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That's another glorious day in the city of Starburst, ladies and gentlemen.

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So I have a proclamation I'd like to read here.

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To Psi Alpha Omega Chapter Day, actually, for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

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Do I get a ski weave here?

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00:00:37,920 --> 00:00:38,820

No ski weave?

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00:00:38,920 --> 00:00:40,200

Oh, no ski weave!

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00:00:40,440 --> 00:00:41,420

Oh, no!

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00:00:41,760 --> 00:00:42,540

Oh, no!

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00:00:44,080 --> 00:00:44,980

Oh, no!

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Whereas the city of Starburst probably recognizes organizations who show service and leadership,

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strengthen the community, improve the quality of life for its residents.

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And whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, the nation's first Greek letter organization

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founded by African-American college women in 1908, has a long, distinguished legacy of advancing

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education, civil engagement, and community service.

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Whereas in 2004, two visionary women, Tameka Clemens, if I got the plans flying, is she

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00:01:15,400 --> 00:01:15,600

here?

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Is she not here?

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Okay.

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I know Kalisha O'Neal's here.

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How you doing, Pastor?

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00:01:19,420 --> 00:01:19,760

All right.

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00:01:19,860 --> 00:01:20,240

All right.

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00:01:20,320 --> 00:01:20,660

Amen.

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Sought to extend the legacy of the Southern Crescent area, the metropolitan Atlanta, organizing

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members from the Southern Crescent Pearls Interest Group with a focus on meeting the needs

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00:01:31,660 --> 00:01:32,960  
of Henry and Clayton Counties.

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Whereas the group quickly became a force for good, establishing literacy, financial education

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programs, supporting youth in development, engaging in senior outreach, and providing

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00:01:42,020 --> 00:01:44,740  
critical assistance to families and schools throughout the community.

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00:01:45,720 --> 00:01:50,060  
Whereas on December 10, 2005, their efforts culminated with the charting of the Psi Alpha

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00:01:50,060 --> 00:01:54,240  
Omega chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, excuse me, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

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I'm sorry about that.

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00:01:55,660 --> 00:01:56,000  
Is that right?

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00:01:57,480 --> 00:01:58,560  
I'm just flowing.

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00:01:58,800 --> 00:01:59,320  
I'm sorry.

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Incorporated.

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00:02:00,140 --> 00:02:05,980  
And whereas for the past 20 years, Psi Alpha Omega has continued to exemplify the service

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00:02:05,980 --> 00:02:10,700  
to all mankind through ongoing initiatives that align with the needs of Starbridge and

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surrounding area, including mentorship programs, voter education, health awareness events, partnerships

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that uplift women, families, and youth.

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Whereas today, with more than 330 active members, Psi Alpha Omega chapter stands as a pillar of

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leadership and service, and the value of partnering and advancing the city of Starbridge's

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vision, unity, opportunity, and community pride.

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Now, therefore, I, Anthony, as forward by virtue of authority, vested in me as the mayor

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of the city of Starbridge, Georgia, and on behalf of the city council members, Elton

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Alexander, Ilana Barber, Kyle Berry, Lakeisha Gantt, and Alfonso Thomas, to hereby proclaim

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December 10, 2025 as Psi Alpha Omega chapter day in the city of Starbridge, Georgia, and

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encourage all residents to join me in celebrating Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Psi Alpha

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Omega chapter for two decades of sisterhood, scholarship, and service that have left a

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lasting impact on our city and beyond.

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00:02:59,820 --> 00:03:03,520

And witness thereof, I have here unto set my hand in the great city of Starbridge, Georgia,

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00:03:03,960 --> 00:03:08,900

on the 8th day of December, year of our Lord, 2025, and a sign of proclamation along our

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00:03:08,900 --> 00:03:09,760

clerk, Vanessa Holliday.

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00:03:09,960 --> 00:03:10,840

Congratulations, ladies.

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00:03:10,900 --> 00:03:11,300

Thank you.

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00:03:12,140 --> 00:03:12,460

Okay.

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00:03:12,880 --> 00:03:13,760

Now, you're the president, right?

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00:03:13,900 --> 00:03:14,400

There you go.

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00:03:14,780 --> 00:03:15,000

All right.

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00:03:15,000 --> 00:03:15,860

I appreciate everything.

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00:03:15,980 --> 00:03:19,080

Now, normally when this happens, whoever gets a proclamation, you have the floor.

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00:03:19,080 --> 00:03:21,200

So, whatever things you want to say, the floor is yours.

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00:03:21,340 --> 00:03:21,660

Okay.

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00:03:21,860 --> 00:03:24,600

Well, thank you so much, Mayor Ford and the city council.

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00:03:25,140 --> 00:03:26,100

We appreciate you.

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00:03:26,160 --> 00:03:27,420

We've been working with Stockbridge.

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00:03:27,540 --> 00:03:29,060

We're known as the Stockbridge chapter.

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So, we have been working with Stockbridge for obviously 20 years, and we appreciate your

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00:03:33,780 --> 00:03:37,480

continued support, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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00:03:37,640 --> 00:03:37,960

Absolutely.

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00:03:37,960 --> 00:03:38,780

Thank you so very much.

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00:03:39,020 --> 00:03:39,080

Okay.

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00:03:39,940 --> 00:03:40,340

Outstanding.

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00:03:40,680 --> 00:03:40,880

Okay.

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00:03:41,300 --> 00:03:43,820

So, ah, even Ms. Delta said, hey, okay.

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00:03:44,360 --> 00:03:45,500

Thank you.

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00:03:45,620 --> 00:03:46,340

Oh, you got something?

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00:03:46,460 --> 00:03:46,660

Yes.

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00:03:46,660 --> 00:03:52,880

I, as Councilman Elson-Alexander, want to say thank you for all the tremendous work that

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00:03:52,880 --> 00:03:57,420

you're doing in the community, and I can attest you've been on the front line in the

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fight against hunger.

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Your support for community development for real people has been essential, especially

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during the federal shutdown, where we were trying to grab food from any which direction.

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Your support was critical in us being able to serve the rush that we had from the shutdown

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00:04:15,760 --> 00:04:17,940

and the fight for hunger.

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00:04:18,060 --> 00:04:20,160

So, thank you all so much for what you do.

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00:04:20,160 --> 00:04:20,660

Thank you.

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00:04:20,660 --> 00:04:20,680

Thank you.

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00:04:21,160 --> 00:04:21,500

Thank you.

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00:04:25,160 --> 00:04:25,980

You just joined us.

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00:04:26,000 --> 00:04:26,920

You want to say anything at all?

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00:04:27,200 --> 00:04:27,420

Okay.

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00:04:27,540 --> 00:04:27,740

Fine.

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00:04:27,740 --> 00:04:34,160

So, we're, I don't want to block anybody, so, you want to go up there?

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00:04:34,280 --> 00:04:34,860

That'd be, man.

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00:04:34,940 --> 00:04:35,780

Let's give them a break.

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00:04:36,500 --> 00:04:36,940

Okay.

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00:04:37,140 --> 00:04:38,880

Well, okay.

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00:04:39,700 --> 00:04:40,400

Okay, sir.

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00:04:40,520 --> 00:04:42,280

I don't want to, you all right?

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00:04:42,420 --> 00:04:44,120

I don't want to, okay, let's see.

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00:04:49,160 --> 00:04:49,700

All right.

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00:04:49,700 --> 00:04:52,940

So, we'll go back here, ladies, behind here, put some questions in the background, spread

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out.



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00:04:53,440 --> 00:04:53,760  
Okay?

107  
00:04:53,980 --> 00:04:54,180  
Okay.

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00:04:54,360 --> 00:04:54,800  
Thank you.

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00:04:54,800 --> 00:04:55,040  
Okay.

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00:04:55,040 --> 00:04:55,240  
So, we'll walk back in here.

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00:04:57,640 --> 00:04:58,600  
That's a clear show.

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00:04:58,600 --> 00:04:59,200  
Yeah, we're good.

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00:04:59,200 --> 00:04:59,220  
Thank you.

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00:04:59,220 --> 00:04:59,240  
Thank you.

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00:04:59,240 --> 00:04:59,280  
Thank you.

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00:04:59,280 --> 00:04:59,320  
Thank you.

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00:04:59,320 --> 00:04:59,380  
Thank you.

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00:04:59,380 --> 00:04:59,820  
Thank you.

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00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:19,520  
Well, we'll center everybody here, and then we'll continue on.

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00:05:19,700 --> 00:05:21,080  
Let's see if I can get these chairs off.

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00:05:21,080 --> 00:05:21,100  
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Let's see if I can get these chairs off.

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And to Mr. Charles Marshall, please, please stand if you can, ladies and gentlemen, and

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make sure the mic is on the screen there, sir, for you.

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Is it, the button's green?

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00:20:02,940 --> 00:20:03,940

That's right.

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Thank you, Father God, for all of you who are, and I'll thank you, Father God, for this day,

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00:20:12,580 --> 00:20:17,180

that you're not promised, Father God, and nothing we've done to return, it doesn't deserve it,

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00:20:17,180 --> 00:20:21,400

Father God, but we know that I'm sure that you live in any place, if you allow us to give

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it in.

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00:20:22,400 --> 00:20:28,620

We pray now, Father God, for the old wives of the meeting tonight, and pray, Father God,

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for the clean-hearted civil times, so much, Father God, as we engage in the business

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00:20:34,000 --> 00:20:38,520

of this, and pray for us, and pray for us, and bless you, and the mayor, and the council

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00:20:38,520 --> 00:20:43,700

members, and all of it, and thank you, Father God, and we send it to you, sir, in the school

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00:20:43,700 --> 00:20:47,740

of life, and we send it to you, sir, Father God, and I pray all of you, sir.

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00:20:48,740 --> 00:20:49,100

Amen.

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00:20:50,160 --> 00:20:51,020

Pledge of Allegiance.

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00:20:51,640 --> 00:20:57,020

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for

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00:20:57,020 --> 00:21:02,640

which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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00:21:03,640 --> 00:21:04,840

Roll call, Madam Clerk.

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00:21:08,520 --> 00:21:09,340

Good evening.

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00:21:09,620 --> 00:21:10,060

Evening.

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00:21:10,540 --> 00:21:11,160

Mayor Ford.

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00:21:11,340 --> 00:21:11,560

Present.

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00:21:12,240 --> 00:21:13,520

Mayor Pro Tem Gant.

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00:21:13,800 --> 00:21:14,160

Present.

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00:21:14,560 --> 00:21:15,620

Council Member Thomas.

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00:21:16,640 --> 00:21:17,800

Let the record reflect.

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Council Member Thomas is not in attendance.

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00:21:20,240 --> 00:21:21,020

Council Member Berry.

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00:21:21,340 --> 00:21:21,600

Present.

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00:21:21,700 --> 00:21:22,620

Council Member Barber.

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00:21:22,800 --> 00:21:23,060

Present.

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00:21:23,200 --> 00:21:24,260

Council Member Alexander.

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00:21:24,600 --> 00:21:24,920

Present.

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00:21:25,080 --> 00:21:26,180

Mayor Ford, you have a quorum.

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00:21:26,200 --> 00:21:26,800

Thank you, Madam Clerk.

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00:21:26,800 --> 00:21:27,520

Appreciate that.

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00:21:27,960 --> 00:21:30,960

Mayor Pro Tem Gant, we have some amendments to the agenda, please.

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00:21:32,100 --> 00:21:32,740

Yes, Mayor.

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00:21:33,080 --> 00:21:40,860

I'd like to make a motion to amend the agenda to remove item number seven at the applicant's

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00:21:40,860 --> 00:21:41,380

request.

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00:21:42,540 --> 00:21:51,680

To amend, also make a motion to amend the agenda to defer item number 10, item number 11, and

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00:21:51,680 --> 00:21:55,840

item number 12, to the February 9th, 2026 meeting.

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00:21:55,840 --> 00:22:05,800

A motion to amend the agenda to add item number 24, the city's health insurance renewal.

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00:22:05,800 --> 00:22:25,100

A motion to amend the agenda, a motion to amend the agenda, a motion to amend the agenda to add item number 26, the soccer field resolution.

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00:22:25,100 --> 00:22:30,420

However, we would like to move that to the item number 7 slot.

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00:22:30,960 --> 00:22:31,160

Okay.

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00:22:31,160 --> 00:22:31,840

Thank you very much.

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00:22:31,900 --> 00:22:32,680

Is there a second to the motion?

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00:22:33,300 --> 00:22:33,540

Second.

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00:22:33,800 --> 00:22:34,040

Okay.

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00:22:34,120 --> 00:22:34,740

Mr. Alexander, I second.

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00:22:34,820 --> 00:22:35,680

All in favor, please indicate.

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00:22:37,580 --> 00:22:37,900  
Okay.

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00:22:38,300 --> 00:22:39,380  
So in favor.

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00:22:39,520 --> 00:22:39,660  
Okay.

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00:22:39,780 --> 00:22:41,160  
Unanimous on that.

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00:22:41,440 --> 00:22:45,000  
Now, I need a motion to amend, excuse me, to approve the rest of the agenda, please.

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00:22:45,240 --> 00:22:45,800  
So moved.

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00:22:45,880 --> 00:22:46,360  
Is there a second?

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00:22:46,580 --> 00:22:46,980  
Second.

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00:22:47,140 --> 00:22:48,200  
Mr. Berry, second that.

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00:22:48,260 --> 00:22:49,020  
All in favor, please indicate.

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00:22:49,720 --> 00:22:50,440  
Thank you, Councilor.

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00:22:50,480 --> 00:22:51,260  
We appreciate that.

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00:22:52,060 --> 00:22:52,460  
Okay.

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00:22:52,960 --> 00:22:55,940

Madam Clerk, oh, wait, let me back up for a second.

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00:22:56,900 --> 00:22:57,740

Ceremonial review.

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00:22:57,960 --> 00:22:59,900

Ladies and gentlemen, we had a ceremonial review.

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The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Psi Alpha Omega Chapter are located here in Henry County.

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It also covered Clayton County, had their 20th anniversary celebration at Ports Center just a couple days ago.

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00:23:11,100 --> 00:23:15,600

So we honored them with a proclamation honoring their 20 years of service to this particular community.

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00:23:16,200 --> 00:23:18,920

And that's the only proclamation we read this evening.

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00:23:19,620 --> 00:23:23,200

And on that note, Madam Clerk, are there any public comments at all?

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00:23:23,660 --> 00:23:24,180

Yes, Mayor.

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00:23:24,260 --> 00:23:25,900

Mr. Charles Marshall.

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00:23:26,800 --> 00:23:27,100

Okay.

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00:23:27,580 --> 00:23:28,540

Let me read this.

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00:23:28,700 --> 00:23:32,500

Ms. Marshall, if you want to come to the podium and state your name, but let me read this here first.



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00:23:32,640 --> 00:23:33,160

Public comments.

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00:23:33,220 --> 00:23:34,300

All persons wishing to speak.

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A public comment must sign in with the city clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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00:23:38,920 --> 00:23:40,800

You must sign your name, address, and phone number.

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00:23:41,280 --> 00:23:43,840

You will be able to address the mayor and council for three minutes.

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00:23:44,240 --> 00:23:47,700

Speakers must respect all members of the elected body, officials, and staff.

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00:23:48,160 --> 00:23:52,420

Definition, unrulyness, and swearing will not be tolerated while meeting is in session.

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00:23:52,800 --> 00:23:53,820

Mr. Marshall, please, sir.

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00:23:54,080 --> 00:23:54,420

Thank you.

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00:23:54,620 --> 00:23:56,120

Happy holidays, Mr. Mayor.

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00:23:56,120 --> 00:23:57,680

Happy holidays, you too, sir.

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00:23:58,720 --> 00:24:06,720

My name is Charles Marshall, and I live here at 2040 Somerset Hill, and I'm going to go to the city of Stockbridge.

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00:24:06,720 --> 00:24:36,700

Mr. Marshall, please, sir.

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00:24:36,700 --> 00:24:39,740

Live, shop, work, and play, and we thank you for that.

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00:24:40,300 --> 00:24:46,300

We thank you for all that you do and that you continue to do as the city government.

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Now we have an opportunity to continue that growth by looking at our quality of life standards in developing areas of green space.

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We thank that the development of a brand-new first-class family park within the city of Stockbridge would be a great addition to the city's commitment of developing green space areas and improving the quality of life standards.

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The offer of the FIFA organization to include two new soccer fields within the new park, we feel only enhances the city's green space development efforts.

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Therefore, the Henry County Coalition Committee strongly supports this effort to include the two new soccer fields within the planned new family park, and would ask for your consideration to approve.

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00:25:30,620 --> 00:25:31,780

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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00:25:32,160 --> 00:25:32,960

Thank you, sir.

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00:25:33,020 --> 00:25:33,620

Appreciate it.

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00:25:33,880 --> 00:25:35,140

Any other public comments?

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00:25:36,960 --> 00:25:37,400

Okay.

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00:25:37,540 --> 00:25:38,340

Thank you very much.

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00:25:39,720 --> 00:25:40,160

Okay.

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On that note, we have a presentation.

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What is next?

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Oh, adoption.

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Excuse me.

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00:25:49,820 --> 00:25:50,600

Adoption of minutes.

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00:25:51,280 --> 00:25:54,620

Council need approval of the city council meeting minutes on November 10th.

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The approval of the city council work session minutes on November 18th, and approval of the hometown connection and legislative meeting minutes for November 28th.

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Need a motion to accept those, please.

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00:26:05,840 --> 00:26:06,540

So moved.

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00:26:06,640 --> 00:26:07,140

Is there a second?

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00:26:07,460 --> 00:26:07,920

I second.

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00:26:08,220 --> 00:26:09,140

Ms. Barbara, second that.

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00:26:09,180 --> 00:26:10,740  
For Ms. Gantel, Ms. Barbara, all in favor, please indicate.

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00:26:11,360 --> 00:26:12,180  
Thank you very much.

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00:26:12,260 --> 00:26:13,200  
The unanimous decision there.

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00:26:13,720 --> 00:26:14,460  
And what is next?

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00:26:14,500 --> 00:26:24,520  
We have a presentation, tree giveaway event, grant for relive, presented by Representative Virginia Lewis Ward.

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00:26:25,340 --> 00:26:26,660  
Please, Representative.

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00:26:27,960 --> 00:26:33,060  
And welcome to Starbridge, by the way, which is obviously your home as well.

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00:26:33,860 --> 00:26:40,560  
And ladies and gentlemen, if you didn't know, many years or so ago, Representative Lewis Ward was actually a member of the city council.

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And then she decided to relieve me and broke my heart and went on to do other things.

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But welcome back, Representative.

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District 5.

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00:26:50,200 --> 00:26:54,900  
So good evening, Mayor and Council.

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00:26:55,160 --> 00:26:56,380  
How's everybody doing tonight?

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00:26:56,720 --> 00:26:57,240  
Good.

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00:26:57,700 --> 00:27:07,560  
So I'm here formally to talk about a tree giveaway event that's going to take place in my district, which comprises Stockbridge and Stonecrest.

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The purpose of the event is to increase tree canopy, which will eventually increase the overall health of the residents in the city of Stockbridge.

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00:27:19,660 --> 00:27:29,020  
Before I introduce the sustainability scientist, who is also the manager of the program, let me just share with you.

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And everyone in Stockbridge is not eligible.

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It's only on a certain track that the residents will be eligible.

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And there's a site called arborday.eventbrite.com.

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You go on to that site and you sign up, you put your address in, and you'll be notified whether or not you are eligible for the free tree giveaway.

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00:27:54,600 --> 00:28:01,580  
And the event will take place on Arbor Day, on Georgia Arbor Day, which is February 20th, 2026.

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And I want to thank Mayor Ford for his comments and his blessings for allowing us to work with the residents in Stockbridge to give away free trees.

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The funding is provided by the USDA Forest Service in partnership with the Georgia Tree Council and the Georgia Forestry Commission.

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That's where the funding is coming from.

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So let me introduce Charlotte King, who is a sustainability scientist and also the manager of the project.

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And she will answer any questions and give you more information about the benefits.

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00:28:37,880 --> 00:28:38,320

Welcome.

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00:28:38,600 --> 00:28:48,600

And by the way, I want to mention to you, Councilor, there should be two documents right in front of you on the dais here that was handed out by the clerk for you, representing this particular presentation as well.

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00:28:49,500 --> 00:28:50,000

Go ahead, ma'am.

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00:28:50,340 --> 00:28:50,880

Good evening.

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00:28:51,140 --> 00:28:52,460

My name is Charlotte King.

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I'm a sustainability scientist.

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00:28:54,120 --> 00:29:01,680

But I live here in Stockbridge in Eagles Landing, so the community is very important to me.

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I created the handout for you as an easy reference so that you understand the importance of trees in our community.

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Stockbridge used to be a tree city USA.

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But with this giveaway, what we're trying to do is to reinforce the importance of trees and their connection to the growth of Stockbridge, where it is being disproportionately impacted by stormwater runoff, infrastructure costs, energy costs, but also public health impacts.

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So as we look at tree plantings, whether they are part of this giveaway or urban initiatives or even Stockbridge public policy, I wanted to, because I am a sustainability scientist, to understand how important this is.

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In addition, Stockbridge is well positioned to emerge as a model tree smart city and consistent with the priorities for the state of Georgia.

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Finally, keep in mind that both this event as well as additional trees in urban communities, it reduces stormwater infrastructure costs, it lowers heat-related medical emergencies, it suppresses peak energy demand, strengthens climate resilience and public safety, and it delivers visible, voter-trusted action.

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So with this event, we're here to try to be a resource to the city of Stockbridge and to answer any questions that you might have.

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00:30:39,000 --> 00:30:39,760

Thank you for that.

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Council, any questions that you may have at all?

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Anybody?

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00:30:44,480 --> 00:30:48,500

So once again, so this is Arbor Day, February 26th, if I got it right.

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Is that right?

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February 20th will be the event.

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00:30:51,640 --> 00:30:52,620

Oh, 20th, okay, 2026.

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00:30:52,620 --> 00:30:58,420

And then there's a website that we have to go on and log on to be a recipient of a free tree, is that correct?

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00:30:58,420 --> 00:30:58,740

Yes.

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00:30:59,600 --> 00:31:13,840

We have given you this information, but on the orange handout that I created specifically for Stockbridge, it will give you references at your fingertips to answer any questions that you need about resources.

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And many of the resources that I gave you are free.

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00:31:17,080 --> 00:31:24,980

And so do we need to coordinate anything like Clark Park or any place like this for it to be distributed to folks?

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Yes.

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00:31:25,680 --> 00:31:31,480

I think earlier you and I had spoke, we were looking at Clark Park and one of the pavilions.

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One of the pavilions, okay.

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00:31:32,560 --> 00:31:33,440

And Clark Park, yeah.

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00:31:33,560 --> 00:31:37,080

The website is [arborday.eventbrite.com](http://arborday.eventbrite.com).

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Okay.

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00:31:37,980 --> 00:31:43,480



And we encourage volunteers to also sign up because we need folks to help give out the trees.

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00:31:44,020 --> 00:32:00,840

But number one, as city council, anything you can do to promote this giveaway, we're only as good as homeowners and landlords and other eligible individuals come and take these trees.

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00:32:00,840 --> 00:32:06,740

For them not to be received would be a huge waste.

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00:32:06,740 --> 00:32:12,060

Remember that trees contribute to the canopy for the entire city.

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Okay.

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00:32:12,760 --> 00:32:13,120

Good to hear.

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00:32:13,400 --> 00:32:14,980

Well, I'll go ahead, sir.

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00:32:15,500 --> 00:32:17,620

Thank you so much for bringing this forward.

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00:32:17,720 --> 00:32:20,600

Certainly, we've been trying to be supportive as possible.

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00:32:20,760 --> 00:32:21,600

Thank you, Representative.

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00:32:22,240 --> 00:32:24,320

We certainly want to make sure we're doing the things.

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We have gone above.

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00:32:26,020 --> 00:32:30,220

I know one of the things that we've done, we sought out to plant trees in the medium.

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00:32:30,780 --> 00:32:33,480

And that's something that we haven't seen a lot on this side of town.

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So I see homeowners, everybody else.

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00:32:36,120 --> 00:32:37,700

So what if the city wanted some of the trees?

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00:32:38,160 --> 00:32:42,160

Yes, we do want the city to contribute.

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00:32:42,400 --> 00:32:46,480

We would love it if Stockbridge became, again, a Tree City USA.

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00:32:46,480 --> 00:32:53,420

But also, even though you're planting trees in the medium, there are other things that we'd like to see you do.

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00:32:53,900 --> 00:32:55,920

A tree inventory would be really great.

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00:32:56,380 --> 00:32:57,640

Planting native species.

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All of those things will help overall air quality, stormwater runoff, and the infrastructure for the city.

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00:33:05,240 --> 00:33:08,020

Well, certainly, because we do the community cleanup every quarter.

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00:33:08,220 --> 00:33:10,260

I like to plant some of these trees.

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00:33:10,260 --> 00:33:13,340

Well, you could also come back on tree topping as well.

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00:33:13,760 --> 00:33:17,980

But my job is to try to answer your questions and to be a resource.

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00:33:18,400 --> 00:33:18,780

Absolutely.

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00:33:18,980 --> 00:33:19,380

Thank you.

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00:33:19,580 --> 00:33:19,800

Sure.

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00:33:21,540 --> 00:33:28,000

Do you guys have any digital print media that we can share on our social media platforms and things of that nature?

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00:33:28,000 --> 00:33:33,640

You can share the sign-up site, and we can get you something.

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00:33:33,880 --> 00:33:35,240

And anything else that you need.

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00:33:35,520 --> 00:33:40,700

On the reference sheet that I gave you, those are tremendous resources.

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00:33:41,220 --> 00:33:46,480

And I always like to emphasize that those resources are your tax dollars at work.

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00:33:47,100 --> 00:33:51,820

But if you need anything specific to Stockbridge, we're happy to create that for you.

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00:33:51,820 --> 00:33:58,120

And we do have four months before this event, but we are in the holiday season.

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00:33:58,360 --> 00:34:04,400

So whatever we can get you to do to help us promote it would be an added bonus.

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00:34:04,980 --> 00:34:05,460

Okay.

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00:34:05,760 --> 00:34:06,200

Good.

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00:34:06,260 --> 00:34:06,780

We'll do that.

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00:34:07,760 --> 00:34:08,240

Okay.

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00:34:08,620 --> 00:34:09,220

That's it?

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00:34:09,320 --> 00:34:09,880

More questions?

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00:34:10,100 --> 00:34:10,260

Okay.

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00:34:10,680 --> 00:34:11,700

Representative, thank you very much.

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00:34:12,140 --> 00:34:12,960

Happy holidays to you.

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00:34:14,100 --> 00:34:14,380

Okay.

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00:34:14,700 --> 00:34:16,600

Council, what we have now is a consent agenda.

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00:34:16,600 --> 00:34:34,240

It deals with, of course, the 2026 event calendar events, city events, Main Street events, Mayor of Council initiatives, along with the renewal of board committee appointments on the Main Street Advisory Board, Willie Hopkins, Anika Pox, Crystal Park, Camilla Mason, Vanessa Gibson.

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00:34:35,000 --> 00:34:36,900

The term ends on 31 December, 2027.

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00:34:37,600 --> 00:34:43,280

Downtown Development Authority, Kenya Cook, Jerry Mays, Tuskeka, Tosika, Thomas.

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00:34:43,280 --> 00:34:55,520

December 31st, 2029, Youth Council Advisory Council, Dr. Freda Gordine, Danita Mimis, Candace

Jones, and Shakara Sellers.

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00:34:56,360 --> 00:35:00,980  
December 31st, 2029, Ethics Board, Mary Scott, Angela Jenkins.

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00:35:01,380 --> 00:35:03,520  
Term ends on 31 December, 2029.

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00:35:03,520 --> 00:35:15,260  
And then for the city's police advisory council, District 1, Carmen Reese, District 2, Thomas Smith, District 3, William Daniels, District 4, Page, the 3rd, Page Jones, the 3rd, District 5, Raymond Martin.

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00:35:16,040 --> 00:35:18,600  
The mayor at large is Pastor Lavelle Sanders.

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00:35:19,060 --> 00:35:21,660  
Bishop Leray Tillman, the faith-based community representative.

577  
00:35:22,360 --> 00:35:24,600  
Reggie Savane, business community representative.

578  
00:35:24,800 --> 00:35:25,880  
Leight Robinson, zone 1.

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00:35:26,160 --> 00:35:27,260  
Nathan Banks, zone 2.

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00:35:27,620 --> 00:35:28,720  
Judy Neal, zone 4.

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00:35:28,720 --> 00:35:31,360  
It's all during the police chief's selection there.

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00:35:32,040 --> 00:35:34,800  
And those terms end on the 31st of December, 2027.

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00:35:35,540 --> 00:35:37,820  
All right, that's all part of the consent agenda.

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00:35:37,940 --> 00:35:40,520

If I have a motion to approve and a second, please.

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00:35:42,560 --> 00:35:45,340

So move from Mr. Barrett, is there a second?

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00:35:45,900 --> 00:35:47,000

Mr. Alexander, second.

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00:35:47,120 --> 00:35:48,000

All favor, please indicate.

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00:35:51,880 --> 00:35:52,280

Yes.

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00:35:53,340 --> 00:35:54,080

Mayor Ford.

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00:35:54,260 --> 00:35:54,700

Yes, ma'am.

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00:35:54,700 --> 00:36:04,000

On this consent agenda, there's just the calendar of events that we're approving, correct?

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00:36:06,340 --> 00:36:10,520

Yeah, the calendar, I'm sorry, I didn't read that, or calendar, I didn't go through each event on the calendar.

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00:36:11,960 --> 00:36:13,640

You know what, and if-

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00:36:13,640 --> 00:36:15,200

My question is to the mayor.

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00:36:15,580 --> 00:36:16,700

Go ahead, what's the deal?

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00:36:16,700 --> 00:36:16,900

Mayor Ford.

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00:36:17,120 --> 00:36:17,380

Go ahead.

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00:36:17,380 --> 00:36:25,400

I just want to make sure that we are just approving, just the calendar, the dates for these city events.

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00:36:25,800 --> 00:36:26,480

Yes, I mean-

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00:36:26,480 --> 00:36:29,940

Because I don't support the budget for the city events.

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00:36:29,960 --> 00:36:35,460

Yes, yes, the city events, all the events, the city events, main street events, and all the initiatives for the mayor and council.

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00:36:35,740 --> 00:36:35,980

Okay.

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00:36:36,500 --> 00:36:36,820

That's right.

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00:36:37,080 --> 00:36:40,120

So your favorite, Mayor, let me say this before she votes.

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00:36:40,120 --> 00:36:40,620

I will approve, sir.

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00:36:40,900 --> 00:36:42,780

I'm going to take my vote back, okay?

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00:36:43,140 --> 00:36:44,540

This is what I say we should do.

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00:36:44,600 --> 00:36:51,160

We should revisit this at the end, once we finish, because I have a couple of changes that I want to put in the budget.

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00:36:51,580 --> 00:36:56,920

One of the events is the African American History Month event, which is not on the schedule of

the calendar.

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00:36:57,240 --> 00:36:59,420

So probably we should come back to revisit.

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00:36:59,580 --> 00:37:02,040

On the calendars only, or not the-

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00:37:02,040 --> 00:37:03,500

On the calendar.

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00:37:03,500 --> 00:37:04,660

You're referring to the calendar.

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00:37:04,740 --> 00:37:05,720

On the calendar, yeah.

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00:37:05,720 --> 00:37:13,820

Okay, so you're talking about the overall calendar when it comes to city events, main street events, and mayor and council initiatives.

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00:37:13,880 --> 00:37:16,300

Right, there's a couple of changes that I'm going to suggest.

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00:37:16,700 --> 00:37:23,060

So let's fall back and bring that back after we approve the budget with the changes, and then we'll have-

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00:37:23,060 --> 00:37:24,060

Motion original, is that correct?

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00:37:24,320 --> 00:37:24,480

Yeah.

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00:37:24,540 --> 00:37:25,460

So you accept that, sir?

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00:37:26,000 --> 00:37:28,960

Yeah, so you want to make a motion to amend it and move that backwards?

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00:37:29,100 --> 00:37:29,460

Yes.

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00:37:29,460 --> 00:37:33,400

All right, so I would have said that it's original and-

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00:37:33,400 --> 00:37:34,700

No, it's not.

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00:37:34,700 --> 00:37:35,300

Thank you.

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00:37:36,120 --> 00:37:44,300

So I will rescind that original and then make a motion that we move agenda item three to the end of the agenda.

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00:37:44,720 --> 00:37:45,780

Let me make sure.

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00:37:45,840 --> 00:37:47,440

I don't know if it means the whole item three.

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00:37:47,520 --> 00:37:48,760

You're just talking about one piece of this.

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00:37:48,760 --> 00:37:51,980

Well, we're voting on all of them together, so you would think so.

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00:37:52,120 --> 00:37:52,400

All right.

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00:37:52,820 --> 00:37:53,620

May I prepare?

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00:37:53,620 --> 00:37:53,960

Yes, ma'am.

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00:37:54,040 --> 00:37:54,520

Clarification.

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00:37:55,220 --> 00:37:57,120

So there's two items on the consent agenda.

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00:37:57,260 --> 00:38:00,120

One is the calendars, and then the other are the renewals.

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00:38:00,120 --> 00:38:05,220

So are you only asking that the calendars be removed from the consent agenda?

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00:38:05,300 --> 00:38:06,480

That's what my assumption is.

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00:38:06,560 --> 00:38:07,440

That's what-

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00:38:07,440 --> 00:38:08,540

Only the account.

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00:38:08,540 --> 00:38:09,580

Only calendar events.

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00:38:09,800 --> 00:38:11,860

So everybody else, everything else can get approved.

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00:38:12,220 --> 00:38:13,220

We just deal with the calendar events.

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00:38:14,080 --> 00:38:14,360

Yeah.

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00:38:14,600 --> 00:38:15,720

There's two separate.

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00:38:15,720 --> 00:38:17,240

Okay, so two separate.

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00:38:17,460 --> 00:38:18,580

So we'll remove the calendar.

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00:38:18,960 --> 00:38:19,220

Okay.

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00:38:20,160 --> 00:38:22,000

So you want to-

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00:38:22,000 --> 00:38:31,000

So let me make a motion to move from consent agenda item three, only the 2026 calendar events

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00:38:31,000 --> 00:38:37,920

to include city events, main street events, mayor and council initiatives to the end of our agenda

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00:38:37,920 --> 00:38:42,880

and leave the appointments as they are stated.

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00:38:43,260 --> 00:38:44,080

I second that.

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00:38:44,720 --> 00:38:45,020

Okay.

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00:38:45,220 --> 00:38:45,500

From-

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00:38:45,500 --> 00:38:47,600

Okay, Mr. Berry to Ms. Barbara.

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00:38:47,680 --> 00:38:49,000

All in favor of that, please indicate.

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00:38:49,420 --> 00:38:50,320

Okay, we got that move.

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00:38:50,400 --> 00:38:51,860

Okay, so we'll put that-

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00:38:51,860 --> 00:38:52,700

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

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00:38:52,700 --> 00:38:58,060

So we'll put that at the end of the old business here.

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00:38:58,400 --> 00:38:59,220

Let's see here.

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00:39:03,960 --> 00:39:06,680

Item number 27, mayor.

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00:39:06,920 --> 00:39:07,360

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00:39:08,440 --> 00:39:09,300

All righty then.

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00:39:11,740 --> 00:39:14,140

Okay, one second here.

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00:39:18,980 --> 00:39:20,120

Thank you for that.

668

00:39:20,220 --> 00:39:20,500

Okay.

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00:39:20,500 --> 00:39:23,400

Okay, old business.

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00:39:25,320 --> 00:39:30,520

Council consideration to approve revised copy of SSD, special services district map.

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00:39:31,060 --> 00:39:32,080

Mr. Edmondson, please.

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00:39:37,280 --> 00:39:37,840

Okay.

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00:39:50,500 --> 00:39:59,880

Good evening, mayor and council.

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00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:07,820

As we recall back in October of last year, the mayor and council did approve the SSD map.

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00:40:07,820 --> 00:40:12,520

However, during the budget retreat, there were some modifications to the map.

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00:40:12,520 --> 00:40:18,380

And this is what the new map indicates of these particular changes.

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00:40:18,380 --> 00:40:42,920

So the 2026 SSD map includes 1134 parcels that are primarily concentrated along North Henry Boulevard,

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00:40:42,920 --> 00:40:47,160

and State Route 138, and State Route 138, and State Route 138.

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00:40:47,160 --> 00:40:54,180

It's important to note that these parcels contained in the city's entertainment district are also in the SSDs.

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00:40:54,180 --> 00:40:58,600

This includes the downtown village near North Henry Boulevard and East Atlanta Road,

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00:40:58,600 --> 00:41:04,460

the bridges of Jodico, at the exit 222 of I-75 along Jodico Road.

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00:41:05,900 --> 00:41:12,700

The 2025 and the 2026 SSDs are remarkably similar in geographic area.

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00:41:12,700 --> 00:41:19,820

The concentration of these parcels in the SSD also remains consistent with the 2025 to 2026.

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One of the key differences between the two versions is the total number of parcels and the geographic extent of those parcels,

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00:41:29,100 --> 00:41:34,320

whereas the total number of parcels constitutes in the 2025 SSD is 816,

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00:41:34,320 --> 00:41:43,400

whereas in the 2026 proposed new map is, once again, 1134, which is a difference of 318 parcels.

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00:41:44,680 --> 00:41:49,160

Some of these parcel boundaries in the SSD have been expanded or reduced since 2025,

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00:41:49,540 --> 00:41:54,660

thus resulting in a geographic variation in select regions of the city.

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00:41:56,040 --> 00:42:00,680

It is also important to note that the adjustments from 2025 map to the 2026

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00:42:00,680 --> 00:42:04,840

are middle of the effects of recent update in the city's zoning district boundaries

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00:42:04,840 --> 00:42:10,280

that sought to align the city's parcel data, one with that of Henry County.

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00:42:12,300 --> 00:42:17,340

During these updates, some of the parcels were split to align with current plat records for recent development.

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00:42:18,620 --> 00:42:21,540

As a result, these new parcels were technically added to the SSD,

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00:42:22,120 --> 00:42:25,120

even though the geographic area of the SSD did not expand.

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00:42:26,400 --> 00:42:28,180

Other parcels were merged together.

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00:42:28,180 --> 00:42:33,740

As a result, some of those portions of the updated parcels were in 2025 and other portions were not.

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00:42:34,400 --> 00:42:40,060

So this just may basically update that particular amount with those particular changes to align

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00:42:40,060 --> 00:42:42,140

definitely with the Henry County parcels and development.

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00:42:42,880 --> 00:42:45,240

So we ask approval of the new SSD map.

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00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:47,180

Questions, counsel?

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00:42:47,180 --> 00:42:54,500

I have no question.

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00:42:54,580 --> 00:43:01,240

Is this any motion to make that approval, make that adjustment in adding those additional parcels?

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00:43:01,340 --> 00:43:01,800

So moved.

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00:43:02,000 --> 00:43:02,280

Okay.

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00:43:02,540 --> 00:43:03,720

For Ms. Alexander, is there a second?

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00:43:04,200 --> 00:43:04,400

Second.

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00:43:04,700 --> 00:43:06,220

Mr. Barry, second.

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00:43:06,320 --> 00:43:07,060

All in favor, please indicate.

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00:43:09,120 --> 00:43:09,820

Ms. Barber?

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00:43:11,200 --> 00:43:11,600

Okay.

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00:43:12,460 --> 00:43:13,240

You have a comment?

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00:43:13,320 --> 00:43:13,900

You approve?

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00:43:14,680 --> 00:43:15,220

I oppose.

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00:43:15,220 --> 00:43:20,820

She said you oppose?

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00:43:20,940 --> 00:43:21,400

She opposes.

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00:43:21,660 --> 00:43:22,340

Okay, opposes.

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00:43:22,600 --> 00:43:24,440

Okay, so all right.

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00:43:24,600 --> 00:43:25,540

So right now-

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00:43:25,540 --> 00:43:26,720

Mayor, let me do this.

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00:43:26,800 --> 00:43:30,240

Let me make a motion to table and then return back.

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00:43:30,320 --> 00:43:32,000

Resend my motion, motion to table.

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00:43:33,080 --> 00:43:33,480

Okay.

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00:43:33,560 --> 00:43:34,440

Is there a motion to table?

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00:43:34,520 --> 00:43:35,120

You made a motion.

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00:43:35,220 --> 00:43:36,320

Is there a second to that?



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00:43:38,020 --> 00:43:38,680

To table.

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00:43:38,820 --> 00:43:39,540

He wants to table this.

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00:43:39,540 --> 00:43:39,840

To bring it back.

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00:43:39,980 --> 00:43:41,220

We need to get this approved.

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00:43:41,220 --> 00:43:45,500

And certainly, I don't know where Ms. Gant went to, but certainly we need this approved.

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00:43:47,940 --> 00:43:50,980

Is there a second to table this?

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00:43:52,980 --> 00:43:53,920

Okay, Ms. Barry, second.

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00:43:54,040 --> 00:43:54,840

All in favor of the table.

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00:43:58,540 --> 00:43:58,980

Okay.

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00:44:00,400 --> 00:44:01,100

Ms. Barber?

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00:44:01,820 --> 00:44:02,500

Mayor Ford.

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00:44:02,740 --> 00:44:03,200

Yes, ma'am.

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00:44:03,200 --> 00:44:09,240

I know we have a very heavy agenda, and I want to keep things moving along.

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00:44:10,640 --> 00:44:16,600

I know that there may have been a consensus of the council to add this item to the agenda.

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00:44:17,140 --> 00:44:22,640

I don't know what's driving this, so I'm not going to support it, because I have not been

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00:44:22,640 --> 00:44:26,700

a part of any discussions regarding this.

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00:44:28,200 --> 00:44:38,780

This new map, it involves a large portion of the district that I represent.

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00:44:39,440 --> 00:44:45,460

The district in which I am duly elected to represent, but no discussions or conversations

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00:44:45,460 --> 00:44:49,580

prior to right now have been had with me.

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00:44:49,580 --> 00:44:54,580

And no, I'm not going to call staff and talk to them behind the scenes.

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00:44:55,160 --> 00:44:58,300

No, I'm not going to have any of those kinds of discussions.

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00:44:58,740 --> 00:45:05,480

So, if the consensus of the council voted in support of adding this item to the agenda,

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00:45:05,940 --> 00:45:10,900

I expect that the consensus of the council will support it all the way through.

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00:45:11,760 --> 00:45:13,620

So, I won't be supporting this.

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00:45:13,740 --> 00:45:13,920

All right.

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00:45:14,020 --> 00:45:14,500

Thank you, sir.

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00:45:14,700 --> 00:45:16,140

Right now, the motion fails.

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00:45:16,140 --> 00:45:17,640

We don't have a vote.

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00:45:17,720 --> 00:45:22,200

I rescinded my motion to approve, so there's no vote.

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00:45:22,280 --> 00:45:24,240

We'll just leave it there and move on to the next one.

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00:45:24,240 --> 00:45:24,940

Is that correct?

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00:45:25,020 --> 00:45:25,980

That's exactly what's going to happen.

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00:45:26,180 --> 00:45:26,440

Okay.

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00:45:26,580 --> 00:45:26,820

All right.

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00:45:27,160 --> 00:45:34,020

Second reading for the council consideration to approve the FY 2025 budget amendment ordinance

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00:45:34,020 --> 00:45:43,060

in the amount of \$8,852,935.

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00:45:43,700 --> 00:45:45,280

Mr. Malazzi, please.

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00:45:45,280 --> 00:46:15,260

Thank you, Mr. Malazzi.

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00:46:15,280 --> 00:46:26,400

Good evening, Mayor and the council.

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00:46:27,680 --> 00:46:32,620

This is 2025 budget that we are trying to amend.

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00:46:32,620 --> 00:46:42,660

So, we amend the budget when you have less or more revenues than expected or you have more expenditures

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00:46:42,660 --> 00:46:48,600

than revenue than expected so that the budget is in balance.

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00:46:48,600 --> 00:47:02,140

So, as we said in the past two public hearings, the 2025 budget, there were some funds that were not budgeted for,

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00:47:02,240 --> 00:47:03,800

but there were some expenses.

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00:47:03,800 --> 00:47:15,860

So, we are bringing all active funds into balance, into budget, whether there is zero or there are some activities taking place.

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00:47:15,860 --> 00:47:28,580

So, in the first place, we have a general fund that was adopted with \$29,290,311.

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00:47:28,580 --> 00:47:33,380

That was the adoption of the budget on revenue side.

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00:47:33,500 --> 00:47:34,800

But we are amending.

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00:47:35,180 --> 00:47:42,700

We expect revenues in 2025 to move from \$29,2 million to \$32,1 million.

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00:47:42,700 --> 00:47:49,700

And we have corresponding expenses as the stipulated general fund expenses.

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00:47:49,700 --> 00:47:58,700

We start with governing body, city clerk, executive, finance, non-departmental, business services, information technology,

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00:47:58,700 --> 00:48:12,080

human resources, government buildings, municipal courts, police administration, public works, city events, parks, permitting, planning and zoning,

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00:48:12,560 --> 00:48:20,900

economic development, Main Street, GIS, and other funding, financial funding for a total of \$29.2 million.

