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all right good afternoon everyone

welcome to the pre-show to the city of stockbridge february work session
at this time i'm going to take uh the time to give some oath of offices to
some of our boards and authorities so at this time i will do the oath of
office for the youth council advisory committee
and i will ask miss jernita johnson to come up
come on

i'm going to ask you to raise your right hand i'm going to say i will state your name and then
once i finish you say i agree or affirm okay i state your name jernita johnson committee member
do solemnly swear and affirm that i will faithfully perform the duties of the youth council
advisor

committee of the city of stockbridge and that i will to the best of my ability support and
defend

the charter thereof as well as the consensus

and laws of the state of georgia and the united states of america

i further affirm that upon assumption of this office i do not hold any unaccounted for public
money due and payable to the state any political subdivision of the state the city of
stockbridge

or any authority thereof nor do i hold any other public office of trust in the government of
the

united states of this state or any foreign state as prescribed by the law of the state of
georgia

i will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the city of stockbridge
and to the best of my ability

without fear favor affection reward or expectation thereof

i do congratulations thank you come on let's give a round of applause y'all

good sign here

all right congratulations thank you we'll take a quick photo

absolutely want to say a few words

i want to thank everyone

i want to thank everyone for being here i want to thank the city of stockbridge

especially i want to thank everyone i want to thank god i just want to thank

my family my friends and just

everyone for being here just i mean just thank you

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okay all right thank you so much miss johnson

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come on y'all don't be shy give a round of applause

All right, I'm going to say aye, you're going to state your name, and then once I finish, you'll say aye or I affirm. Aye, oh, raise your right hand. All right, come on. Aye, state your name. Jay Tassel. Board member, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully perform the duties of the citywide development authority of the city of Stockbridge, and that I will, to the best of my ability, support and defend the charter thereof, as well as the Constitution and laws of the state of Georgia and the United States of America. I further affirm

that upon assumption of this office, I do not hold any unaccounted for public money due and payable to the state, any political subdivision of the state, the city of Stockbridge, or any authority thereof, nor do I hold any other office of trust of the government of the United States,

of this state, or any foreign state as prescribed by the law of the state of Georgia. I solemnly

affirm that I am fully qualified under the Constitution and the laws of the state to hold the office of citywide development authority board member, and that I will perform the duties of my

office in the best interest of the city of Stockbridge. I solemnly affirm that I will hold the office in the best interest of the city of Stockbridge to the best of my ability, without

fear favor, affection, reward or expectation thereof.

I.

Mr. nessa.

Congratulations.

Congratulations Simon, have you both got this one.

Want to take quick photo?

I of course am beyond honored. Public service has always called my name and I've always been the one

to want to be able to represent this great city. I love living here and I hope that I can continue

to give to the community so that anybody who comes or anybody who is currently here can love living here too. Thank you so much and congratulations to board member Johnson and Tassel for officially doing their oath. At this time we will adjourn the presentation ceremonial

portion and we will begin our work session at six o'clock p.m. Thank you so much for joining us.

Thank you.

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All right the time is now six o'clock and I'm going to call this meeting to order.

I'm going to ask that Councilman Berry

please rise.

Please lead us in an invocation and if you all could please stand and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance immediately after.

Let us pray. Gracious Father we again come before you Lord God with humility and thanks.

Thank you God for blessing us with another day or another opportunity Lord God to give your

name

glory and praise. We pray Lord God that you bless this city, bless its leaders, bless its constituents.

Lord God continue to shine a light on Stockbridge as you always have.

We pray Lord God that you will continue to shine on us Lord God and give us hope and peace Lord God and understanding and doing all the things you have called us to do. And that Lord God we will forever give your son Jesus the glory, the honor, and the praise. Amen.

Amen.

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

I'm sorry.

Thank you so much.

Welcome to the February 2026 council work session at this time.

I am going to pass it to our clerk for the roll call

Mayor Jayden L. Williams

Present

Mayor Pro Tem Elton Alexander

Present

Council Member Lakisha Gantt

Sir and Madam Mayor Pro Tem

Let the record reflect that Council Member L.Gantt is not in attendance.

Council Member Antwain Cloud

Present

Council Member Kyle Desault

Present

Berry? Present. Council Member Yolanda Barber? Present. Mayor Williams, you have a quorum.

Thank you so much. Council, before you is tonight's agenda. I will accept a motion to adopt the agenda. However, the city attorney has directed us to table item number two on the new business until the March 9th meeting. I'll accept a motion with that amendment.

Okay. What is item? I'm sorry. I thought we only had one item.

Mayor, so moved. I have a motion. Is there a second?

I'm sorry. I have a motion and a second. I'm asking a question discussion. I wasn't, I thought there was only one item on the menu. The item is council consideration to approve the Norfolk Southern Lease Agreement. They've asked for more time to review.

Okay. And for that amendment from March 9th. I have a motion there and a second. All those in favor, please indicate by the sound of aye.

