

>> MAYOR: READY?
WELCOME TO THIS THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 5th, MEETING OF THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE BOARD OF

TRUSTEES FOR THE GAINESVILLE
GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN.
MADAM CLERK.

>> MAYOR, WE HAVE THE ADOPTION

OF THE AGENDA.

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A
SECOND TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS
PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED.

ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
ALL OPPOSED?
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT ABSENT.

>> WE HAVE OUR FIRST BUSINESS
DISCUSSION ITEM, WHICH IS
2024-891, APPOINTMENT TO THE
PENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE WITH

THE RECOMMENDATION THE CITY
COMMISSION DISCUSS THE
APPOINTMENT AND TAKE THE
NECESSARY ACTION.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> WE HAVE ONE APPLICANT WHO'S
HIGHLY QUALIFIED, PATRICK KEOGH.
I HOPE I'M PRONOUNCING THAT

RIGHT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
THAT WITH CITY COMMISSION SHOULD
DISCUSS THAT APPOINTMENT AND WE
SHOULD APPOINT MR. KEOGH TO THAT

PENSION BOARD.

>> IS THAT A MOTION?

>> THAT'S A MOTION.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> NO ONE IS CURRENTLY SIGNED

UP.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.

>> SO MR. MAYOR, I THINK --

>> [OFF MIC]

>> NO WORRIES.

>> MAYOR: COME ON UP.

AS LONG AS IT'S TO THIS APPOINTMENT, MR. SHEPHERD.

GOOD MORNING.

>> I HADN'T BEEN ADVISED OF THE NAMES THAT WERE SELECTED, AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THAT,

THIS, OF NAMES THAT WERE SELECTED.

ALSO, THERE'S A VERY CRITICAL BOARD FOR OUR CITY TO DO, TAKE

AND HAVE INDIVIDUALS ON THIS BOARD, SO WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF WHOM WE SELECT.

>> THEY'RE GIVING HIM ONE OF OUR

COPIES, MR. MAYOR, SO THAT WOULD BE THE SOLE ATTENDEE WHO APPLIED.

>> YES, IS THIS RIGHT,

MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THAT'S IT.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

REAL QUICK.

WHAT ELSE WAS THERE?

I GUESS THAT'S ALL.

THAT'S ALL.
THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANKS.
ALL RIGHT, ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE

SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED?
ALL RIGHT, THAT PASSES
UNANIMOUSLY WITH COMMISSIONER

CHESTNUT ABSENT.
MADAM CLERK.
>> THAT WAS OUR -- CONCLUDES OUR
AGENDA.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT, WE ARE
ADJOURNED.
I'LL SEE YOU ALL AT 10:00.
>> MAYOR: MORNING, EVERYONE,

WELCOME TO THIS DECEMBER 5th,
MEETING OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING.
MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE THE
INVOCATION DONE BY PASTOR
KENYARDA FEATHERS, WILLIAMS
TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, SIR.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AS ALWAYS.
>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
LET US PRAY.

GRACIOUS FATHER, WE ARE HERE AND
WE ARE THANKFUL.
WE THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOD OF
LOVE WHO IS WITH US NOW IN THIS

VERY ROOM.
YOU NEVER LEAVE US, AND WE'RE SO
THANKFUL THAT YOU NEVER FORSAKE
US.

YOUR GRACE HAS BROUGHT US SAFE
AND WARM.
YOUR GRACE WILL LEAD US FURTHER
AND FARTHER.

WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING EACH
OF US IN IN THIS ROOM, EVERY
PERSON, EVERY CITIZEN, EVERY
CHILD, YOU MODUS IN YOUR SIGHT.

TODAY AS WE DO THE BUSINESS OF
THE CITY, WE DO THIS WITH
INTEGRITY.
LET US DO IT WITH PEACE, AND LET

PEACE BE OUR COMPASS AND UNITY
BE OUR RESOLVE.
WE THANK YOU FOR THE CALLING
THAT YOU HAVE ON ALL OF OUR

LIVES TO BE GOOD STEWARDS, TO
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
BLESS THIS CITY COMMISSION,
BLESS THE CITY OFFICIALS, BLESS

US ALL, THANK GOD, AND AMEN.
>> MAYOR: AMEN.
THANK YOU, SIR.
MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ONTO THE
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, AND I
BELIEVE WE DO HAVE AN UPDATE
LIST COMING ON THE SCREEN.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.
>> SO MOVE THAT THE RECOMMENDED
UPDATES.
>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A
MOTION AND A SECOND FOR THE, TO
ADOPT THE CONSENT AND REGULAR
AGENDAS WITH THE, AS DISTRIBUTED

WITH THE, WITH THE UPDATES AS
YOU SEE.

DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT
FOR CONSENT AGENDA?

>> YES, MR. DONALD SHEPHERD IS
SPEAKING TO MULTIPLE ITEMS.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. SHEPHERD.
JUST COME ON UP, MR. SHEPHERD.

>> SO IT'S -- OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: PARDON ME.

>> HE HAS TO GET HIS AGENDA.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS DONALD
SHEPHERD, AND I HAVE TO SPEAK
ABOUT FLEET MAINTENANCE.
I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS.
IS THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT?
IS THAT THE, WHAT IS IT?
FLEET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT,

WHICH IS ON 39th.
BECAUSE I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING
WHAT YOUR FLEET VEHICLE
MAINTENANCE IS.

>> MAYOR: MR. SHEPHERD, FLEET IS
THE PART OF CITY GOVERNMENT THAT
TAKES CARE OF OUR CITY VEHICLES.
ALL CITY VEHICLES.

>> OKAY.

OKAY.

WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT
IS UPGRADING THE VEHICLES,

HAVING A LIST OF VEHICLES THAT
ARE ON THIS SCHEDULED REPAIR OR
REPLACEMENT.

I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

BECAUSE WE HAVE ON OUR HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT, IT'S ON 39th.
I'M TRYING TO THINK OF THE NAME
OF IT.

>> MAYOR: PUBLIC WORKS.
>> PUBLIC WORKS, THANK YOU, SIR.
SEVERAL VEHICLES WE NEED TO
UPGRADE THERE AND TOOLS AND

STUFF THAT, AND ALSO IN THE GRU,
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S SEPARATE
FROM THIS.

>> MAYOR: NO, WE TAKE CARE OF

THEIR VEHICLES TOO.

>> WE TAKE CARE OF THEIRS?

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

SO THERE IS ON ANOTHER LIST I'D
LIKE TO HAVE WHAT VEHICLES
THEY'VE GOT SCHEDULED TO TAKE
AND BE UPGRADED AND HOW DO WE

PAY FOR THIS.

THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK WE
SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER AGENDA
MEETING.

SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT
INFORMATION HERE TO ADVISE THE
PUBLIC OF WHAT IS GOING TO TAKE
PLACE NEXT.

THERE WAS ANOTHER ITEM HERE THAT
I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT.

>> MAYOR: MR. SHEPHERD, TO GIVE
YOU AN ANSWER, THIS IS JUST

ABOUT TIRE MAINTENANCE FOR THOSE
VEHICLES.

THIS IS JUST AWARDED A BID, SO
IF SOMEBODY COULD FIX TIRES ON

CITY VEHICLES, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

>> OKAY.

>> MAYOR: THAT'S ALL IT IS.

>> OKAY.

LET'S LET THAT GO.

I HAD SOME UPCOMING EVENTS.

I WANT TO TAKE AND ASK IF WE

COULD HAVE A -- THE VETS OF THE VA SO THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN OUR PARADES IN 2025, AND IN OUR SOCIAL EVENTS.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SEVERAL SOLDIERS AND VETS THAT HAVE, THAT ARE THERE AT THE VA THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE HELD THIS EVENT

SO THAT THEY COULD WALK OR HAVE THEIR TIME AT THIS PARADE.

OKAY.

OKAY.

HOMELAND SECURITY HAZARDOUS -- THIS HOMELAND SECURITY WAS ANOTHER THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, AND THIS HERE HAZARDS

MATERIALS, WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT PRESENTED TO US BY THE CHIEF, AND I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT FEELS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD

SO THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS IS, BEING ASKED OF THIS ITEM.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

LOOKING TO YOU FOR ADVICE.

[LAUGHTER]

CITY CLERK, BECAUSE I HAD, WE HAD CIRCLED SEVERAL ITEMS --

>> YOU CIRCLED ALSO THE

2024-910, MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH CARE.

>> THANK YOU, MA'AM.

>> YEAH.

>> SO I SAVE MY TIME.

THAT THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT
TO UPGRADE, I WANT TO MAKE THE
BUILDING BETTER AND ALSO I WANT

TO TAKE AND PACE PROGRAM THAT IS
ON PORT STREET I BELIEVE NEXT TO
THE LIQUOR STORE AND ACROSS THE
ROAD FROM THE AAA BUILDING.

I WANT TO ENLARGE THAT AND MAKE
THAT MORE SECURE FOR THE WOMEN.
I WANT THEM TO HAVE A PROGRAM
WHERE NO MEN ARE ALLOWED ON THAT

PROPERTY AND HAVE IT FENCED IN.

>> MAYOR: I'M GOING TO NEED YOU
TO WRAP UP, MR. SHEPHERD.

>> SO THAT'S IT FOR NOW.

THANK YOU, SIR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CITY CLERK, FOR
THAT.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME, MR. SHEPHERD.

ALL RIGHT THAT WAS THE LAST
SPEAKER ON THAT ITEM.

>> MAYOR: ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

OPPOSED?

THAT CARRIES.

>> I HAVE OPEN PUBLIC BUT I
DON'T HAVE A COMMENT CARD SO

THESE ARE OUR BUSINESS
DISCUSSION ITEMS, 2024-897,
CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE

REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD RTS
ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE
FACILITY WITH A RECOMMENDATION
THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECT THE

CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO
EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY WITH TAX I.D.

16605-000-000 AND I.D. NUMBER
16004-000-000 AND ALL RELATED
DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF
FORM AND LEGALITY BY THE CITY

ATTORNEY OR DESIGNEE, AND
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE
TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AND THE
CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE TO ATTEST

THE SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED
CONVEYING FEE SIMPLE TITLE AND
AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT PURSUANT TO
270.11 FLORIDA STATUTE THAT THE

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED INCLUDE
RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF ALL
CITY'S OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL
RIGHTS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MADAM
CLERK.
SO TODAY WE HAVE SITTING IN FOR
ON BEHALF OF THE CITY MANAGER

ANDREW PERSONS WHO WILL BE IN
THAT SEAT ALL DAY.
MR. PERSONS, DO YOU WANT TO LEAD
US ON AT THIS ITEM?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO BRING THIS
BEFORE YOU.
AS YOU RECALL BACK IN SEPTEMBER

OF 22, WE RECEIVED A UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RTS MAINTENANCE FACILITY WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY

VACATED BY RTS WHEN THEY MOVED TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

IN MARCH YOU ALSO CONSIDERED

THAT UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL AND DIRECTED STAFF TO POSE A FORMAL SOLICITATION, WHICH WE DID. WE BROUGHT BACK THAT TO YOU IN

AUGUST OF 2023 AT WHICH POINT THE COMMISSION SELECTED KNOT CLIMBING GYM AS THE PREFERRED PROPOSAL FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT.

