140
That's going to be our budget

3287
03:37:10,140 --> 03:37:12,980
2025-2026 budget adoption

3288
03:37:13,700 --> 03:37:15,960
City Hall Council Chamber

3289
03:37:15,980 --> 03:37:17,980
once again that's December 8th.

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03:37:17,980 --> 03:37:20,320
Citywide Development Authority

3291
03:37:20,320 --> 03:37:21,320
meeting second Tuesday

3292
03:37:21,320 --> 03:37:22,620
of each month at 6.00 p.m.

3293
03:37:22,620 --> 03:37:23,920
City Hall Levi Meeting Room

3294
03:37:23,920 --> 03:37:25,520
December 9th.

3295
03:37:25,520 --> 03:37:27,080
Community Zoning and Information

3296

03:37:27,080 --> 03:37:29,440
meeting CZIM Wednesday

3297
03:37:29,440 --> 03:37:30,640
December 10th.

3298
03:37:30,820 --> 03:37:32,580
6.00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

3299
03:37:33,380 --> 03:37:34,460
Main Street Advisory Board

3300
03:37:34,460 --> 03:37:36,100
meeting second Friday of each month

3301
03:37:36,100 --> 03:37:37,720
at 9.00 a.m. in the

3302
03:37:37,720 --> 03:37:39,020
Downtown Connection Center

3303
03:37:39,020 --> 03:37:44,700
130 ML King Senior Heritage Trail

3304
03:37:44,700 --> 03:37:45,460
December 12th.

3305
03:37:45,980 --> 03:37:47,540
Downtown Development Authority

3306
03:37:47,540 --> 03:37:48,860
meeting is the third Tuesday

3307
03:37:48,860 --> 03:37:50,020
of each month at 6.00 p.m.

3308
03:37:50,020 --> 03:37:51,660
in the Downtown Connection Center

3309
03:37:51,660 --> 03:37:54,900

130 ML King Senior Heritage Trail

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03:37:54,900 --> 03:37:56,520

December 16th.

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03:37:56,520 --> 03:37:57,320

Planning Commission meeting

3312

03:37:57,320 --> 03:37:59,880

is third Thursday of each month

3313

03:37:59,880 --> 03:38:00,680

at 6.30 p.m.

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03:38:00,680 --> 03:38:01,840

at City Hall Council Chambers

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03:38:01,840 --> 03:38:03,180

December 18th.

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03:38:03,180 --> 03:38:04,220

And the Youth Council Advisory

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03:38:04,220 --> 03:38:05,460

Committee meeting is the third

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03:38:05,460 --> 03:38:06,500

Thursday of each month

3319

03:38:06,500 --> 03:38:07,780

at 6.00 p.m. in the City Hall

3320

03:38:07,780 --> 03:38:08,620

Levi Meeting Room

3321

03:38:08,620 --> 03:38:09,920

also on December 18th.

3322

03:38:10,880 --> 03:38:12,680

Okay, join Councilman Barron

3323
03:38:12,680 --> 03:38:13,620
in partnership with

3324
03:38:13,620 --> 03:38:14,740
a monthly Bingo Bash

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03:38:14,740 --> 03:38:15,980
Wednesday November 19th.

3326
03:38:15,980 --> 03:38:17,480
at 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

3327
03:38:17,480 --> 03:38:18,480
in the Merle Manors Conference Center.

3328
03:38:18,480 --> 03:38:20,240
Lots of fun to be had by all.

3329
03:38:20,240 --> 03:38:21,400
Okay, sir.

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03:38:21,400 --> 03:38:22,300
Join Councilman Barber

3331
03:38:22,300 --> 03:38:24,680
for the District 4 Community Town Hall

3332
03:38:24,680 --> 03:38:26,080
on Thursday, November 20th

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03:38:26,080 --> 03:38:28,800
at 6.30 p.m. in Merle Manors Conference Center.

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03:38:28,800 --> 03:38:30,060
The Economic Development Department

3335
03:38:30,060 --> 03:38:31,900
hosts a free business health clinic

3336
03:38:31,900 --> 03:38:33,520
on the second Thursday of each month

3337
03:38:33,520 --> 03:38:35,480
at 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

3338
03:38:35,480 --> 03:38:36,760
at Starbreeze Connection Center

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03:38:36,760 --> 03:38:39,660
130 ML King Senior Heritage Trail.

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03:38:39,660 --> 03:38:40,720
Check the health of your business

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with a free clinic.

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Center for real-time alerts

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03:38:43,820 --> 03:38:45,980
about severe weather, road closures, emergencies,

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03:38:45,980 --> 03:38:47,840
and a regroup app.

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03:38:47,840 --> 03:38:48,940
On a regroup app, that is.

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03:38:48,940 --> 03:38:51,260
Visit the city's website or social media pages

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03:38:51,260 --> 03:38:53,360
for more information on how and where to sign up.

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03:38:53,360 --> 03:38:55,100
Stay safe.

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03:38:55,100 --> 03:38:56,300

Please contact Roslyn Rawls

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03:38:56,300 --> 03:38:57,880

for more information on council initiatives

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at 678-833-3348

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or by way of email rrawls at starbreezega.org.

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And my comments are simply this.

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03:39:08,100 --> 03:39:09,380

We're in the fall

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and eventually getting into the winter months.

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So what happened today, just today,

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myself, I got my flu shot

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and my COVID-19.

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booster.

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So I'd like for everybody to go and get the flu shot.

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03:39:19,720 --> 03:39:21,740

And if you need to get a COVID booster, do so as well.

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We want you to be healthy

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03:39:22,580 --> 03:39:25,060

during this particular winter season,

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03:39:25,060 --> 03:39:26,220

fall and winter season.

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03:39:26,220 --> 03:39:28,420

Happy Thanksgiving to everybody as well.

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03:39:28,420 --> 03:39:30,800

And enjoy the holidays with your family and friends,

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extended family,

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and just be safe and enjoy it.

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And on that note,

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03:39:37,080 --> 03:39:39,420

we already had an executive session.

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There is a note here that I received earlier in the meeting.

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I don't know if Mr. Edmondson knows this

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or not, but I got a message that Mr. Aaron,

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unfortunately, his nephew, his brother's son,

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I guess had passed away introspectively earlier today.

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So I just want you to know that and keep Mr. Aaron,

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his family, extended family in your prayers

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on this unfortunate passing of a child, of his nephew.

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On that note,

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Council, I need a motion to end our meeting.

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Is there a second to it?

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03:40:12,060 --> 03:40:12,900

I second.

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03:40:12,900 --> 03:40:14,100

Okay, from Mr. Barrett to Ms. Cantal,

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03:40:14,100 --> 03:40:15,140

I'm afraid please indicate. God bless you.

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03:40:15,140 --> 03:40:16,900

God bless y'all. Good night.