Aye. All right. All those opposed? Four to zero.

Council, before you are the meeting minutes for the February 9th, 2026 City Council Summary Minutes. I'll accept a motion to approve. So moved. Is there a second? Second. I have a motion and a

second. All those in favor indicate by the sound of aye. So moved. Four to zero. Amendment to the agenda.

We just did the adoption.

No, we're going to have an amendment to the agenda.

We just did the adoption.

No. You can have an amendment at any time.

See, attorney, can we amend an agenda once it's adopted?

I'm asking the attorney.

If the microphone's not working, but you can make the motion.

To amend?

Yes.

Okay. Go ahead, sir. What's your amendment?

We're going to amend the agenda to add this to the lease

street name change tonight. And for a vote, we've had the debate already. And certainly, we're going to put it on as a vote tonight.

All right. A lease street name change. There's a motion. Is there a second?

I'll second.

Second.

All right.

I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

Yes, ma'am.

This is within the district that I represent. This is not a priority of City Council District 4, although I know that staff mentioned that they needed more time to notify residents who are affected by this.

I think it is best that we have a full discussion at our retreat in March.

So that we don't waste time tonight just talking about it.

Yes, ma'am.

So, I don't support adding this item to the agenda tonight. Sorry.

Yes, ma'am. There's a motion and a second to add the lease street name change to tonight's agenda. All those in favor?

Comment. Can we have the discussion tonight?

I believe we've already had the discussion. I think staff was preparing something to bring back to us with some of the questions that council had on it.

But I don't think our city manager is here to address that.

I think we can address. Yes, sir.

Go ahead, sir. Mr. Attorney.

Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Malaza. I thought that March 9th we were looking at it.

March 9th? I thought that's what we were looking at.

But right now it's a motion to add it to tonight's agenda. So, we can just go. We'll just proceed with the vote.

Staff votes March 9th?

That was the understanding that I thought we had internally. Yes.

Okay.

So, I got you.

The public hearing process is what he was talking about.

That item is going through the public hearing process. We sent the notifications out to the 16 affected property owners, and we placed the ad in the Herald.

We advertised for March 9th.

Yes, sir. Thank you.

We have to give 15 days, 15-day waiting period.

Yes, sir. Thank you so much.

I have a motion and a second on the floor. All those in favor?

Moves.

To remove the item that was not communicated to us. I'm not sure why that wasn't communicated to us.

Because I didn't know that we had to take it through that process.

So, I'm going to remove. I'm going to withdraw my motion.

Very good. Thank you, sir. Motion withdraw.

Next up is public comments. Madam Clerk, do we have any public comments?

We have three public comments.

The first one, Mr. Jack Polk, Jr.

Please come up to the podium. State your name and address, please.

And while he does that, all persons wish to speak for public comments must sign in with the clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.

You must sign your name, address, and phone number. You'll be able to address the Mayor and Council for three minutes.

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

Defamation, unruliness, or swearing will not be tolerated while meeting.

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Okay, the next item is on slot four, jamming between trees and Severance Street.

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Discussion?

Evolve, what I live on, has probably been a dead-end street for over 50 years.

That's what it looked like on here, sir.

Sir, you have to just say your information, and then we'll come back.

Okay.

All right.

Well, that was my grievance, that this, what was on my mailbox,

the route of the road shows that it's coming up our street,

dropping back off into East Atlanta Road.

And this is the first time we ever seen it, heard of it.

That's why a lot of my neighbors are here, because we hadn't seen this before or heard of it.

And that's all I got to say, and the rest of it I'm going to explain a little further.

Thank you.

Thank you for your time.

Public comment is Donna and Tony Barge.

So, are you saying that this Rock Quarry extension is not going to come down Duval Drive?

Ma'am, please state your name.

I'm sorry, Donna Barge, 122 Duval Drive.

Is that what you're saying?

State all your comments at one time, ma'am.

Okay.

Well, like Mr. Pope said, this shows the Rock Quarry extension,

coming right down the road.

Right down our road, dumping into what?

I guess East Atlanta Road.

So, and you're saying that's not happening.

So, what is the plan?

You have to finish your comments, ma'am, and then we'll address it at the end.

Those are my comments.

What is the plan?

Yes, ma'am.

Ma'am, I'm your City Council District Representative.

Right.

This is an item.

This is an item that the Council will be discussing tonight.

It is item number three on the agenda.

Right now, our agenda is just for public comments, which is why you're not getting any answers from us, because we haven't discussed it just yet.

I am surprised, though.

Was that map placed on your mailbox, or was it mailed to you?

On my door.

Okay.

Mailbox or door.

Okay.

I have the Community Development Director here.

Mr. Ryan Anderson will be able to share some insights to who may have put that on your door or what the intentions were, but you'll get more details about this particular project tonight as we're discussing it.

It's, in fact, the next item after we're done with public comments.

Okay.