SINCE THEN WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE KNOT ON DOING SOME BOTH SOME ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPERTY AS WELL AS NEGOTIATING

THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION WHICH AS YOU KNOW PROVIDED THE BULK OF

THE FUNDING ORIGINALLY TO PURCHASE THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY, AND BY THE TERMS OF THE FTA RULES, ANY PROCEEDS OR

THE BULK OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE FACILITY WILL NEED TO BE REWRAPPED BACK INTO A TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT SO WE

CAN, WE'RE HERE TODAY WITH NEGOTIATED PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE, FOR OUR PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, TWO

PARCELS THAT WERE LISTED IN THE
AGENDA ITEM.

THE PURCHASE PRICE IS
\$2.35 MILLION.

THERE IS A ONE-YEAR DUE
DILIGENCE PERIOD AS WELL AS A
180-DAY FINANCING REQUIREMENT
THAT IS IN THE BACKUP PURCHASE

AND SALE AGREEMENT.

THERE IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT THAT
THEY NOT MONTANE THE FACILITY AS
THE PROPOSED CLIMBING GYM, MIXED

USE FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF NO
LESS THAN 10 YEARS, AND THERE
ARE REVERTER PROVISIONS THAT
SHOULD THERE BE ANY ISSUE ALONG

THE WAY, THAT THE CITY WOULD
HAVE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY
COME BACK TO US.

WE ARE PROPOSING THE USE OF THE

PROCEEDS, AND WE'VE BEEN TALKING
AS I MENTIONED WITH FTA WHO'S
ALREADY GIVEN OUR APPROVAL TO
BOTH TRANSFER THE PROPERTY AND

TO REUSE THOSE PROCEEDS TO A
TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT OF A
COMBINATION OF USING SOME OF THE

PROCEEDS TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF
THE EAST SIDE TRANSFER STATION
AT THE CORNERSTONE AND EDI
PROPERTY AS WELL AS TO

SUPPLEMENT CONSTRUCTION OF ONCE
WE HAVE FOUND A LOCATION FOR THE
NORTHWEST TRANSFER STATION THAT
WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON.

SO WITH THAT, WE'RE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT.

WE HAVE LANDS RIGHT COORDINATOR

HERE IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY SIDE, AND THEN THE KNOT CLIMBING GYM REPRESENTATIVES HERE ARE

PROBABLY HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ALL THE EXCITING STUFF THEY HAVE IN STORE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD, THANK YOU,

MR. PERSONS.

I DO WANT TO DWELL FOR A MOMENT ON WHERE THE PROCEEDS WOULD BE APPLIED IN THE PROCESS.

WE'VE TALKED A LOT OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF OR SO ABOUT THE CORNERSTONE EDI PROJECT, THE EASTSIDE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, WHICH OF COURSE ALREADY INCLUDES THE UF HEALTH CLINIC WHICH IS ACTIVELY SERVING -- THIS POTENTIAL WOULD

BE ADJACENT TO THAT, WHICH IS WALKABLE NOW.

WHEN WE CAN BRING THIS TO FRUITION ALONG WITH THE FEDERAL

GRANT WE ARE USING, THIS WILL BE WALKABLE FROM ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS NEARBY, INCLUDING LINCOLN ESTATES SO IT BRINGS

MORE OF THE FULL BREADTH OF RTS SERVICES TO GENERALLY UNSERVED AREAS OF EAST GAINESVILLE, AND ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO THAT

HELPS SUPPORT THAT I'M REALLY
EXCITED TO DO AND I ALWAYS WANT
TO TALK ABOUT THAT WHEN ANYTHING
IS HAPPENING.

SO WITH THAT SAID, WE HAVE A FEW
LIGHTS HERE.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> SO THIS IS JUST FOR TWO OF

THE SIX PARCELS, CORRECT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

5.2 ACRES.

>> THAT'S THE MAIN SITE AND THEN

WE CAN CALL THE PARKING LOT, THE
CAR PARKING LOT NOT THE PREVIOUS
BUS PARKING.

>> RIGHT.

>> VERY GOOD.

SO THAT WOULD, THOSE OTHER FOUR
PARCELS WOULD STILL REMAIN IN
OUR OWNERSHIP BUT STILL NOT USED

FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION AS
INTENDED BY THE ORIGINAL GRANT
FUNDS THAT GAVE US THE ABILITY
TO BUY THIS, RIGHT, BACK IN THE

DAY.

>> THAT IS CORRECT BUT WITH THE
PURCHASE OR WITH THE SALE OF THE
PROPERTY WE'LL BE ABLE TO

EXTINGUISH THE FTA'S INTEREST IN
THE PROPERTY, SO THOSE
ADDITIONAL REMAINING PARCELS
WILL REVERT TO CITY OWNERSHIP.

>> WE CAN DO ANYTHING WITH AND
WE WILL NO LONGER OWE THE FTA.

>> CORRECT.

>> ANYTHING, OKAY, I JUST WANTED

TO MAKE SURE I FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT.

OKAY, SO THAT IN THE FUTURE PARCELS 1, 2, 3, AND 5, THAT'S

WHAT I WANT TO CALL THEM FOR NOW.

THAT'S WHAT I'M SEEING ON MY MAP, WE CAN USE THEM FOR

ANYTHING, WE DON'T OWE ANYBODY ANYTHING ON THEM AFTER THAT POINT.

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

AND ONE THING I WANT TO ADD, THE NOT GROUP, THEY'RE ACTUALLY CURRENTLY WORKING ON SITE PLANS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT, AND

OBVIOUSLY THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF COORDINATION ON THOSE PARTICULAR PARCELS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LARGE PARKING LOT THAT

SERVES AS OVERFLOW RIGHT NOW FOR DEPOT PARK AND WANTING TO CREATE AS MUCH OF A CONNECTION WITH BOTH THE PARK AND THIS NEW

FACILITY AS POSSIBLE.

SO THOSE HAVING THAT PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OWNERSHIP WITHOUT ANY SORT OF RESTRICTIONS

WILL BE BETTER.

I WILL SAY THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS.

HOWEVER, THERE IS AS YOU KNOW,

LARGE TRANSMISSION LINES FROM THE KELLY PLANT THAT DO IMPACT THE ABILITY OF THAT PARCEL TO BE REDEVELOPED FOR ANYTHING LARGER

THAN SORT OF PARKING.
BUT WE'VE BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE KNOT ABOUT WHETHER
THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO

IMPROVE THE PARKING LOT WITH,
YOU KNOW, STRIPING AND SOME
OTHER ENTRY FEATURES.
THERE IS A MODULAR BUILDING ON

THE PROPERTY NOW THAT'S BEING
LEASED FROM RTS TO PARKS WITH
SOME OF PARK STAFF, SO WE'RE
WORKING ON A TEMPORARY

RELOCATION PLAN FOR PARKS STAFF
TO MOVE AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH
THE EVENTUAL DEPOT PARK VISITORS
CENTER CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO

THE PARK.
SO WE'VE GOT SOME MOVING PARTS
AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH, AS THEY
WORK ON THEIR SITE PLAN AND.

THE ALSO ONE THING I MEANT TO
MENTION, THE PROPERTY IS
CURRENTLY ZONED PUBLIC SERVICES
REFLECTED IN THE CITY'S

OWNERSHIP.
THAT PROPERTY WILL BE REZONED AS
A SEPARATE ACTION THAT WILL COME
BEFORE THE COMMISSION IN ORDER

TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT
OF THE SITE AND THE KNOT IS --
>> THAT CAN BE DONE AFTER THIS
CONTRACT?

>> ABSOLUTELY.
>> OKAY, THANK YOU.
THAT'S ALL I HAD.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR,

MR. PERSONS.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> MR. PERSONS, MAYBE YOU OR THE FOLKS FROM THE KNOT, BUT JUST

THE PROPOSED HOPED FOR TIMELINE I THINK IS, I'M GOING TO CALL THAT THREE YEARS BECAUSE WE'RE IN JANUARY ANYWAY, AT THIS RATE

SO IN THREE YEARS TO HAVE AT LEAST THE BULK OF THE PROJECT UP AND RUNNING, SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE FOLKS FROM THE KNOT HAVE

MUCH MORE THAN SAY THEY HAVE, I THINK YOU SAID THEY'RE WORKING ON DESIGN OR SITE PLANS FOR RIGHT NOW.

AND I THINK, I THINK GIVING OUR COMMUNITY JUST A BRIEF, NOT TO HOLD YOU TO IT FOREVER, TIMELINE OF WHAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN HOPE

TO SEE BECAUSE OR TRAFFIC TO AVOID.

EITHER/OR.

>> MR. MAYOR, I'LL DEFER TO

MR. PALMER BUT I WILL SAY I THINK WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE TIMELINE DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF PURCHASE AND SALE

AGREEMENT,.

I THINK AS WE BOTH SORT OF SAW THE PROGRESSION OF REDEVELOPMENT WOULD START WITH THE RENOVATION

OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, WITH THE NEW 10,000 SQUARE FOOT CLIMBING GYM EXPANSION STARTING IN '27 AND THEN THE SKATE PARK

AND MULTITUSE HAPPENING AFTER
THAT.
THERE WERE A FEW ASPECTS OF THE
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT WE BOTH

AGREED WOULD PROBABLY BE NICE TO
HAVES, NOT NECESSARILY MUST
HAVES LIKE THE WAVE POOL, I KNOW
MR. PALMER IS ACTIVELY SEEKING

SOME OF THOSE OTHER ASPECTS, BUT
WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
REALLY KIND OF CORE PIECES OF
THE PROPERTY WERE INCLUDED AS

WELL AS SOME DEVELOPMENT
TIMELINES IN THE PSA.
MIKE, DO YOU WANT TO SHARE
ANYTHING?

>> NO, I THINK YOU SUMMED IT UP
PRETTY WELL.
I WOULD TEND TO AGREE.
I THINK WE'RE LOOKING AROUND

THREE YEARS WITH WHAT I
UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE PROCESS FOR
THE ZONING AND WE CAN DO A
LITTLE BIT OF THE SITE PLAN WORK

WHILE WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE
ZONING PROCESS, SO AS SOON AS WE
CAN SUBMIT FOR THE SITE PLAN,
WE'LL BE READY TO GO WITH THAT.