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00:48:20,900 --> 00:48:22,820

That's what was budgeted for.

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00:48:22,820 --> 00:48:36,080

So, with the revision of revenues, the corresponding expenses also have been adjusted to \$32.1 million.

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00:48:37,040 --> 00:48:38,400

That's general fund.

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00:48:40,500 --> 00:48:42,580

Then we get into other funds.

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00:48:45,500 --> 00:48:48,440

Other funds are still the same as you see.

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00:48:48,440 --> 00:48:54,640

There are some funds, for example, fund number one, which is confiscated assets.

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00:48:54,760 --> 00:48:59,340

We budgeted nothing, but you see that there are expenses, there are \$338.

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00:48:59,540 --> 00:49:03,760

That's the wisdom of making adjustments for active funds.

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00:49:04,540 --> 00:49:09,880

Property and evidence, again, budgeted nothing, but you see we have \$9,000 there.

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00:49:11,320 --> 00:49:17,740

Alpa, we budgeted zero, but we have \$1.9 million.

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00:49:18,440 --> 00:49:31,000

In the budget, because we still have got obligations to meet until Alpa funds end in 2026, December 2026.

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00:49:31,000 --> 00:49:38,760

So, that's why you see Alpa there, but you cannot bring any new expenses for Alpa, because it's closed.

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We just have to meet those obligations.

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Then you have grants, hotel, SPLAS 5, which is the winding up, SPLAS 6, TSPLAS, urban development, citywide projects, downtown development, citywide development, public facilities, impact fees, cemetery, water, sewer, sanitation, conference center, and amphitheater.

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So, total of those ones we adopted, 2025 budget, were \$34.3 million.

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We anticipate that it will be \$40.4 million.

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Then you have a summary at the end of general fund.

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That's the one that we said, \$32.1 million.

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Then those other funds, for a total of \$72 million, that is anticipation for 2025.

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However, the budget was adopted at \$63.6 million, with a difference of \$8.8 million.

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That's the one we are asking council to consider for adoption, to make sure that we are in line and in balancing revenue equal expenses.

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Please.

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Okay.

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So, otherwise, we need a motion to accept this adjustment for this amendment unless there are any questions, additional questions.

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Okay.

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I have some additional statements.

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so certainly what is really happening what you have described is an increase in revenue and in

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in order to balance the budget and certainly we have projections that we have made throughout

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the year but certainly there's some good news in this and there's some not so good news in this

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and that the the expenses were up but the the the good news or even better news is that the revenue

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was up and we're going to be able to cover this that's correct yeah budget amendment you have to

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have revenue to amend the budget so there's the revenue corresponding with expenses however there

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are some funds that they don't have revenues enough revenues so you have to move revenues from other

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funds but at the end of it you are making the budgets to be in balance right so generally this

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is a standard customary practice by every city and county government that they have to endure they

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have to seek budget amendments to make sure that the balance the budget is balanced because the state

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requires a balanced budget is that correct that is correct sir okay now as we go down these lines and

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you have come in you've done a tremendous amount of work in order to make sure that the budget was

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balanced and that we previously you made several announcements that we needed to make a rather

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large adjustment which was the 30 to 30 million dollars to correct the budget so we hear a lot of

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misstatements out there about oh 30 million dollars was missing 30 million dollars was never missing

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we simply needed to do the transfers in order to correct the process in order to move their amounts

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to the right accounts as you had indicated the money was pretty much in the sploshed accounts

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but we had paid for those sploss projects out of the general fund which they should have been paid

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out of the sploshed so basically you had to move those sploss funds in order to correct or to put the

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things in the right account and I kind of summarize this by saying if you look at your household

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but you had the money in your savings account and the money should have been in your checking account

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or you had it in your IRA or you had it in your cd and it needed to be in your checking account in

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order to pay bills it was simply in the wrong accounts because those accounts should have come

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in order for it to be in the right accounts they should have come to council the council would have

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voted on it and we would have put it in the right account because we would have taken it out of

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a CD and we would have put it in the checking account to pay the bill originally had the

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process been followed correctly in the years that were adjusted.

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That is correct, sir.

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What we are doing here was being done in the past, but it was being done behind the scenes

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that he did not have authorization of the council because still money was being moved

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from one fund to the other.

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There were some funds that they didn't have enough revenues, so the movement and the balancing

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can only be authorized by the governing body.

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Right.

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To put a pin in this, if the individuals who were serving in the finance and in the leadership

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position of the city had brought those transfers to the council in order for us to transfer

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the money to the correct account, we wouldn't have been in that position in the first place,

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would we?

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No, it wouldn't be, but here we are now that, you know, we just have to do diligence.

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We can't spend more than what we bring in, but so far it doesn't show that the city's block,

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but we are just making sure that all funds are in balance.

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Whether there's money or not, whether we move money, it should be transparent that this is

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what we are doing.

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So we are putting all active funds for you to know what is happening in this fund, every fund.

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Right, and because of the substantial work that you have done and that you have gotten

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these books balanced, we're actually going to submit or have been submitted for an award.

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00:55:38,940 --> 00:55:39,560  
Is that correct?

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00:55:40,640 --> 00:55:41,540  
That is correct.

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00:55:41,540 --> 00:55:42,540  
Absolutely.

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00:55:42,540 --> 00:55:43,540  
So thank you.

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I appreciate it.

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And everybody should hear that loud and clearly.

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The city's up for a financial award, Mr. Malazi is, because of the outstanding work that has

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00:55:52,220 --> 00:55:58,560  
been done to put the city books back into accordance with what should have been done initially  
in

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the first place.

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Kudos to you, sir, and your department for making sure that we are doing what we need to

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00:56:04,920 --> 00:56:09,260  
do to make sure that the books balance and that we're looking for a brighter future.

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So thank you.

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00:56:10,260 --> 00:56:11,260  
Thank you.

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All right.

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Any other comments, sir?

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If not, go ahead, please.

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Mr. Malazi, this \$10,000 for a cemetery, can you tell me, is that a revenue expense?

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It's both.

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It's revenue and expenditures.

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So cemetery, there are no revenues there.

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If they are there, very minimal, but there are maintenance to be done.

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And we have also to remember that the cemetery has got fund.

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There are some people that gave in.

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We have money.

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Now it's about \$12,000 that has been vested.

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So every year we have to take \$10,000.

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This year we have, 2026, we have taken \$20,000 from general fund to put cemetery for developments

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that will be there.

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Okay.

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But every year we take \$10,000, \$10,000.

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But 2026, they feel like that \$10,000 will not be enough.

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So we have budgeted.

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You will see it in the transfer.

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That is only temporary for the fall where there are those transfers, 43, I think.

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Thank you, sir.

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One more question.

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The amphitheater.

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I know that we budgeted \$2.6 million in 2025, this budget amendment, the \$4.4 million, that's

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in addition to what was originally approved in a budget?

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That is correct.

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That's what we are anticipating.

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As of now, we have \$4.3 million, but we still have got some bills to pay.

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So we are expecting to be \$4.4 million.

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But should that be less, we will, because we still have budget amendment, final budget

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amendment for 2025 is there to come.

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So this is a mid-year budget amendment, even though it's coming late.

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So there will be one final to close 2025.

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Okay.

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Can you explain why this portion of the budget amendment is coming to us so late?

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And we have another one for this year?

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Logistic.

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Thank you, sir.

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Yes, ma'am.

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If you know the question, I need a motion to accept his proposal to make this adjustment.

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What is the adjustment?

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So moved.

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Is there a second?

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Second.

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00:58:31,740 --> 00:58:33,240

Mr. Berry, second that from Mr. Alexander.

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Mr. Berry, all of a favor, please indicate.

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Okay.

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I will oppose.

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And if I can, Mayor Ford.

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3-1, motion passed.

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Go ahead with your comments.

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Really quick.

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So I know with at least one of these items, the amphitheater operations, those discussions

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were had in executive session in which the council authorized Mr. Malazi to proceed with

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the expenses of the operation of the amphitheater and the 2025 concert season, they authorized

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approval already.

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We're just approving this now to just codify that decision that was made.

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There are certain discussions regarding our city's operation and the amphitheater that must be

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had in the public meeting, not behind closed doors.

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T-splosed, splosed, the amphitheater operations are discussions that must be had in the public

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meeting.

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I just wanted to say that for the record, sir.

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Thank you.

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Mayor, I want to respond to that.

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Okay.



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Certainly.

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It is never, no one would ever vote in executive session.

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That's legal.

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You can't do that.

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We don't vote in executive session.

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And first of all, everything that we discuss in executive session is privileged.

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You couldn't come out here and say it on the microphone because that's the way, that's

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what we do.

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But just to insinuate that we have voted back in executive session is an insult to us.

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It's not true.

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And none of us vote.

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We have to come out here to vote in front of you all.

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No votes can be taken place in executive session.

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No one has ever done that.

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And so you understand what the treasurer is doing.

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It is required by Georgia state law that every community have a balanced budget.

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Should we not balance this budget, we'll be in violation of said state law.

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So Mr. Malazi is doing what's necessary as city and county governments do.

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The county does budget amendments.

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Every city around here does budget amendments.

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That's what they do.

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Because all you can do is forecast the budget.

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No one is Nostradamus where you can say this is going to be exactly this or this is going

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to be exactly that.

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What you have to do is you have to make these adjustments in order to make that happen.

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Tune in to the Henry County Commissioner's meeting and see budget adjustments.

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Tune in to Hampton, Locust Grove, and McDonough and see the same things.

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Except you can watch these meetings on Facebook because we wanted to make sure it's important

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that the community knows what's going on.

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Nothing has been hidden from you here and certainly that insinuation would be totally improper

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that we did anything that in executive session that we voted.

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We certainly would not ever vote in executive session and that certainly would never be legal

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that we could vote in executive session.

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But so you understand the process here.

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If we did not take this vote, we would violate the state law by not balancing the budget.

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Is that correct, Mr. Malazi?

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That is correct.

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Exactly.

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So what are we to do?

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We're to sit here and say, oh, we're not going to do that because we are on our high horse

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and we don't want to make sure.

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But if three people up here did not vote, we would be in violation of state law right now.

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He's telling us the course that we need to take in order to make this happen.

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So three members up here did what we had to do in order to comply with state law to make

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sure that the budget was balanced.

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And we just did that.

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Thank you.

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Second reading.

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Council consideration approving ordinance to amend title three of the Starbridge Code

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of Ordinances regarding finance to amend chapter 3.20 thereof entitled credit card payments

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to provide for convenience fees for certain transactions citywide effective one January

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Mr. Malazi, you're back up, sir.

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01:02:33,200 --> 01:02:41,040

Sorry, Mayor.

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01:02:43,540 --> 01:02:44,700

Good evening, everybody.

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01:02:44,940 --> 01:02:45,340

Evening.

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01:02:45,820 --> 01:02:51,480

This was before you previously as an ordinance, a text change.

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However, upon further investigation, it is my belief that this does not need to be an ordinance

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change.

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This is currently what is listed in Muni code.

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I have been searching to no avail, unfortunately, through all the minutes.

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Ms. Holliday and Ms. Lester have been helping me find the initial motion that council passed in

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order to waive the convenience fees during the pandemic.

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I cannot find it.

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Ms. Holliday did point out one, a mention of it in a December 2022 meeting to rescind that

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waiver of the fees.

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That motion failed, though, and we've not been able to find anything else.

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So what I would propose instead is drafting a resolution that rescinds any prior motion and

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reinstates those fee that those convenience fees, if that's council's wish.

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Okay.

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Stand by.

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Go ahead, Ms. Azana.

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Every day that matters.

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So is there something that we could do tonight?

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Yes.

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Okay.

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So certainly this, so everybody understands what we're trying to do.

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During the pandemic, we know that so many people were laid off, people lost their job.

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We suspended the credit card fee for paying any type of city fees during the city.

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So if you called or you paid your water bill, you paid your, you know, your business license

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fee or whatever that was, we tried to give people a break, just like many governments did

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so that we could take a little bit off of your plate in order to make sure that your budget

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dollar stretched when people were unemployed and in food lines.

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That was the tenor or the circumstances in order to pay your utility bill or your business license, we get part of that fee.

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But it is said, right, the credit card fee, the credit card companies charge the city a fee.

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So if you paid \$100 for your business license, for example, if you use the credit card, we

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got what, like \$95 or, Mr. Balazza, you explain that little portion right there.

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So different credit cards, they charge differently.

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Some is 2%, some is a flat fee of \$7.

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So it depends.

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There is no free because they are not charged, we absorb it.

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Right.

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So when we absorb it, it doesn't give us the true picture of our revenues because if we have

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zoning, there is a fee of \$200 and they pay by card, which is \$7.

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So that means instead of getting \$200, we get \$193.

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01:05:38,420 --> 01:05:44,840

So in essence, we're shorting ourselves on these fees because, again, in your example,

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the city fee was actually \$200.

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01:05:48,140 --> 01:05:50,620

But we're not going to be receiving that city fee.

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01:05:50,700 --> 01:05:52,600

We're going to be receiving \$193.

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01:05:52,900 --> 01:05:58,920

But you have to multiply that times every person that pays a bill with a credit card or a debit

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card.

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You know, certainly it would be our desire or hope that these credit card companies don't

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do that.

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01:06:05,240 --> 01:06:06,160

But you know they do.

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01:06:06,860 --> 01:06:11,980

And they also charge you 28%, 29% interest, which we have no control over either.

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01:06:12,520 --> 01:06:18,460



But certainly, you know, you will still be able to come in and pay the bill, you know,

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01:06:18,860 --> 01:06:21,780

and then not have that fee if you choose.

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01:06:21,780 --> 01:06:28,220

But so if you choose to use a credit card, the city is losing thousands of dollars with

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01:06:28,220 --> 01:06:30,800

these various fees that are being charged.

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01:06:31,020 --> 01:06:33,820

And we're paying the credit card company for you.

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01:06:33,980 --> 01:06:38,460

And certainly, we can't continue to do that with these circumstances.

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01:06:38,460 --> 01:06:39,760

And that's pretty custom.

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01:06:39,880 --> 01:06:44,380

Every time you use a credit card at any merchant, that merchant charges you that fee that they

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01:06:44,380 --> 01:06:45,340

don't pay it, right?

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01:06:45,340 --> 01:06:46,340

Right.

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01:06:46,340 --> 01:06:52,340

So, in that aspect, I'd like to make a motion, if that's appropriate, or you to...

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01:06:52,340 --> 01:06:54,060

That's your recommendation, I'm for sure.

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01:06:54,060 --> 01:06:55,060

That's the recommendation.

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To make a motion, as Council has suggested, to reinstate or to have these fees be effective

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with credit card transactions in the city when credit card payments are used to pay city

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01:07:07,980 --> 01:07:13,340

invoices or city taxes or events.

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01:07:13,340 --> 01:07:17,300

My question for just clarification on that would be an effective date.

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01:07:17,740 --> 01:07:19,700

The prior proposal was January 1.

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01:07:20,900 --> 01:07:21,220

Okay.

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01:07:21,500 --> 01:07:22,800

That's the effective date you like?

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01:07:23,140 --> 01:07:24,340

January 1, please.

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01:07:24,440 --> 01:07:25,740

And this is a resolution as well?

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01:07:25,980 --> 01:07:26,220

Yes.

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01:07:26,320 --> 01:07:26,520

Okay.

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01:07:26,520 --> 01:07:27,080

This will be a resolution.

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01:07:27,320 --> 01:07:27,620

All right.

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01:07:28,300 --> 01:07:29,140

Is there a second to that motion?

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01:07:30,060 --> 01:07:30,420  
Second.

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01:07:30,740 --> 01:07:31,660  
Mr. Berry, second that.

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01:07:31,840 --> 01:07:32,760  
All fair, please indicate.

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01:07:34,000 --> 01:07:34,200  
Okay.

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01:07:34,260 --> 01:07:34,840  
Now this decision.

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01:07:34,940 --> 01:07:35,540  
Thank you very much.

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01:07:35,880 --> 01:07:36,440  
Thank you.

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01:07:36,680 --> 01:07:37,000  
Yes, sir.

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01:07:37,040 --> 01:07:37,440  
Go ahead, please.

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01:07:37,640 --> 01:07:42,120  
Also, it's important for us to add, too, that that is strictly just for credit card fees.

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01:07:42,120 --> 01:07:46,080  
If you pay with money order or check, you still will not incur those fees.

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01:07:46,140 --> 01:07:50,520  
So that is strictly only for those who decide to make their payments with credit cards, where

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01:07:50,520 --> 01:07:52,460  
those fees will be applicable.

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So we don't want to make the message known that we're charging fees on other forms of payment.

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There are no other fees on traditional forms of payment, which is cash, money orders, and

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checks.

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01:08:04,680 --> 01:08:11,800

That is correct, only that we don't receive cash, so it's all other forms of payment, but

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should you decide to use credit card, you absorb the fees.

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01:08:17,180 --> 01:08:17,580

Okay.

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01:08:17,820 --> 01:08:18,320

Well, good then.

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01:08:18,440 --> 01:08:18,720

All right.

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01:08:18,820 --> 01:08:19,520

Thank you very much.

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01:08:20,120 --> 01:08:20,240

Okay.

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01:08:20,240 --> 01:08:20,740

What's next?

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01:08:20,820 --> 01:08:22,620

We made an adjustment in the agenda.

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01:08:22,620 --> 01:08:27,020

So we're going to have some conversations here in reference to the soccer field resolution.

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01:08:27,840 --> 01:08:28,280

All right.

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01:08:28,360 --> 01:08:30,120

And that's going to be item number seven.

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01:08:30,960 --> 01:08:35,380

And so, sir, the individuals, they're going to come down.

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01:08:35,380 --> 01:08:36,820

It seems like you're in a sling here.

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01:08:36,960 --> 01:08:41,120

You're playing soccer so hard you fell down and broke in your...

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01:08:41,120 --> 01:08:42,900

Somebody got a red card.

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01:08:43,400 --> 01:08:43,620

Yeah.

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01:08:43,880 --> 01:08:44,240

Okay.

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01:08:45,080 --> 01:08:46,060

Pop my tendon out.

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01:08:46,060 --> 01:08:48,680

But anyway, good to see you, Mayor, ladies and gentlemen.

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01:08:48,820 --> 01:08:49,520

It's good to be back.

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01:08:49,600 --> 01:08:51,320

I think it was April when I was here last.

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01:08:51,440 --> 01:08:51,560

Okay.

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01:08:51,560 --> 01:08:53,260

We first discussed...

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Name for the record, please.

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01:08:54,140 --> 01:08:55,300

Could you put your name or organization for the record?

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01:08:55,300 --> 01:08:55,780

Oh, I'm sorry.

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01:08:55,980 --> 01:08:57,140

My name is Eric Morrison.

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01:08:57,600 --> 01:08:59,540

I'm the president of Southern Crescent Soccer Foundation.

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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I'm excited.

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We were here in April.

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Had a discussion about moving forward with how we would look at, you know, the soccer fields

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becoming part of the new park at Eagles Landing.

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We've progressed pretty good.

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We've had quite a bit of work done.

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We did have a grand opening for our facility in McDonough.

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I know Mr. Alexander was there.

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Lanny and I had put on one heck of a show.

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It was really good.

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They said it was the largest grand opening they've ever had.

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So there's definitely a thirst for soccer in this county.

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And, you know, the idea of putting two fields in Stockbridge makes a lot of sense.

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There's only...

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On the whole north end of the county, there's two fields in Ellenwood and there is nothing

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else here.

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01:09:39,400 --> 01:09:44,040

So that we can be part of this and to help the city grow and to help that...

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Provide the community, you know, wonderful access is great.

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So where we've progressed so far is, you know, we now have a better feel for the park.

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You know, I know you guys are working in the background and are working on how the park

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itself is going to go.

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As far as building the fields, I sent forward the initial proposal we have from a contractor.

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I will say that I think we need to bid this out further, but that initial proposal is enough

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for me to provide our grant request.

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01:10:13,220 --> 01:10:18,500

I do think we should get some additional vendors to provide proposals because we do have time.

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That vendor is enough for me to provide a grant request.

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01:10:22,260 --> 01:10:25,660

And that's really what we want to get done now is I want to get that grant in before Christmas.

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So to do that, right now the proposal would be about \$600,000.

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We'll be able to come up with \$200,000 of that.

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So whatever the delta is left, and it may come in at less than \$6,000.

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You know, like I said, we need to get additional contractors looking at it.

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01:10:42,600 --> 01:10:45,960

But I think it could come in less than \$6,000.

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But whatever the difference is, you know, we're going to need help from the city or if

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01:10:50,380 --> 01:10:55,060

the city has donors they'd like to help contribute, you know, to build the rest of it.

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But it's still going to be a wonderful facility.

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You know, it's going to be full.

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I mean, it's going to be full of kids.

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It's going to - all the restaurants are going to be full.

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We have tournaments and hotels are going to be full.

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01:11:06,660 --> 01:11:08,120

We're going to be able to bring teams in.

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You know, every time it's about World Cup 2026, they just had a big drawing on TV.

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Well, Women's World Cup 2031, which arguably in the U.S. is bigger than the men's, is 2031

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01:11:20,820 --> 01:11:21,520

right here in Atlanta.

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So we really need to position ourselves ahead as a city to have some facilities that we

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01:11:27,380 --> 01:11:29,020

can get those teams to come to and train at.

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01:11:29,520 --> 01:11:32,040

And I think with the proposal we have, we're going to be there.

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01:11:33,600 --> 01:11:35,260  
So what all do you have for me?

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01:11:36,100 --> 01:11:36,880  
Questions, counsel?

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01:11:38,120 --> 01:11:39,820  
Yes, sir.

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01:11:39,880 --> 01:11:40,360  
Go ahead, please.

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01:11:40,740 --> 01:11:45,740  
Not so much of a question, but I do want to add to what Mr. Eric has stated with this

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01:11:45,740 --> 01:11:51,140  
being primarily in District 3, that this is an awesome opportunity for the city of Stockbridge

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01:11:51,140 --> 01:11:58,320  
to be a part of something great in a movement with the soccer fields and to create the green

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space and to create the live-work-play environment that we all talk about so much, and also to foster

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01:12:04,460 --> 01:12:09,240  
programs for our young people, our youth, so that they can have a place to play and a place

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01:12:09,240 --> 01:12:10,940  
to belong and a place to be a part of.

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01:12:11,340 --> 01:12:17,300  
And so I'm excited about the partnership and excited about what we're on the ground, groundbreaking

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precipice of doing if we're able to support this event, that we have the World Cup coming

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right here at our feet.

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Right.

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And just found out tonight that the Women's World Cup is coming a few years, five years

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after that, and that if we can be one of the players in this, this would definitely put

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Stockbridge in a strategic place that we could help not only grow the sport, but grow our

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local economy as well, as well as provide our neighborhoods and our communities and our

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parents with something that their kids can be a part of and be proud of.

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And so I stand in support of it, specifically in District 3, that we can have this great park,

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01:12:55,520 --> 01:12:58,300

this great green space, and this great athletic facility.

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And so I'm definitely in favor.

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01:13:01,960 --> 01:13:02,240

Okay.

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01:13:03,480 --> 01:13:04,660

Any other comments?

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01:13:05,580 --> 01:13:06,500

Yes, ma'am.

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01:13:08,620 --> 01:13:09,260

Okay.

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So I do support the Soccer Field Project.

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However, the City Council approved the Parks Master Plan.

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I think it's a great idea, considering the World Cup is coming to Atlanta.

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01:13:21,900 --> 01:13:28,280

My only concern is we made a financial commitment and entered into a contract to make upgrades

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01:13:28,280 --> 01:13:32,980

to our current and existing parks, including the new park.

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01:13:33,740 --> 01:13:40,860

I do want to ask a couple of questions of Mr. Aaron, because he presented the Parks Master

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Plan to us.

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Mr. Aaron, I have a couple of questions for you, please, sir.

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I support the new park, but because there's been a mismanagement of \$32.9 million in 2024,

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that has set us back on completing various capital improvement projects.

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The overspending of the amphitheater operations and free city events in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025

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are examples of misguided priorities and how our capital projects are delayed due to wasteful spending.

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The Parks Master Plan has been delayed, just as the rollout of the Master Trail Plan.

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Mr. Aaron, I believe the execution of the Parks Master Plan, as was approved, is outlined in phases

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and was approved during the Council retreat in March of this year.

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Is that correct?

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01:14:42,620 --> 01:14:47,200

Well, the Parks Master Plan was approved prior to that, but it was discussed at the retreat.

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01:14:47,600 --> 01:14:47,800

Okay.

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01:14:48,600 --> 01:14:55,160

The Parks Master Plan, does it also include the new park for the Eagles Landing area?

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01:14:55,160 --> 01:14:56,580

Yes, ma'am.

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01:14:56,640 --> 01:14:57,480

That was included.

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01:14:57,660 --> 01:15:03,660

They were asked to do some designs and include some projects for the new park in Eagles Landing.

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Okay.

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And we paid a consultant for those design concepts?

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01:15:10,520 --> 01:15:11,080

TSW.

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TSW.

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01:15:11,680 --> 01:15:12,320

That did the Master Plan.

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01:15:12,540 --> 01:15:12,780

Okay.

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01:15:13,500 --> 01:15:21,300

What's the status of the rollout of the Parks Master Plan to include the current and existing

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parks?

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Yes, because I have two parks in my district that needs to be addressed.

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So, they're currently finalizing.

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There was - the Council agreed to close the transfer station, and so we're going to add

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01:15:36,560 --> 01:15:39,260

a new entrance to Memorial Park and additional parking.

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So, the transfer station closes and is scheduled to close in May of 2026, and so they're currently

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surveying that property.

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01:15:49,360 --> 01:15:54,800

So, once it closes, then we'll start a project where we'll bid out.

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Part of it was being phased where we were going to do new restrooms at Clark Park, along

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01:16:00,160 --> 01:16:01,240  
with new pavilions.

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We were going to do new restrooms at Gardner Memorial Park and also redo the entrance to

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Memorial Park.

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01:16:09,500 --> 01:16:14,900

And we were also looking at restroom at the trailhead at Reeves Creek Trail as part of

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phase one.

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And then phase two, we were doing - it was a green space, I think, at the new Eagle's

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Landing because that was one of the things that were mentioned during the charrettes that

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they had, that the residents wanted to see green space and just open areas where people

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01:16:31,060 --> 01:16:33,360

can congregate and play and things of that sort.

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01:16:33,360 --> 01:16:41,100

So, there's a whole schedule of items that's included in the master plan projects that have

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been identified that would enhance all of the parks, from pickleballs to open spaces to

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01:16:46,980 --> 01:16:50,940

tennis courts and things of that nature.

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01:16:51,700 --> 01:16:52,760

Thank you, sir.

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01:16:54,280 --> 01:17:02,860

So, I know that with this new, well, parks master plan, it covers all of our parks, including

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this new park.

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01:17:04,620 --> 01:17:13,000

What I am concerned about is our existing parks and the improvements that are needed to those.

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01:17:13,000 --> 01:17:21,860

We are very much aware that the existing parks have been waiting for several years for the

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01:17:21,860 --> 01:17:24,360

upgrades or improvements to them.

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01:17:24,360 --> 01:17:31,620

Picture this, at Gardner Park, the swing that people swing on, I believe it's standing or

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01:17:31,620 --> 01:17:35,700

it's being held up by PVC pipes.

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01:17:36,580 --> 01:17:39,960

So, we need improvements at the existing parks.

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01:17:40,380 --> 01:17:45,460

There are two parks in my district, Gardner Park and Clark Park.

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What I don't want is for us to neglect our current parks and then just skip right over and focus

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01:17:52,760 --> 01:17:54,060

on a new park.

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01:17:54,060 --> 01:18:01,880

I support all of them, which is why I approved the parks master plan with the timeline that

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01:18:01,880 --> 01:18:02,740

you just mentioned.

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I have concerns about what's driving this when we already have two parks that we know need

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01:18:11,440 --> 01:18:12,860  
improvements and upgrades.

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01:18:12,860 --> 01:18:23,860

Let's stick with the schedule as has been approved by the council and allow Mr. Aaron to execute

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01:18:23,860 --> 01:18:24,860  
the plan.

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That's all.

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Thank you.

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01:18:26,860 --> 01:18:27,860  
Mayor.

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01:18:27,860 --> 01:18:28,860  
Go ahead, please.

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01:18:28,860 --> 01:18:29,860  
Stand by.

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01:18:29,860 --> 01:18:31,860  
Don't go anywhere, Mr. Aaron.

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01:18:31,860 --> 01:18:33,120  
Let's say this, okay?

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01:18:33,620 --> 01:18:41,300

See, when you have vision and you understand the direction that we're going, in 2021, when

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we were discussing the plan for parks in the city, long before the parks master plan, the

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city manager made a recommendation that we should put \$2 million aside for park improvements

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in the future to take care of the items that were just described to you.

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Certainly, those items are very important.

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I hate to see this described as an either-or scenario because it's not.

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Because what really happened is we were going to put \$2 million in the SPL0ST to cover park

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improvements because there wasn't a thought at that time that there were going to be a

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new park.

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So I spoke up because I saw the vision coming.

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And I said, let's make that number \$4 million.

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So we would have \$2 million for a new park in the Eagles Landing area of the city, the

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south side of the city.

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So the number was increased from the initial recommendation of \$2 million to \$4 million to

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cover the new park that would come forward or improvements that we needed.

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That was the discussion that we had.

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So understanding that is to understand how we got here.

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It doesn't have to be an either-or scenario.

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I certainly suspect and I certainly support that all the improvements that will be made.

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I sit down and Councilman Thomas and I had many discussions about moving the transfer

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station and having that new entrance established.

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I was the one that made the motion for the parks master plan.

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We were on a Zoom call during the pandemic with TSW and we were talking about how to move

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forward with this.

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So what we did was we decided to do a parks master plan.

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But understand this, and Mr. Morrison will tell you this as well, \$200,000 is on the table

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right now, right, Mr. Morrison?

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Let him come back to the mic dish.

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\$200,000 is on the table right now, right?

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01:20:36,380 --> 01:20:37,380  
Yes, sir.

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01:20:37,380 --> 01:20:42,560  
\$200,000 grants don't just pop up out of the blue, do they?

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01:20:42,560 --> 01:20:43,560  
No.

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01:20:43,560 --> 01:20:44,700  
They don't.

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01:20:44,700 --> 01:20:47,820  
This is one of the opportunities of a lifetime.

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01:20:47,820 --> 01:20:52,700  
And Mr. Morrison is very humble in his statements about what's going on, but you could go see

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01:20:52,700 --> 01:20:56,560  
the field in McDonough today, the mini pitch that they did.

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01:20:56,560 --> 01:21:01,380  
And when we spoke with the Atlanta United people there on the ground that day, they were very

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01:21:01,380 --> 01:21:05,800  
excited about having full-size fields all over here.

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01:21:05,800 --> 01:21:09,600  
I spoke with a young lady named Lee.

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01:21:10,460 --> 01:21:14,280  
Lee is Van Jakes, who used to play for the New Orleans Saints.

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01:21:14,400 --> 01:21:16,080  
He lives here in Eagles Landing Country Club.

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01:21:16,520 --> 01:21:17,240  
She's his daughter.

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01:21:17,760 --> 01:21:19,140  
She works for the Atlanta United.

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01:21:19,660 --> 01:21:25,660  
She's very excited about potentially seeing professional-level soccer fields right here.

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01:21:25,660 --> 01:21:27,520  
in our community.

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01:21:28,020 --> 01:21:32,400  
And as our discussions that we've had with Mr. Morrison is that we have fields here, but

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01:21:32,400 --> 01:21:37,980  
we don't have professional-level quality fields that would be the requirement for a

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01:21:37,980 --> 01:21:43,060  
World Cup or a Women's World Cup or a Men's World Cup that we will be able to fulfill.

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01:21:43,680 --> 01:21:49,580  
So understanding where we are now, there's \$4 million that's being collected through SPLOS

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01:21:49,580 --> 01:21:52,080  
6 over the next few years.

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01:21:52,500 --> 01:21:55,100  
And like I said, initially, there was a \$2 million budget.

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01:21:55,100 --> 01:21:59,880  
We increased the budget so that we could have this new park and some additional green spaces

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01:21:59,880 --> 01:22:02,380  
in the city to acquire others by \$2 million.

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01:22:03,240 --> 01:22:07,640  
We're asking for \$400,000 in this iteration right here.

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01:22:08,180 --> 01:22:11,640  
Without that grant, this would be a \$600,000 project.

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01:22:11,640 --> 01:22:17,080

And \$200,000 additional dollars would come out of the city coffers.

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But by approving this and making this a priority, talk about the schedule.

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Let's say we did approve this.

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What would the schedule look like, Mr. Morrison?

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I mean, the hope is we would break ground in spring, you know, and be - once we break

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ground, it's a month or two and it's done.

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Right.

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01:22:37,220 --> 01:22:42,940

So in essence, we could have - we basically would have a shovel-ready project ready to

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go and the fields could actually open by the summertime if all went well if we take advantage

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01:22:49,280 --> 01:22:55,740

of this opportunity right now with \$200,000, which is, you know, it's a third of the project

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cost, would be covered by the Atlanta United.

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01:22:58,620 --> 01:23:03,120

And when the Atlanta United partners with you and they're sitting at the table, they don't

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just sit there.

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They work with you and they'll help you actively promote the facility and to the rest of the

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01:23:09,100 --> 01:23:14,620

community because they're actively - talk about their involvement in youth soccer in

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01:23:14,620 --> 01:23:16,420

the area and what that will bring to us.

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Well, so we work with the Atlanta United in some of our youth programs.

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They provide some - they provide some free clinics for us.

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Primarily what they provide is funding.

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You know, they really helped us with the mini pitch.

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We're currently in negotiation with them.

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We also run a free after-schools program.

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We're currently in nine schools.

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We want to be in 29 by the fall.

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We're working out, you know, with the schools.

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01:23:41,780 --> 01:23:44,580

And within that, we're working with Atlanta United for additional funding for that.

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01:23:44,620 --> 01:23:47,760

Because nothing - although it's free to the kids, it's not free to administer, as

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01:23:47,760 --> 01:23:48,900  
you - as everyone here knows.

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01:23:49,320 --> 01:23:50,280  
Everything costs money.

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01:23:51,780 --> 01:23:55,100  
So we're trying to find ways to continue to fund that, to continue to grow it and provide

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01:23:55,100 --> 01:23:57,800  
children in the community, you know, opportunities.

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01:23:59,800 --> 01:24:02,860  
You know, but Atlanta United, they give us a big platform.

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01:24:03,660 --> 01:24:09,640  
You know, they - anybody who saw what happened at the McDonough mini pitch, I mean, that blew

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01:24:09,640 --> 01:24:09,940  
up.

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01:24:10,300 --> 01:24:11,340  
I mean, that was unbelievable.

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01:24:11,620 --> 01:24:13,480  
It just went viral on social media.

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01:24:13,480 --> 01:24:15,280  
It was fantastic.

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01:24:15,380 --> 01:24:16,280  
And that's really what they bring.

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01:24:16,340 --> 01:24:19,720  
They bring a lot of - they bring a lot of attention to the community.

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01:24:20,800 --> 01:24:24,020  
And that's necessary, because you need that attention in order to get the funding you

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need, in order to get your community excited.

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01:24:27,780 --> 01:24:29,320

And then they help us with some of the program.

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01:24:29,400 --> 01:24:32,820

Like I said, they help us with some of the free clinics and things such as that.

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01:24:32,820 --> 01:24:34,600

But they've been wonderful to work with.

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01:24:36,940 --> 01:24:37,520

Thank you.

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01:24:37,660 --> 01:24:44,860

Now, Mr. Edmondson, certainly you've been through numerous projects as our city leader

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01:24:44,860 --> 01:24:45,360

right here.

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01:24:46,160 --> 01:24:48,560

I don't think this is an either-or scenario.

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01:24:48,560 --> 01:24:56,960

I think that you can carry the weight of fixing the existing parks, because we have a new position

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coming aboard that will manage these projects, that will be able to manage the existing parks

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01:25:00,880 --> 01:25:05,440

improvement at the same time that we do this new project, bringing it in.

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Is that correct?

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01:25:06,100 --> 01:25:08,640

Yes, sir.

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01:25:08,820 --> 01:25:14,260

The biggest thing for us is with that \$4 million that you talked about, it comes in over the

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next six years.

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So if we do move forward with this project, we have to think seriously about bonding to

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get these projects underway.

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And as Councilmember Barber said as well, going with the park improvement plan, because

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we want to make sure that we stay on target with that.

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But I believe that with the funding that we do have, if we bond, we will be able to accomplish

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all that we desire.

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01:25:37,360 --> 01:25:37,580

Right.

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01:25:37,700 --> 01:25:42,180

Even if we did, what the payback basically would be out of the SPLOS program.

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01:25:42,280 --> 01:25:46,800

So basically, we'll be advancing the funding that we already know is coming.

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The same thing that we did with the amphitheater, the same thing that we've done with numerous

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city projects that we've moved forward.

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We paved Walt Stevens Road, we paved Eagles Landing, and several others that we moved along.

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When we started the police department, we took out a bond for that.

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But the idea is, we didn't take out a bond to be paid out of the general fund, we took

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out a bond that would be paid for out of the SPLOS dollars that we knew were coming.

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But at this point right now, certainly, what the issue is right now, there's no money needed

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01:26:21,560 --> 01:26:22,200

today.

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01:26:22,500 --> 01:26:23,480

Correct, Mr. Morrison?

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01:26:23,760 --> 01:26:26,500

The money is needed when the project moves forward.

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01:26:26,600 --> 01:26:28,940

The commitment is needed today, where we would...

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01:26:29,860 --> 01:26:30,940

Come back to the microphone.

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01:26:30,940 --> 01:26:33,560

You don't need the \$400,000 today.

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01:26:33,560 --> 01:26:34,060

That is correct.

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We need a commitment for it.

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You need a commitment for the \$400,000.

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Once the grant is approved, and we're approved to begin construction, then of course, we'll

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need the funding to pay for the construction.

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01:26:43,200 --> 01:26:43,460

Right.

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01:26:43,580 --> 01:26:45,660

So today, we don't need that today.

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01:26:45,760 --> 01:26:50,400

We need that maybe March, April, when the grant is approved.

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And certainly, the Atlanta United want to know that we're serious, because they want a commitment

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from us that we're going to build these fields in partnership with them, and we certainly

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can do that.

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Please understand, as SPLOS 6 goes, and Mr. Edmondson, I want you to, as we talk about

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this too, right, SPLOS 6 is being collected at about \$700,000 a month, coming in every single

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month, and that one penny that you pay, 1% sales tax on every dollar you pay, you pay

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01:27:19,200 --> 01:27:22,760

a 1 cent sales tax that goes into the SPLOS 6 program.

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So what happens is, that money comes in a little bit at a time, \$700,000 a month.

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But what are we just going through now?

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Black Friday, November, we're going through December.

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So in November and December, the allotments for those particular funds, that could be

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a million dollars with the sales that we're seeing, because it's not like it's even every

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single month.

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01:27:44,800 --> 01:27:45,740

It's based on the sales.

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01:27:45,940 --> 01:27:49,380

And we know what happens with the sales in November and December.

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01:27:49,840 --> 01:27:56,000

So I think, in essence, what will really happen is, every project is not going to be shovel-ready

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01:27:56,000 --> 01:27:56,980

at the same time.

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01:27:57,580 --> 01:28:02,920

The transfer station project, first, when we're starting this project, the transfer station

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01:28:02,920 --> 01:28:03,980

is still going to be open.

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The transfer station is not going to close until what, April, you said, Mr?

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May.

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May.

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01:28:09,420 --> 01:28:10,720  
It's not going to close until May.

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01:28:11,080 --> 01:28:15,860  
So the fields will be under construction by the time the transfer station closes.

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01:28:16,380 --> 01:28:18,120  
All of that process moves through.

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01:28:18,440 --> 01:28:20,940  
We get to the point where we're going to move forward with that.

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01:28:21,200 --> 01:28:26,060  
So sometimes you've got to make adjustments to the schedule, depending upon the logistics

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01:28:26,060 --> 01:28:26,820  
on the ground.

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01:28:27,420 --> 01:28:31,160  
And the logistics on the ground tell us right now, get the \$200,000.

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01:28:31,740 --> 01:28:33,200  
That's what it tells us to do.

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01:28:33,200 --> 01:28:36,360  
That's available right now that we won't have to pay.

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01:28:36,680 --> 01:28:41,560  
Because if we do wait, that \$200,000, there's no guarantee that that \$200,000 is going to

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01:28:41,560 --> 01:28:42,180  
be on the table.

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01:28:42,200 --> 01:28:45,020  
Because there's communities all over Metro Atlanta.

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01:28:45,320 --> 01:28:47,900

This is a grant process, right, Mr. Morrison?

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01:28:48,080 --> 01:28:51,220

We're putting our hat in the table right now.

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So that money is going to be given away.

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Because the grant closes at the end of the year, right?

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01:28:56,660 --> 01:28:57,240

That's correct, sir.

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01:28:57,240 --> 01:28:57,500

Right.

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01:28:57,660 --> 01:29:01,380

So when the grant closes at the end of the year, we can't say, oh, we'll go back and get

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01:29:01,380 --> 01:29:03,840

that \$200,000 that was on the table.

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It won't be on the table because this cycle will be closed.

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And with the economy and everything that we got going, do we want to take a chance on another

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01:29:13,440 --> 01:29:17,720

\$200,000 being available six months from now or a year from now?

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I think we can juggle all of those balls at the same time.

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And I think we could do this.

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01:29:22,080 --> 01:29:28,300

And understanding that one of the things that we did here is we said we were going to,

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in the parks master plan that I made the motion for, is that we're going to attempt to make

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01:29:32,720 --> 01:29:36,240

sure that we provide these resources in all the community.

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When I sat on this board in 2016, there was no park on the south side of the city.

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There's still no park on the south side of the city.

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01:29:44,560 --> 01:29:51,560

And this is an opportunity for us to put in process a park, as the parks master plan outlined,

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as having a park facility within a mile or two of everybody in the city.

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01:29:56,780 --> 01:30:02,320

Right now, the closest park for me is 15 minutes away, which is Memorial Park.

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I've got to get through traffic from Jodico Road up here.

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That's how long it takes me to get there.

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01:30:07,140 --> 01:30:08,380

So that's not within a mile.

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01:30:08,760 --> 01:30:13,160

But this park will be very close to within a mile from where I live and the residents

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01:30:13,160 --> 01:30:16,800

who live in District 3, District 4, and District 5.

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01:30:17,360 --> 01:30:20,800



But residents all over the city will be using the particular park.

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01:30:20,800 --> 01:30:25,800

Sometimes you've got to take the vision by the horn and move forward, because this is

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a visionary opportunity of a lifetime that the city can seize upon to make it happen.

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01:30:30,880 --> 01:30:31,280

Thank you.

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Sir, I would like to add, though, if we do accept this opportunity tonight, that I would

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like to understand what the 10-year agreement, maintenance agreement, and other things that

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may be associated with the build of this park, i.e. the stands, the building itself.

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So, I mean, maybe he could share some light on that.

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01:30:52,440 --> 01:30:55,500

So we understand what that total cost is, because I want to make sure that we...

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That relies on us.

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This is a soccer field agreement right here.

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This agreement is for the soccer field.

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Now, whether we build the rest of it and being out of that is up to the city to make sure.

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01:31:08,180 --> 01:31:10,740

And that's why we have \$4 million in park improvements.

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01:31:11,220 --> 01:31:16,800

And we would need to seek other partners in order to build the rest of the park out in phases.

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01:31:16,800 --> 01:31:21,840

But when you have \$200,000 sitting on the table to you right now, you've got to take

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01:31:21,840 --> 01:31:26,100

that \$200,000 sitting on the table to you to be able to do what we've got to do, because

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we know that we have \$4 million coming to us over the next five years in order to complete

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the project.

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01:31:34,560 --> 01:31:40,900

And as you said, because honestly, a lot of these projects could have been done already.

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You see that.

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The money's been sitting there.

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They just didn't have the priority.

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01:31:45,360 --> 01:31:51,260

The issue was, as you have created a new analyst position that will actually manage the project.

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01:31:51,360 --> 01:31:51,900

Is that correct?

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01:31:52,180 --> 01:31:52,500

Yes, sir.

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01:31:53,020 --> 01:31:57,600

With the analysts on board to be able to manage the project, instead of sitting here waiting

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on project one to move forward, when there's nothing going on, nothing going on, we'll be

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able to work on multiple projects at the same time.

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01:32:06,880 --> 01:32:07,380

Thank you.

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01:32:09,560 --> 01:32:10,180

All right.

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01:32:10,220 --> 01:32:10,360

Good.

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01:32:10,440 --> 01:32:11,320

Any other comments?

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01:32:12,960 --> 01:32:13,880

Go ahead, please.

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So, it's not that I don't support the new park, because I do.

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01:32:18,700 --> 01:32:24,240

My concern is the mismanagement of \$32.9 million in 2024.