Because it seems like public comments may be a little too early, because it refers to this item on the agenda.

I don't care.

I don't care who put it on my mailbox.

I don't care who put it on my door.

The issue is what's going on?

And I'm trying to be respectful, but what's going on?

Yes, ma'am.

So during, when we get to new, one second, ma'am.

When we get to new business, community development will do a full presentation.

At that time, we'll ask any questions at that time.

And if you have questions right now

during your public comments,

we're gonna write them down as we've been doing anyway.

And then we can bring those questions back up

if they're not answered when he does his presentation.

Okay, so we get a chance to get answers right now, tonight?

Yes, ma'am, during the presentation.

Sounds good, thank you.

Yes, ma'am.

Is there any more public comments, Madam Clerk?

Thank you for your comments.

Yes, we have Mr. Mark Dobbs.

Mr. Mark, please come up and say your name and address.
Great, my name is Mark Dobbs, I own 119 Duval Drive.
I do wanna say this,
I wasn't allowed to bring any water in here.
I see everybody's enjoying water.
And the young lady here said
that there was no water available
to those people that came into speak.
So, y'all might want to look at that.
I've lived on Duval Drive for 50 years.
And a lot of my neighbors have lived on Duval Drive.
Congratulations again, Mr. Williams, by the way.
Thank you.
A lot of my neighbors have lived
on Duval Drive for decades.
Thank you.
and the quality of life on Duval Drive is really the fact
that it is the best kept secret in Stockbridge.
It's on a little cul-de-sac road.
The road is so narrow that the double yellow line
doesn't go all the way down the road.
So I don't, yeah, it stops about halfway down the road.
So I don't know what the plan is.
The only thing I've seen of this is what was stuck on my front door.
And I'm really curious to see what the presentation is going to look like.
In fact, they've been talking about extending Rock Quarry Road
for about the last 25 years,
and it's always been to go down past Ms. Sam's property
and route through the city property and meet Valley Hill.
There was never, nobody, none of these property owners
have ever seen anything that would just bring it straight up Duval Drive.
It is a quiet little street.
It's, again, a quality of life issue.
It's a domestic.
It's a domestic tranquility issue.
You've got small children on this street.
You've got the house next door to me is under contract with small children.
The people, I think, who are buying this house don't know anything about this.
And it's just, it lands kind of lame that a flyer lands on our, you know,
some phantom hangs a flyer on the door or on the mailbox saying,
you got two hours to get to City Hall and let them know,
even though you own, you people own all this property,
that this is being done whether you like it or not.
So I'm really curious to see what the presentation is going to look like.
And again, the road is not wide enough to even support a WL line.
So, yeah, I'm looking forward to seeing what the presentation is.
And I hope to God that it's not going to go up my Duval Drive.
Like I said, I've lived there since 1977.
And this is just absolutely going to upend the quality of life
that all of us have known for decades.
So I would just hope it.
You know, I would just hope that it wasn't necessary 25 years ago
when they first started talking about it, before you were born.

But when they first started talking about it, it's not necessary now. When the idea of building the townhome for Mr. Sylvain up the street, the issue was raised about traffic.

And we were assured that the new lane expenditure at the fountain was going to alleviate that traffic.

Well, this is not going to do anything except just bottleneck and that's it, my time up?

Yes, sir.

Okay, well, looking forward to the presentation.

Yes, sir, thank you for your time.

And did you want a water?

Yeah.

Here you go.

Yes, sir.

Are there any more public comments?

Any more public comments?

Thank you, ma'am.

Council, before the meeting, I did the official swearing in for one member to the Youth Council Advisory and one member to Outlaw.

Thank you.

Thank you.

And he's now an sins, and members of the City Board that we each consider to be a member of our Citywide Development Authority Board.

So, congratulations again to Board Member Johnson and Board Member Tassell.

At this time, Council,

I will accept a motion to go into Executive Session.

Civil.

All right, I have a motion.

Is there a second?

Yeah, it was on the agenda and.

All right, there's a motion and a second.

All those in favor, please indicate by the sound of aye.

Yes, ma'am.

Traditionally, we've had executive session towards the end of the meeting.

Since we have a number of homeowners who are questioning and have concerns regarding the Rock Quarry Road extension project, it is only fair and right that we continue with the agenda as it normally is.

I don't know how or why executive session is now being conducted at the beginning of the meetings,

but I want to suggest that we continue having executive session after we discuss all old business, new business, presentation, at the end of the meeting.

It is not right for them to just sit here and say,

waiting for us to discuss whatever we're going to discuss in executive session for however long.

So, no, I don't support going into executive session right now.

Sorry.

Yes, Councilman, I concur with you,

moved up to where it is now because none of us have voted to make it a priority at this point except for Ms. Barber constantly chirping that she wanted on the agenda. So how did it get moved to this point? This is a...

Excuse me, Mr. Aaron, one second. Mayor Pro Tem, please respect all council members on this desk. Thank you so much.