WE'VE GOT ARCHITECTS AND
ENGINEERS STANDING BY READY.
WE'VE BEEN, YOU KNOW, CHOMPING
AT THE BIT FOR THIS FOR A FEW

YEARS NOW.
WE'RE EXCITED.
I WOULD SAY WE'RE, YEAH,
REALISTIC -- HOPEFULLY CLOSER TO

TWO YEARS RATHER THAN THREE YEARS, BUT YOU KNOW, OUR FOOT'S ON THE GAS, AND AS MR. PERSONS MENTIONED, THERE ARE SOME

PIECES, THE WAVE POOL IS THE MOST EXCITE -- IS ONE OF THE MORE EXCITING, UNIQUE FEATURES. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A

LITTLE BIT MORE WORK ON VIABILITY OF THAT AND JUST MAKE SURE IT WORKS. THERE ARE OTHER MODELS OF THAT,

BUT THE MAIN POINT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AND THAT WE BELIEVE IS THAT THE CLIMBING GYM CAN SUPPORT THE PURCHASE AND

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY AS ITSELF, AND THEN THESE OTHER FEATURES CAN COME IN AS WE'RE, AS WE GET UP AND GET STABILIZED.

THE MAIN GOAL IS TO GET THE CLIMBING GYM FUNCTIONING, GOING UP, READY, THAT SECONDARY BUILDING OR I'M SORRY THAT

EXISTING BUILDING RENOVATED AND READY TO GO FOR NEW TENANTS FOR US.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PALMER.

I APPRECIATE THE CONCEPT OF GET ONE THING GOING, SO IT IS BEING USED AND THE PUBLIC DOESN'T JUST ASK WELL, WHY IS IT STILL UNDER

CONSTRUCTION, WHY IS IT STILL BEING DEVELOPED.

SO I APPRECIATE THE FIXING AS YOU ARE USING IT APPROACH.

I'M A FAN OF THAT.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER SACO.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> YEAH, THANK YOU, AND MIKE,
CAN YOU JUST GO OVER BRIEFLY, I
MEAN, WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE PLANNED

HERE AS WELL?
I MEAN, I KNOW WE WENT OVER IT
IN A PREVIOUS MEETING, BUT I
THINK IT'S VERY EXCITING.

I JUST, IF YOU COULD JUST
REPEAT.
>> NO, HAPPY TO.
THERE'S ACTUALLY BEEN A LITTLE

BIT OF AN UPDATE IN SOME OF THE
DESIGNS AS WELL.
SO RIGHT NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT
THE EXISTING BUILDING IS ABOUT

20,000 SQUARE FEET.
WE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD NEW
CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER 10,000
SQUARE FEET SO THAT WE'LL HAVE

ABOUT A 30,000 SQUARE FOOT
CLIMBING GYM.
THIS WILL BE THE NEW SECTION
WILL GO UP TO ABOUT 60 FEET

TALL.
THIS WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE VERY
SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE FOR OLYMPIC
TRAINING AND BE ABLE TO MAKE A

CLIMBING CENTER THAT'S ACTUALLY
VERY IMPACTFUL FOR BOTH THE
REGION AND KIND OF FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE SPORT WHERE WE

THINK THAT'S GOING.
WE'LL ALSO BE INCLUDING A SKATE
PARK.

WE THINK THAT'S ANOTHER

COMPONENT OF THIS IS SKATING IS
NOW A NEW OLYMPIC SPORT.
WE'LL ALSO BE LOOKING TO ADD
THIS WAVE POOL AS WELL.

OF OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING
ON ON THE SITE, THERE IS AN
EXISTING BUILDING THAT'S ABOUT
3500 SQUARE FOOT, WHICH WE THINK

WOULD BE A VERY GOOD KIND OF
FAST CASUAL RESTAURANT.
WE STARTED ENGAGING SOME OF THE
LOCAL BUSINESSES TO SEE, GAUGE

THEIR INTEREST AND BRING
SOMEBODY IN LIKE THAT.
WE'LL BE LOOKING TO PARTNER WITH
LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR BOTH THAT,

SOME OF THE RETAIL ON SITE,.
ONE OF THE ADDITIONS THAT WE'VE
KIND OF CHANGED AROUND THAT
WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON THIS SITE

IS WE'VE ADDED ANOTHER, WE'LL
FINALIZE IT IN THE DESIGNS ABOUT
20,000 SQUARE FOOT KIND OF
COVERED LET'S SAY VENUE/ROLLER

SKATING AREA THAT WE'RE HOPING
CAN PULL DUAL DUTY AS AT
SOMEWHAT OF A LITTLE BIT OF A
MUSIC VENUE BUT ALSO AN

OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IN THOSE
LARGER GROUPS THAT YOU KNOW
ARE -- THAT ARE OFF LOOKING FOR
SPACE AROUND GAINESVILLE AND

CAN'T FIND IT.
THE IDEA FOR US FOR A LOT OF
THIS IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW
MUCH CAN PULL DUAL DUTY, HOW

MUCH CAN DO MULTIPLE DIFFERENT
KIND OF THINGS, BUT YEAH, VERY
EXCITED FOR THAT.

>> YEAH, AND THAT'S REAL

EXCITING AND IT'S A PERFECT
ADDITION TO DEPOT PARK AND
EVERYTHING THERE, AND THEN THE
CONNECTION FOR HAWTHORNE TRAIL

AND THEN WE'RE DOING THE
SWEETWATER CONNECTION DOWN TO
SWEETWATER PRESERVE AS
SWEETWATER WETLANDS PARK SO I

THINK IT'LL BE REALLY COOL WHEN
IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE.
YOU ALSO TALKED BEFORE THAT
THERE IS A LITTLE PARKING LOT

OFF TO THE SITE THAT YOU WERE
CONSIDERING FOR MAYBE
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING, SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

THAT'S STILL IN CONCEPT?
>> YES, THAT'S SORT OF THE WAY
WE HAVE THIS, WE'VE GOT IT
PLANNED IN A FEW PHASES.

PHASE 1 IS THE HORIZONTAL SITE
WORK, MAKING SURE THE SITE GETS
READY TO GO SO THAT WE CAN COME
IN AND DO BIGGER CONSTRUCTION,

AND AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE DOING
SOME OF THE HORIZONTAL WORK WE
WILL ALSO BE DOING RENOVATION OF
THE 20,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING.

THAT WOULD BE PHASE ONE.
PHASE TWO IS THE NEW BUILDING
AND SKATE PARK, AND IF WE CAN
LUMP THE RENOVATION OF THE

RESTAURANT IN THERE AS WELL THAT
WOULD BE PHASE TWO.

PHASE THREE WOULD BE THE WAVE
POOL AND THE KIND OF SKATING

AREA.

AND THEN PHASE FOUR WOULD BE THE
HOUSING IF WE, IF IT TURNS OUT
THAT WE REALLY NEED THAT TO KIND

OF OFFSET THE COSTS AND THE
VALUE OF THIS.

RIGHT NOW YOU KNOW, STILL KIND
OF ON THE FENCE OF DO WE NEED

PARKING OR DO WE NEED HOUSING
THERE.

BUT I THINK AS WE GO THROUGH
THIS PROCESS AND AS WE SEE A

LITTLE BIT MORE OF THE
ENGAGEMENT, WE MAY FIND THAT WE
ACTUALLY DO NEED THE PARKING
MORE THAN WE NEED THE HOUSING ON

THIS SITE.

>> ALL RIGHT, PERFECT.

ALL RIGHT, THANKS, MIKE.

AND THEN I GUESS MY OTHER

QUESTIONS ARE FOR MR. PERSONS.

I MEAN, I'VE KIND OF BRIEFLY

BEEN ABLE TO READ THROUGH IT.

OBVIOUSLY AT THE, WHAT I, PIECE

OF ADVICE I WAS GIVEN IS THAT AT
THE START OF EVERY CONTRACT
NEGOTIATION, EVERYTHING'S ALWAYS
LIKE WORKING TOGETHER, DOING ALL

THESE THINGS, YOU KNOW,
EVERYONE'S MOVING FORWARD, THERE
IS NO REAL PURPOSE OF A CONTRACT
IF EVERYONE, YOU KNOW, JUST DOES

EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO DO ON
THE FRONT END BUT THE CONTRACT
IS FOR PROVISIONS WITHIN THERE.
BUT YOU MENTIONED THERE IS A

REVERTER CLAUSE IN HERE THAT
THEY NEED TO BREAK GROUND ON IT.
YOU MENTIONED, I THINK YOU
MENTIONED THEY NEED SHOW

FINANCIALS WITHIN 180 DAYS.
IS THERE A -- SO I WILL ASSUME
THAT ALL OF THAT IS WRAPPED UP.
WHEN ALL OF THIS IS COME TO AN

END LIKE LET'S SAY IN 50 YEARS,
100 YEARS, THAT YOU KNOW LET'S
SAY THEY'RE SELLING THE PROPERTY
OR MOVING ON, IS THERE A RIGHT

OF FIRST REFUSAL THAT'S PUT INTO
THIS AS WELL DO YOU KNOW?
>> I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS A
RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL WITHOUT

REALLY KIND OF DIGGING IN.
THERE IS A REVERTER AS WE
MENTIONED AND THE REQUIREMENT
THAT THEY OPERATE THE FACILITY

UPON FINAL CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY FOR A PERIOD OF 10
YEARS.
AFTER THAT I BELIEVE IT'S

LARGELY UNRESTRICTED IN TERMS OF
THE CONTRACT.
I DON'T KNOW IF -- I'M GETTING
NODS FROM THE LANDS RIGHT

COORDINATOR.
I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A RIGHT
OF FIRST REFUSAL.

>> OKAY.

SO THEY HAVE TO -- THEY HAVE TO
CONSISTENTLY SHOW, WELL THEY
HAVE TO SHOW THEIR FINANCES,
BREAK GROUND.

AND I MEAN I THINK A FAIRLY
AGGRESSIVE TIMELINE.
YOU MENTIONED TWO YEARS BUT YOU
CAN GET -- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF

X FACTORS IN HERE WE ALREADY
MENTIONED LIKE WHETHER THE
UTILITY, WHATEVER CONSTRUCTION
THEY'LL ALLOW, GETTING

EVERYTHING THROUGH PERMITTING.
THERE IS STILL A REZONING
PROCESS -- ORIGINALLY EXPECTED.
AND IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN THEN

I GUESS SIMILAR TO THE NEXT ITEM
WE'LL BE DISCUSSING, THAT WILL
COME BACK TO US TO EITHER EXTEND
THIS OUT OR WHAT HAPPENS AT THAT

POINT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

IF FOR ANY UNFORESEEN REASON THE
PROJECT CAN'T MOVE FORWARD,

DOESN'T MOVE FORWARD, THE CITY
CAN EXERCISE A REVERTER AT WHICH
POINT WE WOULD RETAIN THE
ORIGINAL DEPOSIT AND THEN, YOU

KNOW, BOTH PARTIES WOULD SORT OF
GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS AND WE
WOULD HAVE THE PROPERTY BACK TO
THE CITY, TO OBVIOUSLY RETURN

THE PURCHASE PRICE.
>> ALL RIGHT.
ALL RIGHT, PERFECT.
THOSE WERE ALL MY QUESTIONS,

MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
GOOD MORNING, MIKE.
>> GOOD MORNING.
>> I THINK A LOT OF US ARE VERY

EXCITED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO
TAKE PLACE THERE.
I HAVE A QUESTION FROM THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE.