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No matter what it is, she's going to keep saying that.

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The overspending of the operations of the amphitheater this year has set us back on capital improvement

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projects that we all support.

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I believe the Splash 6 distributions, those funds have already been allocated to other

projects.

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So, if we move this ahead of other capital projects, when will we realize the other projects that we've

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already prioritized?

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I'm just concerned about just, it just seems like we're not really following a plan.

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This is really based on what individuals may want at a certain time.

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But we're not following the master plan that we paid for.

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01:33:18,480 --> 01:33:24,680

And I believe the master parks plan, Mr. Aaron mentioned it.

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The council approved it.

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We paid more than \$200,000 for that plan.

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So, are we just paying for plans and consultants just to say, we got a plan, but we're not going

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to execute the plan?

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01:33:40,060 --> 01:33:41,120

Those are my concerns.

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I know that Splash 6 already has projects that those funds are allocated for.

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It just makes it complicated.

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01:33:52,220 --> 01:33:57,740

Now, we are reassigning those funds to this project.

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And I also want to know, if the council so chooses to support this venture, when will the two parks

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in the district that I represent, when will those improvements be made?

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Those are questions I have.

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If you can answer those, Mr. Edmondson, I appreciate it.

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Yes, ma'am.

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And as looking at the plan, and it's part of the addendum of the budget, they actually have a schedule

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of how much money is allocated for this entire plan in regards to infrastructures and parts upgrades.

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What was happening is, I guess, it was kind of going back and forth in between the years.

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So, and that's another reason, as Council Member Alexander said, the importance of bringing in the management

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analysts.

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Because we were trying to do a whole bunch of different things.

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01:34:51,880 --> 01:34:54,840  
And as I always say, if you're trying to do everything, you get nothing done.

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01:34:55,500 --> 01:34:57,140  
And I think that's kind of where we're at.

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01:34:57,540 --> 01:35:03,060  
But with the master plan, with the right people in place, we are literally looking at the funds

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01:35:03,060 --> 01:35:04,380  
and seeing how much we have available.

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01:35:04,540 --> 01:35:07,760  
Do we have to bond to start screenlining some of these projects?

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01:35:08,180 --> 01:35:10,200  
And right now, we wait for that money to trickle in.

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01:35:10,240 --> 01:35:11,520  
As you say, it comes in monthly.

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01:35:11,520 --> 01:35:18,780  
And with most of these projects, if you're not phasing them out or have a plan, we're just sitting on time

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01:35:18,780 --> 01:35:25,560  
and money and resources instead of saying, hey, we anticipate in the next six months to get \$1.2 million.

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01:35:26,020 --> 01:35:28,780  
That can at least get us started with phase one.

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01:35:28,900 --> 01:35:30,080  
We can walk and chew bubble gum.

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And the problem is, we haven't been proactive in regards to this money trickling in monthly.

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But if we're trying to streamline some things, that's another reason why I say, hey,

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we have options to maybe bond to expedite a lot of the things that's been in a pipeline.

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So I'm just motivated at the fact that we do have people on the ground now that's paying attention

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to those projects to ensure these projects get off the ground because they are badly needed.

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We have the resources.

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It's not like we don't have the resources.

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So that's the frustrating part for my administration because we're seeing things that people are saying

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over and over again.

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It's just time to put things into action.

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So we are screenlining a lot of these projects as we speak now,

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and we anticipate 2026 to have dust fly.

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If I may, may I be afraid.

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01:36:17,420 --> 01:36:18,120

Go right in, please.

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01:36:18,240 --> 01:36:21,880  
So, again, I support the new park.

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01:36:22,900 --> 01:36:29,440  
It would be different and very easy for us, for me, to support this and approve this tonight

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01:36:29,440 --> 01:36:38,880  
if we had the funds in our hands right now and not relying on the distributions from SPLOS to pay for it.

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01:36:39,520 --> 01:36:47,140  
But because we don't have the funds in hand right now, that's why I mentioned the \$32.9 million that was mismanaged

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01:36:47,140 --> 01:36:54,580  
and, again, the \$4.4 million that was spent on the amphitheater in excess of what was budgeted.

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01:36:55,000 --> 01:37:07,700  
All of those overspending year after year after year, if those funds were available, absolutely, I would be supporting this right now.

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01:37:07,700 --> 01:37:13,700  
But because we don't, and we're relying on SPLOS distributions every month that's coming in,

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01:37:14,700 --> 01:37:18,100  
I don't want us to function that way anymore.

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01:37:18,660 --> 01:37:19,500  
I don't want to.

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01:37:19,940 --> 01:37:20,940  
I just don't.

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01:37:21,040 --> 01:37:21,960  
I can't support that.

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01:37:22,460 --> 01:37:27,180  
If we had the funds right now to pay for this, I would support it.

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01:37:27,180 --> 01:37:30,060



But we're waiting for funds to do it.

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Right.

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01:37:30,820 --> 01:37:31,560

I can't support it.

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01:37:31,620 --> 01:37:34,540

And those funds have already been allocated to other projects.

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So what projects is now going to be underfunded because we're moving funds that we anticipate to receive from SPLOS to this?

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Well, I would like to add, and this also is on the agenda later on tonight, we're talking about the TAD, we're talking about SSD, we've got FLOS.

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We've got a lot of different other resources coming in.

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So I believe we can get a lot of this done.

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I just want to make sure that we're being intentional and mapping out a plan, a solid plan, and report back to you all what that plan looks like as we start mapping this out.

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So with the management analysts on board now, we are laying out that thing and actually coming up with a plan based off the master plan for the parks and what that looks like in funding.

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And these are priorities, as y'all stated, going into 2026.

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So we are really, really focusing on getting these things done and also leveraging ourselves for additional funding to come in that we have positioned ourselves to start getting a lot of this stuff done.

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Because, oh, by the way, that's the whole point for establishing the SSD and a lot of these other tasks that we have in the pipeline to also help with these projects and things that we have been talking about for quite some time now.

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All right.

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If you're done, Ms. Barber.

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If so, Mr. Barber.

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Yes, sir.

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I don't support bonding for any of this.

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01:38:55,580 --> 01:39:02,860

What I do support is us being more physically responsible and tightening the belts of our spending.

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That's what I support.

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Not bonding.

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Because these projects, we just need to be more responsible.

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That's all.

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Mr. Barber, go ahead, sir, please.

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Yeah, Mr. Edmondson and also to Mr. Velazze.

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Just wanted to echo some of the things that Ms. Barber said, but also to try to come up with some balance.

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I know her concerns are the existing plan and what are we going to do strategically to make sure that that stuff stays on schedule.

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And that we're doing the repairs and things that are already in place.

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And so my question to you guys, to you both, is with the opportunity that's presented with us, which is funding, that we normally would have to pay for ourselves, this is a unique opportunity for us to save the city some money.

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But also, can we also put something in place to rectify her concerns to make sure that we have the existing park plan in place to line out all of the things by a calendar, by a set date of what we're doing first, second, third, fourth, fifth, so that by the end of today, we can have our cake and eat it too, for the sake of the discussion that we're saying.

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And it's been stated, it's not an either or, but we do need to have a plan of what it is we're going to do.

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And so, and Mr. Eric has already stated, we don't have to have a financial commitment tonight.

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Our commitment doesn't have to come until April, 2026.

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However, in that interim, we need to do is have everything lined out so that this plan and this commitment also is included in the rest of the park plan and commitment so that we have a schedule for 2026 for what we know what we're doing with all of our parks and to not miss this opportunity as well.

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I think that's kind of the next move.

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Right. And that's fair. And so what our proposed tonight is we will have a full plan and a full schedule before we come back to start solidifying this other stuff.

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01:41:08,100 --> 01:41:18,500

So right here, so we can make that commitment and I can commit that my team will bring back a plan, a solid plan to include funding and phases to address those things that you have concerns about.

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01:41:18,900 --> 01:41:20,480

We definitely could do that, ma'am. No problem.

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01:41:20,480 --> 01:41:31,520

So before you go right now, so if you're talking about a commitment, the timeframe for that, but also I thought tonight we're looking at a, yeah, the grant, the commitment for the \$2,000, I think it is, right?

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01:41:31,960 --> 01:41:34,220

I mean, \$200,000, I believe it is, right?

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01:41:34,580 --> 01:41:43,580

That we want to make a commitment, even though it's not needed until several more months from now, but the commitment tonight on that, along with a timeline that you're going to present to us overall.

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01:41:43,580 --> 01:41:47,500

Yeah, we good. All right. You can make it happen. So if we, yes, sir.

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01:41:48,020 --> 01:41:53,060

Yeah, let me just say this real quick and certainly to come into, so everybody understands.

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01:41:53,640 --> 01:41:58,560

The park master plan, which I made the motion for, is a \$110 million plan.

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There's never, there's never any thought that everything was going to be done at the same time in a \$110 million plan.

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It plotted out what we were going to do for the next 20 years. That's, that's what it is.

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It's a document. It's not an execution plan. And that's what Mr.

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01:42:19,380 --> 01:42:33,020

The city manager is going to have to come up with when to execute what, but the plan is \$110 million that covers the entire city and a green space parks plan for the next 20 years.

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01:42:33,020 --> 01:42:51,780

It is not a 2026 plan. So there's not an indication on what, when it's going to be, what is going to be done when, but it's your job to task the new and the new analysts to come up with the plan to prioritize which projects will move first and which projects are ready to go first.

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And certainly none of us up here want to sit here and say that we're not going to do the existing parks.

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01:42:57,740 --> 01:43:11,300

So your job would be charged with, we move forward with this tonight, that you will come back to us with a plan that will be inclusive of this, of the soccer fields and an execution of the existing parks at the same time.

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01:43:11,300 --> 01:43:33,540

Now, part of that would be to include the, part of that would be to include the special service districts, the special service districts acts to help to be able to bring together funding for additional funding to support infrastructure projects is one of the things that you can use for the special service. Talk about that a little bit.

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Oh, yes. As we talked about it in the, the budget retreat, and that's another reason why we was trying to get the map approved because we added a stop bridge lakes or something like that.

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I have the meeting minutes from the budget retreat because that was the only issue with the map at the time.

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It was kind of small and then there was some areas that was missing. And as Mr. Wall and Mr. Ernst said, hey, listen, we need to update the map and then we need to also adopt a map based off some recommendations that we had got from the budget retreat, which we did.

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We were trying to get that map approved there at the budget retreat. That did not happen.

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But we were trying to get this map approved before December 31st. And then thereafter, we would definitely have to set a millage rate for that based off the amount of the projects amounts that we are anticipating.

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So once again, we have to do this plan anyway, because once we identify how much these projects going to cost, dealing with the SSD, and that's including parks, maintenance and things of that nature, then we have to understand what that millage rate would look like for that particular plan,

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01:44:36,680 --> 01:44:44,100

then come back here to get permission to install that. We already got all the documentations and plans. We already got everything from the county in place.

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They're just waiting on us to move the ball forward in regards to establishing a map and also setting a millage rate for the SSD and going from there.

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01:44:51,840 --> 01:44:52,460

Yes, sir.

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01:44:53,680 --> 01:44:59,620

We've had plenty of discussion tonight in order to make this happen. Certainly, this is the opportunity of a lifetime.

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You have committed that you will bring the plan back to us, that you will implement these fields along with the improvements in the park, along with working with your analysts.

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That's your commitment to us tonight, correct?

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01:45:13,620 --> 01:45:13,960

Yes, sir.

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01:45:14,280 --> 01:45:28,400

I want to make a motion to move forward with the plan has been acclimated in a partnership with the Southern Crescent Soccer Organization to bring two professional quality soccer fields to the city of Stockbridge.

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01:45:28,400 --> 01:45:29,140

That's my motion.

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01:45:29,480 --> 01:45:31,100

Does the \$200,000 need to be part of that?

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01:45:31,820 --> 01:45:36,720

The grant is \$200,000. Our commitment is \$400,000?

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01:45:36,860 --> 01:45:37,460

The difference.

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01:45:37,540 --> 01:45:50,040

The difference. The difference in what it is. The difference might be less than that because, as Mr. Morrison has indicated, what's going to happen is he's got a bid to go into the grant.

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01:45:50,040 --> 01:45:56,800

But what's going to happen is it'll be bid out when it's time to actually do the construction so that we get the best deal.

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01:45:57,740 --> 01:46:01,300

Okay, so restate your motion and make sure we've got to understand it.

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01:46:01,300 --> 01:46:09,800

Okay, I'm going to let me. You know what? I'm going to let the district representative make the motion because it's his district.

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01:46:09,800 --> 01:46:12,280

I don't want to overstep my vow. Let me let Mr. Barber.

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01:46:12,340 --> 01:46:12,540

Go ahead.

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01:46:13,240 --> 01:46:13,700

Thank you.

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01:46:14,560 --> 01:46:27,440

So I would like to make a motion, again, based as what's been stated from Mr. Morrison as well, to show our good faith in support of the Green Space Family Park area with the two soccer fields,

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with their commitment of the grant funding of \$200,000 and the city's commitment of the difference not to exceed \$400,000 with no financial commitment today,

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01:46:38,860 --> 01:46:47,600

only to be done by the team and the city manager's directive to come up with that plan in the near future.

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01:46:47,860 --> 01:46:49,060

I'm going to put a timeline on it.

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Motion. Second.

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01:46:50,120 --> 01:46:50,460

Second.

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Okay, there we go. Mr. Austin, our favor, please indicate.

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01:46:54,140 --> 01:46:54,500

Opposed?

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Abstain?

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Ms. Barber, we should vote.

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01:47:00,300 --> 01:47:06,760

I was hoping in the motion you would make reference to the existing parks.

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And to add the discussion and the follow-up directive of the staff to put together a plan of action and timeline for the existing parks and to see what that plan is.

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01:47:22,660 --> 01:47:23,060

Mayor.

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01:47:23,060 --> 01:47:24,980

I thought we did that, but anyway, we did.

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01:47:25,140 --> 01:47:25,320



Okay.

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01:47:25,320 --> 01:47:27,640

Mr. Austin, you're some...

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01:47:27,640 --> 01:47:28,660

Let's do it.

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Let's do it.

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01:47:28,720 --> 01:47:29,020

Let's do it.

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01:47:29,040 --> 01:47:30,300

Once again, revise.

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01:47:30,660 --> 01:47:34,760

Ms. Vanessa, I'm sorry.

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01:47:35,020 --> 01:47:36,000

Holler, you have all that?

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01:47:36,720 --> 01:47:37,280

So, okay.

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01:47:37,660 --> 01:47:38,580

No, I wasn't asking.

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01:47:38,940 --> 01:47:40,060

You got all that, right?

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01:47:40,140 --> 01:47:40,420

All right.

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01:47:40,560 --> 01:47:41,780

All in favor, please indicate.

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01:47:42,600 --> 01:47:42,820

Okay.

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01:47:42,900 --> 01:47:43,480  
You're now in the season.

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01:47:43,560 --> 01:47:43,740  
Okay.

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01:47:43,820 --> 01:47:44,460  
Thank you very much.

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01:47:44,760 --> 01:47:45,360  
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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01:47:45,460 --> 01:47:45,740  
Fantastic.

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01:47:45,960 --> 01:47:46,600  
Thank you, sir.

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01:47:46,960 --> 01:47:48,380  
Happy holidays to you, by the way, as well.

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01:47:48,840 --> 01:47:52,060  
Now, what I have, council, what I have next, I have here executive session next.

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Is this the case?

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01:47:53,700 --> 01:47:54,840  
We're going to executive session now?

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01:47:54,840 --> 01:47:55,440  
Mm-hmm.

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01:47:55,440 --> 01:47:56,700  
I need a motion for the...

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01:47:56,700 --> 01:47:56,960  
Okay.

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01:47:57,060 --> 01:47:58,220  
So, I got a motion to...

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01:47:58,220 --> 01:47:58,820  
I need a motion.

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01:47:58,980 --> 01:48:01,400  
Well, I need a motion to go to executive session for legal personnel.

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01:48:01,520 --> 01:48:02,520  
Hold on, Mayor.

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01:48:02,520 --> 01:48:05,440  
I want to revisit the special districts.

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01:48:06,660 --> 01:48:10,020  
We didn't have a vote on it because we did not have a...

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We did not...

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01:48:10,560 --> 01:48:11,680  
I rescinded my motion.

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01:48:12,120 --> 01:48:14,780  
So, let's revisit that and let's go ahead and...

1685  
01:48:14,780 --> 01:48:21,760  
Because we need that funding in order to provide funding for the city in additional projects.

1686  
01:48:21,840 --> 01:48:23,700  
And this relates to businesses.

1687  
01:48:23,920 --> 01:48:25,420  
It's not residential at all.

1688  
01:48:25,480 --> 01:48:26,500  
It's only businesses.

1689

01:48:27,360 --> 01:48:31,680

And for clarification, this is the special districts that Mr. Edmison just spoke of?

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01:48:32,520 --> 01:48:32,880

Okay.

1691

01:48:33,440 --> 01:48:34,840

So, you're talking about...

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01:48:34,840 --> 01:48:39,820

It was item number four, council consideration approved a revised company, SSD, special services

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01:48:39,820 --> 01:48:42,880

district map that Mr. Edmison just talked about.

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01:48:43,180 --> 01:48:43,920

That's what you're referring to.

1695

01:48:44,020 --> 01:48:44,380

Yes.

1696

01:48:44,820 --> 01:48:45,320

Mayor Ford.

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01:48:45,900 --> 01:48:46,440

Stand by.

1698

01:48:46,520 --> 01:48:46,900

One second.

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01:48:47,120 --> 01:48:47,680

So...

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01:48:47,680 --> 01:48:48,260

Mayor Ford.

1701

01:48:48,320 --> 01:48:48,920

Yes, stand by.

1702

01:48:48,940 --> 01:48:49,460  
One second, please.

1703  
01:48:49,720 --> 01:48:49,880  
Okay.

1704  
01:48:49,920 --> 01:48:51,340  
So, that's what you're coming back for just in case.

1705  
01:48:51,400 --> 01:48:51,620  
All right.

1706  
01:48:51,640 --> 01:48:52,660  
If we need questions on that.

1707  
01:48:53,020 --> 01:48:53,320  
Yes, sir.

1708  
01:48:53,400 --> 01:48:53,780  
Yes, ma'am.

1709  
01:48:53,820 --> 01:48:54,240  
Go ahead, please.

1710  
01:48:55,180 --> 01:48:55,520  
Go ahead.

1711  
01:48:56,260 --> 01:48:56,700  
Ms. Barton.

1712  
01:48:58,560 --> 01:48:59,820  
We did vote on this.

1713  
01:49:00,420 --> 01:49:01,060  
We voted.

1714  
01:49:01,060 --> 01:49:01,660  
No.

1715  
01:49:01,660 --> 01:49:07,240

Sir, we have a public hearing item that's in my district.

1716

01:49:07,640 --> 01:49:09,780

Well, we're not in the public hearings this year.

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01:49:09,840 --> 01:49:10,780

We're going to get the public hearings.

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01:49:10,840 --> 01:49:11,040

Wait.

1719

01:49:11,220 --> 01:49:11,720

Mayor Ford.

1720

01:49:12,580 --> 01:49:20,340

There are members of our community and homeowners who are here for the public hearing item regarding

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01:49:20,340 --> 01:49:21,560

Valley Hill Road.

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01:49:21,660 --> 01:49:21,940

Okay.

1723

01:49:22,740 --> 01:49:25,060

They're sitting here waiting.

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01:49:25,060 --> 01:49:32,640

I think it is unfair for us to now, after this presentation that is coming back a second

1725

01:49:32,640 --> 01:49:36,800

time, then we will go into executive session.

1726

01:49:37,360 --> 01:49:42,580

We are just delaying this public hearing, and these homeowners are here for it.

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01:49:42,580 --> 01:49:47,160

Please, let's consider that we have homeowners here.

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01:49:48,960 --> 01:49:49,240

All right.

1729

01:49:49,580 --> 01:49:49,820

All right.

1730

01:49:49,820 --> 01:49:50,020

Fine.

1731

01:49:50,400 --> 01:49:53,740

So, otherwise, in reference, we're back to the SSD.

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01:49:54,300 --> 01:49:54,700

All right.

1733

01:49:54,700 --> 01:49:56,660

Mayor Ford, are you going to address the question?

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01:49:56,780 --> 01:49:57,280

We'll answer that.

1735

01:49:57,320 --> 01:49:58,580

We'll take care of this first, okay?

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01:49:58,760 --> 01:49:59,600

We'll get to your point.

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01:49:59,600 --> 01:50:00,220

All right.

1738

01:50:00,460 --> 01:50:04,280

So, on the SSD, sir, anything else you need to add on the SSD here?

1739

01:50:04,660 --> 01:50:04,960

No, sir.

1740

01:50:05,160 --> 01:50:05,460

All right.

1741

01:50:05,660 --> 01:50:05,880

All right.

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01:50:05,880 --> 01:50:08,500

So, once again, I read that particular motion.

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01:50:08,600 --> 01:50:14,820

All in favor of the SSD, the Plesser Services District, the revised map that he presented earlier.

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01:50:15,100 --> 01:50:15,920

All in favor, please indicate.

1745

01:50:16,660 --> 01:50:17,140

I'm sorry.

1746

01:50:17,200 --> 01:50:17,500

Excuse me.

1747

01:50:17,540 --> 01:50:18,020

Is there a motion?

1748

01:50:18,140 --> 01:50:18,400

I'm sorry.

1749

01:50:18,520 --> 01:50:18,700

Excuse me.

1750

01:50:18,700 --> 01:50:19,160

Is there a motion?

1751

01:50:19,840 --> 01:50:20,240

So moved.

1752

01:50:20,260 --> 01:50:20,660

So moved.

1753

01:50:20,740 --> 01:50:21,120

So moved.

1754

01:50:21,220 --> 01:50:21,680

Is there a second?



1755  
01:50:22,440 --> 01:50:23,180  
Mr. Barber.

1756  
01:50:23,300 --> 01:50:25,000  
Mr. Barry second that.

1757  
01:50:25,080 --> 01:50:26,700  
All in favor, please indicate.

1758  
01:50:27,400 --> 01:50:27,720  
All right.

1759  
01:50:27,720 --> 01:50:29,740  
And, Ms. Barber, you will sustain?

1760  
01:50:30,180 --> 01:50:31,680  
I will oppose again.

1761  
01:50:31,920 --> 01:50:32,120  
Okay.

1762  
01:50:32,500 --> 01:50:32,660  
Three.

1763  
01:50:32,760 --> 01:50:32,960  
Again.

1764  
01:50:33,040 --> 01:50:33,440  
Three-one.

1765  
01:50:33,660 --> 01:50:34,320  
Motion passed.

1766  
01:50:34,460 --> 01:50:34,740  
Three-one.

1767  
01:50:34,800 --> 01:50:35,180  
Motion passed.

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01:50:35,300 --> 01:50:38,340

Now, what's on the agenda next was the executive session.

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01:50:39,200 --> 01:50:40,480

Mr. Everson back, please.

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01:50:41,620 --> 01:50:42,840

What was on here on the executive session?

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01:50:42,900 --> 01:50:46,020

I wasn't sure why the executive session was moved up to this particular point.

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01:50:46,160 --> 01:50:47,340

I think that was a mistake, sir.

1773

01:50:47,400 --> 01:50:48,480

That was from the last time.

1774

01:50:48,540 --> 01:50:49,340

We just didn't catch it.

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01:50:49,420 --> 01:50:51,240

So, I mean, we fine to move it down.

1776

01:50:51,580 --> 01:50:53,460

I mean, that's completely up to you.

1777

01:50:53,660 --> 01:50:55,520

Well, let me stand by a second, please.

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01:50:55,520 --> 01:50:58,460

So, attorneys, what was the reasoning here?

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01:50:59,860 --> 01:51:00,880

Come to the mic, please.

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01:51:00,980 --> 01:51:02,040

Does it have anything to do with the public?

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01:51:02,340 --> 01:51:02,940

One second.

1782

01:51:09,520 --> 01:51:14,200

We had initially had the Ronell Hay matter that was in litigation that we were going to be discussing.

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01:51:14,200 --> 01:51:17,340

That matter has been rescinded as of this morning.

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01:51:17,520 --> 01:51:17,720

Right.

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01:51:17,980 --> 01:51:25,560

And then we had the second litigation matter that we were originally having folks come in to speak to us that we were trying to get out of here.

1786

01:51:26,040 --> 01:51:27,920

That one has been rescinded.

1787

01:51:28,020 --> 01:51:30,200

And then the other one, we...

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01:51:30,960 --> 01:51:39,240

So, if you would like to do the public hearing on the Valley Hill matter and then executive session, that would be fine.

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01:51:39,240 --> 01:51:39,820

Thank you.

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01:51:40,480 --> 01:51:40,840

All right.

1791

01:51:44,960 --> 01:51:46,020

Well, let's see here.

1792

01:51:49,380 --> 01:51:49,740

Okay.

1793

01:51:49,940 --> 01:51:50,680

So, eight, nine.

1794  
01:51:51,120 --> 01:51:51,860  
All righty.

1795  
01:51:52,040 --> 01:51:56,180  
So, executive session is going to go...

1796  
01:51:56,180 --> 01:51:59,440  
So, after the Valley Hill...

1797  
01:51:59,440 --> 01:52:00,000  
There's...

1798  
01:52:00,000 --> 01:52:01,240  
Okay.

1799  
01:52:04,960 --> 01:52:07,840  
That is number eight.

1800  
01:52:08,300 --> 01:52:09,260  
That's number eight.

1801  
01:52:09,420 --> 01:52:10,100  
Number nine.

1802  
01:52:12,600 --> 01:52:13,240  
Very good.

1803  
01:52:13,400 --> 01:52:14,260  
After number nine.

1804  
01:52:14,480 --> 01:52:15,740  
Well, that's what I'm looking at.

1805  
01:52:15,980 --> 01:52:17,740  
Valley Hill number is number nine.

1806  
01:52:18,280 --> 01:52:19,080  
It's nine.

1807  
01:52:19,820 --> 01:52:20,980  
And so...

1808  
01:52:20,980 --> 01:52:21,840  
And then we go all the way.

1809  
01:52:21,940 --> 01:52:22,120  
Okay.

1810  
01:52:22,180 --> 01:52:23,220  
So, it have to be after...

1811  
01:52:23,220 --> 01:52:23,960  
We're going to do that.

1812  
01:52:24,060 --> 01:52:25,280  
So, I'm looking...

1813  
01:52:25,280 --> 01:52:31,140  
Now, I'm looking to put the executive session after number nine, then, if that's the case.

1814  
01:52:31,560 --> 01:52:34,460  
Because I believe the attorneys need to have someone here for another issue.

1815  
01:52:34,840 --> 01:52:39,740  
So, we'll go executive session after number nine, which will be the Valley Hill issue.

1816  
01:52:40,080 --> 01:52:41,540  
Now, what's going to have to happen...

1817  
01:52:41,540 --> 01:52:46,120  
Now, you realize that once we do that, we've got to close out the public hearing.

1818  
01:52:46,180 --> 01:52:47,320  
Then, I've got to open it back up again.

1819  
01:52:47,360 --> 01:52:49,460  
Because other things are on here for a public hearing.

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01:52:49,780 --> 01:52:50,460

You realize that?

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01:52:51,060 --> 01:52:52,520

So, we have to open a public hearing twice.

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01:52:52,940 --> 01:52:53,660

What are you talking about?

1823

01:52:53,660 --> 01:52:57,880

Well, there's several different items here for a public hearing.

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01:52:58,660 --> 01:53:11,560

You've got items number eight, nine, 13, 14, 15, 16, all the way down to 19, are all public hearing items.

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01:53:12,520 --> 01:53:13,000

Mayor.

1826

01:53:13,260 --> 01:53:13,640

Yes, sir.

1827

01:53:13,800 --> 01:53:18,340

Well, I think that we should move the executive session to the end like we usually do.

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01:53:18,360 --> 01:53:18,560

Okay.

1829

01:53:18,780 --> 01:53:23,300

And then do our public hearings according to the schedule that we normally would do.

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01:53:23,300 --> 01:53:24,000

We could do that.

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01:53:24,120 --> 01:53:26,620

Just move it like we would normally go.

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01:53:27,020 --> 01:53:29,980

And then go ahead and move and do our public hearing.

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01:53:31,120 --> 01:53:31,660

All right.

1834

01:53:31,740 --> 01:53:36,900

So, if that's the case, then the executive session will come after 27.

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01:53:38,680 --> 01:53:39,080

Gosh.

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01:53:39,300 --> 01:53:40,680

It's a long night.

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01:53:42,300 --> 01:53:43,660

All right.

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01:53:43,660 --> 01:53:54,100

All right.

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01:53:54,140 --> 01:53:55,280

So, we're going to public hearing.

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01:54:01,280 --> 01:54:02,500

Public hearing rules.

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01:54:02,620 --> 01:54:05,260

Please mute your cell phones and other electronic devices.

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01:54:05,260 --> 01:54:12,640

If anyone wishes to speak tonight on a public hearing item, please fill out the form available on the table and hand it to the city clerk before approaching the podium.

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01:54:13,320 --> 01:54:24,300

After each case is called, the council will hear from the city staff, followed by the applicant and the representative regarding the proposed plans for property along with or any other relevant information.

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01:54:25,140 --> 01:54:27,880

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

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01:54:28,620 --> 01:54:33,700

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

opportunity to do so.

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01:54:34,500 --> 01:54:36,240

Each side will be a lot of 10 minutes total.

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01:54:36,700 --> 01:54:39,620

Additional time may be extended and at the discretion of the council.

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01:54:40,220 --> 01:54:42,400

Please keep comments, presentations, and professional.

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01:54:42,860 --> 01:54:45,480

Referring only to the facts that are pertinent to the case.

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01:54:46,040 --> 01:54:49,400

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

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01:54:49,860 --> 01:54:53,460

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

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01:54:53,920 --> 01:55:02,280

After the presiding officer recognizes the speaker, he or she shall direct all comments to the presiding officer and never to the members of the council, staff, or audience.

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01:55:02,280 --> 01:55:07,280

All comments will be made from the podium where you'll be required to state your name and address for the record.

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01:55:08,040 --> 01:55:10,560

Please note that these hearings are not a debate.

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01:55:11,160 --> 01:55:17,140

Fair to comply will cause you to be removed from the chamber and in buildings by law enforcement if you deviate from these proceedings.

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01:55:17,760 --> 01:55:20,600

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

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01:55:20,940 --> 01:55:27,180

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



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01:55:27,180 --> 01:55:31,160

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

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01:55:31,160 --> 01:55:36,540

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

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01:55:37,240 --> 01:55:41,720

The presiding officer will call for a motion and a second to the motion and have any necessary discussion.

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01:55:42,300 --> 01:55:48,340

If the matter is not tabled, the presiding officer will call for the vote and recommend approval or denial of the request.

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01:55:48,340 --> 01:56:01,180

The first item up in a special public hearing would be a special use permit, number eight, by the way, special use permit case SP-2025.04, council district four.

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01:56:01,180 --> 01:56:15,480

Consideration of a request to a special use permit for a portion of property on 4498 North Henry Boulevard to allow for development and operation of the quick serve restaurant and drive through window and or lanes.

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01:56:16,020 --> 01:56:24,820

Property owners, city of Starbridge, applicant Royal THLLC, agent Battle Law PC, proposed business, Tim Wharton's, a coffee restaurant.

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01:56:24,820 --> 01:56:27,380

Zoning District C-2, general commercial.

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01:56:27,860 --> 01:56:32,800

The property is located in a land lot 61 of District 12 within the city of Starbridge's city limits.

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01:56:33,460 --> 01:56:35,600

And it contains 1.32 acres.

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01:56:36,100 --> 01:56:40,380

The applicant intends to develop an only 0.8 acre portion of property.

1869  
01:56:40,920 --> 01:56:41,860  
Mr. Anderson, please.

1870  
01:56:42,260 --> 01:56:43,200  
Good evening, Mayor and Council.

1871  
01:56:43,640 --> 01:56:46,900  
This is a project that has been in the works for well over a year.

1872  
01:56:46,900 --> 01:56:54,420  
One of the original impediments for this project was that the downtown Village Overlay District prohibited drive-thru restaurants.

1873  
01:56:54,620 --> 01:57:07,140  
Staff came before council about a year ago and we presented an ordinance that council adopted to allow drive-thru restaurants with approval of a special use permit from city council.

1874  
01:57:07,140 --> 01:57:16,420  
On the screen, we have an aerial view of the site and it's located in the downtown Village Overlay District along a major corridor.

1875  
01:57:16,620 --> 01:57:23,440  
To the west is the bridge, village shopping plows, and to the south are Miss Winners, Chicken and Biscuits, and the reserve.

1876  
01:57:24,920 --> 01:57:28,680  
The proposed site plans are on the screen now.

1877  
01:57:28,680 --> 01:57:38,640  
Pedestrian and vehicle movement are separated with ADA ramps and sidewalk connections leading to the right-of-way.

1878  
01:57:39,860 --> 01:57:47,720  
Access from North Henry Boulevard and the plan includes a monument sign, front parking, and a screen dumpster area.

1879  
01:57:47,940 --> 01:57:52,000  
Overall, the site meets the downtown Village Overlay standards for layout and connectivity.

1880  
01:57:52,000 --> 01:57:59,500  
Here's another view of the map of the property on the City of Stockbridge map.

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01:58:03,180 --> 01:58:08,240

Here is proof that the signs were posted on November 5th and November 25th with the legal ads.

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01:58:11,180 --> 01:58:12,900

Here's the City of Stockbridge zoning map.

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01:58:12,900 --> 01:58:19,160

As you can see, by the star in the pinkish color, it's compatible with the surrounding zoning.

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01:58:19,160 --> 01:58:32,360

Here's the City of Stockbridge, a future land use map indicated by the—the property is indicated by the star, and you can see it's surrounded by lavender, which means that it's compatible with the surrounding land use.

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01:58:34,280 --> 01:58:37,700

So basically, I'm not going to go through all this, I'm just going to sum it up.

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01:58:37,940 --> 01:58:44,840

The applicant is requesting a special use permit from City Council to develop a Tim Hortons restaurant.

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01:58:44,840 --> 01:58:52,680

The applicant can receive approval from the Planning Commission on December 2nd, and staff recommends approval of this project.

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01:58:55,000 --> 01:58:56,760

Okay, listen, it says battle group.

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01:58:56,880 --> 01:58:57,840

I don't see Michelle—

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01:58:58,840 --> 01:58:59,860

Okay, there we go.

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01:58:59,900 --> 01:59:00,860

That represented this here.

1892

01:59:01,380 --> 01:59:03,160

Okay, you have any—yeah, no questions?

1893  
01:59:03,300 --> 01:59:03,580  
What's what?

1894  
01:59:03,680 --> 01:59:04,320  
Any questions in there?

1895  
01:59:04,420 --> 01:59:04,700  
All right.

1896  
01:59:05,620 --> 01:59:09,020  
Sir, if you want to represent your—the attorney up here, represent your client.

1897  
01:59:09,020 --> 01:59:16,320  
Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers.

1898  
01:59:16,400 --> 01:59:17,200  
My name is Josh Mahoney.

1899  
01:59:17,300 --> 01:59:21,500  
I'm an attorney at Battle Law PC, 3562 Habersham at Northlake in Tucker, Georgia.

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01:59:21,900 --> 01:59:24,920  
I'm here this evening on behalf of the applicant to discuss this.

1901  
01:59:25,460 --> 01:59:32,360  
Well, what's really an economic development opportunity for the City of Stockbridge, it's coming to you in the form of a special use permit this evening.

1902  
01:59:32,360 --> 01:59:42,020  
A special use permit will allow for a Tim Hortons, a Tim Hortons coffee shop here at 4498 North Henry, just a little bit down the road here.

1903  
01:59:44,000 --> 01:59:50,720  
And what I'd like to focus on this evening is really the kind of value that this can bring to the city.

1904  
01:59:51,860 --> 01:59:54,680  
As you all know, this property is currently owned by the City of Stockbridge,

1905  
01:59:55,260 --> 02:00:01,380

and for my client to move forward with this development would have to purchase the property or at least lease it from the city.

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02:00:01,380 --> 02:00:08,460

So we're talking about some immediate funds for the city, either in the purchase and sale or lease, however you're going about it.

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02:00:09,420 --> 02:00:22,840

As well as a new business in the City of Stockbridge, contributing to its taxes, as well as offering up a couple new jobs.

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02:00:23,320 --> 02:00:27,360

And doing this with a property that has sat vacant for almost 20 years.

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02:00:27,360 --> 02:00:36,520

We've got existing curb cuts here, so it's ready to be used, and it's just been sitting since about 2006 when, I don't know the,

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02:00:36,940 --> 02:00:41,000

there was another business there that was demolished around that time, but it's just been waiting.

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02:00:41,840 --> 02:00:49,180

And so now we're looking to reactivate that site and get it up and running and contributing to the city's economy.

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02:00:49,180 --> 02:01:00,880

The great, the great part about this plan is that you can do this, you can accomplish this reactivation in a way that advances the city's vision in its comprehensive plan.

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02:01:02,660 --> 02:01:05,900

Mr. Day told me, or excuse me, I'm sorry, Ryan Day.

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02:01:05,900 --> 02:01:13,100

Mr. Day, he laid out that this is in conformity with the city's plan.

1915

02:01:13,700 --> 02:01:24,420

We're bringing a neighborhood-scale business, so we're advancing that plan, bringing us a little bit closer, even as just one step, a little bit closer to reaching the city's vision there.

1916

02:01:25,160 --> 02:01:27,000

We've got C2 zoning on the ground already.

1917

02:01:27,120 --> 02:01:29,280

We're in full compliance and full conformity with that.

1918

02:01:29,280 --> 02:01:36,600

The only thing we need the special use permit for is the drive-thru portion of this business, which is great.

1919

02:01:36,700 --> 02:01:41,860

There are other drive-thru businesses in the area already, just south of the property.

1920

02:01:42,000 --> 02:01:44,860

You've got Mrs. Winters, and I think Asonic is still over there.

1921

02:01:45,440 --> 02:01:48,240

So you've got, we're not introducing anything new here.

1922

02:01:48,400 --> 02:01:52,260

This is all there already, so no surprises.

1923

02:01:52,260 --> 02:02:01,040

Another part that works for that is that there's no residential zoning immediately adjacent to the property that my client would be looking to develop.

1924

02:02:01,620 --> 02:02:03,300

So we wouldn't be bothering anybody.

1925

02:02:03,440 --> 02:02:08,000

We wouldn't be, you know, being a nuisance to any residents or anything like that.

1926

02:02:11,900 --> 02:02:15,820

And then we've also got a pretty logical traffic flow coming off of North Henry Boulevard.

1927

02:02:17,040 --> 02:02:20,920

You've got a, as you come in, you've got a one-way traffic flow, counterclockwise.

1928

02:02:20,920 --> 02:02:25,700

That's going to bring you through the drive-thru and back out onto North Henry Boulevard.

1929

02:02:25,900 --> 02:02:33,180

Or if you want to sit and chat with some friends for a while, it'll naturally dump you into a parking spot.

1930

02:02:33,280 --> 02:02:36,100

We've got 24 parking spaces per the code.

1931

02:02:36,560 --> 02:02:41,360

So you'll come in, hit a spot, back out, and head right back out onto North Henry Boulevard.

1932

02:02:41,900 --> 02:02:42,640

Real easy.

1933

02:02:43,340 --> 02:02:49,060

We've got enough space to stack cars if there's a line, about eight cars.

1934

02:02:49,060 --> 02:02:54,660

And so we don't anticipate any traffic congestion or anything like that coming from this, from this business.

1935

02:02:57,120 --> 02:03:02,560

But with that, I will ask that you all vote this evening to approve this application.

1936

02:03:02,860 --> 02:03:06,500

We've got recommendations of approval from the planning staff as well as the planning commission.

1937

02:03:06,500 --> 02:03:08,880

So I hope that you can vote accordingly.

1938

02:03:09,480 --> 02:03:09,540

Sure.

1939

02:03:09,640 --> 02:03:09,780

Okay.

1940

02:03:09,960 --> 02:03:10,300

Thank you.

1941

02:03:10,400 --> 02:03:10,980

Really quick.

1942

02:03:11,120 --> 02:03:12,520

Yeah, I was going to say, any questions here?

1943

02:03:12,780 --> 02:03:13,520

Yeah, real quick.

1944

02:03:14,320 --> 02:03:22,700

So, Mr. Mahoney, what we understand here is that Tim Hortons is a direct competitor for Starbucks and Seven Brew in those areas.

1945

02:03:22,760 --> 02:03:24,960

We wonder why there had never been a Starbucks here.

1946

02:03:25,000 --> 02:03:27,060

But we don't decide winners and losers here.

1947

02:03:27,480 --> 02:03:31,880

We decide whether you have an opportunity with a similar project like yours.

1948

02:03:32,420 --> 02:03:35,700

Now, certainly, the building that you see there is very attractive.

1949

02:03:36,220 --> 02:03:38,800

I think, Mr. Anderson, we're going to get brick.

1950

02:03:38,900 --> 02:03:39,960

We're going to get some bricks, right?

1951

02:03:40,840 --> 02:03:41,900

We're going to get 100%.

1952

02:03:41,900 --> 02:03:43,400

How many brick do we get?

1953

02:03:43,720 --> 02:03:44,920

At least 75%.

1954

02:03:44,920 --> 02:03:46,640

At least 75% brick.



1955  
02:03:46,740 --> 02:03:48,960  
So it's going to be nicely designed.

1956  
02:03:48,960 --> 02:03:50,880  
And then, again, guess what?

1957  
02:03:50,960 --> 02:03:53,520  
What happens is, right, Seven Brew comes and you come.

1958  
02:03:53,960 --> 02:03:54,300  
Then what?

1959  
02:03:54,380 --> 02:03:57,320  
Starbucks looks over the corner and say, wait a minute, we need to be over there.

1960  
02:03:57,600 --> 02:03:59,820  
That's how economic development takes place.

1961  
02:03:59,820 --> 02:04:05,600  
So, certainly, I want to make sure that whatever you do is that you're consistent with what we got going on here

1962  
02:04:05,600 --> 02:04:12,840  
and the quality is represented and that we move forward with the project

1963  
02:04:12,840 --> 02:04:15,940  
in keeping with what we have going on in the area.

1964  
02:04:16,440 --> 02:04:22,780  
The monument sign is very attractive in that it enhances the area as well, correct?

1965  
02:04:23,200 --> 02:04:23,560  
Yes, sir.

1966  
02:04:23,680 --> 02:04:23,920  
Yes.

1967  
02:04:24,560 --> 02:04:26,820  
Yes, the monument sign will enhance the area.

1968  
02:04:26,980 --> 02:04:27,200  
Yes.

1969  
02:04:27,660 --> 02:04:28,100  
Thank you.

1970  
02:04:28,100 --> 02:04:29,660  
Any other questions?

1971  
02:04:29,860 --> 02:04:30,220  
Go ahead, sir.

1972  
02:04:30,440 --> 02:04:30,740  
Yes.

1973  
02:04:31,320 --> 02:04:33,140  
We recommend approval with conditions.

1974  
02:04:33,260 --> 02:04:35,020  
I'd like to read the conditions into the record.

1975  
02:04:35,740 --> 02:04:36,340  
Go right, please.

1976  
02:04:36,340 --> 02:04:51,960  
We have several conditions.

1977  
02:04:51,960 --> 02:04:59,380  
Staff recommends approval of the special use permit for construction and operation of a Tim Hortons coffee shop

1978  
02:04:59,380 --> 02:05:02,240  
with drive-through facilities subject to the following condition.

1979  
02:05:02,920 --> 02:05:04,480  
Number one, site plan conformance.

1980  
02:05:04,480 --> 02:05:11,940  
The development shall be constructed in substantial conformance with the plan entitled Site

Plan for Tim Hortons Coffee Shop,

1981

02:05:12,280 --> 02:05:22,680

4498 North Henry Boulevard, prepared for Royal TH LLC by Falcon Design Consultant, LLC, dated June 30, 2025,

1982

02:05:22,680 --> 02:05:25,600

and received by city staff on June 30, 2025.

1983

02:05:26,300 --> 02:05:30,280

Any major deviation from the approved site plan, including changes to the building footprint,

1984

02:05:30,480 --> 02:05:33,360

drive-through layout, or access configuration,

1985

02:05:33,520 --> 02:05:36,160

shall require review and approval by the Community Development Department

1986

02:05:36,160 --> 02:05:39,000

and, if applicable, the City Council.

1987

02:05:39,000 --> 02:05:42,720

Condition number two relates to building design and materials.

1988

02:05:43,140 --> 02:05:47,000

All building facades shall be constructed of 100%, we're saying 100% brick,

1989

02:05:47,160 --> 02:05:50,940

but we might want to, well, they got to have some glass on the front,

1990

02:05:51,020 --> 02:05:53,640

so we want to, we want to lower that.

1991

02:05:53,880 --> 02:06:01,140

Consistent with Section 2.53 HX, I mean H2 of the Downtown Village Overlay District,

1992

02:06:01,140 --> 02:06:06,120

the use of ephos, corrugated metal, or other non-permitted materials shall be prohibited.