Excuse me. Don't do that.

You've got to respect.

Don't do that. Don't do that. Don't do that.

We're going to respect.

Please don't do that.

We're going to respect our colleagues.

Don't do that.

Mr. Aaron.

I'm talking to Mr. Aaron, not to you.

Mr. Aaron. Go ahead, sir.

This is one of the T-Splice projects. We already have funding for it. It is low-hanging fruit. We're just going to do a design for the roadway. So we'll have a shovel-ready project. So that when you pursue funding, it's going to be federal combination, federal, state, and other dollars that you would have the plans all ready for that project. Two million dollars is nearly not enough to build this project, but it's enough to get your shovel-ready project so that you can pursue funding to build this road.

Right. I do understand that. I'm talking to Mr. Aaron, not to any council members, Mayor. I have not called on any council member. Now, tonight, what I was saying to you is that we have a retreat next week, right?

We, as council, have not voted to move the East Atlanta Road project to the top of the list. No one has even mentioned it besides Councilwoman Barber, constantly repeating it at this meeting.

Now, today, a citizen, unbeknownst to us, has gone and put out all of this information, misinformation, on the residents' doors because they heard that this was going to be on the agenda,

unfortunately attracting all these individuals to come up here tonight.

But no one from the city put anything on your door.

An individual with motives that we don't understand has gone out, knocking on your door, giving you this misinformation tonight.

Point of order.

That is not what has come here tonight.

But again, what I want to do and understand from...

Point of order.

Mayor Pro Tem, I have a point.

What's your point?

Can we please allow Mr. Aaron in?

The gentleman from Falcon Design to do the presentation, and then council can make their comments as questions.

All we've heard for the last five minutes is Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and all of his comments. I want to hear directly from staff.

Madam Councilmember, I will allow him to ask his question because it is a question that he has deemed.

He hasn't asked any questions, sir.

My question, again, is...

We have a retreat next week.

How did this get pushed ahead of the retreat where the whole council could discuss this and this one item get put on the agenda tonight?

We got a lot of T-Splash projects.

How did this one get put up so far?

This project has been discussed.

We've had several discussions.

I think Adam gave a presentation previously where these routes and concepts were presented at a previous meeting.

And they were asked to...

They were asked to come back to give another presentation on that, from that concept drawing they had at a council meeting.

So this is why this item is back before you.

Right.

My final comment is, this project, my question is, when it's completed, it's going to cost about \$40 or \$50 million.

Do we have the money to do it with them?

No, we don't.

But the reason why is you would have a set of plans if you...

Start trying to secure funding to build the road.

It's just like the Rock Quarry Road widening project.

There's been a 10 or 15-year project that's finally got funding so they can build it.

But the plans have...

They've had the plans for a long time.

But it was just a matter of securing funding.

And that's what we're doing.

This is a low-hanging fruit project where you have the plans and designs.

It could be 10 or 15 years from now you get the funding.

But you've done one of the projects in T-Splash, which was that.

We were going to do the Rock Quarry Road extension.

And you'll have the plans in hand if, in the future, a future council or whoever decides to go after funding to build this road.

Councilman Barrett, go ahead, sir.

Yeah, I just wanted to bring a point, comment that during one of our meetings last year, around November, December,

we charged Falcon Design with coming back and presenting this information within 60 to 90 days.

And so I'm assuming that this is...

This is the follow-up from that decision that we made.

But this is not, again, this is not to make the decision tonight or to allocate funding.

But this is just a follow-up for what you were charged to do back in November to give us a concept of the layout or the plan of which we could take, the route we could take.

Thank you, Councilman Barrett.

Mr. Aaron, you want to transfer it over?

That's all I have, unless Councilman Alexander or anybody else...

We'll start the presentation.

...have any questions.

Thank you, sir.

Thank you.

My name's Adam Price, managing partner with Falcon Design, 235 Corporate Center, Stockbridge. As you can see on the screen, this is one of our three routes I believe we showed you several months ago.

There was a route going as an option just to share with the Duval residents.

That route was eliminated.

Council said they did not want to go that route.

That night.

So what you see here is just a route to Old Conyers.

Part of the task that the Duchess asked me for was obviously a proposal to get through

preliminary engineering for you guys to actually get a better idea of what this might cost. Because as I mentioned several months ago, crossing this creek, which you can see...

If you can see my arrow here, there's a large floodplain.

These dark lines are a floodplain.

This is a stream.

There's a potential that we might have to do a bridge to cross this.

And, of course, that can be very expensive.

But I don't know that until I get through preliminary engineering.

And at that point, this is what this proposal does.

It gets you to the point where, hey, I got a really good idea of what this is going to cost now.

And then if the council at that point says, hey, okay, we want finished shovel-ready plans.

Then I can take it to final engineering and be done.

But we went this route because I didn't know if there's a bridge required until we do the hydraulic analysis of the stream.