>> MM-HMM.
>> ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS FOR
WHAT MAY NEED TO TAKE PLACE WITH
REGARDS TO CLEAN-UP?

WHAT ARE WE THINKING IN TERMS OF
THAT?
DO WE ALREADY KNOW, HAS A STUDY
BEEN DONE?

I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS
ALL VERY, VERY EXCITING, BUT
GIVEN THE LOCATION AND WHERE IT
WILL BE VERSUS WHAT HAS BEEN

THERE, WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED IN
TERMS OF MAKING THAT SAFE AND
SUITABLE FOR THE USE THAT YOU'RE
LOOKING AT?

>> OKAY, THANKS.
THAT'S ACTUALLY ONE OF THE
PIECES THAT I WOULD SAY IS WHY
IT TOOK US ABOUT A YEAR TO GET

BACK.
WE KIND OF HAD TWO MAJOR FACTORS
THAT, ONE OF THEM WE WERE, WE
KIND OF DID THIS A LITTLE BIT

BACKWARDS OF A TYPICAL PROPERTY
SALE WHERE YOU MIGHT DO, GET
UNDER CONTRACT OR BE VERY CLOSE
TO UNDER CONTRACT AND GET THE,

DO THE APPRAISAL AND THE
EVALUATION.
WE ACTUALLY DID THE APPRAISAL
AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

OVER THE LAST YEAR.
THE APPRAISAL WAS A LOT OF
COMPLICATED BACK AND FORTH
BETWEEN THE APPRAISER TALKING TO

THE FTA TO FIGURE OUT THE VERY
SPECIFIC FORMAT THAT THEY HAD TO
SUBMIT THAT IN.
BUT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL, THAT

ACTUALLY CAME BACK, WHAT WE
WOULD CONSIDER FAIRLY CLEAN.
WE DID BOTH A PHASE ONE AND A
PHASE TWO.

THE PHASE TWO GOT AS FAR AS I
UNDERSTAND, ONE RELATIVELY SMALL
HIT OF PETROLEUM NEAR IF YOU
KNOW THE MAIN BUILDING WHERE THE

GAS PUMPS ARE, THERE'S A
COLLECTION RESERVOIR OVER THERE
AND IT WAS SORT AN OBVIOUS SITE
WHERE YOU WOULD EXPECT TO SEE A

KIND OF HIT SHOW UP.
I BELIEVE -- I CAN'T REMEMBER
THE EXACT TERM THAT THEY CALL
IT, BUT THAT HIT OR WHEN THEY

WENT AND SENT THAT OFF FOR TESTING, THAT ACTUALLY SHOWED BELOW ANY REQUIRED ACTION LIMITS, SO ESSENTIALLY THERE WAS

NOT REALLY MUCH WE COULD DO ON THAT.

OUTSIDE OF THAT, I BELIEVE THERE WERE THREE, LET ME QUOTE, I

THINK THERE ARE ABOUT 10,000 GALLONS APIECE FUEL TANKS THAT ARE BURIED IN THE GROUND. NOW, AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND,

THOSE FUEL TANKS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION HERE, AND THEY HAVE BEEN MONITORING THAT SITE FOR A FEW YEARS.

THERE IS A SLIGHT -- I MEAN,

THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A CONCERN THAT WE'LL GET IN AND, YOU KNOW, THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO GET IN AND TAKE THOSE TANKS

OUT, REFILL THAT, KIND OF CHANGE IT MORE TO A KIND OF PARK AREA IN FRONT OF THE GYM. THE ONE UNKNOWN THAT WE HAVE, WE

FEEL PRETTY STRONGLY SINCE WE DIDN'T SEE ANY HITS AND DIDN'T SEE ANY OTHER MAJOR, ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, BUT

THE ONE CONCERN WE DO HAVE IS IF WE PULL THOSE TANKS OUT AND THEN FIND THAT THEY HAVE LEAKED, THERE MAY BE A CONCERN THERE.

BUT AS FAR AS WE UNDERSTAND NOW,
I MEAN, WE'RE SORT OF WILLING TO
TAKE THAT RISK BECAUSE, YOU
KNOW, IT'S BEEN SOMETHING.

IT WAS BUILT IN THE LATE 70s,
SO AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND,
EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CLEAN AND
SHOULD BE UP TO SPEED, AND EVEN

IF WE DO FIND SOME ENVIRONMENTAL
CONDITIONS THERE, WE'VE DONE A
LITTLE BIT OF SIMILAR TYPE OF
WORK LIKE THAT ON OUR -- TO COME

IN, GO AND NAVIGATE ALL THOSE
SORT OF THINGS, AND YEAH, IT'S
SOMETHING I THINK WE'RE, YOU
KNOW, IT'S A LITTLE QUESTION

MARK BUT WE'RE ALSO THINK IT'S
SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE
VERY MANAGEABLE FOR US.

>> MM-HMM.

SO YOU ARE CONSIDERING THAT YOU
MAY NEED TO PULL THE THREE TANKS
OUT.

DO YOU KNOW ROUGHLY HOW THAT

MIGHT IMPACT YOUR TIMELINE IF
YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?

>> THAT WOULD BE IN THAT FIRST
PHASE, SO WE CAN KIND OF PULL

THAT OUT WHILE WE WOULD BE DOING
SOME OF THE RENOVATIONS IN THE
BUILDING.

HONESTLY I'VE ALREADY GOT A

COUPLE QUOTES FROM A FEW
DIFFERENT PEOPLE ON THOSE.
IF THERE IS NO CONTAMINATION ON
THAT, THOSE TANKS ARE ACTUALLY

VERY QUICK TO TAKE OUT.
IT MIGHT BE A WEEK OR SO FOR
THEM TO TAKE THE TANKS OUT AND
EVERYTHING.

AND THEN WE CAN JUST BRING IN
FILL DIRT.
I MEAN, I'LL HAVE LET AN
ENGINEER, OBVIOUSLY QUOTE THAT,

BUT THE DIFFERENT QUOTES WE GOT
SEEMED VERY REASONABLE AS WELL,
SO.

>> OKAY.

>> IN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ANDREW, MY NEXT QUESTION IS WHAT

IS OUR ROLE IN MAKING SURE THE
SITE IS STABLE?

DO WE HAVE A ROLE IN THAT?

>> WE DO THROUGH THE UTILITY AS

WELL SOME THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS,
BUT LARGELY IT'S ANY REMEDIATION
IS DONE THROUGH THE STATE,
THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD PAST

THIS PROCESS INTO THE SITE

PLANNING PROCESS, SOME OF THOSE

ASPECTS WILL IN PLAY, BUT
LARGELY THAT'S A SEPARATE
PROCESS THAT'S DONE THROUGH THE
STATE WITH SOME MONITORING BY US

AND ALSO BY GRU OBVIOUSLY, AND A
LITTLE BIT WITH THE COUNTY AS
WELL.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MIKE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
I SEE NO FURTHER LIGHTS.

IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?
>> YES, SIR, MR. MAYOR.
WE HAVE KALI BLOUNT.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. BLOUNT.

>> GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN.
BRILLIANT MINDS THINK ALIKE.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT WHEN

YOU BROUGHT IT UP BECAUSE I READ
THAT PHRASE IN THE, IN THE ITEM
ABOUT DISCHARGING MINERAL RIGHTS
AND I'M THINKING WHILE YOU'RE

PREDISCHARGING RIGHTS, WHAT
ABOUT PREDISCHARGING LIABILITY.
JUST THE HAZMAT TYPE OF HANDLING
AT ANY POINT TAKING UP THE

CONCRETE OVER THERE BECAUSE IT'S
COATED IN THAT.
PULL IT UP WHILE YOU'RE
PREDISPOSING RIGHTS.

THANK YOU, MR. BLOUNT.
>> OUR LAST SPEAKER, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: OKAY.
I SEE COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
PART OF THE AGENDA.
I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS SO I'M
VERY HAPPY -- I'M VERY HAPPY TO

MOVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO
GO AHEAD WITH THE CONTRACT.
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A
SECOND.

SEEING NO FURTHER LIGHTS, THAT
WAS ALL PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT, THAT PASSES

UNANIMOUSLY.

>> ITEM 2024-871, LOT 10, SIXTH

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT.

THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVE THE
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR LOT NUMBER

10 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SIXTH
AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR
SALE AND PURCHASE FOR LOT NUMBER

10 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE
CITY ATTORNEY AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY.

>> THIS IS WITH THE CURRENT

PROPERTY OWNER AMJ GROUP.
THEY HAVE REQUESTED A ONE-YEAR
EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF THE
AGREEMENT.

TO STEP BACK, BACK IN 2021 THE
COMMISSION APPROVED THE SALE OF
CITY LOT PARKING 10 AFTER
SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS.

WE CLOSED WITH AMJ IN
JANUARY 26, 2022, WHICH
TRANSFERRED THE PROPERTY -- THE
SALE PRICE WAS \$2,045,000.

OUT OF THAT ORIGINAL SALE PRICE,
IF YOU RECALL, \$350,000 WAS SET
ASIDE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
AND THEN ANOTHER MILLION WAS SET

ASIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT.

PURCHASE OF SALE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN AMENDED SEVERAL TIMES.

THE MOST RECENT AMENDMENT, THE FIFTH AMENDMENT WAS DONE ROUGHLY, WELL, ABOUT NOVEMBER 16th, 2023, TO EXTEND

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT BY A YEAR BY WHICH THE PROJECT NEEDED TO BREAK GROUND.

ONE OTHER ASPECT, WITH THE FIFTH

AMENDMENT WAS THE CITY INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT THE DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE CONDITION OF THE

ORIGINAL SALE HAD TO BE EXECUTED BY JUNE 30th OF THIS YEAR.

THAT WAS EXECUTED THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE.

AMJ, MR. WARREN IS HERE WHO CAN SPEAK TO SORT OF THEIR PROGRESS IN TERMS OF SITE DEVELOPMENT AND ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM OVER THE, SINCE THE COMMISSION APPROVED THIS ORIGINALLY ON MANY ASPECTS OF THE SITE IN

DEVELOPMENT, AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE POISED TO DEAL WITH TO BREAK GROUND IN SUMMERTIME OF NEXT YEAR, BUT I'LL LET

MR. WARREN SPEAK TO EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE IN TERMS OF PROGRESS.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.