1993

02:06:06,680 --> 02:06:09,940

Accent features may include black anodized aluminum trim,

1994

02:06:10,420 --> 02:06:13,940

canopies, and decorative glass consistent with approved elevations.

1995

02:06:14,520 --> 02:06:17,240

Three, access and circ, deals with access and circulation.

1996

02:06:17,780 --> 02:06:23,720

Vehicular access shall be provided via a single, full-access driveway connection to North Henry Boulevard,

1997

02:06:24,960 --> 02:06:30,220

SR 138, U.S. 23, subject to Georgia Department of Transportation approval.

1998

02:06:30,220 --> 02:06:33,180

The internal driveway shall be a minimum of 24 feet wide,

1999

02:06:33,560 --> 02:06:37,940

and the drive-thru line shall accommodate a minimum stacking capacity of eight vehicles.

2000

02:06:38,800 --> 02:06:41,600

Number four, the fourth condition relates to pedestrian connectivity.

2001

02:06:42,100 --> 02:06:46,760

The applicant shall install sidewalk connections and ADA accessible ramps

2002

02:06:46,760 --> 02:06:52,180

linking the building entrance to the existing public sidewalk along North Henry Boulevard,

2003

02:06:52,580 --> 02:06:55,980

consistent with the Downtown Village Overlay District requirements.

2004

02:06:56,540 --> 02:06:59,300

Condition number five has to do with landscaping and screening.

2005

02:06:59,300 --> 02:07:02,720

The development shall provide all required perimeter buffers,

2006

02:07:03,180 --> 02:07:06,260

foundation planning, and street trees in accordance with the UDC

2007

02:07:06,260 --> 02:07:09,020

and the downtown Village Overlay District.

2008

02:07:09,560 --> 02:07:14,700

All mechanical equipment transformers and refuse areas shall be screened from the public view,

2009

02:07:15,060 --> 02:07:17,540

using materials consistent with the principal structure.

2010

02:07:18,000 --> 02:07:22,160

The dumpster enclosure shall be constructed of full brick matching the building.

2011

02:07:22,980 --> 02:07:25,540

Condition number six involves lighting and signage.

2012

02:07:25,540 --> 02:07:31,660

All exterior lighting shall be downward-facing and fully shielded to prevent glare or light spillover.

2013

02:07:32,220 --> 02:07:37,520

Signage shall comply with Chapter 5 sign regulations of the UDC and the Downtown Village Overlay District.

2014

02:07:38,000 --> 02:07:42,220

Any monument sign shall include a brick base matching the principal structure.

2015

02:07:44,000 --> 02:07:44,700

That's it.

2016

02:07:45,380 --> 02:07:46,440

Yeah, go ahead, sir.

2017

02:07:46,440 --> 02:07:50,560

Now, North Henry Boulevard is in the Highway Corridor plan, right?

2018

02:07:50,800 --> 02:07:51,160

Downtown.

2019

02:07:51,520 --> 02:07:53,740

Yeah, most of it is along the Highway Corridor.

2020

02:07:53,740 --> 02:07:55,500

This portion is in the Downtown Village.

2021

02:07:55,620 --> 02:07:57,640

The existing sidewalk is five feet.

2022

02:07:58,080 --> 02:08:00,940

Our goal is to have a 10-foot multi-use path.

2023

02:08:02,160 --> 02:08:05,500

Rock Quarry Road ends right there where their business starts at.

2024

02:08:05,500 --> 02:08:07,780

And we're trying to get to the amphitheater.

2025

02:08:08,400 --> 02:08:11,780

This connection is a brand new build from the ground up.

2026

02:08:11,880 --> 02:08:14,060

There needs to be a 10-foot sidewalk in front of it.

2027

02:08:14,500 --> 02:08:20,940

It needs to be a 10-foot sidewalk along their frontage, which is required by the Highway Overlay Corridor,

2028

02:08:21,320 --> 02:08:23,560

so that the next phase...

2029

02:08:23,560 --> 02:08:26,660

We're trying to get to the amphitheater and City Hall.

2030

02:08:26,760 --> 02:08:33,640

We've got a project coming up, I hope, with the rest of it from North Lee Street to East Atlanta Road being widened.

2031

02:08:33,640 --> 02:08:41,140

Now, the Highway Corridor plan requires a 10-foot multi-use path along North Henry Boulevard and all major highways.

2032

02:08:41,360 --> 02:08:44,060

This is a major highway, so that needs to be included.

2033

02:08:44,540 --> 02:08:49,300

Okay, but I don't mean to correct you, Councilman Malazano, but this is in the Downtown Village.

2034

02:08:49,640 --> 02:08:52,660

I know, but it's the Highway Corridor plan.

2035

02:08:52,940 --> 02:08:55,440

The Parkway Corridor runs right through there.

2036

02:08:55,580 --> 02:08:55,780

Okay.

2037

02:08:55,800 --> 02:09:01,920

But as a part of our plan to establish 10-foot multi-use paths so that people can ride their bike and all of that,

2038

02:09:01,920 --> 02:09:06,460

but Michelle knows, she knows, this is what we do.

2039

02:09:06,540 --> 02:09:09,840

We want to make sure that there's a wide sidewalk there, a new sidewalk.

2040

02:09:09,960 --> 02:09:10,880

This is new construction.

2041

02:09:11,060 --> 02:09:14,220

We don't want an old second-hand sidewalk out there.

2042

02:09:14,580 --> 02:09:17,820

We want the 10-foot path and then the next business to come along.

2043

02:09:17,920 --> 02:09:22,840

We want that because we want to be able to get all the way to East Atlanta Road where the 10-foot paths are right now.

2044

02:09:23,220 --> 02:09:24,000

Well, let me ask you this.

2045

02:09:24,140 --> 02:09:25,600

Can it be both or not?

2046

02:09:25,720 --> 02:09:26,700

We can only have one.

2047

02:09:26,700 --> 02:09:30,560

Is it downtown, a part of the downtown piece or a part of the highway?

2048

02:09:30,940 --> 02:09:32,540

Is it one or the other or is it both?

2049

02:09:33,720 --> 02:09:38,180

It's in the downtown, but the requirements are similar, Mayor Ford.

2050

02:09:39,660 --> 02:09:43,260

The Parkway Corridor covers the whole city and every major highway.

2051

02:09:43,260 --> 02:09:58,020

So, based on the site plan, they may be able to expand the 10-feet on the sidewalk, but they may have to reconfigure the site plan.

2052

02:09:58,720 --> 02:10:00,800

Five feet is not going to make that much of a difference.

2053

02:10:00,920 --> 02:10:01,500

Come on now.

2054

02:10:01,900 --> 02:10:03,960

The right-of-way is right there.

2055

02:10:04,440 --> 02:10:08,400

We'll look into that, Councilmember Alexander.

2056

02:10:08,940 --> 02:10:09,940

That'll be a condition.

2057



02:10:10,360 --> 02:10:10,640

Okay.

2058

02:10:11,340 --> 02:10:12,080

Michelle knows.

2059

02:10:12,080 --> 02:10:16,780

Yeah, I'm trying to, I'm just trying to read the site plan right now to see if they've accounted for it already.

2060

02:10:23,040 --> 02:10:28,220

I'll have to work with my engineer to confirm that this can happen, but I think you're right.

2061

02:10:28,460 --> 02:10:31,040

We may be able to make it work, but it would be, might be a little tight.

2062

02:10:32,200 --> 02:10:32,400

Okay.

2063

02:10:32,760 --> 02:10:36,680

Might need to do eight foot right there where it's a little tight and then do 10 the rest of it.

2064

02:10:36,840 --> 02:10:38,620

But we want a wide sidewalk right there.

2065

02:10:38,620 --> 02:10:44,100

Are you meanable before that, sir, to check that out and have that in part of the recommendation?

2066

02:10:48,660 --> 02:10:49,280

Let's do it.

2067

02:10:49,840 --> 02:10:50,580

You're good with that?

2068

02:10:51,840 --> 02:10:52,320

Repeat it.

2069

02:10:52,420 --> 02:10:53,980

I was reading this and talking.

2070

02:10:54,100 --> 02:10:56,060

Can you repeat exactly what you said so I can make sure?

2071

02:10:56,260 --> 02:10:57,920

I'll ask Mr. Alexander to repeat it.

2072

02:10:58,040 --> 02:10:59,200

Are you good with that, sir?

2073

02:10:59,200 --> 02:11:04,520

The sidewalk, the 10, or the, you said eight foot in some, can we say a minimum eight foot?

2074

02:11:04,660 --> 02:11:06,900

Minimum eight foot, 10 foot requirement.

2075

02:11:07,100 --> 02:11:11,440

If it's the tight area, that can be eight, but it needs to be 10 for the majority of it.

2076

02:11:12,160 --> 02:11:12,440

Yes.

2077

02:11:12,900 --> 02:11:13,260

All right.

2078

02:11:13,300 --> 02:11:13,780

Thank you, sir.

2079

02:11:13,900 --> 02:11:16,500

So, Ms. Holliday, Ms. Holliday, you have that, ma'am?

2080

02:11:16,500 --> 02:11:19,820

Yes, because it's the only position that it goes on.

2081

02:11:21,900 --> 02:11:23,160

It's the only additional one that.

2082

02:11:23,420 --> 02:11:24,180

I already there.

2083  
02:11:24,600 --> 02:11:30,460  
Minimum eight, and those places where it's tight applies to the where?

2084  
02:11:31,460 --> 02:11:32,460  
From the frontage.

2085  
02:11:32,660 --> 02:11:33,080  
The frontage.

2086  
02:11:33,080 --> 02:11:33,960  
The frontage.

2087  
02:11:34,240 --> 02:11:34,460  
Okay.

2088  
02:11:38,060 --> 02:11:39,120  
Counsel, anything else?

2089  
02:11:40,200 --> 02:11:42,560  
Is decorative streetlights required right there?

2090  
02:11:42,560 --> 02:11:44,860  
We're going to ask for it all.

2091  
02:11:44,940 --> 02:11:47,080  
The decorative streetlights, are they required right there?

2092  
02:11:49,400 --> 02:11:53,280  
Yeah, I thought we updated the code to include decorative streetlights.

2093  
02:11:54,320 --> 02:11:57,040  
I mean, we can add that to the condition along the frontage.

2094  
02:11:57,240 --> 02:12:00,820  
Okay, decorative streetlights to make it look nice and to be up front.

2095  
02:12:01,040 --> 02:12:04,420  
The metal poles a little with the candles at the top.

2096

02:12:04,560 --> 02:12:09,480

It's just along the frontage, along the frontage, because we've got downward facing lights inside.

2097

02:12:09,480 --> 02:12:12,240

Right, but for the street, yeah.

2098

02:12:12,560 --> 02:12:13,100

How many?

2099

02:12:13,620 --> 02:12:15,920

Is there a regulation pertaining to that?

2100

02:12:17,620 --> 02:12:22,920

There's not a specific regulation pertaining to how many, but we'll figure it out.

2101

02:12:23,500 --> 02:12:25,220

So it has maybe two or three.

2102

02:12:25,380 --> 02:12:27,620

I mean, it has to match the poles that are already out.

2103

02:12:27,800 --> 02:12:31,780

I believe about four of them, maybe like every 20 feet or something, or whatever.

2104

02:12:32,660 --> 02:12:33,740

What's the normal distance?

2105

02:12:33,880 --> 02:12:34,760

Do you normally have that ride?

2106

02:12:34,900 --> 02:12:35,380

What is it?

2107

02:12:35,620 --> 02:12:36,980

What's considered normal?

2108

02:12:37,380 --> 02:12:39,440

Probably every 100.

2109

02:12:39,660 --> 02:12:41,000

Could you get on the mic, please, sir?

2110

02:12:41,000 --> 02:12:44,820

I mean, normally they'd be anywhere between 50 and 100 feet apart.

2111

02:12:44,940 --> 02:12:46,040

It all depends on...

2112

02:12:46,040 --> 02:12:47,920

No, we're not talking about a real streetlight.

2113

02:12:47,960 --> 02:12:49,100

We're talking about the pole.

2114

02:12:49,340 --> 02:12:53,220

We're talking about the little black ones with the little incandescent thing on the top.

2115

02:12:53,560 --> 02:12:54,580

Like along East Atlanta.

2116

02:12:54,720 --> 02:12:55,160

Yeah, okay.

2117

02:12:55,160 --> 02:12:56,200

The decorative streetlight.

2118

02:12:56,200 --> 02:12:57,420

Yeah, four would be cool.

2119

02:12:57,680 --> 02:12:57,840

Four.

2120

02:12:57,840 --> 02:12:58,060

Would be good.

2121

02:12:58,900 --> 02:13:00,620

Just a little small one right out here.

2122

02:13:00,780 --> 02:13:02,440

So, sir, you good with four?

2123

02:13:02,940 --> 02:13:03,540

You're...

2124

02:13:03,540 --> 02:13:10,680

I don't want to spend too much of my client's money without them knowing about this.

2125

02:13:11,200 --> 02:13:15,880

So, between the sidewalk and the lights, I would feel more comfortable if I could chat

2126

02:13:15,880 --> 02:13:17,540

with them, make sure they're on board with that.

2127

02:13:18,180 --> 02:13:19,740

If that means we have to defer it.

2128

02:13:20,140 --> 02:13:21,640

Man, call Michelle on the phone.

2129

02:13:21,740 --> 02:13:22,820

She's going to agree to it.

2130

02:13:23,240 --> 02:13:24,780

Well, I got to call my client.

2131

02:13:25,040 --> 02:13:25,320

Michelle.

2132

02:13:25,420 --> 02:13:28,360

Michelle's my boss, but she can't say yes or no to this.

2133

02:13:28,360 --> 02:13:31,580

We'll make a condition.

2134

02:13:33,160 --> 02:13:33,560

I'm sorry?

2135

02:13:34,160 --> 02:13:35,460

We're going to make it a condition.

2136

02:13:35,900 --> 02:13:36,340

I understand.

2137

02:13:36,720 --> 02:13:38,720

So, it's part of the condition.

2138

02:13:38,900 --> 02:13:41,760

If you're going to do it anyways, then go ahead and put it on.

2139

02:13:42,120 --> 02:13:42,260

Yeah.

2140

02:13:42,600 --> 02:13:43,820

And I don't think it'll...

2141

02:13:43,820 --> 02:13:44,560

I mean, it's a...

2142

02:13:44,560 --> 02:13:46,500

I don't think it'll be a problem.

2143

02:13:46,880 --> 02:13:49,920

It's what we want for our downtown and for our...

2144

02:13:49,920 --> 02:13:50,720

No, I understand.

2145

02:13:50,940 --> 02:13:51,420

...the area.

2146

02:13:51,720 --> 02:13:52,220

I understand.

2147

02:13:52,500 --> 02:13:52,620

Yeah.

2148

02:13:52,680 --> 02:13:55,020

My client has to make sure that the numbers will work, though.

2149  
02:13:55,020 --> 02:13:57,880  
And right now, they haven't accounted for the sidewalk and lights.

2150  
02:13:57,880 --> 02:13:59,800  
So, they would have to just adjust their numbers.

2151  
02:14:00,040 --> 02:14:02,400  
I don't know what that looks like for them.

2152  
02:14:02,740 --> 02:14:04,360  
I don't know how tight this deal is for them.

2153  
02:14:06,600 --> 02:14:08,120  
So, that's all I'm saying.

2154  
02:14:08,240 --> 02:14:11,240  
But if you're going to do it anyways, regardless, then...

2155  
02:14:11,240 --> 02:14:11,380  
Yeah.

2156  
02:14:12,340 --> 02:14:14,320  
I mean, I'll prove it with those conditions.

2157  
02:14:14,640 --> 02:14:14,800  
Sure.

2158  
02:14:15,480 --> 02:14:18,040  
I don't think it will...

2159  
02:14:18,040 --> 02:14:22,260  
I mean, the sidewalks are non-negotiable for us in general.

2160  
02:14:22,260 --> 02:14:28,060  
And that's for any development, because we're trying to tie in a master plan.

2161  
02:14:28,560 --> 02:14:31,080  
And we have a plan in place.

2162



02:14:31,580 --> 02:14:32,080  
I understand.

2163  
02:14:32,480 --> 02:14:32,660  
Yeah.

2164  
02:14:33,000 --> 02:14:33,660  
For connectivity.

2165  
02:14:34,320 --> 02:14:35,420  
Ms. Holliday, you have all that?

2166  
02:14:35,620 --> 02:14:35,960  
I do.

2167  
02:14:36,240 --> 02:14:36,600  
All right.

2168  
02:14:36,940 --> 02:14:37,600  
Ryan, you good?

2169  
02:14:37,880 --> 02:14:38,240  
Yeah.

2170  
02:14:38,640 --> 02:14:39,200  
All right.

2171  
02:14:39,260 --> 02:14:40,020  
What else, council?

2172  
02:14:40,400 --> 02:14:41,400  
You got to open it up.

2173  
02:14:41,400 --> 02:14:41,700  
That's it?

2174  
02:14:41,840 --> 02:14:42,320  
That's it?

2175  
02:14:42,460 --> 02:14:42,580

Yeah.

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02:14:42,580 --> 02:14:44,220

Okay.

2177

02:14:44,520 --> 02:14:45,380

This is a public hearing.

2178

02:14:45,520 --> 02:14:47,160

So, I'd like to open this up.

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02:14:47,340 --> 02:14:52,100

So, anybody on my left, anybody that's against this particular project, comments against it

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02:14:52,100 --> 02:14:53,440

on my very left?

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02:14:54,460 --> 02:14:55,100

In the middle.

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02:14:55,160 --> 02:14:56,860

Anybody that's against the project in the middle?

2183

02:14:57,780 --> 02:14:59,880

My far right, anybody against this particular project?

2184

02:15:01,220 --> 02:15:01,540

Anybody?

2185

02:15:01,960 --> 02:15:04,340

There's no comments for the project on my far left.

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02:15:05,320 --> 02:15:06,280

Anybody in the middle?

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02:15:06,760 --> 02:15:08,480

For the project in the middle here?

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02:15:09,320 --> 02:15:10,400

Anybody on my far right?

2189  
02:15:10,400 --> 02:15:13,660  
Okay, no one against, no one for.

2190  
02:15:13,820 --> 02:15:14,600  
Close that out.

2191  
02:15:15,040 --> 02:15:20,300  
So, council, on that note, with all the recommendations, additional conditions, I need a motion to approve

2192  
02:15:20,300 --> 02:15:21,140  
this project, please.

2193  
02:15:21,360 --> 02:15:21,960  
Mayor Ford.

2194  
02:15:22,180 --> 02:15:22,620  
Yes, ma'am.

2195  
02:15:22,760 --> 02:15:25,780  
This is the district that I am duly elected to represent.

2196  
02:15:25,960 --> 02:15:26,560  
Okay, fine.

2197  
02:15:26,780 --> 02:15:30,760  
I'd like to speak to this item, since it is in my district.

2198  
02:15:30,960 --> 02:15:31,220  
Okay.

2199  
02:15:32,440 --> 02:15:33,240  
Mr. Anderson.

2200  
02:15:33,600 --> 02:15:33,760  
Yes, ma'am.

2201  
02:15:33,760 --> 02:15:39,540  
Is this the area, I believe the URA, is this the land that the URA?

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02:15:40,400 --> 02:15:41,260

Yes, yes, ma'am.

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02:15:41,260 --> 02:15:41,460

Okay.

2204

02:15:41,600 --> 02:15:42,560

I just wanted to remember.

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02:15:43,340 --> 02:15:43,600

Okay.

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02:15:43,900 --> 02:15:48,800

I do support this project, and thank you, sir, for your presentation.

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02:15:49,360 --> 02:15:55,060

I had a question about the access point or entrance way into this drive-through.

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02:15:55,060 --> 02:16:00,440

Are you able to make your picture larger?

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02:16:06,440 --> 02:16:09,400

Are you able to blow up the site plan map?

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02:16:13,400 --> 02:16:14,000

Let me see.

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02:16:15,420 --> 02:16:16,540

That's as large as you can get?

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02:16:16,700 --> 02:16:16,860

Okay.

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02:16:17,120 --> 02:16:17,420

Yes.

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02:16:17,420 --> 02:16:23,200

So, the entrance way is right off of North Henry.

2215  
02:16:23,760 --> 02:16:24,040  
Yes.

2216  
02:16:24,120 --> 02:16:26,460  
So, it's kind of at an angle.

2217  
02:16:27,160 --> 02:16:36,380  
If someone who is coming off of Rock Quarry Road and turning left onto North Henry, they'd

2218  
02:16:36,380 --> 02:16:39,160  
have to make a quick right in the entrance here.

2219  
02:16:40,500 --> 02:16:41,040  
Yes.

2220  
02:16:41,040 --> 02:16:53,380  
I can't tell, but once you access the entrance way, what is the length of the entrance point

2221  
02:16:53,380 --> 02:16:58,980  
all the way up to, I guess, the drive-through speakers or where they place their orders?

2222  
02:16:59,120 --> 02:17:01,000  
We're requiring the width to be 24 feet.

2223  
02:17:01,420 --> 02:17:02,160  
24 feet?

2224  
02:17:02,320 --> 02:17:02,640  
Yes.

2225  
02:17:02,900 --> 02:17:03,140  
Okay.

2226  
02:17:04,420 --> 02:17:09,840  
So, then, where would the drive-through window be for people to pick up their order?

2227  
02:17:09,840 --> 02:17:15,240  
So, they have a lane where they can vet, where eight cars can queue.

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02:17:16,120 --> 02:17:21,700

This is not a good illustration, but there is a lane for at least eight cars can be there.

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02:17:21,960 --> 02:17:23,200

I see the arrows.

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02:17:25,280 --> 02:17:26,260

So, um.

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02:17:26,920 --> 02:17:28,140

But I can't really tell.

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02:17:28,320 --> 02:17:32,660

I mean, and with it being 24 feet wide, if they have to, they can pull over to the side.

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02:17:33,640 --> 02:17:38,640

But they, let me try to get out of the slides.

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02:17:38,640 --> 02:17:39,940

Can you answer that question, sir?

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02:17:42,780 --> 02:17:49,840

Only because I'm just concerned about maybe, you know, there being a backup or some type

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02:17:49,840 --> 02:17:50,620

of bottleneck.

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02:17:50,860 --> 02:17:54,200

I'm concerned about the bottleneck along North Henry Boulevard.

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02:17:54,460 --> 02:17:54,840

Sure.

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02:17:54,840 --> 02:17:59,300

So, what we've got here is the access point off of North Henry Boulevard.

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02:17:59,960 --> 02:18:01,580

You could come in through, can you see my cursor?

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02:18:02,020 --> 02:18:02,180

Yep.

2242

02:18:02,300 --> 02:18:02,600

Got it.

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02:18:02,640 --> 02:18:02,880

Go ahead.

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02:18:03,080 --> 02:18:03,580

We can see it.

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02:18:03,720 --> 02:18:09,140

You come along this lane here, which turns into, this is one way.

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02:18:09,360 --> 02:18:13,240

You've got double lanes here that loop around and do a single lane.

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02:18:13,240 --> 02:18:19,400

You've got your, it's my understanding, I think the speakers are out this way, and then you've

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02:18:19,400 --> 02:18:21,400

got your window over on this side.

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02:18:22,360 --> 02:18:23,120

That's what I needed.

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02:18:23,340 --> 02:18:28,580

You have enough room here to queue eight cars so that folks are not backing out onto North

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02:18:28,580 --> 02:18:29,080

Henry Boulevard.

2252

02:18:29,240 --> 02:18:31,700

So, there's quite a distance here for folks to line up.

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02:18:31,700 --> 02:18:37,700

And then, even coming down this way, it'll pull you right back out into the exit lane

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02:18:37,700 --> 02:18:39,860

so you can get right out of line when you're done.

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02:18:41,560 --> 02:18:42,000

Okay.

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02:18:42,180 --> 02:18:51,480

So, anyone who is trying to turn left out of that access point, it's going to be very difficult.

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02:18:51,800 --> 02:18:56,900

So, are you all just making it a right turn only?

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02:18:57,260 --> 02:18:58,560

This plan has full access.

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02:18:58,900 --> 02:19:00,320

So, right now, you can go right or left.

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02:19:00,320 --> 02:19:01,520

Okay.

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02:19:02,660 --> 02:19:09,380

I am concerned about the safety of that, considering the amount of traffic, someone who would turn

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02:19:09,380 --> 02:19:10,540

left out of there.

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02:19:14,100 --> 02:19:14,580

Okay.

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02:19:14,900 --> 02:19:21,080

So, I don't know if it's at this point, Mr. Anderson, that we add a condition that this

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02:19:21,080 --> 02:19:29,260

could only be a right turn out of the driveway of this establishment?

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02:19:30,140 --> 02:19:30,920

Right turn only?

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02:19:31,140 --> 02:19:36,880



It's been vetted by our engineer and our transportation person.

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02:19:36,880 --> 02:19:38,980

Do you have a traffic study?

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02:19:39,380 --> 02:19:40,860

And GDOT that this is safe?

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02:19:41,340 --> 02:19:41,840

They did?

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02:19:42,420 --> 02:19:43,720

I mean, it was approved.

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02:19:46,240 --> 02:19:46,680

Okay.

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02:19:46,980 --> 02:19:48,740

Can you show me where that is?

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02:19:49,840 --> 02:19:53,340

Where their study is in the documents that you gave us?

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02:19:53,340 --> 02:19:54,540

Well, maybe not in here.

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02:19:54,540 --> 02:19:55,680

Is it past the case this far?

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02:19:57,100 --> 02:19:58,060

Maybe not in here.

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02:19:58,540 --> 02:20:06,540

But during the due diligence process, our civil engineer looked at it, Mr. Whitley, and he

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02:20:06,540 --> 02:20:19,540

approved it, so ... It's not in this report, but the recommendations that we include as

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02:20:19,540 --> 02:20:25,660

it relates to traffic flow were recommendations based on coming from our civil engineer, Mr.

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02:20:25,660 --> 02:20:34,580

Mark Willey, so we feel like these conditions will address those concerns, but I mean, basically

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02:20:34,580 --> 02:20:38,440

anywhere on North Henry Boulevard, you can turn left if you're coming out right.

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02:20:39,620 --> 02:20:44,760

So, even like coming out of the amphitheater park, a lot of coming out from the court, people

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02:20:44,760 --> 02:20:45,580

do it all the time.

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02:20:47,800 --> 02:20:52,220

So, I think that would have to be a GDOT requirement.

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02:20:52,220 --> 02:20:58,140

I don't know if we have the authority to regulate that type of access.

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02:20:58,720 --> 02:21:01,220

I think that's what would have to come from the state.

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02:21:03,200 --> 02:21:10,540

But we don't have the authority to continue to require that there only be a right term out

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02:21:10,540 --> 02:21:11,360

of this establishment?

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02:21:12,100 --> 02:21:20,220

Oh, I would have to research that, Councilman Mubarro, but if we did, that we would be limiting

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02:21:20,220 --> 02:21:25,560

that restaurant while limiting no other business on North Henry Boulevard.

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02:21:25,560 --> 02:21:30,300

That would be the only restaurant subjected to those criteria, to that criteria.

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02:21:30,300 --> 02:21:36,840

Well, this is the only establishment that is closest to the red light, and considering

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02:21:36,840 --> 02:21:46,560

the traffic volume in that area, I believe it may pose a safety concern for anyone who might

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02:21:46,560 --> 02:21:48,180

try to turn left.

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02:21:50,180 --> 02:21:51,100

I understand, yes.

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02:21:51,100 --> 02:21:57,520

So, can we please, sounds like the Council supports this venture as well.

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02:21:57,900 --> 02:22:01,160

I support it, but I have to think in terms of safety.

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02:22:01,160 --> 02:22:09,340

Otherwise, if we can add, maybe in the condition that they explore or you do more research on

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02:22:09,340 --> 02:22:11,600

the safety aspect of the traffic.

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02:22:12,020 --> 02:22:12,540

Yes.

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02:22:13,300 --> 02:22:18,580

We'll be glad to research that some more, to look into that more in depth.

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02:22:19,220 --> 02:22:19,800

Thank you, sir.

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02:22:21,060 --> 02:22:21,800

Yes, ma'am.

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02:22:21,800 --> 02:22:26,520

I had something similar in my district.

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02:22:26,920 --> 02:22:29,760

We can't do, that's a state road.

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02:22:30,080 --> 02:22:31,780

It's regulated by GDOT.

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02:22:32,140 --> 02:22:40,340

And like you said, there are other stores, other commercial buildings that it doesn't

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02:22:40,340 --> 02:22:40,960

apply to.

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02:22:41,320 --> 02:22:44,080

Interesting enough, is a light going to be right there?

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02:22:44,880 --> 02:22:47,160

Is there a light right there, or is it?

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02:22:47,260 --> 02:22:47,340

No.

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02:22:47,540 --> 02:22:48,300

It's out for Rock Quarry.

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02:22:48,480 --> 02:22:49,680

It's out for Rock Quarry.

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02:22:49,680 --> 02:22:53,680

It's out for Rock Quarry.

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02:22:54,840 --> 02:22:55,460

It's out for Rock Quarry.

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02:22:55,920 --> 02:22:57,080

It's at the traffic light.

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02:22:57,940 --> 02:23:00,420

Is it right across from that traffic light?

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02:23:00,440 --> 02:23:00,460

Yes.

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02:23:00,600 --> 02:23:04,540

Because if it is, that's like the perfect place for us to turn.

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02:23:04,580 --> 02:23:05,480

Right there, the traffic light.

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02:23:06,780 --> 02:23:06,940

Yeah.

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02:23:07,500 --> 02:23:08,240

Where's the light?

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02:23:08,660 --> 02:23:11,240

It's right behind Sherwin-Williams, right there at the traffic light.

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02:23:11,860 --> 02:23:13,660

But it's not that regular in the entrance.

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02:23:13,900 --> 02:23:15,060

It's not that regular in the entrance.

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02:23:15,060 --> 02:23:21,260

What it is, is that you've got the Sherwin-Williams, then you've got this building, and then right

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02:23:21,260 --> 02:23:24,720

next to it, you've got the intersection, where the Stockbridge-Brandon is.

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02:23:24,720 --> 02:23:24,920

It's nothing.

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02:23:25,520 --> 02:23:31,580

Well, even if, whatever the case, oh, right by the little Stockbridge thing?

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02:23:31,660 --> 02:23:33,340

It's right by where the Stockbridge-Brandon is.

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02:23:33,340 --> 02:23:41,620

Yeah, so what I'm trying to say about that is, I had an issue, and I was looking at solutions

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02:23:41,620 --> 02:23:46,120  
with businesses, and you can't do it for one.

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02:23:46,340 --> 02:23:47,760  
And it's state regulated.

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02:23:47,940 --> 02:23:48,860  
It's GDOT.

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02:23:49,320 --> 02:23:53,080  
So I don't think we're going to get far with that.

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02:23:55,040 --> 02:23:55,720  
Yes, sir.

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02:23:56,560 --> 02:23:57,600  
You done, Ms. Gant?

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02:23:57,740 --> 02:23:57,940  
Yeah.

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02:23:57,940 --> 02:24:01,220  
Certainly, you can ask, but again, this is a state highway.

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02:24:01,360 --> 02:24:02,280  
We can't control that.

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02:24:02,340 --> 02:24:02,860  
Yeah, I said it.

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02:24:02,860 --> 02:24:04,300  
It's GDOT state highway.

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02:24:04,440 --> 02:24:07,400  
They are very strict about what they do, as Ms. Gant has indicated.

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02:24:07,720 --> 02:24:09,980  
The same thing happened on Highway 138.

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02:24:10,460 --> 02:24:12,380

They made it very clear, and you know that.

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02:24:12,440 --> 02:24:13,300

That's how the law is.

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02:24:13,600 --> 02:24:19,140

Certainly, you can go to ask GDOT what they would do, but as indicated, you can't do for

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02:24:19,140 --> 02:24:20,860

one business that you don't do for the rest.

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02:24:20,860 --> 02:24:25,380

You would put them at a competitive disadvantage when you can come out of Sonic, or you can come

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02:24:25,380 --> 02:24:29,300

out of the gas station, or you can come out of the subway and do the same thing, but you

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02:24:29,300 --> 02:24:32,660

can't do the—they would be at a competitive disadvantage.

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02:24:33,240 --> 02:24:35,540

No, we can't regulate that.

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02:24:36,400 --> 02:24:41,460

So I would say, make a suggestion to go to GDOT and see what they say, but in essence,

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02:24:41,580 --> 02:24:42,620

we can't do that here.

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02:24:43,240 --> 02:24:45,440

Yeah, that's actually what I was going to propose.

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02:24:46,020 --> 02:24:50,400

So Councilwoman Barber, maybe in—it sounds like the concern is safety.

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02:24:50,400 --> 02:24:57,720

So we could agree to work alongside the planning staff at GDOT to take their recommendation

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02:24:57,720 --> 02:25:02,880

on what is safe for this point of ingress and egress, and we can move forward with that.

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02:25:02,880 --> 02:25:04,760

Thank you, sir.

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02:25:04,760 --> 02:25:05,580

I appreciate it.

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02:25:05,580 --> 02:25:10,200

I know—and of course, I don't want to put them at a disadvantage.

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02:25:10,200 --> 02:25:15,760

This will be the first new business with new standards here.

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02:25:15,760 --> 02:25:22,880

All the other businesses have been here decades, so of course, we can't impose any changes

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02:25:22,880 --> 02:25:28,340

on their entrances, but this one, I certainly want to look at the safety aspect of it.

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02:25:28,580 --> 02:25:32,820

Yeah, I understand you there, and I—and the reason I think we should go with this plan

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02:25:32,820 --> 02:25:35,240

is I don't know what you do for a living.

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02:25:35,320 --> 02:25:39,800

I'm not a traffic engineer, so I don't know if a write-in, write-out is safe here or not,

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02:25:39,800 --> 02:25:43,720

but GDOT certainly would, so I think if we can work with them and work with the planning

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02:25:43,720 --> 02:25:48,760

staff and go with GDOT's recommendation for this, then we could come up with a safe solution

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02:25:48,760 --> 02:25:49,760

for everybody.

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02:25:49,760 --> 02:25:50,760

Thank you.



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02:25:50,760 --> 02:25:52,140  
I just want--just ask the question.

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02:25:52,140 --> 02:25:53,140  
Sure.

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02:25:53,140 --> 02:25:54,140  
That's all.

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02:25:54,140 --> 02:25:55,140  
Thank you.

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02:25:55,140 --> 02:25:56,140  
Any other questions, Council?

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02:25:56,140 --> 02:26:01,640  
If not, then I need a motion to--with all the recommendations or conditions, a motion

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02:26:01,640 --> 02:26:02,640  
to approve this, please.

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02:26:02,640 --> 02:26:03,640  
Mayor Ford.

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02:26:03,640 --> 02:26:04,640  
Yes, ma'am.

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02:26:04,640 --> 02:26:05,640  
This is number 8, right?

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02:26:05,640 --> 02:26:06,640  
Yes, number 8, yes.

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02:26:06,640 --> 02:26:07,640  
Yes.

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02:26:07,640 --> 02:26:20,020  
Special use permit for a portion of the property at 4498 North Henry Boulevard to allow the

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02:26:20,020 --> 02:26:24,960

development and operation of a quick-serve restaurant with drive-through windows and our

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02:26:24,960 --> 02:26:27,960

lanes.

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02:26:27,960 --> 02:26:34,320

In addition to all of the conditions that staff have recommended, as well as

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02:26:34,320 --> 02:26:45,080

staff and the applicant will consult with GDOT on the safety aspect as far as the right

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02:26:45,080 --> 02:26:47,320

and left turn safety.

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02:26:47,320 --> 02:26:48,320

Yeah.

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02:26:48,320 --> 02:26:49,320

Mayor.

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Yes, ma'am.

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Yes, sir.

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I would ask that the condition for the sidewalk, the wide sidewalk and the streetlight—decorative

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streetlights.

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And also the sidewalks at 10 feet—8 feet minimal.

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Yes.

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And the streetlights.

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The decorative streetlights.

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Yes, she has.

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Okay.

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02:27:08,320 --> 02:27:09,320  
Second.

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02:27:09,320 --> 02:27:10,320  
Ms. House, I second that motion.

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All in favor, please indicate.

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Okay, now it's the decision.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you.

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Appreciate it.

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And tell Ms. Battle we miss her, huh?

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We do.

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Okay.

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Absolutely.

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All right.

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Zoning modification case ZM-2025-03, Council District 4.

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Consideration request for zoning modification and rezoning case RZ-2023-02 for the property

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of 258 and 264 Valley Hill Road, plus parcel S080102000 for purposes of one, increasing the

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number of subdivision lots from 16 to 28, and two, changing the location of the types of

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amenities to be included within the subdivision.

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Zony District SR, Suburban Residential, property owners Claudia Perez Coragandos for the 258

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Valley Hill Road and Arlentro.

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Okay.

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Coragandos.

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Incentives.

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Hey, I'm sorry about my Spanish here, but 264 Valley Hill Road, parcel number S08.

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0102-0000.

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0102-0000.

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02:28:18,320 --> 02:28:19,320  
Applicants.

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02:28:19,320 --> 02:28:20,320  
Claudia Perez-Grantos.

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02:28:20,320 --> 02:28:21,320  
Granatos.

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02:28:21,320 --> 02:28:22,320  
And Arlentro Granatos.

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02:28:22,320 --> 02:28:23,320  
Elensis.

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02:28:23,320 --> 02:28:24,320  
Agent Jacqueline Fasella.

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02:28:24,320 --> 02:28:37,320  
And the property is located in Land Lot 92 of District 12 within the Stubber City limits,

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and it contains 17.02 total acres within three parcels as described below.

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258 Valley Hill Road, parcel number S09-060100, contains 2.2492 acres.

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264 Valley Hill Road, parcel number S08-010-1000, contains 6.58254 acres.

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An unaddressed parcel number S08-0102-0000 contains 8.2874 acres.

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Presented by Mr. Alex Anderson.

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Excuse me.

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Anderson.

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It's a tongue twister here.

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02:29:21,320 --> 02:29:22,320  
Anyway.

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02:29:22,320 --> 02:29:23,320  
Sir, please.

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Okay.

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Before I begin, Mayor, I'd like to stress that this is not a rezoning.

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The zoning is already in place.

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This is just what we call a major modification.

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It exceeds the threshold that the Community Development Director can do as far as an administrative modification

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on the site plan.

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The applicant is basically requesting to increase the number of units from 16 to 28.

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The property is located along Valley Hill Road and is presently undeveloped.

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And one of the lots is developed with a single-family residential dwelling.

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The parcel at 258 Valley Hill Road contains an existing single-family home while the northernmost

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parcel remains vacant and wooded.

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The current zoning is SR-suburban residential and will remain suburban residential.

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The current future land use designation of the property is low-density residential.

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Even if we approve the zoning modification, it will still remain low-density residential.

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The proposed number of units per acre is 1.64 units per acre, which is way below our threshold

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of low-density development.

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Our current low-density tops out at 3.99 units per acre.

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The sign and legal ad was posted November 5th and November 24th, 2025.

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The CZIM was held on November 12th and the Planning Commission was held on December 2nd,

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and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

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Here's an aerial photo of the three parcels in question.

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Here's an indication and proof that the zoning signs were posted.

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Here's the zoning map, as you can see highlighted by the yellow stars in the yellow.

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You can see that it's compatible with the existing zoning.

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Most of the community is low-density residential, and this property is low-density residential.

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Zoning information.

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Property to the north, we have the Pine Grove subdivision, which is PUD.

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Property to the south, single-family residence, RR and SR.

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Property to the east, single-family residential and suburban residential.

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Property to the west, single-family residence and rural residential land use.

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Future City of Stockbridge future land use map.

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You can see that it's low-density and then all the surrounding properties are low-density.

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The surrounding land use designations of the surrounding properties.



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To the north, you got the Pine Grove subdivision.

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It's low-density residential.

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Property to the south, you got single-family residences, and they're low-density residential.

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Property to the east, you got single-family residences, low-density residential.

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Property to the west, single-family residences, and the land use is low-density.

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As you can see that this project is compatible with the surrounding land use.

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Here's the City of Stockbridge subdivision map indicating all the surrounding subdivisions.

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You got Pine Grove has 276 units with a density of 2.55 units per acre.

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You got Pine View with 78 units with a density of 4.22 units per acre.

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You got Cactus Ridge with 12 units with a density rate of 1.27 units per acre.

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You got Springwood Valley, 58 units with a density of 1.94 units per acre.

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And you got Century Oaks, 30 units at 1 unit per acre.

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And this project with 1.64 units per acre is compatible with the surrounding land use densities.

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As a matter of fact, it would be the third lowest density in the area.

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The zoning history.

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This property was associated with a rezoning about two years ago, where the property was rezoned from rural residential and neighborhood commercial to suburban residential.

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That approval allowed a 16-lot single-family subdivision with amenities such as a clubhouse, pool, pickleball court, walking trail, and dog park.

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And that rezoning was approved by City Council on October the 9th, 2023 on the RZ 2023-02 with the following condition.

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Community amenities locations.

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Community amenities shall be located at the front of the development to maximize visibility, accessibility, and integration with the subdivision entrance.

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Home construction.

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All homes shall be constructed on a slab foundation basement shall not be permitted.

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A multi-use path.

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A 10-foot wide multi-use path shall be constructed along the front of the development, integrated into a gated entrance design, and connected to internal pedestrian circulation where practical.

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Landscaping and screening.

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Evergreen trees with supplemental landscaping shall be installed.

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Insurance.

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02:34:29,320 --> 02:34:37,320

Maritime policy liability shall be provided to the adjacent property owner in the event of damage to their home resulting from development activities.

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Site conformance.

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The subdivision shall be developed in accordance with the City of Stockbridge Unified Development Code.

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Architectural standards.

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All homes shall comply with section 4.4.2 of the Unified Development Code.

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And Platt recording.

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No land disturbance or building permits will be issued until the recombination has been, Platt has been submitted to the Community Development Department.

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This is a site plan of the previous, previously approved in 2023 site plan that was approved by Mayor and Council.

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Here's the summary of the proposed, summary of the requested modification.

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Currently, 16 single-family detached lots.

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The applicant is proposing 28 single-family detached lots.

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And the applicant gives as a reason, connection to the municipal sewer system eliminates the need for individual septic tanks, allowing increased density of 1.64 units per acre, still below the maximum of 3.9 units per acre.

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Two, this is the second request to change.

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Amenity area located near the subdivision entrance.

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Amenity area relocated to the rear of the subdivision.

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Relocated to improve accessibility, functionality, and integration with open space.

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Connects directly to a walking trail, pond, and pedestrian bridge.

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He also wanted to make changes to the on-site septic system.

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The proposed modification would be connection to the municipal sewer.

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The City of Stockbridge Water Authority approved sewer services, eliminating the need for septic and supporting increased lot year.

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He's also requesting a change to the approved amenity package.

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The original amenity package included a pool, clubhouse, pickleball court, dog park, and walking trail.

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He's proposing now a grass-open space, picnic area with gazebo, playground, and walking trail with bridge.

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Simplified and reconstruct reconfigured amenity package to reflect smaller scale neighborhood recreation areas and cohesive open space design.

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The previous approved site plan established a 16-lot single-family detached subdivision on three parcels containing 17 units with access from Valley Hill Road and the use of on-site septic tanks.

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The original layout included a central amenity area featuring a pool, clubhouse, pickleball court, dog park, walking trail, and generally located near the subdivision entrance.

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The current request, the current zoning modification request proposed a revised site plan, increasing the total number of units to 16 single-family detached lots while maintaining the same overall acreage,

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resulting in a gross density of 1.64 units per acre, well below the 3.9 unit per acre maximum permitted under low-density residential future land use designation.

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All lots meet or exceed the minimum lot and setback requirements established by the UDC.

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Comparison of approved versus proposed.

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The original proposed has 17 acres.

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The current plan has 17 acres.

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The original zoning approval has 16 lots.

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The current has 28 lot.

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A 12 lot increase for a 75 percent increase.

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The gross density of the original project was .94 units per acre.

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The new density is 1.64 units per acre.

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The increase is due to the municipal sewer connection.

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Utility service.

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On-site septic tanks.

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Now they got connection to municipal sewer and water.

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Eliminates need for individual septic tanks.

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Access.

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Only one entrance on Valley Hill Road.

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That remains the same.

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One entrance off Valley Hill Road.

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Amenity location.

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In the original it was a front of subdivision near entrance.

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Now they're proposing real subdivision adjacent to the detention pond.

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Relocated for better connectivity and safety.

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Amenity components.

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02:38:55,320 --> 02:39:02,320

Originally the original approval mandated a pool, clubhouse, pickleball court, dog park, and walking trail.

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Now the applicant is proposing a grass open space, picnic area with gazebo, playground, walking trail with pedestrian bridge.

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Simplified lower intensity recreational package.

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Originally there was a centralized pocket park and trail.

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Now he's proposing an integrated real open space and trail system.

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Open space redesigned and connected to stormwater area.

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Roadway layout.

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One internal loop street.

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Now he's proposing two connected internal street for improved circulation and lot access.

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Lot size configuration.