So that was one of the reasons.

And also, to kind of give you guys an example, where this is coming out at Old Conyers on this side.

I mean, it could come either side of this pond.

We really don't know.

We're going to do the best route, least disturbance.

And, obviously, we have to do a traffic study up front.

To determine this.

So, all part of the process, going through more or less the GDOT process of road design.

So, before you is kind of the route we're going to analyze first.

But either way, it's going to discharge onto Old Conyers, as you guys suggested to me last year.

The Duval option is not on the table and not going to be analyzed.

Just so everybody knows.

So, if you guys have any questions, please.

Thank you, sir.

Any questions from council?

Yes.

Go ahead, sir.

Now, as we talked about this last year, and we talked about what the project cost was going to be.

You had a preliminary cost for us.

And what you thought was a ballpark, I think you said \$40 million or something.

Yeah, we were spitballing at that point.

I had not sat down and done any.

I mean, when you're talking about a bridge, that's millions of dollars right there.

If you don't have to do a bridge, it can save you millions.

That's when I kind of told you guys, yeah, it's going to be a lot of money.

Sure it will be.

Any road is.

Right.

But what I'm saying to you is that in terms of what this, as the person who put the \$2 million in the tea splice with Mr. Knighton at a table that we actually put this project on there.

We knew that it was going to be a long-term project.

That something done in the interim, that it was going to take millions of dollars.

And that's working.

We're working with GDOT to be able to form it.

That's why I say, why is it on the table at this point?

Because even though we're certainly moving forward with it at some point, we have so many other projects that we're working on that we're going to be discussing at the retreat.

Somehow this one got pushed ahead of the retreat.

But again, the problem in the route that you have selected, there's going to have to be some property acquisitions involved too, correct?

Absolutely.

And part of the preliminary engineering stage will determine how much.

Right.

And once you finish with the details that you have to work on, certainly there's a couple of different options that we could work on.

Because as we look at this, we'll need a long-term plan.

And then we'll need a short-term plan too.

Because as we're looking to move this up, we have the new Tim Hortons coffee that's going to be going at this location there.

That is actually shown on here, right here.

Councilman, right here.

Right.

So they'll be entering from the front side there.

But certainly as we move along, we might not be able to build the entire road.

But certainly to get that first little section of the road built to allow egress and ingress to the amphitheater.

And then to allow for a mix of the mixed-use development that we're going to have or that is proposed.

Ryan, we've actually kind of proposed.

Could you come to the podium too as well?

We had an approved plan right there that you had recommended behind the Tim Hortons that included a townhome development and some other property as well, mixed-use.

Yes, that's correct.

It was part of when we rezoned the property last year.

Last year, it was like 33 units.

Townhomes and single-family residences.

Right.

But no one has made any discussion whatsoever as we were talking about going down through the middle of this neighborhood.

As has been stated before, there has never been a preferred route or a route.

At some point as we do these concepts, Mr. Price and Mr. Ryan, every option is presented when you're talking about a project that might be 15 or 20 years from here.

But when that was presented to the council, the council was like, no, we didn't want to do that.

And that was taken off the table.

So everybody here can rest assured that that was not the plan, correct?

Yes, sir.

That's correct.

Right.

But as we move along down this channel to do Rock Quarry Road extension, the design is to basically, as has been indicated, is to basically have a bypass to correct the misalignment.

Okay.

The traffic on East Atlanta Road.

Because now you've got to get off the Rock Quarry, come to East Atlanta, stop, get at the traffic light.

This is to move you around that area, get you out to Old Conyers, which is near the periphery of the city, so that traffic can continue to flow smoothly.

Is that the objective?

Yes, that's the objective.

And if you're looking at this project, Mr. Price, once you look at what you're looking at, and then understanding Mr. Aaron as well, what type of timetable are you looking at in terms of if this did move forward, we will be looking at?

Because in order to fund it, we'd have to get GDOT funding.

We'd have to, obviously, residents would have to approve the next T-splice, and this council would have to put it in the next T-splice.

So there would be a significant amount of funding that would be required for it.

Again, I sat down.

I sat down with Mr. Knighton to put this original \$2 million in there to do exactly what we're doing today,

and to perhaps build the first little portion there so that we could open up that area to the residential and the mixed use as well in downtown.

So I think the question was how long, if we're initiated to go?

If you looked at this in a time frame, and you know how transportation project, you wouldn't expect anything to happen in the next few years, would you?

As far as funding it?

Construction.

Well, I mean, I don't know the ins and outs of y'all's budget mechanism, but, you know.

Well, that question was.

Because it's going to take us a year to even get the full design done.

Right.

Polymery design could be done, obviously, this year, and that would give you a basis of making a further decision with a price, a cost estimate.

That we would provide you.

So, yeah, I mean, you know, it would take you months to get right away.

You know, just if you had the money sitting in a pile right now, you know,

you probably wouldn't be able to start construction on this probably for upwards of two years.