MR. WARREN, WELCOME.
WOULD YOU JUST COME GIVE US A
QUICK UPDATE.
>> THANK YOU, MICHAEL WARREN,

AMJ.
I DON'T HAVE A SPEECH TO MAKE AT
ALL.
OBVIOUSLY AMJ IS DEDICATED TO

THIS.
I THINK WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN
THE PAST THE BUILDINGS WE HAVE
DONE DOWNTOWN, THE CONGRESS

BUILDING RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO
HERE.
REGENTS PARK, 46 CONDOMINIUMS,
AND HYATT HOTEL WHICH WE HANDLED

IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC.
AS I SAID, WE DEDICATED TO THIS.
WE'VE INVESTED OVER \$5 MILLION
ALREADY IN THIS BETWEEN THE

PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY,
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN, TAXES, WE JUST FINISHED
PAYING TAXES AGAIN LAST YEAR AND

ALSO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE,
CONTRACT WHICH WE PURCHASED 384
UNITS IN THE GARAGE TO BE ABLE
TO USE FOR OUR PARKING NEEDS

THERE FROM THE McKEARNS, SO
I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS.
WE WERE FAIRLY ABLE TO QUICKLY

GET A DESIGN FOR THE BUILDING.
THE HOLDUPS HAVE BEEN PRETTY
MUCH RELATED TO THE SITE PLAN AS
EVERYBODY KNOWS OUR FRONT DOOR

IS A STREATERY.
FOR QUITE AWHILE WE DIDN'T KNOW
HOW THE STREATERY OR IF THE
STREATERY WOULD GO FORWARD, AND

QUITE HONESTLY WE WERE VERY
CONCERNED ABOUT THINGS LIKE
DETAILS.
BUT THE SITE PLAN HAS TO BE DONE

BOTH, THREE DIMENSIONS AND
LITTLE THINGS LIKE FOR EXAMPLE
IS THERE A CURB IN FRONT OF US
OR IS THERE NOT A CURB IN FRONT

OF US CHANGES THINGS THAT WOULD
AFFECT ADA REQUIREMENTS.
WE RAN INTO SOME PROBLEMS WHEN
THE HOTEL, WE ENDED UP WITH ALL

THE SIDEWALKS THAT HAVE TO BE
DONE AND BRICK.
THERE ARE VERY STRICT
REQUIREMENTS, AND WE ENDED UP

RIPPING UP SIDEWALKS THREE TIMES
WITH BRICKS TO GET IT RIGHT.
SO WE NEED TO KNOW LITTLE MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE WE'RE

GOING, YOU KNOW, WITH, WITH THE
STREATERY, HOW THAT'S GOING TO
BE HANDLED, AND DETAILS THAT
REALLY WOULD IMPACT US.

OUR CIVIL ENGINEERS IS LOCAL
HERE WHO WE'VE ALSO ENGAGED IN
WITH SPEAKING WITH TWO GENERAL
CONTRACTORS HERE TO START GIVING

US BIDS ON THIS, AND WE'RE
WORKING WITH A FIRM ABOUT
FINANCE THAT PROBABLY HOPEFULLY
GET A HUD FINANCE ON BECAUSE OF

THE NEED ASSOCIATED WITH THE
FACT THAT -- CONSTRAINED ON THE
RENTS STRUCTURE WE HAVE TO BE
ABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF

THE LIVE -- WORK LIVE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU, MR. WARREN.

I THINK WE'LL HAVE SOME
QUESTIONS FOR YOU HERE.
COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> I WAS PART OF THAT FIRST VOTE

IN '21 SO SEEING IN THE
CONTRACT, YOU KNOW, THE NUMBER
2028 HURTS ME A LITTLE BECAUSE
IT'S SEVEN YEARS, AND I WOULD'VE

LIKED TO SEE THIS FINISHED
BEFORE OR AT LEAST STARTED BUT I
UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAD THOSE
HOLDUPS.

YOU HAD TO FINISH THE HYATT.
I KNOW WE HAD INTEREST RATES
SPIKE UP.
I KNOW THERE WERE SUPPLY CHAIN

ISSUES.

I RECOGNIZE ALL OF THOSE, AND,
I'M GLAD YOU'VE BROUGHT UP THE
STREATERY BECAUSE I THINK THE

COMMISSION RECENTLY HAVING WHAT
I HOPE IS A FINAL DECISION ON IT
GIVES YOU SOME PEACE TO CONTINUE
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT,

LEAVING THINGS UP IN THE AIR
STALLS OTHER THINGS.
IT IS NOT JUST ONE, THE
STREATERY WAS IN THE AIR, IT WAS

ALSO YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS I'M SURE THAT WE AREN'T AWARE OF.
SO, I'M FINE WITH THIS EXTENSION

BECAUSE IT'S PARTIALLY THIS COMMISSION'S FAULT THAT WE NEED IT.
I THINK Y'ALL SHOULD BE BREAKING

GROUND BY THE SUMMER.
SOMETIMES SUMMER IS SEPTEMBER 1st, YOU KNOW,
THAT'S FINE.

BUT I DO THINK ON THE SAKE OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT A LOT OF GOODWILL WILL COME FROM SEEING MOVEMENT, BOTH ON LOT 10 AND IN

THE STREATERY.
I THINK BRINGING THAT FORWARD WILL BRING A LOT OF VITALITY DOWNTOWN AND OCCUPANTS AND FOOD

TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE THAT WE DO NEED.
SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BREAK GROUND SOON AND HAVING A

VIALE SITE PLAN NOW THAT WE HAVE HOPEFULLY FOR THE LAST TIME DECIDED WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE STREATERY AND THE

SURROUNDING AREA.
SO WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK ON THAT.
YOU MAKE IT PRETTY.

AESTHETICS ISN'T REALLY A THING WE CAN CONTROL BUT MY ONE REQUEST, COULD YOU MAKE IT PRETTY.

BRING SOME COLOR DOWNTOWN.
GET A MURAL.
BUT I THANK YOU FOR THE WORK
YOU'RE DOING DOWN HERE AND I

WISH YOU WELL.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER SACO.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
FIRST I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU
ON YOUR NEW TENANT AT THE HYATT.
I KNOW YOU'RE HAPPY.

THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT CITIZENS
HAVE BROUGHT TO ME, AND THAT IS
WITH THE TOWING SERVICE IN LOT
10, YOU PROBABLY CONTRACT WITH

THAT SERVICE.
WELL, IF NOT, IF YOU COULD PASS
THIS ON, THE SIGNS ARE VERY,
VERY OBSCURE, WHICH MAKES IT

SEEM LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL
SOMETHING OVER ON THE PUBLIC.
IF YOU CAN MAKE THOSE SIGNS MORE
VISIBLE SO THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE

OF THE NO PARKING THERE, WHAT
HAVE YOU, BECAUSE I THINK THE
PARKING TICKET THERE IS ABOUT
\$85 A POP.

>> JUST ABOUT THAT.
WE HAD, WE HAD ORIGINALLY DEALT
WITH ANOTHER TOWING SERVICE
COMPANY THERE.

AND WE DECIDED WE DON'T WANT
CARS TOWED AND SO WE'VE GOTTEN
RID OF THEM NOW AND NOW THEY'RE
BOOTING THE CAR IF THAT'S THE,

INSTEAD OF TOWING IT AWAY.
BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE, WE
NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PLACE
IS SAFE, AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE

THE PARKING IS BEING USED FOR
HOTEL EMPLOYEES.
THE HOTEL IS A 24-HOUR EVENT SO
WE HAVE PEOPLE ALL NIGHT LONG

THERE AS WELL.
MAKE SURE THEY ARE -- AND THEN
OF COURSE THE COUNTY CAME TO US
AND ASKED IF WE COULD HAVE A

PARK OF THAT FOR THEIR PARKING
NEEDS AS WELL, SO WE'RE JUST
TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE STAY SAFE
THERE.

WE HAD AN INCIDENT PROBABLY A
YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN SOMEONE
PULLED A GUN ON A TOW COMPANY
DRIVER THERE, WE DON'T WANT THAT

TO HAPPEN AND I WILL CERTAINLY
GET BACK AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE,
THAT THE SIGNS ARE MORE VISIBLE.
I KNOW WE HAD SOME SIGNS THERE,

BUT WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE
THAT WE KEEP IT CALM AND WE HAVE
SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THE HOTEL AS
WELL AS THE COUNTY STAFF THERE.

>> THANK YOU, WELL THE SIGNS ARE
OBSCURE.
WHAT THEY DO IS BOOT AND CHARGE
\$85.

>> OKAY.
>> SO IF YOU COULD RAISE THE
SIGNS UP, MAKE THEM MORE
PLENTIFUL SO THE PEOPLE CAN SEE

THEM.

>> WILL DO.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

SO WITH THIS EXTENSION, WHAT

TIME WOULD Y'ALL BE TALKING ABOUT ACTUALLY EITHER SECURING YOUR PERMIT OR YOU KNOW -- YOU MAY NOT BE A YEAR YOU NEED, BUT

THAT'S JUST KIND OF A STANDARD OR DO YOU HAVE A TIMELINE THAT SUGGESTS YOU'LL BE BREAKING GROUND SOONER?

>> WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE THE CIVIL ENGINEERING PLAN DONE IN FIRST PROBABLY THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025, GET IT TO THE CITY AND

HOPEFULLY IT CAN BE TURNED AROUND FAIRLY QUICKLY AND AT THE SAME TIME, THEN WE'LL KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAS TO BE DONE ON THE SITE.

>> AND THAT WOULD STILL --

>> YES.

>> THAT'S ONE OF THE STEPS.

>> YES.

>> BUT YOU WOULD STILL EXPECT IT'S GOING TO BE ASPHALT AND PARKING FOR A YEAR, HALF A YEAR FROM NOW?

>> I'M GUESSING PROBABLY SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS.

>> AND IF YOU KNOW OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD, HOW MUCH DID YOU

PAY IN CITY TAXES IN 2023-2024.

>> I THINK -- I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER, 25 TO \$30,000.

>> TOTAL TAX BILL.

>> EACH YEAR, IT'S \$28,000 I THINK IS THE NUMBER.

>> IT'S MORE THAN WE PAID BUT ON THE CITY SIDE IT WAS ONLY

\$7800 -- AND WE CAN COLLECT THAT IN PARKING IN A YEAR.

SO THAT'S.

MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS

EXTENSION IS JUST -- THIS WAS A QUESTION FOR YOU.

I WILL RESERVE OTHER COMMENTS WHEN WE'RE NOT QUESTIONING

MR. WARREN.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

AND THANK YOU, MR. WARREN.

I JUST HAD A MORE SPECIFIC

QUESTION ABOUT THE PLAN IN TERMS OF WHAT THE BUILDING ITSELF WILL INCLUDE.

I KNOW YOU MENTIONED RELATIVELY

RECENTLY WHEN YOU AND MR. LYONS WERE HERE THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THE GROCERY.