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Originally he was proposing 18,000 square feet lot area on septic tanks.

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Now the size would be 10 to 12,000 square feet lots on sewer.

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Smaller uniform lots consistent with SR zoning.

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Stormwater management.

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Detention pond near entrance.

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Detention pond relocated to the rear with pedestrian bridge.

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Repositioned for better drainage and visual buffering.

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Here's the new site plan on the screen consisting of 28 units.

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This slide shows the detailed engineering plan for the proposed 28 lot subdivision.

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It highlights the lot layout, internal street network, relocated amenity area, and the stormwater facility proposed at the rear of the site.

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Here's the city of stock bridge, the site plan on the city of stock bridge map.

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This slide right here shows the proposed sanitary sewer easement across 1452 gallops drive.

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The easement allows the municipal sewer line to extend both north to serve the subdivision.

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The alignment maximizes impact on existing homes and complies with all clearance and engineering standards.

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It has been reviewed and approved by stock bridge water authority.

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Here's a rendering of the proposed subdivision.

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Rendering of the homes.

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Staff analysis.

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Staff recommended approval with 13 conditions.

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The first condition is site plan conformance.

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Development shall substantially conform to the concept plan.

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Title concept plan for 258 and 264 Valley Hill Road.

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Prepared by survey land express dated October 3rd, 2025.

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Except as may be modified by these conditions.

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Or required by the city council during the engineering permitting process.

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Minor adjustment to lock configuration dimensions or infrastructure placement.

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May be approved administratively by the community development director to accommodate field conditions.

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Or regulatory compliance.

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The maximum number of units.

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The subdivision shall be limited to a maximum of 28 single family detached lots.

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As shown on the approved concept plan.

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Any future increase in the number of lots shall require an amendment.

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To this major zoning modification and city council approval.

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Amenities location.

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Community amenities shall be located at the rear of the subdivision adjacent to the stormwater detention pond.

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To improve accessibility, safety, and integration with the open space and trail system.

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Home construction.

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All homes shall be constructed on slab foundations.

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Basement.

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And basements shall not be permitted.

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Multi-use path.

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A ten foot wide multi-use path shall be constructed along the valley hill road frontage.

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And connected to the internal sidewalk and trail system.

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A gated entrance shall not be required.

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Landscaping and screening.

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Evergreen trees and supplemental landscaping shall be installed along all property boundaries.

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Together with a continuous privacy fence to provide effective screening from adjacent properties.

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Number seven, insurance.

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A marine policy liability or equivalent coverage acceptable to the city.

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Shall be provided to the adjacent property owner.

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In the event of damage to their home as a result of development activities.

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Site development compliance.

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The subdivision shall be developing in accordance with the city of Stockbridge unified development code.

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And the SR district standards.

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Except as otherwise conditioned.

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Architectural standards.

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All homes shall comply with section 4.42 of the unified development code.

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Including facade, articulation, exterior materials, roof pitch, and garage design requirement.

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No land disturbance permit or building permit shall be issued until the applicant has recorded a recombination plaque.

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Merging the three existing parcels.

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And submitted a copy of the recorded plaque to the community development department.

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Condition number 11.

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Open space and infrastructure maintenance.

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All common open space storm water and amenity areas shall be maintained by a homeowners association.

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All public utilities and storm water improvements shall be designed, permitted, and constructed.

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Constructed in accordance with the city of Stockbridge engineering and environmental service department requirements.

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Prior to the issuance of any certificate of office.

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Perimeter fencing.

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A wrought iron fence shall be installed around the subdivision to provide a defined boundary and enhance neighborhood aesthetics.

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The fence shall be located along the valley hill road frontage.

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And along any subdivision boundaries adjacent to existing residential properties.

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As shown on the approved concept plan.

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The fencing shall be supplemented with evergreen landscaping.

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For additional screen and visual appeal.

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The final fence design height and placement shall be reviewed and approved by the community development department.

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Prior to the issuance of a land disturbance permit.

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All street lighting and entrance lighting within the subdivision shall be decorative and designed.

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And consistent with the architectural character of the homes.

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That's it.

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Okay.

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All 13 recommendations for those conditions.

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Councilor, any questions, concerns as far?

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I was going to see if Dr. Barber had any questions before I ask questions.

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I will hold my comments until after the public.

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You got a question sir?

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Yeah.

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My question is what did the old houses look like?

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They were craftsman style homes.

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Do you have a picture of what they look like?

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No, I don't think we have a picture of the old.

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No, we don't have it in this presentation.

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So from reviewing this, it looks like they shrank the size of the homes.

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They did.

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Why would you do that?

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From 18,000 square feet lots to 10 to 12,000 square feet.

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I know, but I'm saying the actual size and the footprint of the house.

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Not the lot.

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So they got the size.

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I see that they put, again, the size of the homes.

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The lots obviously were smaller lots.

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But you could build a 3,000 square foot house on a 12,000 square foot lot.

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That's what my house is.

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So I'm trying to understand why they shrank the size of the houses.

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They could still have built the same product on the same lot.

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Just they would have had more of them.

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But they would have been a bigger, bigger home.

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So maybe, I don't know.

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Was there any discussion on that?

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No, sir.

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Not exactly.

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But the price points, the applicant stated the price points would be around 375,000.

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Sorry.

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That's what I'm saying.

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But I just want to know, and maybe I can ask them when they get up here.

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Is that when they shrank, what was the price point of the original homes that they were building?

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They were up.

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And what was the price point of the homes that they're building now?

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Because, I mean, we need houses in all price points.

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And certainly, if I'm living in the area, I want to get the best quality home built possible.

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So that it maintains my property value.

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Originally, the homes were in the fours.

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Mm-hmm.

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In the 400s and up.

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What was the square footage?

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I think like 3,000 in a row.

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So there was big, nice size homes.

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So I'd be interested to see why they decided to shrink the size of the homes.

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Yeah.

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Thank you.

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Is Barry, you got any questions right now?

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All right.

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The actual applicant or representative of the applicant?

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Look, before you come up there.

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No, I thought we had, on these homes, I thought we had a brick requirement of a minimum amount

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of brick that we would have on each home.

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Because I see almost no brick on these homes.

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I see a water table on one, I think.

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And then like a little bit of stone on one.

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What happened to-

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This is just for conceptual purposes though.

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When he submit, he would, this house went past the test.

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He would have to have more brick on it.

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Is it also identified in the 13 conditions?

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No, that's just standard code.

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That's just in the code.

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So the whole front side would need more brick or stone.

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And then water tables around three sides.

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Right.

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So the closest one that Mike could muster would be this one right here.

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But it would still require more bricks.

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So I'm thinking out to make the changes to comply with our code requirements.

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These homes would be in the \$400,000 price range.

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Also, otherwise make the requirement to cost factor go up.

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Yes, sir.

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I see.

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Okay.

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Yes, please.

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You go to the owner or the developer representative.

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And please pronounce your name.

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Excuse me for mispronouncing your names.

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I'm sorry about that.

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Okay, but go ahead.

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My name is Alejandro Granados.

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I'm one of the developers in this project.

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And in this case, she's Jacqueline Finicello.

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And she can assist me in my English.

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She's not the best one, okay?

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And I need assistance.

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For that reason, I need her assistance.

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Yeah, I appreciate it.

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No problem.

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I have a presentation here.

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And it certainly was a good addition that we were able to switch these homes from septic

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to sewer.

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At every opportunity, when we get an opportunity to switch homes, or if that's, and I think

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there's a policy of the Henry County.

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If they have close access to sewer, they should be mandated to connect to it.

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Good deal.

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Absolutely.

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Okay.

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This is our project.

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We have approval for 16 lots and amenities in the front of the property, including a pool,

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a clubhouse, a pickable courts, and a playground.

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When we receive the authorization from the city of Stockbridge to connect to the sewer lines,

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to the public sewer lines, we can redesign our project to increase or to remove the septic

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septic tanks and connect to the sewer lines.

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And we made a studio of the market to have the opportunity to offer more houses to more

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of the average people in or possibilities of the average people live in this area, come

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buy houses more cheaper than we offer in the first layout.

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Because in the first layout, in this layout, we offer houses around 3300 square foot.

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And the price range initially is around \$550,000, \$580,000, around \$600,000.

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And for that reason, we talk with a lot of people, possible customers, and some neighbors.

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And the best option is development custom houses with good size lots.

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And for that principle, that is the reason we reschedule everything.

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We talk with a lot of people, and for that reason, and with the opportunity to connect to the sewer is better.

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I think for that reason, there was better use to be able to utilize the land a little bit better.

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Now having that opportunity to connect directly to the sewer system.

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This is our sewer easement connection.

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It's approved for my neighbor.

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We already have the plan to connect our property to the public sewer.

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In this layout, you can see our proposal is 28 lots.

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On the back area, we have the detention pump.

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Same like in the first layout.

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Just modify the amenities.

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Remove the pool and the pickleball court to preserve a good relationship with the neighbors.

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And just keep a barbecue area with a gazebo.

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Playground, green area.

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And a walking trail with a dog trail in the right side of the north in the property.

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So as mentioned, these are the proposed amenities.

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There's going to be a children's playground, barbecue area, gazebo, and a walking trail slash dog trail.

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This is a rendering of the new subdivision.

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And also the model homes, the proposed model homes, what they look like.

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About your question, sir, you say if you can see the white area, the requirements say we need preserve

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three-foot stone or bricks.

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We leave a stone design to the around five feet or more in our design.

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Same in all of the proposal.

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Maybe in this render, you can see the stone area until the door garage side is in the same for the whole house.

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And this one is the one floor proposal.

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And this is just a proposed model of the interior of the house.

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So the big question is why are we requesting these modifications?

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And as stated before, the approval to the sewer system with the city of Stockbridge Water Authority, of course,

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they allowed us to be able to add up to 30 homes for the capacity of the existing infrastructure.

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So that's why we were able to do at least 28.

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We have already secured an easement that will directly connect to the sewer lines and the subdivision to the north of the project.

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The cancellation of the septic systems allows us to build more homes in smaller lot sizes,

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still within the maximum density per acre of the city of Stockbridge.

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The market study in the area supports building a neighborhood with homes with comparable square footage,

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ranging anywhere between 350, 380, or up to the 400 with brick, more brick.

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Our market study supports building homes for families with a median household income of 70, 80,000.

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We are proposing moving the amenities to the back of the project for the following reasons.

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There are safety concerns.

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Valley Hill Road is a major road with constant traffic.

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We are proposing moving the plate areas for the safety of the children to avoid high traffic areas.

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Amenities are being modified to reduce noise and preserve good relations with neighboring properties.

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And for this reason, we have removed the pool, clubhouse, and pickleball courts.

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Of course, this minimizes the impact to the land back there.

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And the proposed amenities will be surrounded by landscaping green areas to meet the requirements of the city of Stockbridge.

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And all amenities and properties will follow the city's requirements for setbacks and buffer zones.

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Any lighting in the amenity areas and throughout the subdivision will be directed downward to not shine into neighbors' homes.

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That's it.

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Okay.

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Questions?

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Concerns?

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Thus far?

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I will hold my questions until after the public speaks.

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Anybody down here?

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Yeah.

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Go ahead, please.

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So, in the development, I certainly applaud the opportunity to increase the sewer.

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Certainly, at every opportunity, I think, Ryan, that needs to be a code.

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If sewer is within a close proximity, it should be required for them to connect to the sewer.

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That is the direction, certainly, of a modern city that we should be going.

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Nobody should be on self-take unless it's absolutely necessary.

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And most areas are in close proximity to sewer.

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Now, my thing would have been you giving you the 28 lots, but build the same house.

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Don't shrink down the size of the houses.

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Build the same product that you were going to build originally, but build that on the 28 lots instead of trying to shrink down the house.

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Because on a 12,000 lot, you could still do a 3,000 square foot house, or maybe even do a combination.

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Do some of the smaller houses for the affordability, and then do larger houses, too.

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So, do both in one plan.

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Some of the 28, some of them would be 3,000 square feet.

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Some of them might be 2,400 square feet or a smaller size.

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So, you offer a variety in the neighborhood instead of just offering all small homes.

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Which, basically, what will happen is the larger homes will pull up the value of the smaller homes because they're in close proximity.

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So, is that a possibility?

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Yes, sir. Is that a possible?

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Our target is to offer a product more accessible to the community.

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He wants something that's more accessible to the community.

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So, that's his main goal, and why he had gone for the smaller homes.

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Because smaller homes will be a little more economical, is what you're getting at?

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Exactly.

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Right.

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My point is that, certainly, you could have the smaller economical homes, but you could also have some larger homes as well.

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So, you could split it between the two.

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So, you would have smaller homes and you would have larger homes.

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Okay.

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Okay.

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That's my second suggestion.

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And certainly, we'd be interested to see what everybody else would have to say.

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Because I always, you know, we always advise people, you might not want the best house in the neighborhood, right?

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You want someone else.

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So, if I'm in a smaller footprint house and somebody next to me has a 3,000 square foot, it's going to have that pulling effect.

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It's going to help raise my property values and it's going to help maintain the neighborhood.

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So, mixed income neighborhoods are really a good thing where you have mixed income neighborhoods.

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And it's always a great thing, I think.

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So, if something could be worked out in that aspect, I certainly applaud, again, connecting to the sewer.

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But you'd have more homes and then you would have, and for you, for your standpoint, you would have a bigger price point on a smaller lot,

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which would increase profitability on some of the homes which are the larger homes.

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That's right.

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03:01:33,320 --> 03:01:34,320

Yes, sir.

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03:01:34,320 --> 03:01:36,320

Any questions from the council?

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03:01:36,320 --> 03:01:37,320

Thoughts?

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03:01:37,320 --> 03:01:42,320

Hey, Ryan, in reference to, could you come back to polling, please?

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03:01:42,320 --> 03:01:48,320

In reference to Mr. Alexander's suggestion, and unless the council has any other questions,

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I guess we're talking about a mixture of smaller homes and larger homes, if they're amenable to that.

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And then I guess we probably have to look, if you're looking at 28, what would that number be?

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03:01:59,320 --> 03:02:03,320

I think we've got to figure out a number per se, or what makes sense here?

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Maybe 25% larger homes.

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03:02:05,320 --> 03:02:06,320  
25% you think?

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03:02:06,320 --> 03:02:07,320  
Yes.

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03:02:07,320 --> 03:02:13,320  
Is that, first of all, I guess, Mr. Alexander, does that make sense to you and whether or not they're agreeable to that as another thing?

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03:02:13,320 --> 03:02:18,320  
Yes, it makes sense because you have the affordability, which is much desirable.

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03:02:18,320 --> 03:02:23,320  
But you also have folks who just want to live in a neighborhood where you got a mixed income neighborhood.

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03:02:23,320 --> 03:02:28,320  
Those neighborhoods work out best than having all one price point in a neighborhood.

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03:02:28,320 --> 03:02:29,320  
Yes, sir.

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03:02:29,320 --> 03:02:32,320  
We don't have any problem with that.

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03:02:32,320 --> 03:02:35,320  
We can include one design.

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03:02:35,320 --> 03:02:39,320  
We have, right now, four designs for the small houses.

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03:02:39,320 --> 03:02:52,320  
We can include one design for the bigger lots, you know, because we have one or two, yeah, different designs to offer different options or more bigger.

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03:02:52,320 --> 03:02:53,320  
Yep.

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All right.

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So this needs to be an add to the other recommendations or conditions, I guess?

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We noted it.

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03:02:59,320 --> 03:03:00,320

Okay.

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03:03:00,320 --> 03:03:04,320

You noted it, and I guess, Ms. . . .

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03:03:04,320 --> 03:03:09,320

I mean, when we make the . . . when we . . . yes.

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03:03:09,320 --> 03:03:11,320

We'll add it if it's approved.

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03:03:11,320 --> 03:03:15,320

Yeah, 25% with 3,000, minimum 3,000 square feet.

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03:03:15,320 --> 03:03:16,320

Mm-hmm.

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03:03:16,320 --> 03:03:17,320

Yeah.

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03:03:17,320 --> 03:03:18,320

Got to open up . .

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03:03:18,320 --> 03:03:19,320

Okay.

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03:03:19,320 --> 03:03:21,320

We added that, and you're good with that as well.

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03:03:21,320 --> 03:03:22,320

Okay.

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03:03:22,320 --> 03:03:23,320

Okay.

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03:03:23,320 --> 03:03:24,320

Okay.

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03:03:24,320 --> 03:03:26,320

Then I'm going to open up the . . . well, I don't need to read this.

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03:03:26,320 --> 03:03:27,320

I haven't read that.

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03:03:27,320 --> 03:03:29,320

I'm going to open up the public hearing then.

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03:03:29,320 --> 03:03:30,320

Okay.

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03:03:30,320 --> 03:03:32,320

So any comments for this development?

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03:03:32,320 --> 03:03:33,320

You can have a sit down for just a brief moment.

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03:03:33,320 --> 03:03:34,320

Okay.

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03:03:34,320 --> 03:03:35,320

For a brief moment.

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03:03:35,320 --> 03:03:36,320

Yes.

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03:03:36,320 --> 03:03:39,320

Anybody that's for this development, any comments for, positive comments on my very left?

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03:03:39,320 --> 03:03:41,320

Any in the middle?

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03:03:41,320 --> 03:03:42,320  
My far right?

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03:03:42,320 --> 03:03:47,320  
Any comments that are having negative comments or comments against this particular development?

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03:03:47,320 --> 03:03:48,320  
Far left?

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03:03:48,320 --> 03:03:50,320  
In the middle?

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03:03:50,320 --> 03:03:52,320  
We'll stand up and line up on the side.

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03:03:52,320 --> 03:03:55,320  
Anybody else in the middle or the far right?

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03:03:55,320 --> 03:03:56,320  
All right.

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03:03:56,320 --> 03:04:01,320  
So, otherwise, if you're the only one, I need to come up and give you a name and address,

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03:04:01,320 --> 03:04:03,320  
please, one at a time.

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03:04:03,320 --> 03:04:04,320  
Name and address.

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03:04:04,320 --> 03:04:05,320  
Any comments?

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03:04:05,320 --> 03:04:08,320  
My name is Susan.

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03:04:08,320 --> 03:04:12,320  
I live at 310 Valley Hill Road on Stockbridge.

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03:04:12,320 --> 03:04:13,320  
Okay.

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03:04:13,320 --> 03:04:16,320  
I'm the largest landowner.

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03:04:16,320 --> 03:04:18,320  
I've said this until I'm blue in the face.

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03:04:18,320 --> 03:04:26,320  
I don't, I can't scream loud enough about this project, but I'm the largest landowner adjacent to this project.

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03:04:26,320 --> 03:04:35,320  
In 2023, which was two years and three months ago, they came to y'all and they asked y'all, hey, can we build this?

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03:04:35,320 --> 03:04:43,320  
And y'all said, yeah, you can build it under these stipulations.

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03:04:43,320 --> 03:04:50,320  
The first stipulation was he had to move all the amenities up to the front of the subdivision.

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03:04:50,320 --> 03:04:53,320  
Here's the two maps.

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03:04:53,320 --> 03:04:55,320  
He hasn't done that.

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03:04:55,320 --> 03:05:04,320  
Only thing he's done is replaced the pickleball court and the swimming pool and the clubhouse with a playground and added more houses.

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03:05:04,320 --> 03:05:08,320  
He's taken it from a sewer to a septic.

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03:05:08,320 --> 03:05:10,320  
I know why they did that.

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03:05:10,320 --> 03:05:14,320

Because the whole project is sitting on rock.

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03:05:14,320 --> 03:05:15,320

Rock.

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03:05:15,320 --> 03:05:22,320

Whenever I say rocks, as big as my car, they're huge.

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03:05:22,320 --> 03:05:30,320

And you go by, you pick up a rock, three days later after it's been raining real good, guess what happens?

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03:05:30,320 --> 03:05:32,320

There's another rock there.

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03:05:32,320 --> 03:05:33,320

It does nothing.

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03:05:33,320 --> 03:05:35,320

You're sitting on rock.

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03:05:35,320 --> 03:05:38,320

I'm going to have damages to my house.

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03:05:38,320 --> 03:05:48,320

The 270 houses that went back behind mine in that big subdivision, everybody had a little bit of damage to their house.

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03:05:48,320 --> 03:05:50,320

Me, I got lucky.

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03:05:50,320 --> 03:05:58,320

I didn't have cracks in my foundation or anything like that, but it knocked stuff off the walls whenever they were blasting.

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03:05:58,320 --> 03:06:07,320

My dad went over there while he was still alive, and he said, hey, these people, you're damaging their houses.

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03:06:07,320 --> 03:06:11,320

So they quit putting the basements in.

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03:06:11,320 --> 03:06:17,320

And they quit blasting, like, really close to our homes.

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03:06:17,320 --> 03:06:20,320

The traffic.

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03:06:20,320 --> 03:06:23,320

I can't scream enough about the traffic.

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03:06:23,320 --> 03:06:26,320

This place is already so saturated, it's not even funny.

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03:06:26,320 --> 03:06:36,320

The townhomes up here by Rico's, everybody's cutting through Valley Hill Road to go to Highway 42 to go into town.

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03:06:36,320 --> 03:06:37,320

Okay?

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03:06:37,320 --> 03:06:44,320

Then you got the townhomes that's going in at the end of Valley Hill Road, right down there by 42.

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03:06:44,320 --> 03:06:48,320

And then you got this subdivision going on right here.

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03:06:48,320 --> 03:06:52,320

Do you, I don't, I don't, I have no idea what way y'all go.

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03:06:52,320 --> 03:06:53,320

Okay?

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03:06:53,320 --> 03:06:55,320

But I am mad.

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03:06:55,320 --> 03:06:56,320

Okay?

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03:06:56,320 --> 03:07:05,320

I was upset whenever this first came about, and I'm like, okay, you know, change is good sometimes, roll with it.

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03:07:05,320 --> 03:07:09,320

Two and a half years ago, I thought they dropped the project.

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03:07:09,320 --> 03:07:16,320

I have asked, I don't know how many people, can you tell me how long they have to revise a map?

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03:07:16,320 --> 03:07:23,320

No one, not one person has given me a definitive answer of yes.

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03:07:23,320 --> 03:07:25,320

They have forever.

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03:07:25,320 --> 03:07:33,320

Now you're talking about doing a whole nother, a whole nother, I don't even know what you call it.

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03:07:33,320 --> 03:07:46,320

I'm just a dumb country bumpkin that's been here for 25 years that has built my house that I wanted to die in and taken it and turned it upside down.

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03:07:46,320 --> 03:07:47,320

Okay?

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03:07:47,320 --> 03:07:52,320

I know you got pretty mad at me at Merle Manders the other night, and now I'm getting kind of mad too.

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03:07:52,320 --> 03:07:53,320

Excuse me, excuse me.

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03:07:53,320 --> 03:07:54,320

You need to address the comments to me, please.

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03:07:54,320 --> 03:07:55,320

No need to address the comments to you.

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03:07:55,320 --> 03:07:56,320

Okay.

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03:07:56,320 --> 03:08:05,320

So, as far as distances and everything, I'm going to show you what the distance is from my house to the property line,

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03:08:05,320 --> 03:08:09,320

where they're wanting to put this playground and the retention pond.

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03:08:09,320 --> 03:08:12,320

We all know what comes with retention ponds.

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03:08:12,320 --> 03:08:13,320

Mosquitoes.

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03:08:13,320 --> 03:08:14,320

Okay?

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03:08:14,320 --> 03:08:18,320

And I understand that they're going to need that.

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03:08:18,320 --> 03:08:20,320

I'm standing on the property line.

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03:08:20,320 --> 03:08:21,320

Give me for a second, please.

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03:08:21,320 --> 03:08:22,320

That's my house.

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03:08:22,320 --> 03:08:23,320

That's close.

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03:08:23,320 --> 03:08:24,320

You never started a clock, by the way.

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03:08:24,320 --> 03:08:25,320

Okay, I don't see it.

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03:08:25,320 --> 03:08:26,320

Okay.



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03:08:26,320 --> 03:08:27,320

I can't see it.

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03:08:27,320 --> 03:08:28,320

Okay.

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03:08:28,320 --> 03:08:29,320

Go ahead, please.

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03:08:29,320 --> 03:08:30,320

Sorry.

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03:08:30,320 --> 03:08:33,320

That's how close it's going to be to my back door.

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03:08:33,320 --> 03:08:34,320

Can you see it?

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03:08:34,320 --> 03:08:36,320

I need to see it over here.

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03:08:36,320 --> 03:08:39,320

I don't know how you're going to see it on the phone, but...

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03:08:39,320 --> 03:08:40,320

My phone is a little bit.

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03:08:40,320 --> 03:08:41,320

All right.

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03:08:41,320 --> 03:09:07,320

He gets up here and he talks about how he's contacted neighbors and stuff like that.

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03:09:07,320 --> 03:09:10,320

I've never once been contacted.

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03:09:10,320 --> 03:09:18,320

My neighbors back behind me that are sitting here, they've never been contacted.

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03:09:18,320 --> 03:09:26,320

What might be good for him is not good for your old timers that have been here.

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03:09:26,320 --> 03:09:28,320

You're taking...

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03:09:28,320 --> 03:09:32,320

Whenever he first came, he says, we're going to do this.

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03:09:32,320 --> 03:09:33,320

It's going to be a fenced-in property.

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03:09:33,320 --> 03:09:35,320

It's going to be really nice.

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03:09:35,320 --> 03:09:36,320

16 houses.

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03:09:36,320 --> 03:09:39,320

We're going to have this, this, this, this, and this.

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03:09:39,320 --> 03:09:42,320

And y'all can come and y'all can enjoy our amenities.

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03:09:42,320 --> 03:09:47,320

We'll give y'all passes to come in.

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03:09:47,320 --> 03:09:51,320

I mean, everything is flip-flopped so much.

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03:09:51,320 --> 03:09:59,320

Who is held accountable whenever this flip-flops once again, once this is already passed?

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03:09:59,320 --> 03:10:03,320

Who's held accountable then?

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03:10:03,320 --> 03:10:05,320

Whenever the houses get damaged?

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03:10:05,320 --> 03:10:10,320

You talked about having, you know, insurance.

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03:10:10,320 --> 03:10:16,320

Well, you've got insurance, you must be thinking there's going to be some damages.

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03:10:16,320 --> 03:10:21,320

It's like you're sitting there saying, oh, okay, there's a train wreck that's fixing to happen.

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03:10:21,320 --> 03:10:25,320

Why not just stop the train wreck?

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03:10:25,320 --> 03:10:29,320

You're talking about the train on the end of Valley Hill Road.

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That thing stops on the railroad tracks all the time.

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03:10:34,320 --> 03:10:37,320

You want to talk about backed up?

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03:10:37,320 --> 03:10:43,320

I can't even, sometimes I can't even get out of my driveway because of it.

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03:10:43,320 --> 03:10:50,320

You're adding so much more congestion to a road that's already saturated.

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03:10:50,320 --> 03:10:55,320

You cannot pour six gallons into a five gallon bucket.

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03:10:55,320 --> 03:10:58,320

It's going to overflow every time.

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03:10:58,320 --> 03:11:09,320

I've said this until I'm blue in the face and I don't understand how this project keeps flip-flopping all over the place.

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03:11:09,320 --> 03:11:11,320

I don't get it.

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03:11:11,320 --> 03:11:14,320

I don't get it.

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03:11:14,320 --> 03:11:18,320

I wish, I pray that y'all do the right thing.

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03:11:18,320 --> 03:11:20,320

I really do.

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03:11:20,320 --> 03:11:23,320

It's not about just me.

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03:11:23,320 --> 03:11:28,320

It's about all of these people back here too.

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03:11:28,320 --> 03:11:33,320

I'm partial to my property because it's my home.

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03:11:33,320 --> 03:11:35,320

Just like they are.

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03:11:35,320 --> 03:11:42,320

But whenever they, whenever you tell them that this project passed under these stipulations,

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03:11:42,320 --> 03:11:47,320

and then I hear them coming up here and saying this project has already passed.

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03:11:47,320 --> 03:11:49,320

This project has already passed.

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03:11:49,320 --> 03:11:55,320

But you don't talk about the stipulations that was put on that for it to pass.

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03:11:55,320 --> 03:11:57,320

I thank you for your time.

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03:11:57,320 --> 03:11:58,320

All right.

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03:11:58,320 --> 03:12:00,320

It's, no, that's fine.

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03:12:00,320 --> 03:12:01,320

You're fine.

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03:12:01,320 --> 03:12:02,320

You're fine.

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03:12:02,320 --> 03:12:04,320

I think, you want to speak ma'am?

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03:12:04,320 --> 03:12:06,320

I don't know how much time.

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03:12:06,320 --> 03:12:08,320

All right.

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03:12:08,320 --> 03:12:10,320

Name and address please.

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03:12:10,320 --> 03:12:12,320

My name is Judy Hill.

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03:12:12,320 --> 03:12:16,320

I live at 61 North Davis Drive.

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03:12:16,320 --> 03:12:22,320

I'm the very short street that connects Valley Hill Road with Davis Road.

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03:12:22,320 --> 03:12:25,320

Everybody comes by my house sooner or later.

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03:12:25,320 --> 03:12:28,320

And here lately it's constant.

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03:12:28,320 --> 03:12:31,320

24 hours a day we have traffic.

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03:12:31,320 --> 03:12:36,320

If you put the subdivision in, it's only going to make it tenfold worse.

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03:12:36,320 --> 03:12:42,320

I've lived in my, at my property for 68 years.

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03:12:42,320 --> 03:12:47,320

My mother and daddy bought that property when I was seven years old.

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03:12:47,320 --> 03:12:53,320

When their house burned down, I built mine on the other end of our property.

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03:12:53,320 --> 03:12:57,320

And I've lived in my home for 47 years.

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03:12:57,320 --> 03:13:00,320

I know what she means.

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03:13:00,320 --> 03:13:02,320

The traffic is terrible.

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03:13:02,320 --> 03:13:05,320

The train does back up.

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03:13:05,320 --> 03:13:06,320

Constantly.

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03:13:06,320 --> 03:13:10,320

On my road, the speed limit is 25.

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03:13:10,320 --> 03:13:17,320

I bet we don't have one out of 50 cars that goes 25 miles an hour.

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03:13:17,320 --> 03:13:21,320

On Valley Hill Road, the speed limit is 35.

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03:13:21,320 --> 03:13:26,320

I bet there's not one car out of 50 that goes 35 miles an hour.

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03:13:26,320 --> 03:13:33,320

And now we're going to add 28 more homes in there to put more traffic on our road.

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03:13:33,320 --> 03:13:35,320  
I'm like Susan.

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03:13:35,320 --> 03:13:44,320  
Isn't there a limit to the amount of time that someone can have to modify their original request?

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03:13:44,320 --> 03:13:49,320  
Or could he have waited five years and then asked for another modification?

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03:13:49,320 --> 03:14:00,320  
Or if y'all approve this tonight, in another year, can he say, I've decided I want to do 50 houses?

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03:14:00,320 --> 03:14:04,320  
Nobody's been able to tell us what the time limit is.

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03:14:04,320 --> 03:14:10,320  
Nobody's been able to answer the question of how are the roads going to take care of all this?

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03:14:10,320 --> 03:14:13,320  
How are the schools going to take care of all this?

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03:14:13,320 --> 03:14:15,320  
We're overcrowded as it is.

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03:14:15,320 --> 03:14:17,320  
Our roads are in horrible conditions.

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03:14:17,320 --> 03:14:18,320  
Okay.

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03:14:18,320 --> 03:14:23,320  
Counselor, you want to give her any more time?

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03:14:23,320 --> 03:14:24,320  
Yes.

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03:14:24,320 --> 03:14:25,320  
I understand.

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03:14:25,320 --> 03:14:26,320

Anybody else?

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03:14:26,320 --> 03:14:27,320

Any more time?

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03:14:27,320 --> 03:14:28,320

Do you want more time?

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03:14:28,320 --> 03:14:31,320

Yeah, I just want to ask y'all a question.

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03:14:31,320 --> 03:14:36,320

Would y'all like people coming by y'all's house 24 hours a day?

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03:14:36,320 --> 03:14:42,320

I have one of the darkest roads around, I think.

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03:14:42,320 --> 03:14:47,320

And I have foot traffic around my road constantly.

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03:14:47,320 --> 03:14:55,320

I can go out on my front porch at one o'clock in the morning and there'll be somebody coming by my house.

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03:14:55,320 --> 03:15:04,320

Now, we're talking about somebody that when they first moved here, there wasn't a paved road around us.

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03:15:06,320 --> 03:15:13,320

I was one of the first classes that ever graduated from Stockbridge High School.

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03:15:13,320 --> 03:15:16,320

My children graduated from Stockbridge High School.

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03:15:16,320 --> 03:15:20,320

I've had grandchildren going to Stockbridge High School.

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03:15:20,320 --> 03:15:27,320



I've seen this community change and not all of it's been for the better.

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And I think it'll be a bad mistake to allow this subdivision to go in on Valley Hill Road.

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I think you will, it will be to the detriment of all the neighborhood.

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Thank you for your time.

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Mr. Anderson, could you come back to podium, please?

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No, not to, ma'am.

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Mr. Anderson.

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Okay, so the increase in the houses, what I understood, it was based on actually based going from septic to sewer.

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It's a requirement that we made.

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So that's, I think that's one of the reasons why, if I understand correctly.

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And we already agreed for the conditions that 25% will be larger homes versus the smaller homes.

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We have some variety there.

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The revised map, there was a timeframe.

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Can you address the timeframe in reference to this map and how it's changed?

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Is that nature?

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I think they're referencing to a zoning action.

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Should it be, should a zoning action expire?

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But there's no, there's no time limit unless one of the council members or somebody make a motion to have that, since there was no action.

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There's a certain amount of time that before, like if something gets rezoned in like a year or so, you have to take some type of action or council can come back and ask that that rezoning be rescinded.

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But no one did that.

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Okay.

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So it's overdue.

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I mean, it's just.

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No, it just remains the same.

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Same, right.

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Okay.

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And then the amenities, if I understand correctly, the amenities were changed based on the local different houses, the number of houses increased, I guess.

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Is that some kind of concern?

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It's not my understanding, but due to the number, the increase of the houses and the location and everything.

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Is that correct?

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The first zoning rezoning that occurred in 2023, that was just kind of like fantasy land.

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I don't think that ever would have happened.

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To have 16 homes and to have that many amenities, a pool and a gazebo and all the other stuff would have been very difficult for HOA to support all those amenities.

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So.

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Okay.

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For only 16 homes, that would have been a real tough one.

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You had a comment?

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I did.

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I'm glad you said that.

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Because when you said 16 homes, so this is a different owner.

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Is that what's going on?

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Yes.

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A different applicant, yes.

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Okay.

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Now, it brings clarification.

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Because the first one was kind of like smart homes where, and then there was like a runoff on the, where the water would drip down.

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It was a different type of water system and everything, correct?

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Yes, yes, yes.

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So, and that particular, I remember that.

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And that brought me to wondering, what is the difference now?

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So, they're asking to change from what we voted for and what we had requested.

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Because at that time, we did require, which I didn't agree with, insurance.

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But I thought that was a little bit.

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Yeah.

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That was a council condition at the time.

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Okay.

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So, they sold the property over to someone else.

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But we had already zoned it for a specific way.

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And now they're coming and asking for it to be.

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Modified.

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Modified.

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Got it.

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So.

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Also, council member, they didn't have access to sewer, but now the city has decided to run

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a sewer extension to the property.

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So, originally, if it had had sewer access, they probably came in with a similar project.

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Well, everyone needs to be on sewer.

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Yeah.

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And no offense, but that's, we talked about that.

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The Henry County Water Authority talked about it, as well as our public works department.

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I mean, it's something that, if it's available, it needs to be required.

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And that's where I'm leaning.

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Mm-hmm.

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At all times.

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So, now, in regards to things changing, and there are some concerns with the rock blasting,

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and there were some basements.

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Were any homes built?

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No.

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On the, in the area?

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No.

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No, no homes were built off that project.

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Okay.

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And so.

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And we're conditioned it on the fact that they can't have basements.

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They cannot have basements, because they, they wouldn't be able to blast, did they blast

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at all trying to create basements?

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No.

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Because if there was no construction, so.

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I mean, I guess they're assuming because another project in the area was sitting on rock,

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and they had to do a lot of blasting.

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So.

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But it wasn't that project?

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No, it's not this project.

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That land was just, it still wasn't, it's not developed at all?

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It hasn't been touched, but there's a.

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Or disturbed.

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Mm-hmm.

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Okay.

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So, no disturbance at all?

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Yes.

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All right.

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And in addition to that, the plan originally was for the amenities, the playground, the swimming

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pool, to be up front.

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Are they taking away a swimming pool, or are they going to put it in the back?

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They're removing a swimming pool altogether.

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But they want, they're removing it, but they want to add more homes.

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Yes.

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Yes.

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A swimming pool.

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So, what would be the amenity?

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A barbecue pit, a dog park.

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Let me get back to it.

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I guess the gazebo, I think it's in there.

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You had it all on, you showed it to us earlier.

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Yes, sir.

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A walking trail.

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Yeah, a walking trail.

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Even with 28 homes, a swimming pool would be too expensive.

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That would be costly for 28 homes.

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Yeah.

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So, the standard for having a swimming pool is usually 100 units or more.

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Okay.

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If I understand correctly, what we were first talking about these amenities was with the

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first particular developer.

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This is the second developer.

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Right.

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So, this is why the change occurred.

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I guess part of the reason why change occurred.

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Right.

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Well, I just, I was curious at what that change was.

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But I remember, I recall the vision of the 16 homes and I thought it was like, I was like,

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gosh, I might want to move there myself.

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Like, it was beautiful.

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It was three level, modern homes, absolutely gorgeous homes.

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I mean, who wouldn't want to live there?

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And the average price was about \$500,000.

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And these homes are, have reduced some.

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Yes.

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In design.

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Mm-hmm.

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And I can understand reducing the amenities, but people have a right to, it can be hard.

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You know, we understand that everyone has a right to use and enjoyment of their property.

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Um, the old neighbors and the new.

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Cause they bought it too.

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And I respect, um, the constituent who's an old neighbor who came up and said, you know,

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she understands that some change has to be made and let's be reasonable.

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Um, septic, um, wouldn't happen.

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It would definitely be sewage, right?

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But, um, the, the amount of the properties, the, the, uh, 1.64 per acre.

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I don't know.

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I, I'm just kind of looking at the design of it.

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Uh, and just what exactly are the concerns?

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Because they have a right to, if they own the properties, they have a right to.

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I think they're mostly concerned about the, um, the buffering.

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Uh, she says that the property is real close to our property line.

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Uh, but coal would prohibit that, um, uh, SR.

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The SR would be a 25 foot buffer.

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And then they had a rear yard set back of 40 feet.

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So the property would be almost 65 feet away from our property when it's constructed.

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Would there be anything to, um.

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A fence.

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A fence.

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And evergreen trees.

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Evergreen trees.

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And additional shrubbery.

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Okay.

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All right.

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I would not be that close because that was close from.

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I mean, that's the property line, the property line, but the houses will not be that close.

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Code prohibits that.

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Okay.

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All right.

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I have no further questions right now.

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Is Barbara, you ready for your comments?

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I am.

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Thank you.

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Um, so.

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I like the concepts and designs of the home.

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I do.

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I have some concerns though.

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The blasting.

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Um, that's one of the issues that I know that in.

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Uh, I know that blasting in rocks are a issue.

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Um, in fact, there's an area right across the street from Monarch Village where the mayor

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and Councilwoman Gantt live.

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Uh, it's full of rocks.

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Um, that area has remained undeveloped for that very reason.

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Because of the rocks.

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Um, so that poses, in my, my belief, a health, safety, and welfare concern in which I have

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spoken with the homeowner who lives right next door to it.

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Um, she expressed these same concerns with the original proposal for 16 homes.

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Um, I noticed that the square footage, the original proposal for the 16 homes, it was average

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18,000 square feet.

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Is it 18,000 square feet?

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Yeah.

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The lot size.

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Now it's been reduced to 10,000 to 12,000 square feet.

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Yes, that's still in compliance with the, with the suburban residential, uh, zoning district,

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the SR zoning district.

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That still meets the minimum requirements of that district.

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Okay.

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Um, so, the amenities for all new subdivisions, um, it has been said by this council.

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Um, Councilman Alexander has mentioned it multiple times.

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For all new residential developments, we do want a pool and clubhouse.



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So, all new residential developments.

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And I'm surprised that those amenities, the major ones, have been removed from this project.

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So, what are you going to use to attract, um, potential homeowners here?

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Um, that is another concern.

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Um.

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The, uh, brick requirement.

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Okay.

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Nevermind.

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The price point.

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It is now the 350,000 to 380,000 is what they.

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Uh, currently, but after we impose all our city standards and requirements regarding the

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elevations, I'm anticipating the price point to jump at least about 15%.

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Another 15%?

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15 to 20% to be actual.

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That's interesting.

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Um, it seems as though this, so, one of the issues that I have, because these proposals

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that are being presented from our district, it's affecting, um, all of the homeowners around

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it.

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So, what I'd like to see is for all developers who present proposals in my district, please

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have conversations with the home, the existing homeowners in the area.

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So, it doesn't create, you know, conflict right off the bat.

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I'd like to have all of that resolved or discussed up front, um, because I don't want to pit neighbors

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against each other over developments such as this.

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The property owner has a right to build.

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We cannot deny the right for them to build, sell their land.

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I get that.

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I have the responsibility of determining whether or not this proposal is something that I believe

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will benefit that particular area.

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Because my district has been drawn the way, because the council drew my district the way

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they did, my district has unique needs.

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One area of my district may be able to handle, um, a residential proposal like this.

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Where another area may not.

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I don't believe this proposal is suitable for that particular area.

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Not this amount of density on that particular line.

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Because, um, the railroad track is there.

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Do you have the railroad?

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Um, and considering the fact that, uh, they've increased the density and the number of units

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on the property with no added amenities is also something that is of concern for me.

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I want the same standards that each one of the council members expect in their district.

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I want the same standards in my district.

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So if you approve developments in my district, make sure the amenities include a pool and clubhouse.

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Not just packed in units.

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So those are concerns that I have.

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Um, I like the concept.

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I do.

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It's the density, the blasting.

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That is really a huge concern of mine.

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That's all.

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I would think that, um, I believe what you said, Mr. Anderson, earlier that a pool is more beneficial

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if you have a hundred plus homes or something along those lines.

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Is that correct?

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Yes, that's the standard, Mayor.

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That's the standard.

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And, and I've also thought I understood that these were going to be, uh, well, actually they're, they're on, they're on the ground.

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So there's no basements to any of these homes or they're on a slab.

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That's the con zoning condition of approval that there'd be no basements.

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Which means there's no basement to probably little to no, little to no blasting per se, or not much.

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If you're going to, it's got to level the ground out.

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Um, and then of course, when it comes to new developments, we can't deny a new development for what we think would be a school situation or, uh, infrastructure situation with roads and things of this nature.

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That's something that we have to, we can't deny that by state law.

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We can't deny for those type of reasons.

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Those things have to kind of come along as, as time comes, comes in a sense.

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That's correct, Mayor.

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We can't deny based on those factors.

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Um, the only thing staff does is contrast, uh, an applicant's proposal or request against our code, the UDC and the comprehensive plan.

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And this project met all that criteria.

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Including the density.

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The density is only 1.64 units per acre.

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That district allows up to 3.99 units per acre.

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Got it.

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Appreciate it.

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Ms. Gant.

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That was a concern of mine.

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I mean, if it, if the density already allows the 3.9 units per acre, um, it's changed ownerships.

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There, you just, I was about to say testify, you didn't testify, you, you presented to us the fact that there was no land disturbance, like that wherever the blasting was from did not come from that particular development.

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And it's under a hundred homes, the regulation and the requirement, um, of a pool and a gazebo, a clubhouse, we have a certain amount of homes and that's when we require certain amenities.

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Um, so we have to be realistic.

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Um, it's not town homes, right?

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Thank God.

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We, I mean, I don't want to say thank God, but it's not town homes and it's not, um, it's not 50 or 60 homes.

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We're talking less than 30 homes.

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Um, so I think that's within reason.

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Again, people have a right to earn our living and they have, they, they bought the property.

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It's already zoned for that particular area.

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Besides me loving the three story designs of the 16 homes.

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Other than that, I, you know, who am I to deny it?

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I, I can't.

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I, I see the design.

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I mean, we've got walking trail paths.

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I, I do have some concerns.

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I want to make sure that there's a nice buffer between the neighbor's home.

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It's a, it's a con zoning condition of approval.

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But, you know, I don't want her to have to go look at a playground or whatever it is.

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It'll be heavily screened and buffered.

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Yeah.

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And separated by a fence.

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Yeah.

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But other than that, um, there's no blasting.

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Testified that there's not been any blasting, not for that particular area, that land disturbed,

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that the person in the previous owner didn't do any work.

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So, I, I don't, I don't have anything else to say.

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I mean, I think we're following the rules and regulations and let me be clear.

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You know, yes, everybody wants certain standards, but if, if 16 to 20 something homes are in my area and they're nice houses, I can't require a swimming pool.

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It's on, it's not realistic.

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Who's going to keep it up?