And that's in a perfect scenario.

If the money is way over here and it's available to you, that's just the way the process.

Design, right away acquisition, and then bidding.

And then start a construction.

Yeah, as you say, but the money is not sitting over there in a pot.

So, basically, in my estimation, maybe eight to ten years at the earliest.

Seeing that, you know, we just talked about the I-75 project and it starting and going through environmental.

As you say, there's a bridge there, so the feds are probably going to have to be involved in a lot of other things as well.

But I appreciate it.

And certainly, we want to be able to put these.

And the one final question, Ryan, did anybody from the city put anything on these folks' doors?

Anybody from the city?

No, not that I'm aware of.

It was in my department.

We usually put out the public notification.

Mr. Aaron, did anybody from the city, from the public work department, go out and put anything on the door or provide any communication to these residents?

No, sir.

Thank you.

Councilwoman Barber, go ahead, please.

Thank you.

Mayor.

And thank you, Mr. Price and Mr. Aaron, for at least adding this item to the agenda for

discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander is right.

I've been advocating for this project to move forward for at least three years.

Three.

Now it's on the agenda just for the council to consider approving.

A task order in order for Mr. Price to move forward with the design phase.

I absolutely support it.

Absolutely.

This is in the district that I represent.

These homeowners who are here, they hold me accountable for their quality of life and all of the decisions that are made that affects them and their quality of life.

The amphitheater brings thousands of people.

To our downtown, in this area, this central area, during the summertime, for concerts.

These homeowners are affected by it.

So absolutely, I support anything that's going to provide some relief, traffic relief, to homeowners who live in the area.

There was some discussions about an alternate route through Duval.

That was just a discussion.

We're just talking and having discussions about the best way to alleviate or minimize some of the traffic congestion.

I didn't really support the Duval option because I felt as though Duval connects with East Atlanta Road.

Well, during the concert seasons, people are traveling East Atlanta Road, especially during a concert.

It's already congested.

So having an alternate route.

An alternate route to connect with Duval is not going to alleviate or minimize any traffic congestion, in my opinion.

But that was just another option.

I don't know who.

Okay.

Obviously, we have some very zealous residents in our downtown area who are very much concerned about the developments.

And some of the decisions that the council have made.

That affect the homeowners in our downtown area.

I want you all to know, my decisions are based on you in mind every single time.

You all elected me to represent you in your best interest.

And that is what I intend to do.

I will continue pushing for anything that's going to help.

alleviate traffic congestion our amphitheater is here to stay we are looking to revitalize our downtown it's it's going to happen it's happening right now there are decisions that are being made

even without me but nonetheless i'm super excited about this opportunity

thank you very much mr aaron and mr price for getting us to this point at least i know this task order before us is for the design phase of a hundred and sixty seven thousand nine hundred dollars i absolutely i absolutely support moving forward with the final design so we're not just

guesstimating what the total cost to uh build this entire rock quarry road extension from north henry boulevard all the way over to old conyers or whatever is the best route absolutely support it um

what was i going to ask so can i ask mr aaron and you too mr price um during our upcoming retreat will you be able if the council so chooses to approve this task order tonight

will you be able to bring us a timeline of completion of this project at our budget retreat

i can i have not i don't know when the retreat is this year so i have been invited so you retreated a planning the planning retreat okay that's it's that's the next one that's the next one yeah yeah it's march 4th 5th and 6th that's the short notice yeah march 5th and 6th

so just somebody let me know i know the the uh the clerk used to let me know when it was when you got

me there so just let me know i can i can probably make it just let me know yes sir thank you so much

that's actually i would like to point out to you because last time i was here you guys were asking

me you said you had two million dollars in the budget to design this i wanted to point out even this is for to get through preliminary design to get a cost estimate final design will obviously

include the bridge and everything else the reason i didn't include final on this because i wanted

to make sure you need a bridge because that's a big cost and we're going to try to design it without

one

uh but if it needs a bridge then we'll do that the total cost of this design will probably not exceed

25 percent of what you have budgeted so and i think we we talked about that briefly a few months ago

but i i now know since i put this together and i kind of know what the bridge designer is going to

charge me and everything else i know where it's going to be and it's it's not going to be anywhere

near and i think me and him kind of joked about that it's not going to be anywhere near two million dollars it won't even be probably a half a million dollars it won't even be probably a half

a million dollars so you will have money left over from this design phase and just that's going to

make sure that was a big point of discussion last time and now that i know i put this together i do

know that yes you'll be way under that that's good to know if i may mayor just one left last question please real quick um the reason why another reason why i think this is really really good is because um those homeowners who live on the northern end um when we have events and concerts

they're not able to get through to the other side of north henry so i really wanted to create an opportunity or an option for homeowners who are not attending

concerts someone if they want to get to the hospital their only route is east atlanta road to north henry and it's already congested during concerts and events so in case there's emergencies i think this is a really really good project for the council to consider moving forward