I KNOW SOME QUESTIONS HAD ARISEN ABOUT THAT.

IS THAT STILL IN QUESTION OR ARE YOU MORE DECIDED AS TO WHETHER

OR NOT YOU ABLE TO DO THAT.
>> LET ME GIVE YOU THE OVERALL
BUILDING.
THE FIRST FLOOR IS FRONT FACING

SECOND AVENUE WOULD BE RETAIL
AND WE WERE FOCUSING ON FOOD
SERVICES, IT COULD BE CAFES,
LITTLE SMALL MARKETS AND THINGS

LIKE THAT.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
GET A LARGE GROCERY STORE IN
THERE.

THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A
PUBLIX, THEY TOLD US THAT BUT WE
WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET GROCERY
TYPE THINGS PEOPLE CAN TAKE

ADVANTAGE OF BECAUSE SMALLER
SHOPS AND LIKE THAT.
THE REAR, THE BACK OF THE -- NOT
REALLY THE BACK, I SHOULD SAY

BUT THE SOUTH -- WE HAVE SOME,
WE'LL HAVE SOME OFFICES ON THE
SOUTH 2ND AVENUE, I'M SORRY.
ON FIRST AVENUE, OKAY, FACING

THE STREATERY.
ON 2ND AVENUE, WE'LL HAVE SOME
OFFICES THERE, PRIMARILY
SERVICES MAYBE A DOCTOR'S

OFFICE.
WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN
BUILDING ANOTHER DOCTOR'S OFFICE
DOWNTOWN BEFORE.

THINGS OF THAT NATURE.
THE SECOND FLOOR THROUGH THE
11th FLOOR THERE WOULD BE A
UNIT, RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND

WE'RE PLANNING 173 RESIDENTIAL
UNITS IN THAT BUILDING.

>> MM-HMM, WITH THE 10% RESERVED
FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LOWER

INCOME OR AFFORDABLE RENTS?

>> THE REQUIREMENT CORRECT ME IF
I'M WRONG, I THINK WE HAVE TO
HAVE 20 UNITS AT NO MORE THAN

120% AMI.

THEN WE HAVE THE BALANCE -- IT'S
104 MORE UNITS, LESS -- IS THAT
CORRECT?

>> YES, AND WE HAVE A, WE HAVE
THE ORIGINAL \$1 MILLION OF THE
SET ASIDE OF THE PURCHASE THAT
WILL GO TO BRING THOSE RENTS

DOWN BELOW WHAT THE BASE IS AS
WELL.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT,
THAT ANDREW, BECAUSE I DO

REMEMBER THOSE CONVERSATIONS.
OKAY, THANK YOU, MR. WARREN.
I WILL DEFINITELY BE IN SUPPORT
OF YOUR EXTENSION, AND I

APPRECIATE YOU ALL CONTINUING TO
FORGE THROUGH AS WE MAY HAVE
ADDED TO AS IT WAS SUGGESTED
BEFORE A LITTLE BIT OF THIS

DELAY, BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH.
WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, THANK
YOU, MR. WARREN.

IT'S, I SUPPORT THE PROJECT.
IT'S LARGE, IT'S IMPACTFUL, IT'S

AN ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR DOWNTOWN.
IT SHOULD BRING ADDITIONAL
ACTIVITY AS AN ANCHOR IN THERE,
SO THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I

THINK WE DO FEED TO GET MOVING
AND THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT AS SOME
OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALLUDED TO
WHICH DEALS WITH WE NEED TO

BREAK GROUND AND GET IT MOVING
SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT A 7th
AMENDMENT.
ONE QUESTION WOULD JUST BE ARE

THERE ANY FACTORS, WE KNOW ABOUT
SOME OF THE DELAYS THUS FAR AND
IS SOME THE CITY CAUSED AND SOME
MAY BE RELATED TO FACTORS,

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS
BUT ANY THAT WOULD CREATE DELAY
IN SUMMER 2025.

>> I'M SORRY?

>> ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS WE
LOOK AT AND WE SAY OH, THIS
COULD DELAY OUR CAPABILITY ON
OUR TIMELINE NOW THAT WE'RE

LOOKING AT IT?

>> THE ONLY THING I'M AWARE OF
NOW IS WE HAVE TO DO SOME
SURVEYS INCLUDING A SURVEY OF

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES.
IT TURNS OUT GRU IS NOT REALLY
SURE WHERE THE UTILITIES ARE
UNDERGROUND BECAUSE IT'S BEEN

THERE QUITE AWHILE, SO UNLESS
THERE IS SOMETHING COMES IN FROM
THAT, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING
ELSE THAT WOULD BE A DELAY.

>> OKAY, WELL THAT'S GOOD.
THAT'S CONFIRMATION, IT'S TIME
2025 WE'RE GOING TO SEE SOME
CONCRETE ACTION, AND ASPHALT

THAT'S GOING TO SHOW FOLKS THAT
THERE'S ACTIVITY COMING TO THAT
AREA.

MR. PERSONS, I WAS JUST THINKING

FROM A STANDPOINT OF SOME OF THE
PROJECTS WE HAVE HAD, WE HAVE
HAD PROJECTS WHERE THERE HAS
BEEN ARGUABLE, SOME COMPLIANCE

ISSUE AND SOME ACCOUNTABILITY
ISSUES THAT THEN THOSE
PROPERTIES WENT ELSEWHERE AND WE
DID OTHER THINGS WITH AND WE

JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT
HERE.

I WOULD JUST RECOMMEND FROM
STAFF PERSPECTIVE AND YOU'RE

DOING THIS ALREADY THAT THERE IS
INTERPLAY WITH COMMUNICATION.
WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?
THAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN

PROVIDE BACK AS STAFF REPORTS TO
THE COMMISSION.

IT'S NOT THE WAY OF A MOTION.
IT'S JUST KEEPING US APPRISED

OVER THE NEXT SAY QUARTER WHAT'S
HAPPENING THERE, ARE WE ON TRACK
SO WE'RE NOT KIND OF LOOKING AT
THAT 7th AMENDMENT.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> JUST A RECOMMENDATION THERE.
ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THANK YOU, LOOK FORWARD TO THE

PROJECT.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER BOOK.
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> YEAH, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S
EXCITING TO HAVE I THINK THIS IS
THE FIRST CONDOMINIUM THAT'S
BEEN BUILT IN ALACHUA COUNTY.

>> THIS WON'T BE A CONDOMINIUM,
SIR.
>> THIS ISN'T CONDOMINIUM, THIS
IS RENTAL.

STILL, IT'S GETTING FOLKS INTO
DOWNTOWN.
THERE ARE A ONLY A HANDFUL OF
PARCELS TO BRING PEOPLE INTO

DOWNTOWN.
IF WE WANT TO INCREASE DAYTIME
ECONOMY, PEOPLE NEED TO BE
PHYSICALLY LIVING THERE SO THIS

IS, I MEAN, THIS IS A REALLY
GREAT PROJECT I'M HAPPY TO HEAR
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT MENTION
THE RUM TOWING SITUATION BUT

FROM MY UNDERSTANDING RUM TOWING
IS NO LONGER HAPPENING.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.
>> MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU FOLKS

NEVER QUITE WANTED RUM TOWING
BUT SUPERIOR WAS DOING IT ON
THEIR OWN.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> I WATCHED THEM TAKE CARE,
TAKE CARE, TAKE CARE, AND IT
REALLY HURT FOLKS COMING TO
DOWNTOWN NOT SURE OF THE PARKING

SITUATION.
THE PARKING SITUATION IS
CONSTANTLY IN FLUX, WHEN PEOPLE
COME OUT AND DON'T SEE THEIR CAR

IT RUINS THE ENTIRE ECONOMY OF
DOWNTOWN.
A BOOT IS BETTER.
SO I'M HAPPY TO EXTEND IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GROUND
BROKEN ON THIS.
THIS HAS BEEN -- I MEAN, THIS IS
THE PARCEL IN DOWNTOWN I GUESS

BESIDES THE HYATT PARCEL REALLY
THAT WAS A PARKING LOT THAT
SOMETHING NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH
IN ORDER TO GET OUR ECONOMY

MOVING.
THE HYATT'S BEEN GREAT.
IT BRINGS TOURISTS INTO
DOWNTOWN, IT BRINGS RESTAURANTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GROUND
BROKEN AND SOME KIND OF
COLLABORATION.
I MEAN WE'RE GOING TO BE TEARING

UP, YOU MENTIONED UNDERGROUND
UTILITIES SOMETHING -- WE'RE NOT
SURE WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THE
STREATERY EITHER, AND THAT CAN

ALSO INCREASE THE COST OF ALL
THAT.
SOME WAY THAT COORDINATING THESE
TWO VERY LARGE CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS THAT SEEMINGLY ARE
EITHER GOING TO BE HAPPENING IN
TANDEM OR SOMEWHAT SEPARATE, IT
MAY BE A WAY THAT --

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN, YOU ALSO HAVE TO KNOW WHERE THE UTILITY LINES ARE, BUT ALSO YOU'RE RIPPING EVERYTHING UP.

IT'S NICE TO KIND OF RIP EVERYTHING UP AT THE SAME TIME. YEAH, THAT WOULD BE, SO YEAH, I MEAN, THERE WILL BE A VERY

DIFFERENT AREA GOING, YOU KNOW, IN ABOUT THREE, FOUR YEARS. SO I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER EASTMAN. I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND THEN A QUESTION OR TWO, AND THEN

WE'LL GO BACK AROUND. WE'LL LET YOU SIT DOWN AFTER THAT AND WE'LL HAVE SOME MORE COMMENTS AND THEN WE'LL GO TO

PUBLIC COMMENT AND COME BACK FOR ANY MOTIONS. I INTEND TO SUPPORT THIS. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT

PARKING. AND THIS IS BETTER PARKING LOT FOR A VERY LONG TIME. I RECENTLY SAW A PHOTO FROM THE

EARLY 1970s MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO THAT INDICATED THIS WAS SURFACE PARKING AND IT HAS BEEN THE WHOLE TIME.

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH A VARIETY OF FOLKS SINCE THE LATE 90s TO BUILD SOMETHING HERE.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS A
COMMISSIONER AND AS MAYOR WITH
THREE DIFFERENT PROJECTS HERE
AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT, I FEEL

LIKE SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS IS AS
CLOSE AS WE'VE BEEN, SO I'M
HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY GET
MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN DOWNTOWN

GAINESVILLE.
I THINK EVERYBODY WINS,
EVERYBODY WINS BY HAVING 173
HOUSING UNITS IN DOWNTOWN.