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So, that's all.

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I mean, think about it.

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HOA for 28 homes with a swimming pool and a clubhouse.

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We pay, we got 900 homes, over 900 in Monarch Village, the largest subdivision.

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And we are paying 400 and something quarterly.

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Isn't that right, Mayor?

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It's four.

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It's four.

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No, it's not, it's semi-annual, but it's a little over \$600.

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Yeah, something, something.

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How about that?

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With over 900 homes.

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So, come on now.

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I mean, can you imagine doing that with 28 homes?

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You got to be realistic and you got to be educated and be like, I don't want to say educated, but you got to be, you know, comp, I mean, really think about common sense things.

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Ms. Asana, go ahead, please.

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This neighborhood sounds very similar to the neighborhood that we did on Highway 42 across from Eagles Landing, First Baptist Church.

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That smaller neighborhood.

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It was a smaller neighborhood where I certainly, I fought for brick on the homes in order to get that.

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But basically, what it came down to is that we had so few homes that the amenity package was scaled back.

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I know Councilman Berry was fighting for the brick on those homes over there, too, in order to try to make that happen.

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But what it really comes down to is that, and I think all of us up here agreed that we needed single family detached.

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And that hearing, I heard that a hundred times because I was trying to push for 100% brick on some of the homes.

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But every person up here said, I would do anything to have single family detached homes in my district.

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Well, guess what?

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These are single family detached homes in your district.

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And there are various sizes.

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And we agreed that we were going to do 25% larger homes, 75% of those would be smaller homes.

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And you've already indicated that the standard for building those homes would be brick front, water table on the side.

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And that would kind of hold down the cost on the smaller home.

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But there would be larger homes that are required.

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And I echo what Ms. Gant has argued here, which is we were talking about 16 homes.

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We're adding 12 more.

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And understanding this, and I sympathize with the neighbors.

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But the state is spending \$50 million on Highway 42 right now.

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They're spending \$50 million to widen it so that it will provide better access for Valley Hill and the surrounding area.

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When it's finished, it's going to have four lanes of traffic.

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And there's actually going to be a reconfiguration of the Valley Hill road exit.

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I've seen the plan.

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It's very well thought out.

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It's very well laid out in order for, you know, to move forward.

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And I think it was mentioned that that townhome plan on Highway 42, that actually fell through, right?

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So, ma'am, the townhome project that you were talking about on Highway 42 at Valley Hill, that actually, it did not move forward.

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So, and you could, I'm not saying it, something might not come there because things move forward.

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But there's some news that you probably, it sounds like you didn't know, that the townhome project at Highway 42 and Valley Hill is not moving forward at this point.

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So, that's kind of where we are.

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But the city needs single-family detached homes.

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We do.

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And, you know, as we've said, we had a lot of townhome communities, but certainly we want to offer variety.

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And the last thing that I'm going to close by saying is, listen, in 2021, it was a different situation when we were in 2021, 2022.

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Interest rates were 2%, right?

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So, as a builder, you might have built a very expensive house at 2% interest rate.

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But now, at 6% interest rate, the payment would, in some instances, be double.

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So, I can understand why there's been changes to the program because affordability is a real issue.

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Because a \$500,000 house at 6% interest is double the payment, and it would be at 2% interest.

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So, understanding the affordability in building the smaller homes, while maintaining some of the larger homes at 5% interest rate, that's kind of where we are now.

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So, single-family detached is what we need.

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Thank you.

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Ms. Barrett.

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Thanks, Mayor.

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I just had follow-up questions for Mr. Anderson, as well as the builder, based off some of the public comments.

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So, the amenities now include walking trail, playground, bridge, picnic area.

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And some of the legacy residents stated that the previous developer was willing to give them access to the amenities.

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Is that something that you guys are amenable to?

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Yes, sir.

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The amenities is in the back side, but it's open community, you know?

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And the amenities is open for the whole neighbors.

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And the first layout, we have a gated community.

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In the first layout, with 16 lots, it's a gated community.

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For that reason, the community doesn't have access to the amenities.

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And one of the reasons to move the amenities to the front is for the gated community.

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We remove the gated community.

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We leave an open road.

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The amenities is for the whole neighbors and the community.

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So, you don't have a problem with that at all?

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No, sir.

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All right.

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And then my next concern was one person brought up the proximity.

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I know, Mr. Anderson, you talked about the setbacks and the footage.

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And so, you also talked about a fence being set up as well.

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Yes.

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So, if they would have access, how would they gain access with the fence and the-

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They will come through the main entrance, through the front.



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It will not be gated, but it will be fenced just to separate the-

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The property.

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The property, yes.

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Thank you.

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Okay.

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There's no other questions then, I guess, in the sense, so I need a motion to approve

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it or not?

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So moved.

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To approve.

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To approve.

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Is there a second?

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Yes, sir.

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Okay.

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From Ms. Cantor, Ms. Allison.

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All in favor, please indicate.

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All opposed?

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I oppose.

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Mayor Ford.

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All right.

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At 3-1, the motion passed.

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Comment?

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Go ahead, please.

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I'm closing this because I'm listening to the concerned desires of the neighbors who

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live close to this.

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I believe there is a health, safety, and welfare concern, as the neighbors have expressed.

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Privacy for the adjoining homeowners is also a concern.

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I believe that this development, although the concepts are very nice, I believe the density

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the number of units, it is too high, in my opinion.

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Those are my thoughts.

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I'm listening and I'm addressing the concerns of the neighbors who live there.

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As the district representative of the area, I had hoped that my councilmates would consider

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the fact that I represent the area and I don't support this particular development with

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this amount of density.

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I'd hope that they would have at least reduced the amount of units.

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They did not.

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So, I digress.

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Thank you, sir.

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All right.

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So, make sure we had that condition in there that was 75-25?

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We added it.

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Thank you.

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All right.

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All right.

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So, on that note, once again, it passed 3-1 and we'll move on.

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So, items number 10, 11, and 12 have been deferred till 9 February, 2026.

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So, we'll go to item number 13, which deals with the final reading and adoption proposed

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2026 operating budget capital improvements plan.

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Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Malazzi, gentlemen.

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And I guess congratulations, in a sense, to the developer on your new project.

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Good evening, once again, mayor, council, and community.

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As we convene the final public hearing this evening, I'm pleased to present for your consideration

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the physical year 2026 proposed operating and capital budget.

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The final budget balance budget totals \$74.1 million across all funds, including general

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fund budget of \$34.7 million and reflects your priorities for responsible growth, core

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service delivery, and long-term financial stability.

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This plan continues our commitment to stable governance on a millage rate of 3.77 mills

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maintained since 2023 without an increase to our residents while building on the progress

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documented in recent annual comprehensive financial reports.

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The fiscal year 2026 budget advances a balanced set of investments across organization,

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enhanced public safety resources,

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strengthened public works, and infrastructure with combined budgets increasing to approximately

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\$6.4 million to address roads, sidewalks, facilities, and parks.

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Targeted technology upgrades to monetize systems and cybersecurity, continued support for events

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and community programming that drive engagement and economic activity.

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A 4.4 percent cost of living for all city employees, which is a critical investment in our workforce

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to help offset inflationary pressures, maintain competitive compensation, and a tight labor market,

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and support retention, morale, and continuity of high quality service to our residents.

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In addition, this budget positions the city to advance major SPLA 6 capital projects, including the Community Development Center, City Hall,

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Murr Manders Improvements, and the new public maintenance facility, while sustaining a fund balance above best practices thresholds

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and leveraging the financial flexibility created by fully retiring the amphitheater bond.

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Collectively, the fiscal year 2026 budget is a forward-looking roadmap that protects our financial health,

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investing in core services and infrastructure, and support a safe and vibrant prosperous stop bridge.

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I respectfully recommend adoption following tonight's final public hearing and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

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I would also like to thank city staff for their hard work and their dedication throughout the last three months

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and adopting this budget, specifically the finance department.

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With every change, we understand that we have to go through the full budget and figure out where those adjustments are coming from.

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So we want to just thank staff and their hard work and their time for their flexibility and responsiveness to this budget.

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So without further ado, Mr. Malazi.

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Mr. Malazi.

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Mayor, this is our third and final budget public hearing, and we will, at the end of

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it, request for your consideration to adopt the budget.

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That will be due January 1, 2026.

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Something has changed in our general fund, that's 34,768,690, and at the end of my summary,

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that's the amount with all the changes that we have been having in public hearing 1, 2,

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and 3, that amount is derived from the revenue that is projected.

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So unless there's corresponding revenue somewhere else, our expenses will be within that

amount.

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And then the general total funds, that is general fund plus other funds, the total one is 74,165,684.

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There are two reductions that we have done in the enterprise that will talk down the line.

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So revenues expenses for general fund, 34,768,690, and all funds, 74,165,684.

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Then I wanted to take time to see on the revenues, but I wanted to focus at the bottom of it,

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second page from the bottom where there are transfers.

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There's 2.2 million.

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That's one time transfer, and this one time transfer, Councilman Alexander touched it during the discussions.

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This is the money that is coming from other funds, and specifically from SPLUS.

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SPLUS projects are for six years.

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So if we don't track it properly, we'll find out that we want projects to be done in two years, three years.

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For those projects to be done, that means you have to take money from somewhere else,

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and most of the time it's general fund.



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Unfortunately, we don't account for that.

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We don't go back to see how much money we have borrowed for those projects to be finished.

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That's where that transfers are coming from, 2.2.

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So just know that next year that money will not be there.

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So, it's one time.

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Just want to make sure that we are aware of that.

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So that money is there, but it's one time source of revenues.

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That makes our budget to 32, 768, 690, otherwise our budget would have been on 32 million.

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That's the distribution of revenues, it's the same that you have seen, but this is just on

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the pie chart, and then this is the past history of where we have come from.

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In that 2022, we were 15 million budget, 15.3, 2023, it was the 24.8, and 2024 is the 26.7, 2025, 29.2, and now we are talking about 2026 is the 32, 34.

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So that is showing the growth of the city.

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Revenues are going up because there are a lot of things that are taking place within the community, which is to the positive side.

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And then we have the distribution of that 34.7 million, where it's going, it's going to do the tasks that have been listed here, starting from governing body through other financing uses.

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I want you to look at that amount of how much it's in there.

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Then that's a general fund distribution, which is the same that we have come from, and then we have other funds, including general fund 34.7, then we have total of 74.1 million.

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And you will see here, there are some funds, these are active funds, all these ones are active funds, but you will see some have zero amount, zero amount confiscated assets is zero.

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It's zero, but during the course of the fiscal year, there may be activities.

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So when you approve all these council, whatever may happen, we don't need to do budget amendment, as we have been doing because they are there.

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So even you see the zeros, that means there are no activities, but you never know 2026, something will happen there.

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These are the priorities that the council has, community center, TIS plus projects, downtown development, we're finding, I think it's on the agenda today again, city municipal building.

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Then we have highlights for 2026, road and sidewalks improvements, public safety enhancement, that's the satellite location for our public safety PD.

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No increase in property tax, that's for this year, we can't talk about next year.

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3.7 mills, that has been since 2023.

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Community development fee schedule proposal for 2026, that year has passed.

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Fees have been dormant for us, so we are expecting come January 1, fees will increase from services of community development.

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Then there's the 4% color for our employees.

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Public works new facility is under construction.

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Asymmetry improvements, that's the reason why they have asked additional 10,000.

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So there's 20,000 for that allocated from general fund to that fund.

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Credit card payments fees to be installed.

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Thank you, council, you have installed that one.

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So that will be out of this one.

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Then we have, we went through this one, first, second, the duties, please do read this one.

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Even after the budget has passed through, when we hear about governing body, what do they do?

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That's our elected officials you see here.

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Their job, that's the plan, strategic plan.

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They give directions.

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They make the legislation for this city.

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And then you have the city manager and other appointed and the staff to implement those policies and procedures.

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Governing body is still there.

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We have supporting staff from the governing body for the governing body to function.

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We have staff.

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We have executive assistant.

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We have administrative assistant.

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They provide initiatives and various other duties for the council to function as it will be.

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That is supported by administration appointed staff and the staff of the city of Stockbridge.

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Then you have the city clerk's office.

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You have the city clerk's office again for 2026 overview.

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Then you have the city manager.

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The job of the city manager.

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Go through.

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We read through these ones, but I'm just going over.

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What's the city manager's office do?

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Then you have the city treasurer's office.

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What do they do?

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What takes place?

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Their finances under the city treasurer's office.

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Then you have community development.

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We have human resources.

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What is the job for that department?

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Which is municipal court.

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Most of us, we know municipal court, but if you know some highlights, you can get them

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on the 2025 year in review.

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Then you have what are the goals for 2026?

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You have PD, department overview.

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This is public safety again, public safety or PD.

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Then you have the 2026 proposal funding.

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What are the activities that they are planning to do?

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And that's the establishment of, again, you know, we have a new satellite.

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That satellite office will be part of the initiatives or goals for 2026.

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Public works.

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IT, information technology.

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Then the last one we'll have will be the events.

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We have just passed the calendars or it's going to be passed or discussed.

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The events, we have free events that are taking place throughout and be informed of what the department of events do.

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Then I want us to also know the 4 million.

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This 4 million is the one that is being transferred from general fund to fund other funds for operations.

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Cementally, it's 20,000.

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We discussed that one.

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Then you have, you have CDA and the Downtown Development Authority.

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A total of 435, where we have 336 for CDA and then you have 68,000 for CDA for a total of 435.

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URA, you know, that is for our debt payment, 1.2.

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Then you have also PFA, that's for debt.

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Another 1.5.

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Then the last one is the 840.

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This is the transfer from general fund to amphitheater.

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If you saw the budget for amphitheater is 3 million.

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And out of that 3 million, they are projecting to get revenues and the shortfall will be 840.

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If the expenses will be limited to that 3 million.

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If the expenses will be 3 million, then that will be different.

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But as of now, projected the transfer from general fund for 2026 is 840.

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For a total of 4 million, that is being transferred from general fund to fund other funds for operations.

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Then the summary.

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On summary, you have general fund, which is the 334.7 million.

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Proposed expenses, including additional expenses or changes to expenses, cannot be more than 34.7 million.

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This is now under council's consideration for approval.

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If there will be additional expenses to general fund, then we need to get corresponding expenses.

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Number 2.

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All other funds, including general fund.

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All fund 2026 proposed budget are in balance.

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Number 3.



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All fund.

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Stormwater expenses have been reduced by 173,500 to be in line with estimated revenues.

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Water expenses have been reduced by 487,940.

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940 stormwater and stormwater budgets had revenue from reserve so i'm discussing here we have already

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discussed with the um public works director of how we are going to resolve these ones because you

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cannot budget operations from reserves just know that reserve is always one-time funding

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next year it will not be there next year it will not be there so we have gone through if they will

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have problems with the capital projects yes we can use because capital projects funding either

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from reserve or others still will be one time so my request is to approve the consider approving

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the general fund 34.7 and all other funds totaling 74.8 74.1 million not 74.8 million

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all right question council for mr malazi or mr evanson go ahead sir mr barrett mr evans no mr malazi

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you talked about the amphitheater fund on a couple of different uh touch points you said the initial

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budget was three million but then you spoke on a transfer of shortfall of eight hundred and forty

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thousand dollars so amphitheater they are projecting that what they need in 2026 will be three million

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out of that they will have expenses uh revenues that's from tickets from um sponsorships

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and remember the seat manager said that this will be he allowed activities so there are some activities

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where they will get money have we ever hit that number we've always exceeded that number in the past

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um that's the city manager standing just besides me here i think he may explain and we have yeah yeah

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i'm not in agreement with short changing we're not gonna i say we do what is expected

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to do if it's at 4.5 it's at 4.5 it's a it's a facility that if you do the data

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or statistics on what it takes to run something i don't want to shoot us in the foot and go back

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with this mismanagement of funds on a budget that we yes we can amend it and people

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you know use campaign stuff or smoke screens but make sure that it's the ample amount of money

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that is needed to run the facility without someone saying oh they're just spending all

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this money on an amphitheater and the reason i say that is because it take it costs money to run

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facilities cost money to rent any facility so i don't want to shortchange us and if it costs 4.5

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normally then that's what it needs to be if it if that's the case and it's not oh they're brinking

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a bank they're you know they're just spending all this money in the amphitheater now you have a plan

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in place to have shows that might sell more or based off the studies of what you look at

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but i don't want us saying oh we're just trashing money oh look they went over budget again you know

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and i'm gonna make it really clear again budgets no they're not meant to go over they're they're a map

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a road map but they're not illegal and nobody's doing anything criminal when they do go over

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it's scaling like any other business or any other thing that people do or when they buy stock and

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sometimes it goes down and sometimes it goes up and sometimes it doesn't do what it's supposed to do

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that year or you know somebody in the higher ups of government says one thing and then all of a

sudden

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you know all the stock is flat it's the same thing with a budget so we need to stop that narrative

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and the drama behind it and if it's 4.5 million or whatever it costs to run professionally the way we

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need to do with whatever building we have then that's what we need to do so long as we're not going broke

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doing it let me say this i want to 100 percent echo and i know where mr berry was trying to go

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we we're gonna set ourselves up for a three million dollar budget knowing that that's not adequate and

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then in the end all we're gonna hear about is ah they they went over budget again no we know that last

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year we spent what mr malazi what we spent on the amphitheater budget 4.4 i think i see here so last

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year if you say last year that's two 2024 we spent the 8.1 i'm saying in 2025 2025 is projected the 4.4

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4.4 right 4.4 the 4.4 schedule was a scale back did about how many shows that we do how many shows

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move do you know how many shows that we did even this year period just how many paid concerts did we do

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i think about 10. right we did 10 paid concerts there's 365 days in the year

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we only did 10 and we spent what 4.4 million dollars on the 4.4 i think we could have got more

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out of the 4.4 than the 10 and i'm not pointing the figure at you miss webster and you can have a seat

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now i just wanted to get that clarified is that on a scale back schedule where we only did 10 concerts

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all year at a 20 million facility we spent 4.4 what i want us to do is to get ahead of the game

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i want us to spend the necessary dollars to book the maximum amount of concerts that we can do

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based on this budget that we did in the previous year we've never been under that number that's the

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lowest number that we've had and how did we get there we really kind of damaged our reputation by

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canceling concerts and and then uh you know going back changing the schedule that's not what we want

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to be known for we want to be known for booking the shows standing behind our commitment it was

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unfortunate that we had you know a changeover in the middle of the year whoever the provider is that

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we bring in we're going to give them this budget they're going to stick to this budget and that's it

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that's what we're going to do i want everybody coming back to us saying well this happened or that

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happened when the reports are supposed to come two weeks after the show we expect the reports to come

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two weeks after the show mr malazi and his team will be responsible for the finances just like they

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were this it's amazing when mr malazi was in charge of the expenses this year they actually came down

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right they came down because we had a we had a solid uh you know plan where he was following up on

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the money that was going out who was getting paid what was going to happen those vendors need to be

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vettted as we've agreed to do right mr malazi every city vendor will be vettted we'll make sure that those

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amounts are going out or appropriate but we we did make progress this year where the budget came down

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but mr edmondson you have said to me and and i believed in and i bought into it a hundred percent

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which was the halo effect of the amphitheater we have no idea but we went to burlington we went

to

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the ribbon cutting we have no idea but we went to the first watch ribbon cutting we have no idea but

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tim horton's coffee is coming here seven brew is coming over there crown pizza is thriving frozen

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smoke is doing well aba therapy we just had a brilliant ribbon cutting at burn boot camp right

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mary absolutely those businesses are happening by accident they are a halo effect of the money that

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we're spending now i look at it on a macro scale to look at look at truest park right a 700 million

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dollar project that the county invest cobb county invested 400 million dollars in right now the halo

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effect around that has been a billion dollars in economic development created of course we're micro

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we're not there but we can look and see at what is happening right all around us with the new

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businesses that are populating our area and we have a ribbon cutting now almost every week

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when we first started and i know you all when y'all first started ribbon cuttings were a rare occurrence

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we're very rare they were very rare now we have them all the time and people are knocking on the

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door at economic development ryan is as busy as possible and he tells us all the time his department

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is driving the revenue right his department is making revenue right and left and so many more businesses

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are coming so i want to do the appropriate thing i call it investment we invested in ourselves in the 22.5

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million dollar facility we paid it off we have got the economic momentum now i don't want to do

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anything to step on it 10 concerts stepped on it this year we want to use that amount but we want to get

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a better deal uh based on what we're paying the artists and and the requirements and we understand now

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with the way the economy is going and ticket sales are going these artists should be charging less

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they should they should be charging less based on the way ticket sales have gone not just with us

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but with all the facilities that are not selling out because of the ticket prices have really gotten out

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of hand so let's look at it examine it and whoever the provider is that we bring in from the rfp

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we need to hold them to this budget that we had this past year at about 4.5 yeah that would be



my recommendation

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so um when we was going over this trying to find the funding um we was going back and forth and mr

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malazi was able to find the funding uh for that particular budget um but what we did we kind of

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looked at it and all those points that y'all made are valid uh those points are valid um but another

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thing that we looked at we looked at the approach that we have been using for the last three years

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and we just thought that that approach was not sustainable um for instance um we did a flat ticket

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pricing for all acts um same price used regardless of the artist profile the demand the day of the week

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um high demand acts was underpriced uh we lost revenue on that um enterprise in name but general

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fund and practice um we had that the whole intent was to create an enterprise um but the model that

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we was currently using did not produce the enterprise amount of money that we was trying to produce so

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what we're trying to do is something a little bit different this year well completely different this year

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to drive that revenue in that we've been talking about while still maintaining the quality of the

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shows and things that we do have so we understand the 2.6 that have been budget previously has been

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insufficient um because it it just wasn't a way to kick start an enterprise fund um so one thing that

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we have been doing and considered uh for instance we are switching um our ticketing from fresh ticks to

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uh ticket master we understand that in itself is is huge when it comes to identifying shows and acts

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in the region we believe that's going to be a game changer uh tier uh tier ticketing multi-year promoter

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agreements uh clear revenue risk sharing uh structured sponsorships being intentional about those things

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making sure that 40 percent of the ticket sales and tickets cover all the costs of the amphitheater why

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we are looking at the other 60 percent as revenue so just different models in itself for that way

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and just the approach to it we believe that we're getting gain more momentum than we had before

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just uh changing the model

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we are being very intentional about the acts and things that we bringing back we looked at historical

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things some shows that's very successful we looked at things that in the area uh doing samples and

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looking at different uh recommendations uh we came up with a proposed list for 2026 um just based off the

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responses and things that we're getting and we believe that if we bring in the right people

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um and market it well uh align ourselves with great marketers and the industry that we can get to where

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we're trying to go um marketing killed us um our approach to it and being intentional and and getting

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follow-up on what those numbers look like um we we believe now that we have a a definitely a plan for that

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when it comes to marketing and getting the word out um and getting the community involved in that

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that's a big big approach that we're taking this year that we believe will have tremendous return back on that

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um just breakdown if we talk uh look at the actual breakdown of 3600 seats that aperture that's in

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there it removes 20 250 seats so right now we are investing in removing that so we moving that area

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lower so that the audio and the production thing is lower and is level set with the seat so that we can

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open up additional 250 seats um through the last rental that we had that was a big big thing and that's

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another reason why it didn't sell out because of the tent that we had that blocked the view or

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obstruct the view so that in itself adding those additional 250 seats is game-changing so as small

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things they seem small on the surface but it it's a huge return when we're talking about the approach

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that we're trying to do this particular year and trying to bring in some of those revenue sponsorships

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things of that nature and getting the word out um once again we talk about hey you know why are

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people not hearing about us if people don't understand and you're not reaching those audience

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by being on those platforms that market concerts and things of that nature you'd never reach the

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level to enterprise you know and we just think that those different measures that we're talking

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about the tier system changing our ticketing system bringing in real good sponsorships partnerships

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that long-term investments just like we did with vistar we think it's definitely a way to go to

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bring in some of that revenue that we're talking about um so that's just kind of the approach that

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we was thinking about looking at doing the numbers uh crunching the numbers and saying that hey if we

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do this model right here this is the return that we anticipate to get um just by this particular model

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um so we we talked to every scenario um once again um i only could go by what uh

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stuff that we do have available in regards to finance i've been working closely with mr malazi on

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trying to find additional funding but we just believe with this method right here where we at

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right now can do it and once again this is something that we've never done before

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but once again it's trying to to do something different that we've never done before to get a

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better return back but once again um if that's the the the wish of the council we go back to the

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drawing board and figure that out awesome for you it mentioned about the production set the production

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sound team and lowering everything yes i i i uh i'm assuming well no i shouldn't assume i mean i'm

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i'm thinking along the lines that uh that aca russell company built it for us so i'm assuming

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here i go assuming again that that you would go them to to get to get the right folks i guess to

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reduce it or shrink it or whatever the case could reconstruct it since they built it for it i would

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imagine they have all the you're the right personnel or contacts to do that with right we had a couple

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of uh engineers and people come out and look at it and they thought hey digging down versus you know

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up is the is the best course of action of course there are some issues talking about the runoffs

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looking at the different piping that we have um but we believe the amount of that we're going to invest

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in doing that one particular change would be a good return because you open up an additional 250

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seats so that's a a big thing also the rentals we was renting equipment every single show um instead

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of owning that equipment so that's a huge turnaround as well because when we're talking about the 360 model

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that we are proposing which opens it up to other venues uh renting it out for graduations uh different

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organization having they they official uh events here is what we're marketing there's a demand for

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uh right now atlanta is oversaturated with area and space people are looking for different venues to

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rent out so that's a different model that we're looking at as well but we have to own the stuff

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that we've been renting which is a lot of money just in rentals year after year after year we bought

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it 10 times over so this time we're just trying to do something different and looking at the expenses

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and things that we have spunk money on and saying let's invest it let's buy it and then just make that

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a part of package so when people do rent it out it's a package deal and it and it's a return on your

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investment so the equipment that you need we need to buy is not part of this potential 45.

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no we have it in the budget and in this budget as well okay all right not a part of the three million

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three million we have a maintenance budget that's dealing with infrastructure and building correct

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i'm sorry back up i said that i asked was it strictly operation right this right here yes

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yeah well i'm a little confused right now i thought you talked about originally three million but what

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what we've been recently discussing probably needs to be something similar to what had happened last

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year about 45 about 4.5 million i thought that's what i thought i was i heard yes so if this is operational

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what is the line item for the ancillary what is the line items for the ancillary materials building

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building and maintenance facility okay yeah because we understand that of course it requires upgrades

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all our facilities require that maintenance upgrade so we did look at uh the cost that would cause to

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kind of do some minor adjustments and upgrades and that and that's going to be a part of it

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uh outside of this three million which is strictly operating um calls for that you keep saying three

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million sir we we need 4.5 before 4.5 but let me can i speak real quick go ahead sir let me just say

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this we want to set the target high but the one thing that we've been missing i i don't know do we need

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to put our rlp out for somebody to find sponsors with the great press and everything that we have gotten for



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this facility and the type of acts that we came in we should have a multitude of sponsors for this event

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and then i think even for the city events team we need to have somebody out there working on

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sponsorships because we're not getting it done i'm sorry we're not somebody should have their name on

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the fourth of july event with 10 000 people if we talk to the right people somebody will put their name

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on that 10 000 somebody will put their name on bridge fest right these juneteenth i honestly i say

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it's about starting out with councilman thomas and the counts we had with the previous administration

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to bring it from the park to uh the amphitheater that was that that that is the one of the best

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juneteenth events in the country somebody will sponsor that all of it not us and that's where the key

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is going to be right there so uh and that was i think was the biggest downfall in our previous model

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is that we we had tried to do this one shop stop shop thing where every one person or the organization

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was in charge of everything including marketing marketing with the ticket master will be better but

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we need to have a dedicated organization out there chasing down sponsorships for us maybe they get paid

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on part of the sponsorships that they bring in but the sponsorship money is the big x that's missing

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from the quotient and and i'll assure you those dollars are out there especially with all the

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employers that we're bringing to town and the one thing that i would like to see us do and i see

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clayton county doing it all the time i see clayton county government and and the uh jonesboro amphitheater

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working together all the time that's a relationship that we need to get going with henry county so the

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henry county is having shows at the amphitheater as well through the iga agreement uh and then partnering

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with us because the tourism benefits all of us not just the city of stockbridge so those relationships

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need to happen so whatever we need to do to make that happen but i'm committed tonight we're not leaving

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here with a three million dollar budget after we've been failed at 2.6 which is so close we got to

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04:22:25,160 --> 04:22:34,360

have an adequate budget to make that happen mr edmondson look to choose there mr frank so i don't know

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you need something you need to add he called me to speak so i'm going to excuse me he asked me to speak

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yeah yes sir i'm actually speaking i'm thinking where to start from he's blinking what now i'm thinking

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where to start from you know you got one word after another that's what so three million out of the

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three million that he he proposed um with the four hundred three million that means the amphitheater was

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to generate 2.1 million plus 84 it was coming to 30 million total which you are saying is not

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realistic seeing with what has happened it will not be that means the the general fund has to come up with

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2.3 i would request this is my suggestion i would request you approve the budget as it is with your intention

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to go to 4.5 then he let him rework message where to move money to make up for that difference of 1.5

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because now we are short of 1.5 and the money that they have now if he was asking for the year

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definitely by mid of the year he will still have that but i think it will take time to sit down and

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see how we can move money because we are not increasing revenues they have to come from general

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fund to fund that okay so if we happen to agree to that and perhaps agree to prove to you would set we

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have to have another formal meeting to to make that adjustment or not we have to see where to move money

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to make up for that one point because as you say it's not realistic three million with the standard

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that you want but you have to give up something to come up with so it will be priorities that he has to

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which other projects can be delayed or where he can move some money to make up for that

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okay which also brings to my point again to do that i will say we would have to have a some type of

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special call meeting to to see that no you you pass this you pass you have if that's if that's the

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desire to counsel yeah yeah okay you will pass this one because you what you have is the more than a half

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a year of the entire project so what you are looking for is an additional 1.5 million to finish the the whole

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fiscal year okay to make it five point four point five all right but with the understanding that

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this budget will be changed to make it to 4.5 right because as of now i'm sure he will not have will not

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have that available money because we have to give up something all right well okay with the understanding

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that it that three is not enough we will need additional so if we pass that one that means we

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are passing unbalanced budget because we have expenses that are but we don't have corresponding revenues

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okay let me ask you this what about the money that we had discussed about the hotel motel tax money

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that's coming in that's my point of can you hold on on this so we can but we don't want to get in

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a position where we're doing a budget amendment and again in 2026 we want budget amendment you have to do

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it okay you have the even this 2025 come january february you have to do it okay so what you're saying

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is understanding and we pass in the budget as is at its balance but certainly we'll be endeavored of

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looking for that additional funding to go to with the understanding we're going to go and and the message

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is clear we're going to endeavor to get to 4.5 and the city manager is going to be looking for

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the additional funding whether that be the special service district whether that be the other income

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from hotel motel because we had several hotels come online so that number should definitely be going up

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so hotel motel has got three sources of expenses and our hotel motel revenues are growing are going up

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for instance now we have budgeted four four hundred and twenty four thousand to go to general fund

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but in actual sense we are going to expect not less than nine hundred thousand now you may wonder

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where does the other money where does it go so general fund has a portion of that eight percent

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government then we have to give it to chamber henry county chamber then we have to give it to

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tourist development within our city so those are three

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so until you decide to say that we are going to have our own

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board here that means you don't have to send that money to chamber but until that one is put in place

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we will still continue sending that money and over the years we have not been utilizing for tourists

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here so we have in general any reserve over two million that we have to take it to general fund

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that has been over the years they have not been accounted for so that one has to come to general fund

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now when it comes to general fund you have to decide it's general fund what do we do with this one

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will it be but we have to follow procedures that money is there we are going to move it

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so we so we have additional funding coming we just got to move it general fund but it will you have to

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decide what to do with it but that's one area i'm saying there will be something okay so we just basically

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we we we should have it we just got to do amendments um we have to do the amendment i don't think he

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he will have finished the um amphitheater by march come march i don't think he will have finished the

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04:29:19,720 --> 04:29:28,600

all three million we do budget amendment whenever there is more revenues or less revenues so that at

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04:29:28,600 --> 04:29:35,080

least it's in balance you can do as many there's no limitation of budget amendment but if you do as

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04:29:35,080 --> 04:29:43,720

many times as that means that lack of planning at the same time so at least minimum of two budget

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04:29:43,720 --> 04:29:48,520

amendments but you can do as many as you can okay all right thank you miss barbara go ahead please

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04:29:50,120 --> 04:29:54,040

i am trying to wrap my mind around the discussion that we're having

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04:29:54,600 --> 04:30:01,880

regarding the amphitheater and funding it at the start of this meeting we talked about funding for

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04:30:01,880 --> 04:30:11,320

a new park and soccer fields we didn't look or dig to find money for the soccer field

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04:30:12,680 --> 04:30:19,000

instead it was suggested that we bond the money bond the money to complete these capital improvement

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04:30:19,000 --> 04:30:26,040

projects but yet right now we're having all these discussions about how we're going to fund the

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04:30:26,040 --> 04:30:37,400

operations of the amphitheater that's wasting money it is wasteful spending i'd much rather 4.5 million

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04:30:37,400 --> 04:30:47,240

dollars go towards this new park and the existing parks not to fund again the operations of the amphitheater

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04:30:47,800 --> 04:30:57,000

in 2021 i brought to the table a major naming rights sponsor who was willing to pay for all of the upfront

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04:30:57,000 --> 04:31:05,240

costs including paying for the cost of the artists paying for the speakers and lighting and sound and

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04:31:05,960 --> 04:31:11,880

all of the things that we needed for the operations not one dime would have come from the city

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04:31:11,880 --> 04:31:18,840

however my councilmates didn't want to proceed with the negotiations they'd much rather use the tax

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04:31:18,840 --> 04:31:29,000

dollars to fund the operations it makes no sense we are a municipality we're a government



entity we are not

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04:31:29,000 --> 04:31:39,400

a nightclub we're not a business either i am bothered because not only are these tax dollars from residents

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04:31:39,400 --> 04:31:47,560

it's my money too and that is not how i want to spend my money i'd much rather see us execute the master trail

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04:31:47,560 --> 04:31:54,840

plan that was one of the priorities that i had when i first got on the council in 2020.

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not one trail has been put together since then but we have wasted year over year since 2022 millions

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04:32:05,640 --> 04:32:14,360

not hundreds not hundreds not thousands millions of dollars every year on the operations of this

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04:32:14,360 --> 04:32:23,240

amphitheater absolutely it's gross mismanagement i want to be real clear about how i see my fiduciary

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04:32:23,240 --> 04:32:29,640

responsibilities as an elected official and a member of the governing body while i cannot and will not

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04:32:29,640 --> 04:32:35,480

speak for the other members of the council what i will say is that i take the budget adoption and

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04:32:35,480 --> 04:32:42,360

adhering to the city's approved operating budget very seriously equally i take the city's charter

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04:32:42,360 --> 04:32:49,560

seriously as well residents of our city are not looking for handouts they're looking for an equitable

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04:32:49,560 --> 04:32:56,920

return on their investment of their tax dollars the arrogance and the lack of care and concern that has

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04:32:56,920 --> 04:33:03,800

been exhibited as a governing body has made decisions that have benefited the very few rather than the

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04:33:03,800 --> 04:33:09,400

collective is something that we all will have to answer for that's why i've been asking questions

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04:33:09,400 --> 04:33:16,200

since i was sworn in and six years later i have not stopped i understand the weight of the responsibilities

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04:33:16,200 --> 04:33:24,360

that my position carries i understand that my role is to save money cut costs not waste more money

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04:33:25,080 --> 04:33:32,840

as elected officials we each took an oath to act in the best interest of our city and to provide oversight

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04:33:32,840 --> 04:33:41,400

of each and every taxpayer dollar that comes in and goes out the governing body approved a finance policy

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04:33:41,400 --> 04:33:49,240

and agreed to follow the processes and procedures in that policy and we unanimously agreed to a two to

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04:33:49,240 --> 04:33:56,520

three-year plan to follow the recommendations by the city treasurer and the city's financial advisor to

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04:33:56,520 --> 04:34:04,040

rebuild the city's fund balance our savings account i hope that the governing body will fulfill its

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04:34:04,040 --> 04:34:12,120

obligation and to not use the city's fund balance or general funds except and only in case of emergencies

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04:34:13,000 --> 04:34:20,280

on october 28th of this year the city manager made a request to add new positions and reclassify current

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04:34:20,280 --> 04:34:30,920

positions with new titles and pay grades the city's charter section 3.04-060 requires that when a new

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04:34:30,920 --> 04:34:38,920

position is created the ordinance shall include the new job description a new pay and classification and a new

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04:34:38,920 --> 04:34:46,920

organizational chart including the new and reclassified positions on october 28th none of those documents

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04:34:46,920 --> 04:34:54,360

were included and presented to the governing body as required i opposed the vote to approve the new and

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04:34:54,360 --> 04:35:01,720

reclassified positions not because i disagreed with the positions but my opposition referenced the charter

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04:35:01,720 --> 04:35:08,360

which requires those documents and they had not been included members of the governing body should

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04:35:08,360 --> 04:35:15,160

also question why the documents were not attached members of the governing body should also question

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04:35:15,160 --> 04:35:21,720

why the city's legal council did not advise on the requirement of those specific documents this is

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04:35:21,720 --> 04:35:28,600

not the first incident of when new positions or reclassified positions have been created so there is a

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04:35:28,600 --> 04:35:36,920

history of adhering to the process and the charter by doing it this way the right way on

november 10th

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04:35:36,920 --> 04:35:43,560

the city manager presented the first reading of the fy 2026 operating budget and capital improvement plan

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04:35:44,120 --> 04:35:50,360

the mayor opened the public hearing portion of the meeting and gave and members of the council gave

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04:35:50,360 --> 04:35:57,480

their input and responses to the budget that was presented i read a statement into the record where i made

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04:35:57,480 --> 04:36:04,360

it known that i had gone through every single line item of the proposed budget what was missing from the

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04:36:04,360 --> 04:36:11,000

first reading of the proposed budget was funding for the amphitheater the required job descriptions paying

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04:36:11,000 --> 04:36:19,000

classification and city organizational chart for the new and reclassified positions making the budget as

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04:36:19,000 --> 04:36:26,440

presented incomplete i questioned several budget line items and various departmental budget amounts

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04:36:27,160 --> 04:36:34,200

i also recommended that the council adopt an ordinance regarding the use of contingency funds which are only to be

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04:36:34,200 --> 04:36:42,280

used in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster the mayor and members of the council did not

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04:36:42,280 --> 04:36:49,560

support moving forward with the approval of a contingency fund ordinance that night and said that our city's

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04:36:49,560 --> 04:36:56,520

legal council needs to review and bring back an ordinance i forwarded my email to all members of the

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04:36:56,520 --> 04:37:04,840

governing body the city's legal council the city manager city treasurer and the city clerk to date the

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04:37:04,840 --> 04:37:12,760

city's legal council has not prepared an ordinance for contingency funds nor have i received a response following

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04:37:12,760 --> 04:37:22,600

their review on november 17th 2025 city staff submitted some but not all of the documents that i requested

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04:37:22,600 --> 04:37:30,120

during the november 10th meeting city staff submitted some but not all of the job descriptions for the newly

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04:37:30,120 --> 04:37:38,600

created and the reclassified positions city staff submitted an incomplete paying classification and

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04:37:38,600 --> 04:37:46,600

responded to some but not all of the questions and concerns that i raised regarding the fy 2026 budget

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04:37:47,480 --> 04:37:55,800

during the second reading of the proposed fy 2026 budget on november 18th again i requested that all job

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04:37:55,800 --> 04:38:03,720

descriptions the paying classification or organizational chart be attached to the budget as required by the charter

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04:38:03,720 --> 04:38:13,720

section 3.04-060 i requested the amphitheater marketing plan the sponsorship plan to understand the next steps

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04:38:14,280 --> 04:38:23,720

to offset costs associated with the concerts and free city events as was discussed during the retreat i also requested the

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04:38:23,720 --> 04:38:28,120

the building maintenance plan for the merle manders conference center to understand the

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04:38:28,120 --> 04:38:35,240

necessary steps to increase revenues as discussed during the budget retreat i asked for an update

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04:38:35,880 --> 04:38:41,640

to the assistant public works director position as it relates to the engineering services as

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04:38:41,640 --> 04:38:49,560

discussed during the retreat along with other documents and questions relating to the proposed fy 2026 budget

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04:38:49,560 --> 04:38:57,080

i specifically asked during the november 18th meeting if the documents were attached as requested point of

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04:38:57,080 --> 04:39:02,920

order and it was confirmed point of order what's the point of order sir we're talking about the budget we're

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04:39:02,920 --> 04:39:09,640

going down this list that has nothing to do with the budget we're talking about the 2026 budget how much

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04:39:09,640 --> 04:39:16,680

money we're going to spend this documentation trail has nothing to do with what we're talking about tonight we're

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04:39:16,680 --> 04:39:22,440

talking about the assistant uh director of the public works and back in november we're talking about

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04:39:22,440 --> 04:39:30,040

the 2026 budget what we're going to do to move forward now as a rule we have five minutes to speak

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04:39:30,040 --> 04:39:35,480

on any topic for any subject how much too much time does miss barbara need because we're not going to

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04:39:35,480 --> 04:39:42,360

sit here all night stand by a second how long how much longer anybody else stand by a second  
okay well i'll tell

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04:39:42,360 --> 04:39:47,080

you what uh what i understand that these these parties conversation deal with positions that  
are

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04:39:47,080 --> 04:39:52,040

in new positions that are in this 2026 budget is that correct if that's the correct that's  
still

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04:39:52,040 --> 04:39:55,880

somewhat budget related that's the way i look at it correct so i'm going to let her continue on

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04:39:55,880 --> 04:40:01,400

and then we'll get some other times to to speak additionally if you need to do so so continue  
on go ahead

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04:40:01,400 --> 04:40:08,680

okay um i specifically asked during the november 18th meeting if the documents were attached as  
requested

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04:40:08,680 --> 04:40:14,120

and it was confirmed that they were included in the governing bodies agenda books and agenda  
binders

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04:40:14,680 --> 04:40:20,360

however all of the requested documents and responses were not included and had not been

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04:40:20,360 --> 04:40:27,880

submitted when i stated that the information was not there i was attacked as you see i was  
attacked by

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04:40:27,880 --> 04:40:33,880

councilman alexander for asking the city manager to respond to the budget questions raised and  
i was

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04:40:33,880 --> 04:40:39,720

attacked by mayor pro tem gantt who insisted that the information had been submitted by staff

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04:40:39,720 --> 04:40:46,680

and was included in the agenda books and it was mayor mayor pro tem gantt accused me

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04:40:47,320 --> 04:40:52,440

of not reading the information prior to the meetings she accused me of gaslighting

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04:40:53,320 --> 04:40:59,720

for asking questions of staff and and she again violated the city's code of conduct when she called me

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04:40:59,720 --> 04:41:07,480

crazy which can be clearly heard on the mic during our public meeting what is interesting is whenever

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04:41:07,480 --> 04:41:13,000

i bring up questions regarding the amphitheater funding of the amphitheater putting the amphitheater

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04:41:13,000 --> 04:41:19,640

services out for bid or turning the amphitheater over to a third party management company these two

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04:41:19,640 --> 04:41:27,480

council members become argumentative and want to shut me down for simply asking questions during the budget

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04:41:27,480 --> 04:41:34,600

retreat in macon mayor pro tem gantt also by waiting the city's code of conduct when she called me a

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04:41:34,600 --> 04:41:40,280

bitch during the public meeting point of order of course the conversation was about this is totally out

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04:41:40,280 --> 04:41:48,440

of course relax can you relax for a second please miss barbara you can't use this barbara hold on a

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04:41:48,440 --> 04:41:52,840

second miss barbara when we do public hearings it states in the comments and i've stated in the comments



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04:41:52,840 --> 04:41:59,080

that we okay i'm sorry sir i'm just repeating what she called me but i will i will refrain from using

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04:41:59,080 --> 04:42:05,000

profanity thank you sir that'd be good thank you um during the budget retreat in macon mayor pro tem

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04:42:05,000 --> 04:42:10,920

gantt also violated the city's code of conduct when she called me the b word during the public meeting

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04:42:10,920 --> 04:42:15,960

of course the conversation was about amphitheater funding during the budget retreat in september of

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04:42:15,960 --> 04:42:23,400

this year mayor pro tem gantt again we're not supposed to attack our fellow council members up

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04:42:23,400 --> 04:42:29,000

here conversation center we're not supposed to do that we're not supposed to attack our fellow members

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04:42:29,000 --> 04:42:33,400

that part of what we're doing these are code of conduct violate we're not supposed to be attacking

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04:42:33,400 --> 04:42:38,440

each other up here that's wrong talk about the budget don't talk about miss gantt don't talk about

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04:42:38,440 --> 04:42:45,800

me talk about the budget therefore it may finish please sir how ask a point which is remain from

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04:42:45,800 --> 04:42:51,160

mentioning other council members or attacking other councilmen those are code of conduct violations i