in fact um just as the council advocated with our congressman to give us money to build the pedestrian bridge and the multi-use recreation center all those things this is one of the projects that i believe that we will be able to

um request federal and state funding for it it is much needed so i

really hope that my councilmates will consider this is a project that has been on the books for our city for a very long time now that we're really trying to realize um or reimagine our downtown we need to be thinking about new infrastructure projects not not just

painting roads and sidewalks that we currently have but creating new roads

that's all i just wanted to make that point thank you yeah and in an effort to kind of bring clarity on this as well and try to move move things a little bit forward i think it's

important for us to state and not overstate the entire council supported this design back before we uh came to this point that this route was something that you know we didn't want to uh entry in and come upon everybody's neighborhood so that was one of the things main focuses is why this was done this way that unanimously we did not want it you know come into your neighborhood and so uh unfortunately the information got out the way it did today i don't we all don't know how or why it did but nevertheless we're here but i think uh it's important for us to also understand with brevity that this project needs to be done in phases it needs to be done in process and and it won't be a overnight situation but we definitely support i support this plan that has been created because it was the original plan that we all agreed upon in the first place but we also need to uh you know take a step back and know that this we can do it in phases we can do sections of it we can do whatever we need to do as we find funding but we need to plan first to do the phases but i'm i'm in support of a phase implementation of this uh so that we can at least get this project started thank you sir go ahead sir richard i'm sorry you go ahead i'm sorry did you address me yeah okay i'm sorry uh yeah certainly let me say this again i'm the person that sat down at the table with mr knight and put this project on the board and certainly i'm 100 in support of it my point is exactly what was said earlier you we want you to come back to the retreat now we want you to come back to the retreat now we want you to come back to the retreat now next week anyway right that's what we want you to do that's how we start these programs next week you'll be able to come back to the retreat to discuss this with us wholeheartedly of the council and we can look at it in detail and have our discussion or however every time we want to discuss it that was already suggested that was i this is what i thought we were going to do is that we were going to give this the appropriate amount of time at the retreat to be able to talk about it in detail make some decisions then vote and that's why i say why did this get pushed up to today when we got such a small amount of time to talk about it when we have hours to talk about it next week if we want to to be able to talk about it to finalize it because yes i do support this project because in the end it is well needed for us to be able to move forward with it in order to grow our downtown because what we're seeing here is we have the tim hortons coffee there there will be other commercial development that will join them and then it'll give us an opportunity to improve traffic as has been suggested but again it doesn't do the disservice service to this where we have such a short window block to talk about it when you have agreed to come back next week correct uh yes if i is it more than one day i don't know i don't have my calendar in front of me but yes i will make make sure somebody just contact me anybody so the clerk contact me would it affect you in any way if we you came next week we put everything together and then we voted next week delaying it one would that would affect anything at all would it affect anything i can come to brookhaven i don't i don't have a problem with that okay so i just want us to take more time to talk about it and to think about it and to improve it to make sure we're making that we have the very best plan not just approving the ads order to for what we want the city manager is not even here tonight to weigh in on what

we're
doing so he'll be here next week as well i support moving forward with this i just think we
should
give it more time and we should discuss it at the retreat but it's up to the rest of the
council if
you want to go forward we can do so councilman barbara may i like to make a motion yes ma'am
okay
i make a motion the council approved
all Are those in favor any discussion sure one other point the one thing i want to make
is that we do have two million dollars set aside for this project this is for the test quarter
hopefully some of that 2 million dollars will come from the next 1-2-3-5 fair
in the session soranoo we settled and we're in a strait five regulation
with pro prop, public service, urban Kulturland as minutes ago it was divided into 12
6 minutes each this is the overall budget for proposed application of the tube 8 state
to be street 10 and now 107 it actually is since we shall be
that this will not be considered yet
Mayor L oppressor
million dollars would be able to use to build some of the uh or to actually design something
that's why i want to talk about this a little bit more is that that that one section that
what's that cross street right there yes talking about this one right sarisa that's going to be
caressa drive right that's the one that goes to them that's the one that goes to the
amphitheater
right with if we talk about this a little bit more in detail how much of that two million
dollars
could we take to build that little short stub right there leading to caressa drive so that we
could make that actionable if you take more time to talk about it but that's tonight thank you
thank
you councilman clout you had you had your hand raised no he's going to take a vote okay all
those
in favor indicate by the sign of i all right so moved four to zero thank you thank you next
item
on the agenda is the council consideration of authorizing the city treasurer to make
arrangements
to reimburse
the henry county in reference to t-splast mr treasurer please
good evening mayor and council uh so in 2021 after the passage of t-splast
city of stockbridge had an agreement with the henry county through resolution 21-233
that we were going to contribute for
four million towards the cost of constructing rock quarry road
and now they are coming to us to say we have started the building we need you to
finish or we need you to fulfill your obligation of contributing
we have that allocation of four million and it's my recommendation that he
piece we pay and this is the way we are going to pay it
2026 we give them two million 2027 we give them one million and the the final one million
will give them towards the end of the project which they said it's two and a half from now so
that will be towards the end of 2028 that's my request and recommendation how we are going to
repay that four million two one one in a total of four million in 204 million yes any questions
from
council go ahead ma'am um so well first i want to make sure that we distinguish this project
from the project that we just finished talking about that is correct okay this one ends in the
north henry yes this is the rock quarry road widening widening that's currently underway
okay just want to make sure that you all are aware of that but that's all sir thank you well
let me