I THINK THAT'S THE MOST POSITIVE
THING WE CAN POSSIBLY HAVE.
THE PARKING IS A -- THE PARKING
RESTRICTION, THE PARKING THAT,

THE ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN A REAL
ISSUE, AND I HAVE HAD FOLKS
REACH OUT TO ME THE WHOLE TIME
FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS

ABOUT HOW FRUSTRATED THEY ARE,
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN BOOTED
AND/OR TOWED, AND BUSINESS
OWNERS WHO HAVE HAD CUSTOMERS

TELL THEM THEY'RE NOT COMING
ANYMORE BECAUSE THEY GET BOOTED
OR TOWED.
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY THAT IS

ATTRACTIVE AND RESOURCEFUL TO
LET FOLKS KNOW THIS IS, THIS IS
HYATT PARKING.
YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF JUST DON'T

PARK HERE.
ON A SMALL SIGN.
IF WE HAVE A BIGGER SIGN THAT
JUST SAYS DON'T PARK HERE THAT

STILL DOESN'T REALLY GET -- BUT
IF YOU COULD LET FOLKS KNOW THIS
IS HYATT VALET PARKING, THEN
PEOPLE CAN PROCESS THAT.

THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS.
THAT WOULD BE EXCEPTIONALLY
HELPFUL.
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE FOLKS

WHO CAN SEE THE SIGN AND SAY,
WELL, I'LL ONLY BE HERE A LITTLE
WHILE.
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CATCH ME.

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THOSE
FOLKS.
THERE ARE FOLKS WHO THINK IT
SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO PARK.

WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT THAT YOU
WILL HAVE SOMETHING BOTH
ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL TO PEOPLE
TO LET THEM KNOW AND WORK WITH

SOME OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS
NEARBY TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY
WINS ON THIS.
>> CERTAINLY, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
I APPRECIATE THAT.
THAT WAS THE ONLY OTHER THING I
HAD FOR YOU.

I'VE HEARD FROM FOLKS WHO DON'T
LIKE THE IDEA AND HAVE NEVER
LIKED THE IDEA AND WE ARE
CONTINUING TO TAKE A BIT OF A

GAMBLE WITH RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESS OWNERS AND PEOPLE WHO
JUST VISIT DOWNTOWN WHO ALWAYS
SHAKE THEIR HEAD WHEN WE TALK

ABOUT DOING SOMETHING WITH LOT
10 AND DO CONSISTENTLY -- WHO
CONSISTENTLY SAY IT'S BETTER AS
A PARKING LOT.

IT'S BETTER WITH THE TREES THAT
ARE THERE.
AND I HEAR THAT.
I WANT THOSE FOLKS TO KNOW THAT

I DO HEAR THAT.
BUT WE'RE NOT THE SATE WE WERE
IN 1970.
WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO

LIVE HERE.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS MORE WHEN
WE GET TO HOUSING.
WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO

LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAN WE
HAVE PLACES FOR THEM TO LIVE,
THAT DRIVES UP HOUSING COSTS.
WE HAVE A DOWNTOWN THAT IS

POISED TO THRIVE BUT THAT
THRIVING ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN
UNTIL WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO
LIVE DOWNTOWN.

SO I'M SPEAKING TO FOLKS LIKELY
WATCHING, WE NEED THIS TO
HAPPEN.
THAT'S WHY WE KEEP GOING TO THE

WELL TO TRY TO MAKE IT WORK.
SO THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH
IT.
THANK YOU FOR THE COMMITMENT TO

DOING SOMETHING THAT HELP
DISSUADE PEOPLE FROM PARKING
THERE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
I WILL TELL YOU THAT IF WE HAVE

THIS DISCUSSION AGAIN NEXT YEAR
AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING THE CITY
DID.

THANK YOU FOR THE PROJECT.

I APPRECIATE IT.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> SO I, THROW OUT SOME IDEAS TO
MY COLLEAGUES.

I'M AT THE POINT WHERE I THINK
PARKING IS NOT THE BEST USE OF
THIS FACILITY OVERALL.
WE DID NOT SELL THIS YEARS AGO

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
VALET PARKING TO THE HYATT AND
TO ONLY COLLECT \$7,000 IN TAXES.
OF COURSE IT WENT ON THE PRIVATE

ROLLS SO YEAH WE COLLECT MONEY
NOW.

I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE
OVERALL GOAL, THAT LONG-TERM WE

WANTED FAR MORE TO THE CITY
COFFERS, THAN LESS THAN \$8,000 A
YEAR.

I KNOW IT MAY BE CURRENTLY USED

FOR LOTS OF DIFFERENT PARKING
PURPOSES, BUT IN THE END ALL
WE'RE DOING IS SUBSIDIZING THE
PARKING FOR THE HYATT AND I

DON'T THINK THAT'S THE INTENDED
USE OF THAT LOT ORIGINALLY WHEN
WE SOLD IT.

I'M INTERESTED IN GETTING THAT

LOT BACK EVEN IF TEMPORARILY FOR
FREE PARKING.

I'M INTERESTED UNTIL JUNE 30th
HAVING THE RIGHT FOR PARKING GO

BACK TO THE CITY AND HAVE THAT CITY LAND THAT IS PRIVATELY OWNED BUT WE USE IT FOR A PURPOSE BECAUSE THIS IS THE --

THIS ISN'T A STIPULATION WE PUT ON THE VERY BEGINNING, YEARS AGO NOW OR AT THE SECOND AMENDMENT, THIRD AMENDMENT, FOURTH

AMENDMENT, FIFTH AMENDMENT. THIS IS THE SIXTH AMENDMENT AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS WAS REALLY TO GET A CITY USE, A BENEFIT TO

THE COMMUNITY, MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF HOUSING, YOU KNOW, TAX REVENUE, HOUSING, PHYSICAL HUMAN BEINGS DOWNTOWN, AND SOME SORT

OF GROCERY, WHETHER THAT'S MORE OF A BODEGA AND AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT. AND SO ALL OF THOSE PUBLIC USES

OR PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT WE WANT OUT, THAT WE WANTED, YOU KNOW, THIS IS BEFORE WE BUT AS WE STATED AND REPORTED AND

NEGOTIATED, WE'RE NOT RECEIVING THOSE AND TIME, TIME IS MONEY, TIME IS PEOPLE NEEDING HOUSING, I NEED A PUBLIC BENEFIT OUT OF

THIS NOW.

AND \$7,802.85 ISN'T ENOUGH. I WOULD LIKE BEFORE WE APPROVE THIS THAT SOMEHOW WE FIGURE OUT

LET'S GIVE THE PARKING BACK TO THE CITY.

AND LET'S MAKE IT FREE PARKING. AND IF VALET PARKING IS THE

FIRST PERSON WHO GETS THERE FOR
THE HYATT, GREAT.

FINE.

WHATEVER.

YOU KNOW?

THAT'S, YOU KNOW, IT'S A BIT OF
A COMPETITION FOR FREE PARKING
IS WHERE COMPETITION JUST

HAPPENS BECAUSE THERE'S NO COST
AND PEOPLE WILL JUST FLOCK TO
IT, RIGHT?

I WOULD LIKE AN EXTRA SIX MONTHS

OF FREE PARKING TO SUPPORT THE
BUSINESSES LOCALLY, BIT OF A
TEST OF HOW MUCH FREE PARKING DO
WE NEED IN DOWNTOWN TO SUPPORT

THINGS, IF IT'S FULL EVERY
SINGLE MINUTE, THAT TELLS US A
LITTLE MORE.

IT'S NOT ON THE CORE, NOT ON THE

FAR OUTSIDE EDGE.

IT'S KIND OF AN INTERMEDIATE
BETWEEN THE CORE OF DOWNTOWN
WHERE WE HAVE PAID PARKING

TOWARDS THE EDGE BUT NOT ALL THE
WAY ON THE EDGE, PAID PARKING IN
THE GARAGE.

SO I LIKE THE IDEA I WOULD LOVE

AND I DON'T KNOW HOW EXACTLY
THIS WORKS EVEN IF IT WAS HALF
OF \$7800 THAT WE NORMALLY WOULD
GET IN TAX REVENUE THAT WE'LL

SAY, FINE, WE'LL GIVE YOU BACK
\$3900 IN CITY TAX REVENUE AT
LEAST AND FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL
THEY REALLY SUPER NEED THE LOT

FOR THE PROJECT AS INTENDED, NOT ANY OTHER BUSINESS INTEREST THEY HAVE IN IT, THAT WE BRING IT BACK AND MAKE IT VERY CLEAR.

WE CAN TELL THE COMMUNITY, UNTIL JUNE 30th, 2025, THIS IS A CITY LOT.

I PROPOSE THAT IT WOULD BE FREE

FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING HOW MUCH, AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST HOW MUCH FREE PARKING WE NEED IN THE AREA.

AND SO THAT IT IS A COMMUNITY BENEFIT BECAUSE THIS SALE AND PARCEL WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFITS THIS ENTIRE

TIME AND AS WE DELAY EVEN AN EXTRA YEAR BECAUSE THE TAX REVENUE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GETTING THIS, JUST FOR THE CITY

IS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SO WHEN WE DELAY A YEAR, WE ARE FORFEITING TENS OF THOUSANDS NOT THIS YEAR, YOU KNOW, '26, '27,

YOU KNOW IT'S DOWN THE PIKE, BUT FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION THEY HAVE LESS MONEY BECAUSE WE DELAYED THE ABILITY TO GET THAT

TAX REVENUE IN.

SO IN MY END I WANT SOMETHING FOR IT.

I THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF

GAINESVILLE DESERVE PUBLIC BENEFIT FOR THE SALE WE MADE BECAUSE THIS IS STILL THOUGH WE HAVE SOLD IT, THERE ARE

REVERTERS AND IT COULD COME BACK
AND BE OUR LOT.

I DON'T THINK PARKING IS THE
BEST USE.

I THINK THEY HAVE A PLAN FOR A
PATH, BUT I DON'T -- THAT'S WHAT
I WANT.

AND SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY,

MR. ATTORNEY, HOW TO PROPOSE
THAT TO MAKE SURE IT IS LEGAL, A
PUBLIC USE ON A PRIVATELY OWNED
THAT IS PAYING TAXES, WOULD

THERE BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD
PREVENT SOME SORT OF AN
ARRANGEMENT, MR. ATTORNEY, WHERE
WE DON'T OWN THE PROPERTY BUT WE

HAVE THE RIGHT TO SIGN IT AS A
CITY PUBLIC LOT PROVIDING FREE
PARKING AND SOME ADA SPACES AS
WELL THERE.

>> MR. MAYOR, COMMISSIONER, IT
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
SORT OF A LEASE BACK SITUATION.

>> SORT OF.

>> I THINK THAT'S THE SIMPLEST
WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

>> IT COULD BE LEASED, LEASED
BACK THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THEIR

TAX STATUS FOR THAT PARCEL.

>> RIGHT.