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04:42:51,160 --> 04:42:56,600

understand that but that goes for everybody it goes for everybody across the board okay during the

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04:42:56,600 --> 04:43:02,440

budget retreat in september of this year mayor pro tem gantt once again violated the code of conduct

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04:43:02,440 --> 04:43:08,280

when the conversation centered around the amphitheater funding and the operations she called me the b word

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04:43:08,280 --> 04:43:13,480

for the second time during a public meeting there was no consequences for any of these code of

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04:43:13,480 --> 04:43:21,240

conduct violations even after i reported it to the mayor and the count the city's legal council

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04:43:22,120 --> 04:43:28,200

attorney washington i am requesting an investigation of all three of these incidents where mayor pro tem

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04:43:28,200 --> 04:43:36,600

gantt violated the code of conduct with name calling in public meetings with action to be taken by the

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04:43:36,600 --> 04:43:43,800

governing body the next day after the last meeting of the governing body on november 19th the mayor and

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04:43:43,800 --> 04:43:50,840

council received a series of emails from city staff that included attachments and documents that two

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04:43:50,840 --> 04:43:57,000

members of the council and the city manager had said the night before that the documents were in the

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04:43:57,000 --> 04:44:03,640

council agenda books and binders there were no explanations or apologies for their false accusations

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04:44:03,640 --> 04:44:09,880

towards me during the last meeting of the council following the second reading of the proposed budget

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04:44:09,880 --> 04:44:16,520

i asked for clarification on additional budget line items and again requested all job descriptions

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04:44:16,520 --> 04:44:22,840

the pay and class point of order mayor and the original chart as required point i sent an email to the

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04:44:22,840 --> 04:44:30,040

the entire governing body you you have let allowed councilwoman barber to go far beyond the scope

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04:44:30,040 --> 04:44:38,120

okay of what this budget now i understand she has every yeah i will make a motion to end her comments but she

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04:44:38,120 --> 04:44:50,840

has went she has went far beyond the scope and it's pinpointing different things and no one i'm not here to say any of her actions but the video tapes will speak for themselves and i'm not here to defend you

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04:44:50,840 --> 04:45:00,200

and i'm not here to defend any actions i'm very confident in that um i i know the law and i'm very aware

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04:45:00,840 --> 04:45:07,080

of of i'm actually shocked that she would even have something to say at this point but this is about our

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04:45:07,080 --> 04:45:17,400

budget so i make a motion that we end councilwoman barber's speech or her testimony in regards to

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04:45:17,400 --> 04:45:24,120

or her her code of conduct if it's not pertaining to the budget this is this is in a budget hearing

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04:45:24,120 --> 04:45:32,680

meeting and she's talking like she's laying on a couch somewhere expressing her feelings and i'm not

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04:45:32,680 --> 04:45:43,240

trying to be funny but you know it's um 10 37 tonight and we need to talk specifically about the budget and so

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04:45:43,240 --> 04:45:52,600

therefore i make a motion that we stop the comments of councilwoman barber if you look at

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04:45:53,320 --> 04:45:59,800

the rules and regulations in our resolution after so many minutes of speaking she's had

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04:45:59,800 --> 04:46:05,240

well over her time and my time and the whole council's time at this point so so is there a second

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04:46:05,240 --> 04:46:10,920

that motion i second that motion because the rules have been violated you second the motion it's all

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04:46:10,920 --> 04:46:14,840

favorite motion please indicate mayor for stand by stand by all favorite most please indicate

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04:46:15,400 --> 04:46:23,800

mr barry please allow me to finish okay okay all opposed the motion does not pass the motion doesn't

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04:46:23,800 --> 04:46:28,440

pass hold on hold on a second the motion doesn't pass what's the vote

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04:46:28,440 --> 04:46:35,720

well well actually only two votes for the motion i have not interrupted what's the stand by saying

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04:46:35,720 --> 04:46:40,040

the motion failed it was two to two you don't have to vote is it two to two you don't need to vote

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04:46:41,720 --> 04:46:51,320

thank you mayor ford is it um if i may sir make sure to specifically to the budget so what what now

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04:46:51,320 --> 04:47:00,840

i am going to finish my statement but now um sir i think you are being unfair and unreasonable

because

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04:47:00,840 --> 04:47:09,000

every member of this council gets to speak freely with no interruption i sat here i sat here as

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04:47:09,640 --> 04:47:16,760

those two down there went back and forth making their comments having discussions with staff i said nothing

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04:47:16,760 --> 04:47:23,800

i want to finish all of my comments because everything that i am reading here happened

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04:47:23,800 --> 04:47:29,160

during the public meetings and public hearings regarding the budget adoption

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04:47:29,720 --> 04:47:34,520

mayor ford i don't need any point of order to try to dictate to me

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04:47:35,960 --> 04:47:41,960

we are talking about the we're talking about the actual budget the numbers on the budget i understand

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04:47:41,960 --> 04:47:47,080

not the events that the mayor has given the accusations of what has taken place over the

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04:47:47,080 --> 04:47:52,280

course of the floor to stop please and we have tapes the mayor has given me my actual video

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04:47:52,280 --> 04:47:58,920

miss gantt will you calm down please i'm just saying following the second reading of the proposed budget

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04:47:58,920 --> 04:48:05,720

i asked for clarification on additional budget line items and again requested all job descriptions

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04:48:05,720 --> 04:48:11,560

the paying classification and the organizational chart as required i sent an email to the

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04:48:11,560 --> 04:48:19,160

entire governing body the city's legal council city manager city treasurer and city clerk on

friday

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04:48:19,160 --> 04:48:29,400

december 5th at 10 48 pm some but not all of the information was emailed to the governing body with a final

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04:48:29,400 --> 04:48:38,360

reading and adoption on monday this is exactly why i make my comments and requests publicly coincidentally

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04:48:38,360 --> 04:48:45,000

or not the job description for the new events director position was not submitted why is that

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04:48:45,960 --> 04:48:54,040

i have been publicly requesting monthly quarterly and semi-annual financials since 2022 because i knew the

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04:48:54,040 --> 04:49:00,840

math wasn't mapping two members of the council and former council member directed the former city manager

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04:49:00,840 --> 04:49:09,240

at the time via email not to release financial information to me it's on record i had to use my

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04:49:09,240 --> 04:49:16,920

own personal monies to retain an attorney as a way to obtain information from our city and i had to file a

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04:49:16,920 --> 04:49:23,320

complaint with the secretary of state's office for a violation of the open records act when documents were

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04:49:23,320 --> 04:49:30,840

not given to me as requested as an elected official the operations of the amphitheater went millions of

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04:49:30,840 --> 04:49:43,240

dollars over budget in 2022 2023 2024 and 2025. i was sounding the alarm each of those years and i'm

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04:49:43,240 --> 04:49:52,360

sounding the alarm now our city spent nearly a million dollars of free events just last year

and is

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04:49:52,360 --> 04:50:02,520

proposing the same in the 2026 budget again i am sounding the alarm there is no municipality that would

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04:50:02,520 --> 04:50:12,760

allow their city to repeatedly year after year go millions of dollars over budget let alone overspend on

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04:50:12,760 --> 04:50:22,200

free events and an amphitheater it is wasteful spending and fiscally irresponsible the governing body approved

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04:50:22,200 --> 04:50:29,000

the city tax and the residents were told that the city tax would be used to cover expenses associated

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04:50:29,000 --> 04:50:36,680

with public safety and public works to cover the additional areas as a result of the 2023 annexation

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04:50:36,680 --> 04:50:39,160

of approximately 6 700

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04:50:41,720 --> 04:50:49,320

residents and businesses however we've been continuously spending millions of dollars over budget on free city

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04:50:49,320 --> 04:50:59,400

events and the amphitheater every year since 2022 not thousands but millions i have pleaded with the

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04:50:59,400 --> 04:51:07,240

governing body and the city managers to outsource the operations of the amphitheater to a third party venue

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04:51:07,240 --> 04:51:17,320

management company who would bear all of the costs to run the shows including booking the artists etc and the city would

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04:51:17,320 --> 04:51:24,360

receive a portion of the profits for each show my repeated recommendation has fallen on deaf ears

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04:51:24,360 --> 04:51:31,880

with the governing body who insist on maintaining control of the amphitheater by spending millions of tax

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04:51:31,880 --> 04:51:40,600

dollars to fund the operations even though we have in our face four solid years of overspending and losses

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04:51:40,600 --> 04:51:52,920

in 2024 we exceeded the approved budget by 32.9 million dollars city staff decided that although there was an

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04:51:52,920 --> 04:52:03,000

overall budget of 43 million dollars a total overall 76 million dollars was spent city staff didn't come before the

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04:52:03,000 --> 04:52:10,440

governing body to request an additional 32 million dollars as required during a public hearing where the full

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04:52:10,440 --> 04:52:17,960

governing body would be present and a vote of approval was required they just spent it unauthorized and

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04:52:17,960 --> 04:52:29,240

unapproved this year by second quarter of this year mr malazi was given instructions to fund the remaining

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04:52:29,240 --> 04:52:36,600

of the shows for this year he did that in executive session there is no vote of record of the council

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04:52:36,600 --> 04:52:44,840

authorizing him to spend the money why because that was a decision that was made in executive session

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04:52:45,720 --> 04:52:51,560

those are decisions that should be made right here in the public meeting not behind closed doors



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04:52:53,960 --> 04:53:01,320

nobody was listening to me on the bullhorn as i was continuously sounding the alarm that something was not right with the finances

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04:53:01,320 --> 04:53:07,880

that 32.9 million dollars should and should still be available in the different accounts that it was

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04:53:07,880 --> 04:53:14,200

pulled from and spent but it's no longer there and that is why there was a 32.9 million dollar

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04:53:14,200 --> 04:53:21,640

amendment i am trying to prevent that from happening to our city ever again these are going on for i had

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04:53:21,640 --> 04:53:28,040

hope that there would be a lesson learned and the members of the governing body the leadership and the

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04:53:28,040 --> 04:53:35,000

decision makers of our city would wake up and pay attention there needs we have been going on now

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04:53:35,000 --> 04:53:41,160

for 30 minutes we will be in the same 30 minutes with another budget amendment i'm making a motion

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04:53:41,160 --> 04:53:48,200

in the comments to continue the meeting until the well runs dry there are those who said that they

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04:53:48,200 --> 04:53:54,200

got a motion in a second okay we're being standby without their knowledge even though i was selling the

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04:53:54,200 --> 04:53:59,480

standby for a second please you you're making another motion yes we've been going on 30 minutes

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04:53:59,480 --> 04:54:05,720

now make an emotion do i'm making a motion to end these comments so we can move on with the meeting

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04:54:05,720 --> 04:54:11,000

we've been going on 30 minutes now now we've been talking about a lot of stuff but the budget there's

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04:54:11,000 --> 04:54:16,200

been plenty enough time to talk about the budget issue but we've been talking about personnel issues

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04:54:17,080 --> 04:54:22,680

throwing darts at everybody time to end these comments and then move on with the meeting

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04:54:24,200 --> 04:54:27,960

you made a motion for that second all favor motion please indicate

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04:54:30,200 --> 04:54:38,280

you got one page left mayor for it so stand by hold a second this is one she said that 10 20 minutes

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04:54:38,280 --> 04:54:45,960

ago miss burry it had nothing to do with the budget it's just constant no this has been going on 30

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04:54:45,960 --> 04:54:53,160

minutes we got five minutes to speak on any one issue five minutes and we've been going on 25 minutes

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04:54:53,160 --> 04:54:59,400

for the record i am going to email this information i'm going to email this statement because it is

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04:54:59,400 --> 04:55:04,680

for the record i'm sorry miss holiday i will email this statement just as i did with the other two

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04:55:05,240 --> 04:55:11,960

to the full governing body the city attorney the city manager the city treasurer the city clerk i don't

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04:55:11,960 --> 04:55:18,040

need a response for this i want all of this on record all right if i can finish sir without any

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04:55:18,040 --> 04:55:25,800

interruptions from my councilmates i appreciate it i'm sorry what do you have left here i'm sorry what

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04:55:25,800 --> 04:55:33,320

do you have left i have a page and a half left a page and a half yes and if you allow me to finish i

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04:55:33,320 --> 04:55:39,320

could have been finished by now hold on please so so you realize you realize you've been going you

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04:55:39,320 --> 04:55:44,440

have been going on very long i want to focus strictly on the budget now in this aspect and this is all of

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04:55:44,440 --> 04:55:49,160

this pertains to the budget stand by please why don't why don't you just go ahead since you're going

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04:55:49,160 --> 04:55:52,760

to send it to everybody why don't you send it to everybody we'll cease this now we'll continue on

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04:55:52,760 --> 04:55:58,520

any specific budget questions that anybody has in this morning well no all everything that i'm saying

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04:55:58,520 --> 04:56:05,400

is in regards to the budget and the public especially those who elected me to represent

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04:56:05,400 --> 04:56:13,240

them they want to hear what i have to say so i think it is unfair that you would cut me off from

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04:56:13,240 --> 04:56:19,960

speaking well the point of it is my truth each of us get to speak our truth whether or not you agree

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04:56:19,960 --> 04:56:27,720

with me that's one thing this is not for a vote this is me and my statement my comment if you allow me to

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04:56:27,720 --> 04:56:34,120

finish sir i promise you you probably won't hear from me for the rest of the night but it just

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04:56:34,120 --> 04:56:39,560

bothered me to hear we're making all these concessions for the operation of the amphitheater

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04:56:39,560 --> 04:56:47,560

for the parks we got a bond for that so let me finish if you would please sir with with no

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04:56:47,560 --> 04:56:55,320

interruptions um i have not interrupted anyone i've been very respectful i've been very patient

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04:56:55,320 --> 04:57:00,760

finish your comments so we intolerant before we can thank you i appreciate it mayor yes um now i

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04:57:00,760 --> 04:57:07,720

don't know where i stopped so i'll have to start go ahead let's see i don't know where i start i don't

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04:57:07,720 --> 04:57:13,800

know where i stop okay there are those who said they didn't know the city's funds were were being spent

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04:57:13,800 --> 04:57:19,400

without their knowledge even though i was sounding the alarm and asking for financial reporting too many

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04:57:19,400 --> 04:57:25,080

times to count and it has been suggested that i ask my questions and address my concerns behind the

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04:57:25,080 --> 04:57:31,880

scenes just as they're doing right now well the behind the scenes conversations have cost us millions

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04:57:31,880 --> 04:57:39,800

the city has overspent over the approved budget for four consecutive years this makes no sense all

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04:57:39,800 --> 04:57:47,160

discussions of funding sources such as sploshed t-sploss general fund and other revenue streams should be

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04:57:47,160 --> 04:57:54,760

discussed publicly not behind closed doors in executive session and or via text message and emails

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04:57:54,760 --> 04:58:01,640

when i continue to raise questions and ask raise concerns and ask questions publicly i was censored

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04:58:01,640 --> 04:58:08,200

i was admonished because i was raising red flags asking for budget documents contracts and other

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04:58:08,200 --> 04:58:15,480

financial records during the public meetings and email no one listened i was ignored and talked over

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04:58:15,480 --> 04:58:20,200

with numerous attempts to drown me out so that you couldn't hear what was really happening

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04:58:21,720 --> 04:58:29,160

the truth has since unfolded and been brought to the forefront okay finally however the truth has not

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04:58:32,680 --> 04:58:40,360

been accomplished accompanied by an apology and further review and discussions by the governing body

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04:58:40,360 --> 04:58:46,920

this is public money and whenever we talk about city funds those conversations need to take place in

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04:58:46,920 --> 04:58:54,120

the open for public knowledge the governing body is fully aware of what happened as it relates to the 2024

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04:58:54,920 --> 04:59:02,680

32.9 million dollar amendment and the previous years of millions of dollars of overspending our city went over

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04:59:02,680 --> 04:59:15,800

budget in 2022 2023 2024 and 2025 over budget our city's ethics board recommended that an independent firm review the claims for dereliction of duties

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04:59:16,920 --> 04:59:24,200

has the governing body acted on any of the ethics board recommendations no tonight this council is being asked to approve

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04:59:24,200 --> 04:59:37,880

the 2026 budget for 34 million dollars city staff asked the council to approve the budget at this time last year for 29 million and tonight we have a 2025 budget amendment

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04:59:38,680 --> 04:59:43,880

that the council approved for 8.8 million dollars so far so far

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04:59:45,000 --> 04:59:52,120

staff has not provided all of the job descriptions and paying classification or a complete city organizational chart

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04:59:52,680 --> 05:00:00,360

there is still one job description that is missing an events director position is missing

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05:00:01,800 --> 05:00:07,080

there have been three meetings in which i have asked for all the job descriptions for new and reclassified

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05:00:07,080 --> 05:00:14,920

positions including the paying class and the new positions of the events director who will be responsible

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05:00:14,920 --> 05:00:20,840

for overseeing the contractor who will manage all aspects of the operations of the amphitheater

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05:00:20,840 --> 05:00:27,480

it has not been submitted prior to the meeting tonight why is it being withheld members of the council

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05:00:27,480 --> 05:00:34,040

should be asking that question too my requests tonight are not complicated there needs to be proper

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05:00:34,040 --> 05:00:41,160

reporting of spending and oversight by the governing body frequently turn the amphitheater over to a third

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05:00:41,160 --> 05:00:48,520

party venue management company who has the capital to cover the cost of operations of the venue at 100 percent

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05:00:48,520 --> 05:00:56,120

without relying on taxpayer dollars to subsidize the operations reduce the budget for free city events

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05:00:57,160 --> 05:01:04,520

ensure sufficient funds are available to complete the downtown utility relocation project allocate

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05:01:04,520 --> 05:01:10,920

adequate funding to the rock quarry road extension project ensure sufficient funds are available to

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05:01:10,920 --> 05:01:17,080

complete the wayfinding project ensure adequate funding is available to execute the master trail plan

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05:01:17,960 --> 05:01:25,160

ensure adequate funding is available to execute the parks master plan we need an update to the capital

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05:01:25,160 --> 05:01:33,800

improvement plan and the lci list those dates and projects need to be updated what we have in our books

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05:01:33,800 --> 05:01:43,960

is not accurate currently the priorities of our city are not adequately reflected in the budget also the

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05:01:43,960 --> 05:01:50,680

governing body should pass an ordinance for the city's contingency fund assuring those funds will only be used

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05:01:50,680 --> 05:01:57,480

in an emergency as i mentioned on november 10th the governing body should provide proper oversight

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05:01:57,480 --> 05:02:03,640

and must fulfill our fiduciary responsibilities as we swore to when we took the oath of office

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05:02:03,640 --> 05:02:10,520

when the budget is approved and adopted that amount is what staff should adhere to of course there may be

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05:02:10,520 --> 05:02:18,600

a need to make adjustments that happen but never again should overspending being in excess of millions of dollars

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05:02:18,600 --> 05:02:25,400

millions of dollars millions of dollars this is not just a couple of hundred thousand millions of dollars that

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05:02:25,400 --> 05:02:35,800

is being overspent not on my watch i'm not going to just sit here and act like this is just okay it's okay for

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05:02:35,800 --> 05:02:43,880

us to continue having budget amendments in regards to the operations of the amphitheater that is not a priority of

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05:02:43,880 --> 05:02:50,040

our city what is priority are the services that we're supposed to be providing the residents

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05:02:52,760 --> 05:03:00,520

i will continue to ask for documents and it is my right and my responsibility member of members of the

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05:03:00,520 --> 05:03:07,640

governing body must allow staff to do their jobs without interference and without fear of losing their jobs

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05:03:07,640 --> 05:03:14,120

simply because they are choosing to do what is right and staff needs to do the job they've been hired to

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05:03:14,120 --> 05:03:21,720

do our city will be better for it based on my gma training if the council does not approve and adopt the



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05:03:21,720 --> 05:03:32,440

budget tonight it's not a big deal our city will just continue operating using the 2025 budget until a new budget is

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05:03:32,440 --> 05:03:36,920

adopted is that correct mr malazi

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05:03:40,280 --> 05:03:48,520

if you have money because 2025 budget as we have mended we amended because some they run out of money

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05:03:49,400 --> 05:03:50,760

so until there's funding

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05:03:52,920 --> 05:03:57,400

it may be very difficult or almost impossible to provide some services

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05:03:57,400 --> 05:04:07,800

to approve the budget and make some changes that ever may be applicable that's the reason why

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05:04:07,800 --> 05:04:15,880

i requested general fund is balanced the problem may be to other funds approve the budget additions

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05:04:15,880 --> 05:04:26,520

reduction can be done thereafter well i will i will support approving the fy 2026 balanced budget as it has been

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05:04:26,520 --> 05:04:32,360

presented in the amount of thirty four million seven hundred sixty eight dollars

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05:04:34,360 --> 05:04:41,160

seven hundred sixty eight hundred and sixty six ninety dollars that's general fund that's general fund

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05:04:41,160 --> 05:04:47,000

three four seven six eight six ninety dollars when all of the required documents are provided per the

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05:04:47,000 --> 05:04:52,760

city's charter when adopting a budget if there are any changes made to this budget it should

not exceed

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05:04:52,760 --> 05:04:58,840

thirty four million seven hundred sixty eight thousand six hundred and ninety dollars the bottom line is

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05:04:58,840 --> 05:05:07,160

the general fund should remain as it has been presented all of the added positions requested by mr edmondson

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05:05:07,160 --> 05:05:16,680

are not included in this budget so they are included they are included well what about the events director

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05:05:16,680 --> 05:05:24,680

the charter position because he requested that uh before even this one before the budget it was part

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05:05:24,680 --> 05:05:33,320

of the positions that he requested but the requirements the charter is factored it's factored it's factored

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05:05:33,320 --> 05:05:42,360

it's factored in the general fund i'm sorry those positions are factored in the general fund okay so you funded the

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05:05:42,360 --> 05:05:50,280

positions even though the process wasn't following but you approved the position before the budget was even

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05:05:50,280 --> 05:05:59,240

presented those positions he presented to them you are you approved them council approved them the council

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05:05:59,240 --> 05:06:08,520

approved those positions without the paying class for all of the positions there are some that have been added

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05:06:08,520 --> 05:06:15,400

now that is to to do with public works they have come they were not they were not part of that that's public works

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05:06:15,400 --> 05:06:24,440

were not part of that but if you remember he presented those requests before the budget was presented

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05:06:26,360 --> 05:06:30,600

okay well so not approving the budget

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05:06:30,600 --> 05:06:41,800

well thank you sir i okay so then the purchase of vehicles i see that there is

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05:06:43,160 --> 05:06:49,640

the vehicles were approved by council during the retreat what was remaining was funding and

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05:06:51,800 --> 05:06:57,320

we talked about the funding that there was a source of fund and the vehicles are not for 2026 the

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05:06:57,320 --> 05:07:06,360

vehicle council council's vehicles will be for 2025 they will be bought in this year for 2026 or 2025 25.

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05:07:06,360 --> 05:07:14,120

okay so they shouldn't be in the budget i not i um the council agreed to purchase four vehicles

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05:07:14,120 --> 05:07:19,960

which will replace the older vehicles two ford explorers correct and adding a passenger van

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05:07:19,960 --> 05:07:27,960

and a large suv to the so there are four council vehicles you have the 15-seater vehicle

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05:07:28,840 --> 05:07:33,080

you have the suburban you have two explorers

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05:07:35,880 --> 05:07:40,600

at first you said you need you needed the tau but tau is smaller than the suburban

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05:07:40,600 --> 05:07:49,000

uh well we didn't say we just said four vehicles including a large suv and passenger van

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05:07:49,640 --> 05:07:53,080

um we wanted to add that to the governing bodies fleet

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05:07:56,360 --> 05:08:03,480

say it again the city council agreed to purchase four vehicles which will replace the older vehicles

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05:08:03,480 --> 05:08:10,440

correct correct which is two ford explorers yes and adding a passenger van and a large suv to the

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05:08:10,440 --> 05:08:19,800

governing bodies fleet the larger suv is the suburban suburban okay then the 15-seater that's when we

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05:08:19,800 --> 05:08:27,160

have youth council we have to we have to book for them so if you have here they can use it

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05:08:27,160 --> 05:08:33,880

and council if you are traveling as a group you can use the 15-seater now it was said that we would

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05:08:33,880 --> 05:08:40,440

transfer the vehicles that are being replaced to other departments one being main street i support

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05:08:40,440 --> 05:08:47,320

moving the other vehicles to event but i don't support purchasing another 60 000 vehicle when we

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05:08:47,320 --> 05:08:53,880

already have a vehicle that can be transferred once the new vehicles are received this is 60 000 that's for

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05:08:53,880 --> 05:09:04,840

the event right they have money i think but the actually that this city manager can address that the four

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05:09:04,840 --> 05:09:08,600

vehicles that the council has already approved and agreed on

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05:09:12,120 --> 05:09:18,120

the new vehicles that we get the older ones we had agreed that one would go to events

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05:09:19,000 --> 05:09:26,760

one would go to main street so i just want to make sure that we're not just every department is just

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05:09:26,760 --> 05:09:34,120

buying vehicles just whenever when we already had a plan and agreement on how we were going to do this

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05:09:34,760 --> 05:09:39,240

i asked because i noticed that the ford explorer that the city manager drive still doesn't have

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05:09:39,960 --> 05:09:47,880

city decals and it he can if that vehicle what was that ma'am i didn't catch that the city's logo

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05:09:48,120 --> 05:09:55,720

on it and if that vehicle can be transferred to another department i just don't understand why we need to buy

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05:09:55,720 --> 05:10:06,040

another vehicle when the council has already addressed the need for vehicles in the governing bodies fleet

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05:10:07,560 --> 05:10:13,880

so please help me understand why why we need another vehicle

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05:10:13,880 --> 05:10:18,120

for events or main street

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05:10:20,440 --> 05:10:22,520

because it wasn't discussed during the budget retreat

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05:10:26,920 --> 05:10:34,760

you asking a question i mean so the understanding for the governing body vehicles was these vehicles

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05:10:34,760 --> 05:10:39,960

was dated and we need to turn those in and trade those in to get newer vehicles so the goal was to

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05:10:39,960 --> 05:10:47,560

trade those vehicles in trade them in yes or to to sell them because putting them back into the fleet

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05:10:47,560 --> 05:10:50,920

i mean we're gonna have to replace the vehicles in a few years anyway because they've been sitting

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05:10:50,920 --> 05:10:55,320

there so the understanding was to sell those vehicles so if you're saying don't sell those vehicles

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05:10:56,040 --> 05:11:00,440

then do something else with them then that's a different guidance but it was our understanding that

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05:11:00,440 --> 05:11:07,160

we was going to sell those vehicles to offset the cause for the new vehicles oh okay i thought they

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05:11:07,160 --> 05:11:13,560

were being transferred that's what i understood that the governing body's current fleet would be

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05:11:13,560 --> 05:11:19,320

transferred to other departments i didn't know that they were going to be sold or traded in yes ma'am

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05:11:19,320 --> 05:11:25,960

okay thank you thank you for that okay budget for the unhoused mr edmondson you did say during the

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05:11:25,960 --> 05:11:31,480

hometown connections meeting you confirmed that there was funding in the budget to partner with agencies

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05:11:31,480 --> 05:11:37,400

in support of the unhoused population in our city what is that account number can you tell me where it

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05:11:37,400 --> 05:11:44,840

is in the budget for 2026 for the unhoused but uh they can go under different several different lines

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05:11:44,840 --> 05:11:49,080  
uh professional services which line item that is so i can make a note of it

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05:11:49,080 --> 05:12:13,000  
i can make a note of it what is it probably uh 10 000 for the uh housing thing that we're doing

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05:12:13,000 --> 05:12:28,200  
okay so then while he's looking for that mr malazi um i know funding to the dda budget has increased

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05:12:28,200 --> 05:12:36,520  
from 45 000 to over 336 000. the full council is unaware of why the budget has increased to this amount

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05:12:36,520 --> 05:12:47,320  
the dda did not present their 2025 year-to-date expenses for or during our budget retreat can you

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05:12:47,320 --> 05:12:56,520  
or mr edmondson or maybe the council liaison to the dda can explain um all the expenses during the retreat

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05:12:56,520 --> 05:13:05,560  
they provided the the presentation and the report that they gave there is a lot yeah the discrepancy in

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05:13:05,560 --> 05:13:14,840  
the spending they get they gave the presentation and after after they gave the presentation they

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05:13:14,840 --> 05:13:24,360  
submitted their budget request for 2024 and that budget was incorporated in here it is as it is it's

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05:13:24,360 --> 05:13:31,800  
up to the governing body to say we are giving 45 we can't give 300 we will stick to 45 or we need to

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05:13:31,800 --> 05:13:41,000  
give 100 200 it's up to you to reduce or to leave it as they requested it so i'm making a point of order i'm

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05:13:41,000 --> 05:13:47,080

making another motion to end this so we've been to continue with the meeting we've been going on now

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05:13:47,080 --> 05:13:53,400

for almost an hour because the presiding officer would not stand up what they believe i'm making a

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05:13:53,400 --> 05:13:59,080

motion to end these comments first of all you're not right i'm not not the fact that i'm not standing up

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05:13:59,080 --> 05:14:03,960

she's asking specific questions it's been going on an hour you don't have an hour to do that well

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05:14:03,960 --> 05:14:08,600

she's asking specific questions about he's responding to her you had an hour to do that mayor

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05:14:08,600 --> 05:14:13,880

now we're doing something else now she had an hour to do that well no we've been going on an hour now

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05:14:13,880 --> 05:14:19,240

well if that all the other stuff wouldn't have been included i'm making a motion to end these comments

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05:14:19,240 --> 05:14:24,360

so we can move on with the meeting and pass the motion there's a second to the motion

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05:14:26,280 --> 05:14:31,080

you said you second the motion all right all in favor of the motion to end the comments

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05:14:31,720 --> 05:14:39,640

i need to vote may i finish no we just made it we had a vote i have questions that we have a vote

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05:14:42,200 --> 05:14:48,520

you still have questions of reference to the budget itself i do we had a vote to end comments okay

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05:14:49,320 --> 05:14:53,720

you had a vote to end content who's who's in favor of the motion who's the favorite you're in favor

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05:14:55,240 --> 05:14:58,440

hold on you're in favor you're in favor to end it you're in favor to end it you're in favor to end

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05:14:59,640 --> 05:15:04,600

your second are your favorite ending you're in favor and all right anybody else your favorite

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05:15:04,600 --> 05:15:10,360

energy too okay so the motion passed we're not going any further with these comments right now

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05:15:10,360 --> 05:15:19,160

which is budget related motion to pass you have that clerk you have you have that all right now

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05:15:19,160 --> 05:15:23,720

so if that's the case if we're not talking anymore about the budget is that correct i want to make a

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05:15:23,720 --> 05:15:29,480

motion to make your motion what's your i want to make the book motion to pass the budget as described

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05:15:29,480 --> 05:15:35,560

by mr malazi at the amount that he ascribed with uh three million dollars for the amphitheater with the

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05:15:35,560 --> 05:15:42,280

endeavor or the goal understanding that uh we were to look for additional funding uh in the budget as

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05:15:42,280 --> 05:15:48,840

described is there a second to that motion i second all right all in favor of the motion please indicate

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05:15:50,840 --> 05:15:56,040

i'll pose i will oppose and i want to add a comment okay so motions passed three to one

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05:15:56,600 --> 05:15:59,880

we've had you have plenty of time for comments motion to adjourn

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05:16:02,120 --> 05:16:08,120

all right motion been made to adjourn it's been second and now you realize you realize there's

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05:16:08,120 --> 05:16:12,280

plenty of other things we have not finished tonight what what is it that we have well we've got this

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05:16:12,280 --> 05:16:16,680

public here we have several more things that we have to finish but if we don't finish that we have

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05:16:16,680 --> 05:16:21,160

to make have a special call what public hearing do we have i'm not going to this year's over

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05:16:21,160 --> 05:16:25,960

i'm not coming what public hearing is that what all this is part of part of public hearing i thought

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05:16:25,960 --> 05:16:30,120

we as a matter of fact i'll matter you know what i just thought about that since the public here

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05:16:30,120 --> 05:16:33,640

i didn't ask the public in reference to this budget anyway i just got to go through that i

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05:16:33,640 --> 05:16:37,000

just realized that there's a public hearing there's several more items in the plug here

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05:16:37,000 --> 05:16:39,560

okay if you end the meeting i'm gonna tell you if you end the meeting tonight go ahead

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05:16:40,520 --> 05:16:46,200

i forgot about that all right so in reference to the budget gotta have the public hearing let's

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05:16:46,200 --> 05:16:52,200

hold on a second so in reference to the budget and the and the budget itself from um from a public

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05:16:52,200 --> 05:16:57,160

hearing standpoint everybody said that's in favor of budget from the standard for the public

hearing

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05:16:57,160 --> 05:17:05,000

standpoint on my left side any comments in the middle and it comes from my right any comments against

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05:17:05,000 --> 05:17:11,080

the budget from my left side in the middle my right oh you have a comment you want to make

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05:17:11,080 --> 05:17:16,680

this is this is against the particular budget this name and address please

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05:17:19,160 --> 05:17:26,520

my name is alicia moore 509 country club drive stock bridge um i'm not i guess my concern is

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05:17:27,160 --> 05:17:34,920

i like a lot of residents are very concerned about this amphitheater i um when councilwoman barbara is

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05:17:34,920 --> 05:17:40,920

speaking out for the residents it does seem like she's being ignored and overlooked

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05:17:41,480 --> 05:17:48,600

and it seems to me and probably a lot of other residents like um it's kind of a personal

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05:17:49,320 --> 05:17:57,080

um thing for for you guys like for you guys to enjoy and get perks from and it does not benefit

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05:17:57,080 --> 05:18:03,080

most of the residents um at all the concerts you guys are backstage you're up on the stage

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05:18:03,080 --> 05:18:07,800

and so that's great for you and for people who can afford it but there are a lot of people who can't

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05:18:07,800 --> 05:18:17,400

afford the tickets who would prefer roads sidewalks trails and parks and you're so dead set on keeping

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05:18:17,400 --> 05:18:24,520

the amphitheater within the city when you don't have the skill sets to run it it's been proven

it can be

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05:18:24,520 --> 05:18:33,320

uh bidden out to a management company this is a municipality it's not a um a party planner or

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05:18:33,320 --> 05:18:39,240

or a promoter or anything like that it's a it's an actual municipality you should be working on roads

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05:18:39,240 --> 05:18:44,680

and sidewalks and things that benefit all of the city and i know i speak for a lot of residents but

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05:18:44,680 --> 05:18:51,960

i feel like and my voice is trembling because i'm pissed off but i feel like you guys aren't listening

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05:18:51,960 --> 05:18:58,040

and you you brush it off and you act like and you make all these excuses about the 32 million dollars

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05:18:58,040 --> 05:19:04,680

that's a lot of money and i work in finance i know a little bit bit about budgeting so you can't fool me

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05:19:05,240 --> 05:19:11,800

the money the money she has been asking for years for budget amendment meetings to go over the

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05:19:11,800 --> 05:19:19,160

budget mid-year budget reviews you brush her off and then when everything blows up it's well we didn't

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05:19:19,160 --> 05:19:24,520

know but now we have a process in place the process already should have always been in place because

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05:19:24,520 --> 05:19:32,120

she has been asking for these types of financial reviews since she got here so make no mistake

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05:19:33,080 --> 05:19:40,680

the public sees through it and the fact that you all are so adamant on keeping this uh

amphitheater in

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05:19:40,680 --> 05:19:48,920

house i'll tell you it smells to high heaven it's very suspicious that's my uh thanks for coming

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05:19:48,920 --> 05:19:54,920

all right so the motion was already made prior to this about ending uh or approving the budget as

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05:19:54,920 --> 05:19:59,480

been stated so i don't think we have to do that again i'll close the public hearing on that aspect

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05:19:59,480 --> 05:20:03,800

now if you want to we close the meeting there's plenty more things for us to cover

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05:20:04,520 --> 05:20:08,920

hold on i'm not finished hold on so if we close the meeting all right there's several things to cover

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05:20:08,920 --> 05:20:12,200

so we're going to have to have before the end of the year we're going to have to have a special call

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05:20:12,200 --> 05:20:18,760

meeting to go through this no no we don't oh there's i mean we can approve the budget and we

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05:20:18,760 --> 05:20:24,280

don't have to do these other things this year do we what else do we have to do no well i'm serious i'm

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05:20:24,280 --> 05:20:28,120

not going to have another special call me you got a second reading of texas amendment you got second

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05:20:28,120 --> 05:20:33,560

reading a couple second meaning of texas amendments on here well it's on your agenda so i'm getting

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05:20:33,560 --> 05:20:38,280

we haven't we haven't voted but mayor if i may because i haven't really talked about the budget

and i do

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05:20:38,280 --> 05:20:43,640

want to address a comment about that well hold on hold a second hold a second i haven't talked about

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05:20:43,640 --> 05:20:47,800

the budget at all but hold on a second let me explain something to you right if we cancel if

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05:20:47,800 --> 05:20:52,840

you're closing me now you got several other text amendments here you got one two three four six

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05:20:52,840 --> 05:20:57,880

text amendments and some new business items to cover you know three new business items to cover

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05:20:57,880 --> 05:21:03,000

as well as a health insurance the wayfinding contract and then you still got the cot the actual

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05:21:03,640 --> 05:21:07,880

contract the actual what is it called the all the wayfinding contract

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05:21:07,880 --> 05:21:10,920

all the city events that are on there now those still need to be approved

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05:21:12,840 --> 05:21:17,880

a grant that needs to be i only want to we got several things still to do let me just say this

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05:21:17,880 --> 05:21:24,600

i don't we we sat here and listened to somebody talk for over an hour i only want to address the

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05:21:24,600 --> 05:21:30,600

things that we have to get we have our staff here some of them don't even live in the city a lot of them

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05:21:30,600 --> 05:21:36,440

don't live i mean we have people who have to travel and i'm not trying to be funny but

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05:21:36,440 --> 05:21:43,480

we have been sitting here for an hour for a long time

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05:21:46,200 --> 05:21:52,440

and i'm trying to what what i'm looking at here is let's look at the agenda on what items that we

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05:21:52,440 --> 05:21:59,000

have to get done for 2025 and anything that needs to go on that can wait to 2026

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05:21:59,000 --> 05:22:07,080

when the meeting can be controlled let's put it on that because i'm not i'm not gonna sit here

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05:22:07,960 --> 05:22:16,760

and constantly go through another hour or two of this like we we work too we i've been up since

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05:22:16,760 --> 05:22:22,120

eight seven thirty this morning i haven't went home i had a mountain dew for breakfast lunch and dinner

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05:22:22,120 --> 05:22:29,720

all right i'm not trying to be funny but what i'm saying is some of this was unnecessary and let me

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05:22:29,720 --> 05:22:35,400

address the amphitheater real quick let me address the budget because i haven't had my chance at all i

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05:22:35,400 --> 05:22:42,920

haven't talked about a budget at all when no one else when we get up here we we don't want to talk

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05:22:42,920 --> 05:22:49,560

negative and it's okay if we talk to our city manager and our staff and ask questions it's not

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05:22:49,560 --> 05:22:56,200

necessarily behind the scenes it's so we don't waste time and we're not out here all night to one two

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05:22:56,200 --> 05:23:03,480

o'clock in the morning that's not a secret we're not attacking either we're not saying y'all we're not

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05:23:03,480 --> 05:23:09,320

saying oh they drew a district line but they drew the map when we didn't we've said it over and over

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05:23:09,320 --> 05:23:18,200

again and we hear this every single month we hear it all the time accusations and none of them can

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05:23:18,200 --> 05:23:22,920

be proven because it did not happen in that way at least it didn't happen from my my perspective

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05:23:24,200 --> 05:23:27,160

and what i'm saying to you is we can move forward

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05:23:29,240 --> 05:23:39,240

we we gave an explanation just because and i'm not ignoring councilwoman barbers comments i'm tired

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05:23:39,240 --> 05:23:44,520

of them because they've been the same comments and just because a person says them i could say

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05:23:44,520 --> 05:23:50,680

something and the council won't agree if they don't agree they just don't agree we have to move on

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05:23:50,680 --> 05:23:59,640

that's democracy the majority wins that's it and if they don't like it oh well but just because someone

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05:23:59,640 --> 05:24:03,240

says it to their blue in the face doesn't mean we're going to change our minds

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05:24:03,240 --> 05:24:07,480

it doesn't mean we're wrong

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05:24:09,880 --> 05:24:16,120

at what point is it that there's a line where it's not about friendships it's about it's the truth

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05:24:18,520 --> 05:24:25,320

it's adult it's adulting it's it's professionalism it's it's common sense



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05:24:25,320 --> 05:24:34,840

it's it is what it takes yes it's professionalism it's it's everything that you if you don't agree

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05:24:34,840 --> 05:24:38,280

with it just because you said it don't mean it's gonna happen

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05:24:42,200 --> 05:24:51,080

and so that was you know everybody has their opinion and if the majority agreed with that opinion

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05:24:51,080 --> 05:24:58,200

then do it show but that's not the way it works it's not showing that way so there's nothing we

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05:24:58,200 --> 05:25:03,480

can you you can't get mad because it that doesn't mean we're not listening that means we're tired of

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05:25:03,480 --> 05:25:08,760

hearing the same thing over and over we're tired of being attacked every every week or accused

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05:25:10,760 --> 05:25:11,720

that's all that is

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05:25:11,720 --> 05:25:21,240

it's moving on what mayor i would like for us to really look at this the rest of this domain of the

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05:25:21,240 --> 05:25:32,200

agenda and get mr edmondson edmondson edmondson's opinion on what we have to get done for this year

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05:25:32,840 --> 05:25:40,520

as you go out tonight at 12 o'clock midnight or whatever time it is after listening to a filibuster

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05:25:40,520 --> 05:25:46,120

for over an hour well you can give your opinion sir but there are several different things i would

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05:25:46,120 --> 05:25:51,000

imagine that we need to make sure we need them all well you got you got six text amendments you got

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05:25:51,000 --> 05:25:57,320

several six text amendments one second six text amendments on here three different business items

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05:25:57,320 --> 05:26:05,560

you got health insurance issues way fighting contract and once again the actual actual uh 2026 calendar

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05:26:05,560 --> 05:26:10,040

of events and things that you said you wanted to make sure to make some adjustments on

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05:26:10,040 --> 05:26:15,160

because some additional budget items or percent of some additional funding in the budget per se

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05:26:15,160 --> 05:26:19,480

you mentioned that earlier so it's a bunch of things still to go through here and now i would

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05:26:19,480 --> 05:26:23,480

think all these items i would think all these items would have to be approved before the end of the

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05:26:23,480 --> 05:26:26,920

year i would think that that's why they're on the agenda first oh let's say i'm not done

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05:26:27,560 --> 05:26:32,520

people have to be approved by the end of the year you know so if i as my thought process is simply this

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05:26:32,520 --> 05:26:36,200

if we don't approve them tonight i would think we still have to have a special call being sometime

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05:26:36,200 --> 05:26:40,760

for the end of the year to do that that's right that's my thought process no they just said we

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05:26:40,760 --> 05:26:45,720

can amend it but we're gonna have to amend the budget anyway and so i'm okay with amending it and

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05:26:45,720 --> 05:26:51,160

making those changes as needed a lot of them are events that we want to give to the city to handle

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05:26:51,160 --> 05:26:57,480

instead of us having that we've already done them and we can spearhead it it's not it's not that urgent

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05:26:57,480 --> 05:27:04,520

we've sat here right this entire time if if you wanted the agenda done then you should have stopped

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05:27:04,520 --> 05:27:12,520

it yeah well i'm ready to move forward i haven't let it go on the circus went on an hour second

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05:27:12,520 --> 05:27:22,280

reading text amendment case tx 2025-04 facade building materials citywide consideration of the ordinance to

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05:27:22,280 --> 05:27:30,200

revise section 4.4.4 of the unified development code udc to establish updated requirements for building

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05:27:30,200 --> 05:27:36,920

cloud materials and non-resistant non-residential and multi-family structures proposed ordinance outlines

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05:27:36,920 --> 05:27:42,920

material standards to promote architectural consistency durability neighborhood compatibility

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05:27:42,920 --> 05:27:49,240

mr anderson please uh yes uh we heard this at the first reading at the last um city council work

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05:27:49,240 --> 05:27:55,640

session at the end of november there there have been no changes to the uh documents since so i just

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05:27:55,640 --> 05:28:01,960

request the vote all right is there a motion to accept this please so move is there a second

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05:28:02,840 --> 05:28:07,560

for mr alessandro mr barrow all in favor please indicate so that it passes

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05:28:10,360 --> 05:28:16,680

second reading texas amendment case tx 2025 i went my home second i forgot something this is still public

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05:28:16,680 --> 05:28:23,400

curing aspect i'm sorry about that okay so in reference to this text amendment this made any comments

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05:28:23,400 --> 05:28:31,960

for for this on my very left side four in the middle four and on my right and the comments against my left

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05:28:31,960 --> 05:28:40,120

side the middle and the right so no uh no comments one way of four against okay second uh reading text

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05:28:40,120 --> 05:28:48,360

amendment case tx 2025-05 for two car garages citywide consideration of ordinance to amend section

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05:28:48,360 --> 05:28:58,360