get that comment you got a comment yes certainly i think everybody out here should understand and the people that are watching when the t-splash was put together this is a transportation splash project right correct that's what t-splash stands for the voters went to the polls and it was up to you all to vote yes or no on the one cent sales tax because you voted yes yes Rock Quarry Road is being widened right now we're taking that funding the city investment is four million dollars Henry County is investing over 30 million dollars in GDOT to make sure that that project happens when I was discussing that we were discussing that we were at an impasse on what we were going to be able to do to achieve this Mr. Knighton and I were sitting down we were talking about what to do and we came up with that total of four million dollars based on population and in order to end the stalemate of who's going to fund what and what we're going to do so this project will be finished in 2028 from North from Eagles Landing Parkway all the way down to North Henry Boulevard it will be four lane road there will be a 10-foot multi-use path on one side that you can you can ride on your bike or even a golf cart or cart on and then on the other side will be a five-foot sidewalk the other side what would be one of like the Atlanta Beltline type sidewalk the really wide one there'll be beautification there there'll be new street lights so when you're driving down Rock Quarry Road you will be able to see it I just want you to know where your money is going and when you vote and there's another transportation splice coming up at the end of this year and you'll get to decide we don't tell you how to vote yes or to vote no but with these projects if you want to see Duval paved if you want to see traffic improvements in this area then you vote yes if you don't want to see those improvements you want to see and the things not to move as quickly then you would vote no but it's up to you it is really up to the citizens to decide how these projects move forward you know people talk about our parks and everything that's based on this one cent sale and we're not going to vote no we're going to vote no it's up to all of us because we are here to do all of our tax credits and in a fair and fair way no matter how late is it we are going to work together as way to to get together and work together and i would like this leadership that you're starting today by saying let's shoot an item i'm not giving you in a lemme elaborate on how that's shut down but it is going through the respiratory masses and then it starts looking at what you're going to be doing cause you're hoping it's going to see a lot she's going to be up before you now just as i division for five days once we roll over and prime goals and the prime examples that they showed us that is going to be displayed across the entire state was going to be that rock quarry expansion and with the awesome developments that we're bringing with the community development team it's going to be an awesome look especially to alleviate some of that traffic issues here in the city so i'm looking forward to it as well

with
that councilman mayor williams i'd like to make a motion with that being said that we approve the authorization of the city treasurer cfo to make arrangements to reimburse henry county in reference to the t-spots project for the rock quarry road widening in the amounts of 2 million in 2026 1 million in 2027 and then the last million at the conclusion of the project in 2028 second all right i have a motion in the second actually already by councilman cloud but all those in favor please indicate by the sound of i i do have one comment okay well let me say this

vote is closed four to zero thank you thank you
briefly

um the rock quarry road extension project
the project before that is also funded by t-spot is t-splice is that correct mr malazi
am i correct mr aaron just nod your head t-splice the rock quarry road extension project
thank you with that council i will now accept a motion to go into executive session
so mayor i make a motion to go into executive session for real estate personnel
um cyber security and litigation all right i have a motion by mayor pro tem is there a second
second

all right all those in favor and can you by the sign of aye all right so moved we will return
after executive session

to vote

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Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Demetrius, we good?

All right.

Council, I will now accept a motion to reconvene and return back to an executive session and
return back to our regularly scheduled work session.

So moved.

Is there a second?

Second.

All those in favor, please indicate by the sound of aye.

Aye.

All right.

Five.

Five to zero.

Council, I have no comments.

Just to let everyone know that we have a few events coming up and lined up.

Please join the city of Stockbridge for our Women's History Month event on Sunday over at
Merriman's Conference Center.

And please follow our social media and our website for more.

At this time, Council, I'll accept a motion and a second to adjourn.

Mayor, could you also add an announcement that Clergy Roundtable will be Monday the 2nd at 630
in Lehighville?

Clergy.

There will be a Clergy Roundtable.

There will be a Clergy Roundtable hosted by Councilman Berry on Monday, March 2nd, 630 p.m. right here at City Hall in the Lehighville room, first floor.

Yes, sir.

Are you going to also motion?

I can't.

Yes, I motion every year.

All right.

I have a second.

I second.

All right.

All those in favor, indicate by the sound of aye.

Aye.

So moved.

Good evening.

Good evening.

Good evening.