4.2 excuse me 4.4.2 f2 of the united of the unified development code udc to require two car car garages

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05:28:58,360 --> 05:28:59,560

for all single family

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05:29:01,960 --> 05:29:07,800

homes townhomes in each unit with duplexes this amendment updates our architectural standards to

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05:29:07,800 --> 05:29:13,560

promote adequate adequate off-street parking and consistent residential design once again mr anderson

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05:29:13,560 --> 05:29:23,080

please okay uh from uh last at the end of november 29th on city council work session um there there

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05:29:23,080 --> 05:29:30,680

has been no changes to this document uh this document originated from a scrivener's error in the code uh so

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05:29:30,680 --> 05:29:36,280

we just want to make sure we correct that uh to make sure that no one car garages are allowed only two car

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05:29:36,280 --> 05:29:43,080

garages for townhomes any questions from the council yeah okay anybody from the public that

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05:29:43,080 --> 05:29:49,560

wants to make the comments for this on my far left in the middle or far right any comments against

4470

05:29:50,600 --> 05:29:56,840

far left the middle far right no comments one way or the other so now counseling the emotion to accept

4471

05:29:56,840 --> 05:30:03,000

this please so moved is there a second for miss ganton uh to uh mr barrow all in favor please indicate

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05:30:03,000 --> 05:30:05,080

next four road passes

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05:30:12,760 --> 05:30:21,000

second reading text amendment case tx2025-06 for the entertainment district council districts four and

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05:30:21,000 --> 05:30:27,000

five consideration of ordinance to adopt title nine chapter 200 of the municipal code of ordinance

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05:30:27,000 --> 05:30:31,560

for the city of starbridge to establish regulations for entertainment districts within the city

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05:30:31,560 --> 05:30:36,440

the ordinance outlines operational standards i call permitting smoking establishment requirements

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05:30:36,440 --> 05:30:43,400

enforcement provisions to provide to support safe and vibrant public spaces miss anderson  
please

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05:30:43,400 --> 05:30:49,000

there have been no changes to this document since the last presentation so i ask for approval  
okay

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05:30:49,000 --> 05:30:56,680

any questions council if no questions i need to open this up and it's any concerns for this um  
for this

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05:30:56,680 --> 05:31:04,680

particular uh text amendment from the public on the far left in the middle far right in the  
gets far left

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05:31:05,400 --> 05:31:11,720

middle far right no response whatsoever you know motion accept this particular wait mr uh do  
you have

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05:31:11,720 --> 05:31:19,320

the other the additional entertainment districts on highway 138 and the others covered too uh  
no we haven't we

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05:31:19,320 --> 05:31:27,000

have been but we still have room for those but um when we um come back to create some  
additional ones we'll

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05:31:27,000 --> 05:31:33,320

include those areas so we're just doing two this time okay and how hard is it to just create  
the other ones

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05:31:33,320 --> 05:31:39,960

when we're ready i mean you can just think we want to make a condition of approval but that's  
that's not it's not

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05:31:39,960 --> 05:31:47,960

that's not the uh due to council's previous recommendation we remove the restriction on the  
number of

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05:31:47,960 --> 05:31:53,960

entertainment districts okay so it's unlimited okay thank you it's coming up on the it's coming

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05:31:53,960 --> 05:31:59,400

up on the next one though this this was for something else it's the next item okay this for

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05:31:59,400 --> 05:32:05,240

is there a motion to accept this uh text amendment so moved is there a second i say all right from

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05:32:05,240 --> 05:32:10,680

alexander to uh again all in favor please indicate in case you have a decision thank you very much

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05:32:10,680 --> 05:32:21,080

okay second reading text amendment case tx2025-07 for outdoor festivals city-wide consideration of

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05:32:21,080 --> 05:32:27,960

ordinance to revise title 9 chapter 28 sections 040 of the municipal code of ordinances for the city

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05:32:27,960 --> 05:32:33,880

established updated permitting requirements for outdoor festivals and temporary special events within

4494

05:32:33,880 --> 05:32:39,960

the city proposed ordinance outlines application procedures public safety measures and fee structure to

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05:32:39,960 --> 05:32:46,120

ensure responsible event management mr ryan please okay yeah there have been no changes to this one uh

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05:32:46,120 --> 05:32:53,800

either mayor okay council any questions i would like i would i just want to clarify this certainly

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05:32:53,800 --> 05:33:01,160

i want to set the downtown fee lower for the yeah we did we did on on that one we lowered what is it i wanted

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05:33:01,160 --> 05:33:06,840

it's it's three hundred dollars and uh i spoke to some of the businesses down there they felt like three

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05:33:06,840 --> 05:33:14,280

hundred dollars was fair and also you can get a a year a year pass for a thousand dollars okay so

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05:33:14,280 --> 05:33:20,520

the fee is not a thousand dollars anymore it's three hundred three hundred dollars for per event okay

4501

05:33:20,520 --> 05:33:27,880

and a thousand dollars for annual okay okay no question with counseling to open itself for the public

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05:33:27,880 --> 05:33:34,840

in questions forward he concerns forward from the far left in the middle far right any questions or concerns

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05:33:34,840 --> 05:33:42,200

against far left the middle far right no concerns from the public at this point i need a motion to

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05:33:42,200 --> 05:33:48,840

accept this please so moved is there a second okay miss scant to mr barry on favor please indicate

4505

05:33:49,720 --> 05:34:00,840

it's unanimous decision second reading text amendment case tx202025-08 for temporary alcohol licenses citywide

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05:34:00,840 --> 05:34:08,760

consideration of an amendment of chapter 9.04 section 595.1 of the municipal code of ordinances

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05:34:08,760 --> 05:34:14,120

for the city's star bridge to establish permitting process for temporary alcohol sales at outdoor events

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05:34:14,120 --> 05:34:20,600

and special events within the city the ordinance outlines application procedures fees structures and

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05:34:20,600 --> 05:34:26,440

eligibility criteria for both non-profit and commercial applicants mr anderson please yeah um



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05:34:26,440 --> 05:34:33,720

um there have been a change to this one where we lowered the fee from um one thousand dollars per

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05:34:33,720 --> 05:34:39,400

event to three hundred dollars per event and you can get an annual pass for one thousand dollars uh

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05:34:39,400 --> 05:34:45,640

those were the concerns from council was um about the cost of the other permit so we lowered the event

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05:34:45,640 --> 05:34:53,240

to three hundred dollars okay council any questions if not open up to public once again any questions for

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05:34:53,240 --> 05:34:59,240

four on my far left left uh right side excuse me left side in the middle or far right any questions

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05:34:59,240 --> 05:35:08,040

against or concerns far left middle or right i see none council need a motion to accept this so moved

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05:35:08,920 --> 05:35:13,480

so moved from miss gant second from mr barry all in favor please indicate

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05:35:13,480 --> 05:35:21,160

uh we're on number 18 it's the texas amendment case tx2025-08

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05:35:23,640 --> 05:35:27,880

say all in favor please indicate okay now it's decision thank you

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05:35:30,200 --> 05:35:38,440

second reading texas amendment case tx2025-10 for container-based commercial buildings district 4

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05:35:38,440 --> 05:35:48,280

consideration of ordinance to amend sections 2.5.3 e and 2.5.3 h starbridge unified development code

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05:35:48,280 --> 05:35:53,800

to allow container-based commercial buildings as a type of special use within the downtown village

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05:35:53,800 --> 05:35:58,520

overlay district mr anderson please uh there have been no uh changes to this one since the last

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05:35:58,520 --> 05:36:05,320

presentation so i ask for approval all right any questions council no you gotta do public here

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05:36:05,320 --> 05:36:12,280

i'm just asking if you i know one here's next any questions go right here please i'm so tired so

4525

05:36:12,280 --> 05:36:19,960

moved go ahead you have you have a question no i said so moved oh well i got over to the public

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05:36:19,960 --> 05:36:26,280

i'm sorry for for the left hand side any covers four left hand side the middle my far right any public

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05:36:26,280 --> 05:36:32,280

comments against from our left the middle far right no comments whatsoever now i need a motion

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05:36:32,280 --> 05:36:39,160

i move is there a second mr barry say for miss uh barbara mr barry all favor please indicate

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05:36:39,800 --> 05:36:47,000

all right past 40 thank you new business thank you mr anderson new business council consideration

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05:36:47,000 --> 05:36:52,200

approved the public works maintenance shop phase two interior built out for the prime contract is

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05:36:52,200 --> 05:36:56,600

incorporated in an amount of two million two hundred forty one thousand four hundred fifty five dollars

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05:36:56,600 --> 05:37:02,040

funding source is plus six mr aaron please yes mr mayor this is for the uh build out of the

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05:37:02,040 --> 05:37:07,560

new public works maintenance building it's scheduled to start on january the 5th 2026 and

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05:37:07,560 --> 05:37:15,160

scheduled to be completed on september 7th 2026 so asking council to approve okay council any questions

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05:37:18,040 --> 05:37:26,520

no questions i need a motion to approve so move mr gantt mr barry second that all fair please indicate

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05:37:26,520 --> 05:37:34,200

unanimous decision thank you very much council consideration approve change order number two

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05:37:34,200 --> 05:37:42,920

for the 2025 1 mig paving project with blunt construction company an amount of 100 109 million excuse me 109

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05:37:42,920 --> 05:37:49,880

thousand 109 thousand six hundred eighty nine dollars and twenty cents funding source t sploss mr aaron please

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05:37:49,880 --> 05:37:54,680

yes mr mayor uh the city received three hundred seventy five thousand one eighty three dollars and

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05:37:54,680 --> 05:38:01,000

ninety seven cents in supplemental 1 mig funds and we paid some additional roads we paid spivey road and

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05:38:01,000 --> 05:38:07,720

adrian drive and it exceeded what the estimate was for the amount of tons for asphalt so we're asking

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05:38:07,720 --> 05:38:15,880

council to approve the change order questions council so move okay for miss gantt second so mr bear second now

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05:38:15,880 --> 05:38:22,920

all fair please indicate now decision 4-0 okay thank you thank you council consideration to approve

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05:38:22,920 --> 05:38:28,440

change order number three for the walter way pine view and memorial park left station force main

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05:38:28,440 --> 05:38:37,480

rehabilitation project with soul soul construction llc the amount of 256 216 funding sources from splot

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05:38:37,480 --> 05:38:43,320

six mr aaron please yes mr mayor staff and the city manager we had a meeting with epd and they're requesting us

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05:38:43,320 --> 05:38:49,800

to add bypass pumps to each of these lift stations so that in the event we lose power or some event

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05:38:49,800 --> 05:38:56,120

like that we can bypass the pumping stations and not have sewer spills so we're asking council to approve

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05:38:56,120 --> 05:39:04,680

this so okay so let me ask you a question i'm sorry i didn't just do that okay mr every time these projects

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05:39:04,680 --> 05:39:10,280

come forward they're coming out of the new splot six there's no there's no fund to pay for any of these

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05:39:10,280 --> 05:39:18,760

projects yeah you would have to take it out of the budget but these are alice funds are allocated in

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05:39:18,760 --> 05:39:25,960

splot six i know we've got so many other things to do in splot six yeah you all of your projects are

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05:39:25,960 --> 05:39:33,480

coming out of the new when you have funds to pay for these not in this amount sir and this is something

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05:39:33,480 --> 05:39:39,160

that epd is requiring us to do it and it's a capital project and most time capital projects are

not taken

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05:39:39,160 --> 05:39:44,520

out of the operating budget right but i'm saying isn't isn't doesn't isn't there general what what

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05:39:44,520 --> 05:39:50,040

this part there's there's not like like there's a isn't there a particular fund no this you could do

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05:39:50,040 --> 05:39:55,240

it out of the the sewer budget but most of the time like i say capital projects that's why you include

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05:39:55,240 --> 05:40:01,240

them in splot because of the expenditures i just want to understand that every time this comes forward

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05:40:01,880 --> 05:40:07,640

this is less money that we have in splot six when there is some funds that you could take these

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05:40:07,640 --> 05:40:13,080

these projects out that are asking for the new funds every time so how much mr malazi come up here

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05:40:15,560 --> 05:40:17,720

how much money is in the water sewer fund

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05:40:22,520 --> 05:40:33,080

so if you recall we had to reduce the water and sanitation because of depression of fund balance

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05:40:33,080 --> 05:40:41,560

and we don't have to balance our budgets using the funds but they have been doing that so barely

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05:40:42,920 --> 05:40:48,680

there is enough and we had also to

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05:40:50,120 --> 05:40:55,960

postpone we don't even know how much there is some money that he projects within water

4566  
05:40:55,960 --> 05:41:00,040  
is it a water for upper yeah yeah so

4567  
05:41:03,880 --> 05:41:05,640  
it's it's it's not enough

4568  
05:41:07,880 --> 05:41:10,920  
remember water if anything happens it's a

4569  
05:41:14,280 --> 05:41:19,640  
it's capital projects that you're talking about it should be anything if we can completely stay without

4570  
05:41:19,640 --> 05:41:26,920  
a good fund balance we may be in trouble i just understand everything that comes forward is out of

4571  
05:41:26,920 --> 05:41:32,600  
sploit six and we're trying to do another project that's the issue we have with this plus six we just

4572  
05:41:32,600 --> 05:41:40,120  
says plus six plus six because all plus six we have not clearly just the same like is we said four million

4573  
05:41:40,120 --> 05:41:48,440  
for uh parks we didn't define that's what i'm working with them that we should define it to see which are

4574  
05:41:48,440 --> 05:41:54,520  
there so if there will be some projects that we can defer this defer but otherwise plus six plus six

4575  
05:41:55,160 --> 05:42:05,800  
uh remember we get the six hundred thousand a month and already here we have taken that we have just

4576  
05:42:05,800 --> 05:42:15,960  
approved here two million for for the project uh building for the public works building six

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05:42:15,960 --> 05:42:22,680

two million that is you're talking about more than four months or six months actually six six six about

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05:42:22,680 --> 05:42:27,640

four months but that's exactly what i'm saying is that all the money is going to the public works

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05:42:27,640 --> 05:42:33,160

out of this fly six we're never going to get any other project done all that it is like these

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05:42:33,160 --> 05:42:38,920

particular projects keep coming forward so i'm asking to see are there alternatives to taking all

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05:42:38,920 --> 05:42:44,600

of the new money as it comes in in the budget so not you don't have to answer that tonight but send us

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05:42:44,600 --> 05:42:50,840

the documentation on how much money is in these various funds and alternatives to taking the new

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05:42:50,840 --> 05:42:56,520

money all the time next next meeting will even before the next just email it to me it'll be great

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05:42:56,520 --> 05:43:01,640

we'll keep you posted okay yeah if you emailed you gotta email to everybody of course right to all of

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05:43:01,640 --> 05:43:07,960

us all right all right so anyway so i need a motion to approve it was i just need to vote on it right

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05:43:09,240 --> 05:43:14,040

okay well all in favor all favor the motion please indicate i see next decision

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05:43:15,400 --> 05:43:17,800

mr uh holiday you have the the motion

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05:43:17,800 --> 05:43:23,720

being approved and the person that made the motion seconded okay

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05:43:26,200 --> 05:43:32,040

all right council consideration to approve the award of governor's office for highway safety heat

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05:43:32,040 --> 05:43:40,040

grant an amount of 268 928 dollars the effective date of the grant is 1 december 2025 through september

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05:43:40,840 --> 05:43:46,760

2026 allow for costs incurred within this period are reimbursable at the rate of 100 percent of the

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05:43:46,760 --> 05:43:53,000

approved federal funds allocated above mr malazi and guest assistant chief goffrey here yeah even

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05:43:53,000 --> 05:43:58,680

though my name is there but i would leave that one to our grant writer unfortunately she has left

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05:43:59,240 --> 05:44:09,000

so um chief deputy will do that on her behalf and on behalf of the pd okay good evening mayor and council

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05:44:09,640 --> 05:44:16,520

as you just read we have been awarded a grant amount of 268 928 dollars from the georgia

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05:44:16,520 --> 05:44:24,760

governor's highway office of highway safety this grant will fund two additional police officers

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05:44:24,760 --> 05:44:31,160

dedicated to traffic enforcement as well as two ford interceptor patrol vehicles and all the associated

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05:44:31,160 --> 05:44:38,280

upfitting equipment these resources will be dedicated exclusively to enhancing traffic enforcement and

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05:44:38,280 --> 05:44:43,160

addressing traffic related violations within the city of stockbridge as you know there were delays in



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05:44:43,160 --> 05:44:50,040

the federal funding to the state that pushed the grant award back to december of this year the award

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05:44:50,040 --> 05:44:57,800

actually went effective on december 1st this grant terminates september the 30th of 2026 so we have

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05:44:57,800 --> 05:45:05,800

about nine months to comply with the effectiveness of this grant if a passed the resolution will read as

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05:45:05,800 --> 05:45:10,760

follows a resolution authorizing the mayor on behalf of the city of stockbridge to accept the grant for the

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05:45:10,760 --> 05:45:17,400

from the georgia governor's office of highway safety in the amount of 268 928 to authorize the city

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05:45:17,400 --> 05:45:21,560

treasurer to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source authorizing

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05:45:21,560 --> 05:45:26,040

the city manager to prove all necessary purchases required to fulfill the requirements of this grant

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05:45:26,040 --> 05:45:30,600

not to exceed the total amount of the grant award authorizing the city clerk to test the signatures to

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05:45:30,600 --> 05:45:36,120

fix the seal of the city of stockbridge as necessary repealing all inconsistent resolution uh

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05:45:36,120 --> 05:45:44,520

resolutions providing for an effective date and for other purposes so moved is there a second okay from

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05:45:44,520 --> 05:45:51,560

miss gantt to mr um barry i don't favor please indicate it's unanimous decision thank you very

much

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05:45:52,520 --> 05:46:00,920

what is next deals with health insurance um i would imagine uh this is uh mr you you sean who's going to

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05:46:00,920 --> 05:46:16,840

talk about frank's gonna talk about health insurance here okay so here see we have two health insurances we

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05:46:16,840 --> 05:46:27,560

have what we have now cigna then we have united health insurance then we are trying to look for the other

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05:46:27,560 --> 05:46:36,600

one all of them they were to even if we get united it will still expire in april so the agreement or the

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05:46:36,600 --> 05:46:43,400

discussion was why don't we just have to have what we have in place now cigna then come

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05:46:46,360 --> 05:46:53,320

april by that time united will have presented whoever we have again they will have presented

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05:46:53,320 --> 05:47:01,800

so here's just for you to approve what we have already in place cigna which we have already factored

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05:47:01,800 --> 05:47:09,880

in our budget that you have just approved okay so move one second here it's not changing

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05:47:11,560 --> 05:47:16,760

but we have factored every time we change this there will always be a hassle why are we why would we

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05:47:16,760 --> 05:47:25,880

consider changing okay okay any additional additional information is there something else we need yeah

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05:47:25,880 --> 05:47:36,200

the thing is mr manager is talking about the um united is the lower if even if it's lower united we will

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05:47:36,200 --> 05:47:43,720

have to end it by april but at the same time it's not what we have factored in the budget that you have

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05:47:43,720 --> 05:47:49,160

approved it so we wanted to have more than just one uh united

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05:47:51,800 --> 05:47:57,400

well we currently have we currently have signal though right now we have one okay because the

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05:48:00,760 --> 05:48:07,400

what's what's what is the recommendation with what's the recommendation right now recommendation is

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05:48:07,400 --> 05:48:14,520

to continue with what with cigna yes okay so move then united will come we'll have also to present here

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05:48:14,520 --> 05:48:21,000

if it should be we'll present that one with others that in april yes right not before april because it

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05:48:21,000 --> 05:48:27,080

will be effective that time yeah okay all right and that'll be for the following year or for the

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05:48:27,080 --> 05:48:33,400

following year because this one wanted to end december but it has not worked we couldn't end it in

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05:48:33,400 --> 05:48:39,880

december and maybe signal will compete or something once we they realize what that we have another

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05:48:39,880 --> 05:48:47,960

thing yeah the quotation of united health the way they caught it is lower than the signal but it's not

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05:48:47,960 --> 05:48:52,680

yet implemented i got it but we keep going back and forth back and forth every other everything every

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05:48:52,680 --> 05:48:58,120

other year and people you have to change sometimes you have to change your provider i mean it's just too much

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05:48:58,120 --> 05:49:03,800

and right now if y'all are recommending that we stay with who we got let's stay with who we have i'm

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05:49:03,800 --> 05:49:10,120

relying on the experts so moved is there a second second because every time we change there's always

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05:49:10,120 --> 05:49:14,840

some drama okay miss miss gant to miss alexander i'm afraid please indicate i'm sorry i need the amount

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05:49:14,840 --> 05:49:31,320

i'm sorry i'm sorry i'm sorry i'm sorry excuse me that's wrong health insurance i'm sorry what i don't

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05:49:31,320 --> 05:49:37,320

know what the no i don't have that in front of me what's the amount i'm sorry why do you why do we need

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05:49:37,320 --> 05:49:43,320

the amount right now she wants to poke she was posting the record is it on the is it in the in

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05:49:43,320 --> 05:49:52,680

your packet i'll give you them added right can i get okay can i give i'll give you the amount

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05:49:54,600 --> 05:49:59,720

i mean i'm not against it the public needs to know it but i'm just asking was it something that was a

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05:49:59,720 --> 05:50:07,080

requirement normally i mean we've been both making these motions i got you all right you'll get

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05:50:07,480 --> 05:50:13,640

frank i'll get that to you all right the way finding con uh contract who's handling that

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05:50:14,760 --> 05:50:18,280  
the city manager it's important priority

4645  
05:50:24,920 --> 05:50:26,840  
are you presenting no okay

4646  
05:50:30,600 --> 05:50:35,240  
uh good evening once again uh this contract was already pre-approved uh last year we're trying to

4647  
05:50:35,240 --> 05:50:41,800  
go into phase two and three um the option was a five-year contract i think this is going into year

4648  
05:50:41,800 --> 05:50:47,560  
two um and we uh they want to go ahead and get started they have already prepared the way finance

4649  
05:50:47,560 --> 05:50:52,280  
signage um they just waiting for the contract to be renewed so they can go ahead and start putting up

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05:50:52,280 --> 05:50:59,960  
the uh we find the signage that we got to start phase three phase three so do we need a financial

4651  
05:50:59,960 --> 05:51:16,680  
aspect how much is how much is left on this yes we have the breakdowns in the packet

4652  
05:51:16,680 --> 05:51:22,360  
that would be one of our supporters uh

4653  
05:51:25,240 --> 05:51:27,240  
you

4654  
05:51:31,240 --> 05:51:37,640  
for me

4655  
05:51:37,640 --> 05:52:07,620  
Thank you.

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05:52:07,640 --> 05:52:37,620

Okay, so we had phase one, which was \$157,902.

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05:52:37,620 --> 05:52:39,860

\$157,75, which has already been paid.

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05:52:40,420 --> 05:52:44,780

Phase two is \$400,000, and phase three is \$1.4 million.

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05:52:45,860 --> 05:52:50,660

So phase three, as you're referring to, is assigned to this presentation, now is \$1.4 million.

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05:52:50,900 --> 05:52:51,200

Mm-hmm.

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05:52:51,500 --> 05:52:54,060

All right, and that's coming out of what fund?

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05:52:54,820 --> 05:53:03,220

So a portion of this had came out of ARPA, but now they are saying SPLA 6.

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05:53:03,720 --> 05:53:04,840

SPLA 6 as well.

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05:53:05,060 --> 05:53:05,360

Correct.

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05:53:06,120 --> 05:53:07,700

\$1.4 million, SPLA 6.

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05:53:08,500 --> 05:53:16,960

Right, and these are the city limit signs that we've been waiting on to go up and various other signs to go as part of the package we've already presented with, right?

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05:53:17,080 --> 05:53:17,400

Yes, sir.

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05:53:17,400 --> 05:53:20,400

Okay, and the funding has been identified?

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05:53:20,880 --> 05:53:21,460

Yes, sir.

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05:53:21,660 --> 05:53:22,280

So moved.

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05:53:22,480 --> 05:53:22,980

I second.

4672

05:53:23,640 --> 05:53:26,360

Okay, for Ms. Alexander and Ms. Cannon, all favor, please indicate.

4673

05:53:28,480 --> 05:53:29,780

Okay, so now it's a decision.

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05:53:29,780 --> 05:53:44,020

All right, now what was left here thus far deals with the consent agenda item that we moved to the 2026 calendar events, city events, main street events, and mayor and council initiatives that we put at the very end here on the agenda.

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05:53:44,540 --> 05:53:53,100

So, and that was based, I guess, Ms. Alexander, you had some concerns about that and how some of these events affected the budget, need to be budget-related?

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05:53:53,100 --> 05:53:57,140

Yeah, certainly, I think a couple of things need to happen.

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05:53:57,340 --> 05:54:02,260

Certainly, I run the Women's History Month event as a council initiative.

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05:54:02,880 --> 05:54:05,340

The budget has been a significant amount.

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05:54:05,680 --> 05:54:09,980

It now tops 12, sometimes up to \$15 million.

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05:54:10,640 --> 05:54:18,740

That's an amazing event that needs to go up under the city auspices to be able to run it, to be able to continue it at the same standard.

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05:54:18,740 --> 05:54:26,340

And also, Councilman Thomas' event, which is the African American History Month event, that event was amazing.

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05:54:26,540 --> 05:54:32,880

To see all the participation in the room filled with so many positive stories and to see the kids perform.

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05:54:33,460 --> 05:54:39,160

I had spoken with Mr. Cloud, a council elect from District 2.

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05:54:39,720 --> 05:54:48,340

He says he's willing and able to step in and partly work on that, but certainly you don't want to have to place all the burden of raising the funding on him.

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05:54:48,340 --> 05:54:57,300

So, the African American History Month and the Women's History Month events would then become city events where the whole city would participate.

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05:54:58,120 --> 05:55:06,320

And not just myself, I certainly would contribute, but everybody would be able to participate and lead that event as a wonderful event it is.

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05:55:07,200 --> 05:55:10,960

All right, but do we have to make some adjustments in the budget, is that correct?

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05:55:11,740 --> 05:55:12,440

That's correct.

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05:55:12,780 --> 05:55:13,840

And the ball festival.

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05:55:14,440 --> 05:55:14,880

I'm sorry?

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05:55:15,400 --> 05:55:15,620

Right.

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05:55:15,620 --> 05:55:20,440

I want the ball festival to be a city event as well.

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05:55:21,640 --> 05:55:24,180



We've done well, but I think we can do-

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05:55:24,180 --> 05:55:25,340

So, which event that was, ma'am?

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05:55:25,420 --> 05:55:28,600

The fall festival that I've sponsored.

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05:55:29,940 --> 05:55:35,440

I think it'll be a great event for the city to take over as well.

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05:55:36,520 --> 05:55:40,120

The line dancing classes are doing great, and I have some other things that are going.

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05:55:40,120 --> 05:55:42,880

And the kickbacks are going to be my thing.

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05:55:43,840 --> 05:55:47,460

And so, there's other things that we have in store.

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05:55:47,460 --> 05:55:57,340

We really don't have to, you know, as a council person and members, I wouldn't, and we can talk about that more during the retreat.

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05:55:57,560 --> 05:56:09,860

But we should consider, you know, whether we're spearheading and participating and joining in with the events team more, but allowing the events team to handle the events.

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05:56:09,860 --> 05:56:17,280

And we handle it with them, but I want to push, I want to send that along with it as well.

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05:56:17,680 --> 05:56:19,280

I certainly support that.

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05:56:19,480 --> 05:56:21,020

You've done an amazing job.

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05:56:21,380 --> 05:56:21,980

Thank you.

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05:56:21,980 --> 05:56:24,920

And to see the kids out there enjoying themselves.

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05:56:25,080 --> 05:56:28,600

And we want to maintain those events at that particular level.

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05:56:28,600 --> 05:56:31,120

So, I certainly do support that.

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05:56:31,240 --> 05:56:36,760

And these events, when they grow and we start them, they start off in their infancy, we carry them through.

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05:56:36,880 --> 05:56:43,460

Certainly, the council member would be able to stay with that event on a committee or what have you to be able to continue to guide it.

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05:56:43,520 --> 05:56:46,680

But funding them appropriately is what we need to do.

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05:56:46,760 --> 05:56:54,180

And certainly, as I mentioned, Mayor, Council-elect, Mr. Cloud, will step in in the African-American history event.

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05:56:54,180 --> 05:57:02,280

All of us will participate, but since it was a District 2 event, certainly, I think he should get first dibs to be able to participate in it.

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05:57:02,520 --> 05:57:07,980

But those three events are magnificent, and they need to be carried on with full funding by the city.

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05:57:08,620 --> 05:57:09,980

So, how do we go about that?

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05:57:10,080 --> 05:57:16,260

Because if the event was funded by the council, the council initiatives, somehow that money needs to be relocated to a different spot.

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05:57:16,960 --> 05:57:17,260

Correct.

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05:57:17,260 --> 05:57:24,640

So, we'll take that funding that's in the governing authority budget and move that over to events?

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05:57:24,640 --> 05:57:24,760

No.

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05:57:25,340 --> 05:57:25,760

No, sir.

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05:57:25,780 --> 05:57:26,360

No, no, no.

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05:57:26,360 --> 05:57:26,980

You said, no?

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05:57:26,980 --> 05:57:27,400

No, sir.

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05:57:27,600 --> 05:57:28,920

Oh, so you said add an additional.

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05:57:29,120 --> 05:57:29,600

Yes.

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05:57:29,880 --> 05:57:30,100

Okay.

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05:57:30,100 --> 05:57:40,220

We need to find new funding for that to be able to do this appropriately, to make the funding appropriate for these particular events.

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05:57:40,500 --> 05:57:42,420

And this is where sponsorships come in.

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05:57:42,420 --> 05:58:00,960

When you have 300 women sitting in that room and you're honoring all the women who have had their head down, man, somebody is willing to put their name on that particular event, the African-American history event, and certainly the NAACP or someone would probably be willing to help with those particular events.

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05:58:00,960 --> 05:58:06,380

So, we're charging you to find any additional funding for this particular endeavor.

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05:58:08,680 --> 05:58:09,280

All right.

4732

05:58:09,340 --> 05:58:12,780

So, if that's the case, without understanding, I need a motion to approve that.

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05:58:13,860 --> 05:58:17,480

We don't have a budget for it, but we need to consider that.

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05:58:17,680 --> 05:58:22,780

And did Mr. Monslazi say we're going to be amending the budget, like in January or February anyway?

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05:58:23,880 --> 05:58:24,800

Are we amending?

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05:58:24,980 --> 05:58:27,100

But that's for 2025 funds.

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05:58:27,860 --> 05:58:28,380

For what?

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05:58:28,640 --> 05:58:30,440

That's for 2025 funds.

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05:58:30,440 --> 05:58:31,960

For the funds that are coming in?

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05:58:32,180 --> 05:58:32,540

Correct.

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05:58:32,940 --> 05:58:35,300

Yeah, but when we do that, we can still amend it.

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05:58:35,380 --> 05:58:37,920

What's the crime in amending when we need to?

4743  
05:58:38,580 --> 05:58:39,200  
What's the crime?

4744  
05:58:39,960 --> 05:58:40,140  
No.

4745  
05:58:40,320 --> 05:58:52,660  
So, what we can do, I mean, that's kind of early to amend a 2026 budget, but at the end of the day, if we're saying that we need to find funding for that, that will be the time to do that as well, just to make that amendment to show.

4746  
05:58:53,040 --> 05:58:54,720  
To find the funding for the events.

4747  
05:58:54,920 --> 05:58:55,500  
For the events.

4748  
05:58:55,500 --> 05:58:56,960  
They're later in the year.

4749  
05:58:57,080 --> 05:58:59,300  
There's May, and then you got October.

4750  
05:58:59,600 --> 05:59:00,220  
We got February.

4751  
05:59:00,440 --> 05:59:01,920  
You got, oh, you do have February.

4752  
05:59:02,120 --> 05:59:04,040  
Right, so if we put it in the budget tonight.

4753  
05:59:04,040 --> 05:59:05,560  
And we can wait till mid-year, I mean.

4754  
05:59:05,660 --> 05:59:09,480  
Well, we can do, I mean, we can add some funds now, but I just.

4755  
05:59:09,500 --> 05:59:10,520  
Oh, we have the retreat, right?

4756  
05:59:10,600 --> 05:59:11,580  
I mean, don't we have a retreat?

4757  
05:59:13,020 --> 05:59:13,300  
Correct.

4758  
05:59:13,580 --> 05:59:13,980  
There you go.

4759  
05:59:13,980 --> 05:59:15,620  
But you got to plan the event.

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05:59:15,620 --> 05:59:15,640  
But you got to plan the event.

4761  
05:59:15,640 --> 05:59:16,580  
African-American Month is in February as well.

4762  
05:59:16,580 --> 05:59:19,300  
African-American History Month event is in February.

4763  
05:59:19,640 --> 05:59:21,320  
The Women's History Month is in March.

4764  
05:59:21,840 --> 05:59:32,560  
So, certainly, we've discussed additional funding, and those events certainly will qualify on to some type of tourism or some type of community support market in the city.

4765  
05:59:32,560 --> 05:59:39,480  
All right, so what action do we need to do here?

4766  
05:59:40,700 --> 05:59:44,880  
Well, we have instructions to find the money, and then we'll find the best way to get that ratified.

4767  
05:59:44,880 --> 05:59:47,240  
So, you don't need to form a vote on this, is what you're telling me?

4768  
05:59:47,240 --> 05:59:57,580

I think what we could do is go ahead and approve the calendar with the charge that these three events are going to be added, and then you will endeavor to find the money.

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05:59:57,860 --> 06:00:05,340

And then go ahead and vote, because we want to put the events in there, so we have to have a budget and a vote in order to do it.

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06:00:05,340 --> 06:00:12,340

So, I'm going to go ahead and make a motion to approve the calendar as recommended with the three events that I said.

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06:00:12,340 --> 06:00:18,800

I said, the Women's History Month event, the African-American History event, and the Fall Festival will become in city events.

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06:00:19,340 --> 06:00:20,440

Is there a second to that motion?

4773

06:00:20,820 --> 06:00:21,400

I second.

4774

06:00:21,560 --> 06:00:23,640

To Ms. Gantz's second, I don't favor, please indicate.

4775

06:00:24,720 --> 06:00:25,460

It's a nice decision.

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06:00:26,000 --> 06:00:26,680

Thank you, gentlemen.

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06:00:26,960 --> 06:00:30,760

Citywide Development Authority meeting, second Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., City Hall.

4778

06:00:31,760 --> 06:00:31,920

Yeah.

4779

06:00:33,740 --> 06:00:34,600

Which one was that?

4780

06:00:37,200 --> 06:00:38,300

I thought we voted on that.

4781  
06:00:40,440 --> 06:00:41,040  
Didn't you vote?

4782  
06:00:41,040 --> 06:00:42,540  
We came back and did that.

4783  
06:00:42,540 --> 06:00:43,000  
We came back and voted.

4784  
06:00:43,000 --> 06:00:43,040  
We came back and voted.

4785  
06:00:43,040 --> 06:00:43,300  
We came back and voted.

4786  
06:00:43,300 --> 06:00:43,400  
We came back and voted.

4787  
06:00:43,400 --> 06:00:43,520  
We came back and voted.

4788  
06:00:43,520 --> 06:00:46,720  
I have no time to take it out there, too.

4789  
06:00:47,320 --> 06:00:48,040  
And we came back and voted.

4790  
06:00:48,040 --> 06:00:49,460  
Oh, I didn't get out there, too.

4791  
06:00:50,960 --> 06:00:51,960  
Yes, thank you.

4792  
06:00:52,200 --> 06:00:53,140  
Yeah, we came back and voted.

4793  
06:00:55,140 --> 06:00:56,780  
Committee zoning information meeting.



4794  
06:00:56,960 --> 06:00:58,760  
Man, that ain't necessary tonight.

4795  
06:00:58,860 --> 06:00:59,260  
That's it?

4796  
06:01:00,100 --> 06:01:01,260  
You don't want to read all this?

4797  
06:01:01,280 --> 06:01:03,320  
No, I don't think that's necessary tonight.

4798  
06:01:03,440 --> 06:01:05,260  
Let's just go ahead and forego that, please.

4799  
06:01:05,260 --> 06:01:10,740  
Well, actually, what I did tell the police department,

4800  
06:01:10,740 --> 06:01:14,120  
if you need to mention this, to shop with a cop for the fourth year,

4801  
06:01:14,280 --> 06:01:17,540  
with Starbridge Police Department, and a Saturday, December 6th,

4802  
06:01:17,540 --> 06:01:22,840  
with 40 kids, probably \$200 per child, income-based.

4803  
06:01:22,960 --> 06:01:24,980  
These are several people that applied online,

4804  
06:01:25,140 --> 06:01:26,420  
or Starbridge Elementary School,

4805  
06:01:27,120 --> 06:01:30,700  
and also Department of Children's Services in Henry County

4806  
06:01:30,700 --> 06:01:32,240  
suggested these individuals.

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06:01:32,240 --> 06:01:37,700

And \$4,000 were sponsored by Vistar Credit Union.

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06:01:37,920 --> 06:01:40,960

And between the two Walmarts, Hudson Bridge and North Henry Boulevard,

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06:01:41,040 --> 06:01:46,380

they gave \$6,000 to help support these 40 kids to have a wonderful Christmas.

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06:01:46,580 --> 06:01:50,000

So thank you for our police department doing this for the fourth year

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06:01:50,000 --> 06:01:52,740

and having a successful event this past Saturday.

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06:01:52,740 --> 06:01:56,560

And happy birthday, Mr. Malazi.

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06:01:56,700 --> 06:02:00,600

You had a wonderful surprise luncheon today.

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06:02:01,600 --> 06:02:03,360

I want you to be safe during the holidays.

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06:02:03,500 --> 06:02:06,180

Happy holidays, everybody, in this aspect.

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06:02:06,340 --> 06:02:08,400

And make sure you get your COVID shot and your flu shot.

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06:02:09,340 --> 06:02:11,840

And, of course, look forward to a very prosperous new year.

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06:02:12,720 --> 06:02:18,200

And since this, in a sense, is considered my last meeting as an elected official,

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06:02:18,200 --> 06:02:20,620

and I want to tell you, it's been a wonderful 12 years.

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06:02:21,180 --> 06:02:22,100

It's been exciting.

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06:02:22,420 --> 06:02:24,940

Never a dull moment in this aspect as well.

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06:02:25,880 --> 06:02:29,440

But I will tell you that I wish the city and the legislative body,

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06:02:29,580 --> 06:02:32,820

along with the new administration, all the staff, wonderful,

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06:02:33,440 --> 06:02:34,940

move forward and do great things,

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06:02:35,100 --> 06:02:37,240

continue to make smart, logical decisions,

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06:02:37,700 --> 06:02:38,960

have a listening ear for the public,

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06:02:39,240 --> 06:02:41,580

and continue to move forward as we continue to grow.

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06:02:42,200 --> 06:02:43,700

And guaranteed, I'll be watching.

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06:02:44,020 --> 06:02:44,820

I'll be right next.

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06:02:44,860 --> 06:02:45,560

I won't be far.

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06:02:45,840 --> 06:02:47,240

I'm not moving out of the area.

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06:02:47,240 --> 06:02:50,500

And I look forward to doing other things with the city

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06:02:50,500 --> 06:02:53,780

and being somewhat of an individual that can help out

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06:02:53,780 --> 06:02:56,020

with any type of other events and things that are happening

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06:02:56,020 --> 06:02:58,760

within our city itself, along with the city government.

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06:02:59,720 --> 06:03:02,620

I look forward to a bright future for everybody,

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06:03:02,900 --> 06:03:04,860

a bright future for myself as well and my family.

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06:03:05,700 --> 06:03:06,640

I'm not going anywhere.

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06:03:06,780 --> 06:03:07,540

I'll be right here.

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06:03:08,220 --> 06:03:11,340

So I look forward to, actually, I look forward to even coming to concerts.

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06:03:11,560 --> 06:03:13,140

I just come in a different way in a sport,

4842

06:03:13,240 --> 06:03:15,200

so I'll be sitting in a pit somewhere with my wife.

4843

06:03:15,440 --> 06:03:17,140

But we'll look forward to that too as well.

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06:03:17,760 --> 06:03:20,320

But God bless you all and wish you well.

4845

06:03:20,620 --> 06:03:24,720

And I look forward to doing what I can for the city

4846

06:03:24,720 --> 06:03:26,740

and with the citizens and the community itself.

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06:03:27,400 --> 06:03:30,560

It's been, actually, a great 12 years, but I ain't done yet.

4848

06:03:30,620 --> 06:03:32,760

I know the good Lord's got something else in mind for me as well.

4849

06:03:33,200 --> 06:03:34,840

And I've got to end tonight with this.

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06:03:35,500 --> 06:03:36,920

Stop bridges where community connects.

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06:03:37,040 --> 06:03:37,960

God bless you all and thank you.

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06:03:37,960 --> 06:03:43,500

And on, but I, and I actually, I said that,

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06:03:43,580 --> 06:03:45,440

but now I said we're supposed to have an executive session,

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06:03:45,560 --> 06:03:45,940

I'm assuming.

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06:03:46,060 --> 06:03:50,380

We still got to have an executive session, ladies and gentlemen.

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06:03:51,040 --> 06:03:53,220

So I need a motion to go to executive session, please.

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06:03:53,220 --> 06:03:55,400

May I move we'll go to executive session for real estate,

4858

06:03:55,500 --> 06:03:57,820

personnel, litigation, and cybersecurity.

4859

06:03:59,040 --> 06:03:59,700

Okay, is there a second?

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06:04:00,240 --> 06:04:01,700

All right, Ms. Allison, all in favor, please indicate.

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06:04:03,120 --> 06:04:04,580

Okay, let's go to executive session.

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06:04:04,580 --> 06:04:14,020

All right, Mr. Berry to Ms. Gant.

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06:04:14,120 --> 06:04:15,080

All in favor, please indicate.

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06:04:16,040 --> 06:04:18,840

Now I need a motion to reconvene our council meeting.

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06:04:18,980 --> 06:04:19,500

So moved.

4866

06:04:20,000 --> 06:04:20,620

Is there a second?

4867

06:04:20,800 --> 06:04:23,700

Okay, from Ms. Gant to Ms. Allison, all in favor, please indicate.

4868

06:04:24,320 --> 06:04:25,500

And from our executive session,

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06:04:25,580 --> 06:04:27,420

there are a couple of things that we need to make public.

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06:04:27,900 --> 06:04:28,960

Mr. Berry, please.

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06:04:29,320 --> 06:04:29,840

Yes, Mayor.

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06:04:29,840 --> 06:04:35,680

I want to make a motion to approve a conditional settlement of GRP LLC litigation

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06:04:35,680 --> 06:04:42,500

in place on agenda for reconsideration at the 1-12-26 meeting.

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06:04:42,620 --> 06:04:43,120

So moved.

4875

06:04:43,340 --> 06:04:43,940

Is there a second?

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06:04:44,100 --> 06:04:44,320

Second.

4877

06:04:44,680 --> 06:04:47,180

All right, Ms. Gant to Ms. Allison, all in favor, please indicate.

4878

06:04:48,040 --> 06:04:48,700

Thank you very much.

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06:04:49,020 --> 06:04:50,500

Okay, Mr. Berry, you got another one, please?

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06:04:50,800 --> 06:04:51,820

Yes, Mr. Mayor.

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06:04:52,480 --> 06:04:55,300

Secondly, I'd like to make a motion authorizing the city treasurer

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06:04:55,300 --> 06:04:59,260

to open an account with Fund 1, State of Georgia.

4883

06:04:59,840 --> 06:05:00,460

I second.

4884

06:05:00,860 --> 06:05:01,180

Okay.

4885

06:05:01,760 --> 06:05:02,280

Is there a second?

4886

06:05:02,860 --> 06:05:03,360

She second.

4887  
06:05:03,620 --> 06:05:04,680  
Okay, I'm sorry.

4888  
06:05:04,880 --> 06:05:05,440  
Excuse me.

4889  
06:05:05,760 --> 06:05:08,000  
Mr. Berry, to Ms. Gant, all in favor, please indicate.

4890  
06:05:09,260 --> 06:05:11,220  
Okay, now I need a motion to end our meeting.

4891  
06:05:11,360 --> 06:05:11,820  
So moved.

4892  
06:05:12,240 --> 06:05:12,700  
I second.

4893  
06:05:12,720 --> 06:05:14,940  
Okay, for Mr. Berry, Ms. Gant, all in favor, please indicate.

4894  
06:05:15,640 --> 06:05:16,020  
Thank you.

4895  
06:05:16,280 --> 06:05:16,620  
He's an analyst.

4896  
06:05:16,760 --> 06:05:17,200  
God bless you.

4897  
06:05:17,340 --> 06:05:17,740  
Good night.

4898  
06:05:18,000 --> 06:05:18,480  
God bless you.

4899  
06:05:18,480 --> 06:05:19,480  
Have a great, great, and a great, and a great, and a great new year.



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06:05:21,620 --> 06:05:21,980

Yes.

4901

06:05:21,980 --> 06:05:23,980

Yes