>> BECAUSE LEASED BACK TO A
PUBLIC, LIKE WE LEASE

GOVERNMENT -- YEAH ALL THE TIME
AND STILL IS COLLECTING TAXES.
OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, GOOD
EXAMPLE, THEY, THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT LEASES PROPERTY BUT
IT'S STILL BEING TAXED FULLY.
SO THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO DO,
AND SO MY MOTION IS GOING TO BE

THAT WE TAKE THIS BACK TO
NEGOTIATION, TAKE THIS BACK TO
NEGOTIATION, WITH, UNTIL
JUNE 30th, 2025, AND LET'S SAY

STARTING JANUARY 1st BECAUSE
I KNOW THAT THIS IS -- WE HAVE
SOME TIME WE STILL NEED TO
FIGURE THIS OUT OR UPON WHEN WE

CAN SIGN THIS, UNTIL
JUNE 30th, 2025, THAT WE LEASE
BACK THAT ZERO DOLLARS OR, NO,
NO, I'M WILLING FOR HALF A YEAR

OF THE CITY'S TAX, HALF OF
\$7,802.85 LEASE BACK TO THE CITY
AND THEN ON THE -- FOR THE CITY
PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FREE CITY

PARKING UNTIL JUNE 30th, 2025,
I WANT SOME ADA SPOTS THERE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S CURRENTLY
THERE BUT WE WOULD FIGURE OUT

WHAT WE WANT TO DO ON THAT, AND
WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE ABILITY TO
TEMPORARILY IMPROVE -- YOU KNOW,
STRIPING, STRIPING, SIGNAGE THAT

WOULD COME ON OUR DOLLAR AND
THAT WOULD BEGIN THAT.
I KNOW THAT IS NOT A TIGHTLY,
TIGHTLY FORMED MOTION.

MR. ATTORNEY, IS THERE ENOUGH
THERE THAT MY MOTION SHOULD IT
PASS COULD BE EFFECTUATED OR
BROUGHT BACK TO US?

>> YES, MR. MAYOR.
I THINK WHAT YOU'RE INDICATING
IS THE MOTION WOULD BE FOR
MANAGEMENT TO NEGOTIATE TO TRY

TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL IF
POSSIBLE BRING IT BACK TO YOU F.
NOT POSSIBLE, BRING THAT BACK TO
YOU AS WELL.

>> OKAY.
THANK YOU.
THAT'S MY MOTION.
>> MR. MAYOR, MAY I?

JUST -- QUESTION.
THIS IS NOT BEING USED FOR HYATT
VALET PARKING AT ALL.
HYATT VALET PARKING IS IN THE

PARKING GARAGE, THE ONE ON
FIRST, ON SECOND AVENUE.

OKAY?
THIS IS ONLY USED FOR HYATT

STAFF, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE
HAVE A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM,
ESPECIALLY AT NIGHTS, EVENINGS
AND NIGHTS TO PARK THERE.

OKAY, SO IT'S -- THE OTHER THING
I WOULD POINT OUT IS CITY HAS AN
800-PLUS PARKING GARAGE SPACE.
WE WERE HOPING PEOPLE WOULD BE

PARKING IN THE CITY GARAGE AND
I'M HOPING THE CITY WOULD HOPE
THAT PEOPLE PARK IN THE GARAGE
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT,

OKAY?
>> DO I SIT DOWN?
>> I'M NOT GOING TO ASK YOU --
OKAY.

DID THE MOTION HAVE A SECOND OR?
WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN IT BECAUSE WE
HAVEN'T DONE PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> MAYOR: NO, IT'S A MOTION.

>> I'LL SECOND IT.

>> MAYOR: OKAY, IT'S A MOTION
AND A SECOND.

>> JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE

THINGS WERE NEAT AND TIDY.
SO I HEAR YOU.

I THINK MY, I DO NOT THINK I
WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF IT ONLY

BECAUSE, I THINK WE ALL JUST
AGREE THAT THE BACK AND FORTH ON
PARKING MAKE PARKING CONFUSING
FOR FOLKS DOWNTOWN, SO I DON'T

WANT TO ADD A TEMPORARY THIS
ONE'S FREE BUT ONLY IN THIS
LOCATION OPTION FOR PEOPLE TO
ADD TO THE CONFUSION.

WE'VE REACHED OUR PARKING PLAN,
AND PARKING PRICE SYSTEM
DOWNTOWN, AND I THINK WE ARE
GETTING KIND OF THE BALL ROLLING

AND PEOPLE ISSUED TO IT.
I WOULD NOT WANT TO THROW A
MONKEY WRENCH INTO THAT FOR A
COUPLE OF MONTHS AND THEN TAKE

IT BACK BECAUSE THEN THAT JUST
ADDS SOME CONFUSION OF THE
PUBLIC.

SO DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGLE.
I UNDERSTAND THE INTENTION.
I WORRY ABOUT THE PRACTICALITIES
OF IT -- BY THE TIME LEGAL

FINISHES NEGOTIATING AND
DRAFTING SOMETHING THEY'RE READY
TO BREAK GROUND ANYWAY, SO
THAT'S NOT A DIG AT LEGAL.

THAT'S JUST THE WAY OF
NEGOTIATION AND BY THE TIME WE
FINISH ANYTHING, AMJ WILL BE
READY TO BREAK GROUND OR NEED

FULL ACCESS TO THE LOT TO DO ANY
OF THE SURVEYS THEY NEED TO DO.
REALLY HARD TO KIND OF TINKER
WITH STUFF WHILE SOMEBODY IS

PARKED ON IT.
SO THAT WAS, THAT'S KIND OF MY,
JUST TO ADDRESS THAT ONE FIRST.
I LOVE THE CONCEPT.

IF HE HAD SAID WE'RE LIKE A YEAR
OR TWO AWAY FROM BREAKING, BUT I
THINK MR. PERSONS AND MR. WARREN
BOTH SAID THIS SUMMER HOPEFULLY.

THAT'S A LOT OF STAFF ON WORK
FOR VERY LITTLE PAYOUT.
AS FAR AS PARKING, MR. MAYOR,
WHILE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC, I

THINK MR. PERSONS, DO YOU KNOW
WHEN THE NEW COUNTY ADMIN
BUILDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE UP?
>> CURRENTLY -- IN THE AUDIENCE

IN CASE I MISSPEAK IT'S
CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW,
THE PARKING GARAGE IS IN
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW.

I ASSUME THAT'S --
>> THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING.
>> YES, IT'S 500-SPOT PARKING
GARAGE.

THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE HAS
REACHED OUT TO THE COUNTY
MANAGER'S OFFICE TO UNDERSTAND
SORT OF WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE,

WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC OR NOT.
WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE
TO DATE, BUT WE ARE CONTINUING

TO TRY TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION
WITH THEM BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY, YOU
KNOW, IF IT IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC
PARKING, EVEN AT NIGHT IT WOULD

HAVE A TREMENDOUS BENEFIT FOR
DOWNTOWN FROM THE CITY'S
PERSPECTIVE.

>> I'M SO GLAD THE PUBLIC CAN GO

TO THE COUNTY ON TUESDAYS ABOUT
THAT SITUATION.

THANK YOU, MR. PERSONS.
SO YEAH I THINK BY THE TIME

THINGS ARE UP AND RUNNING AND
OPERATIONAL WE WILL HAVE A NICE
STREATERY, WE WILL HAVE FOLKS
LIVING THERE, HOPEFULLY

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PARKING A
BLOCK DOWNTOWN.
I DO NOT WANT TO OVERCOMPLICATE
AND STALL ANY FURTHER BY MAKING

THIS A REQUIREMENT TO LET THEM
KNOW.
THAT SAID, I DO HAVE AN ACTUAL
QUESTION.

IT DOESN'T SAY A NUMBER, DO YOU
KNOW WHAT THE DEPOSIT BACK IS IF
IT REVERTS.

>> YEAH, \$20,450.

>> OKAY.
SO WE WOULD RETURN THE SALE, THE
PURCHASE TOTAL, WHICH WAS.
>> \$2,045,000.

>> MINE THIS 20.
AND WE KEEP ANY OF THOSE TAXES
THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED ANYWAY.
OKAY.

JUST WANTED TO DOUBLE CHECK
THOSE NUMBERS.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> I KIND OF LIKE COMMISSIONER
WILLITS' PROPOSAL.
EVEN IF IT'S FOR A SHORT TIME, I

THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT
ADDITION FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE
THAT PARKING AVAILABLE, AND IT
MAY SPUR ON MOVEMENT ON THE

ISSUE.
SO I THINK THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
REALIZED THIS IS, WE WANT THIS
URGENCY WITH THIS ISSUE BUT I

LIKE THE MOTION.
>> MAYOR: OKAY, COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT.
COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.
IT'S INNOVATIVE AND WE DO NEED
TO THINK ABOUT WAYS WE BOOST
PARKING DOWNTOWN IN UNIQUE WAYS.

I ACTUALLY SHARE MANY OF THE
SAME CONCERNS THAT COMMISSIONER
SACO SAID WHICH IS BASICALLY THE
PRAGMATIC ASPECT OF WHAT WE'RE

DOING AND THE TIME FRAMES SO WE
PUT WORK ON BEHALF OF STAFF, AND
IF THEY'RE FAST, THEY STILL
WON'T GET, WE STILL WON'T HAVE

THAT PROBABLY IN 60 DAYS, AND
THEN WE'RE ALSO PUSHING THE
BUILDER AND DEVELOPER TO BREAK
GROUND AND THOSE TWO THINGS

AREN'T NECESSARILY CONSISTENT SO
THAT CONCERNS ME A BIT.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS, HAVE WE
TALKED TO TRANSPORTATION STAFF

OR MS. LEISTNER, DO THEY HAVE
ANY FEEDBACK ON THIS?
I JUST DON'T KNOW.
THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL

INFORMATION.

>> WHETHER THE PUBLIC WANTS MORE
FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN?

>> NO, IF WE'VE TALKED TO LIKE

INTERNAL CITY STAFF ABOUT THE
PARKING, THE DYNAMIC, THE MAPS,
ALL THE THINGS THAT WE ROLLED
OUT LAST YEAR AND.

>> PART OF THE IDENTIFICATION
OF -- WE ASKED STAFF TO FURTHER
IDENTIFY ANY FURTHER WE -- IT
WAS A CONVERSATION, ANY KIND OF

LOW-HANGING FRUIT, ANY
RESTRIPINGS, ANYTHING WE'RE KIND
OF LOOKING AT ON PUBLIC PARKING.
SOME OF THE POTENTIAL PARKING IS

IN THAT AREA, THE SOUTHWEST
QUADRANT OF DOWNTOWN.
SO SOME OF IT IS THERE BUT NOT
THIS SPECIFIC LOT BECAUSE IT WAS

KIND OF OUTSIDE THE REALM AND I
DON'T KNOW THAT THEY WERE, WHEN
WE WERE HAVING THAT CONVERSATION
PREVIOUSLY THEY WERE PREPARED TO

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX ON
SOMETHING THAT IS YOU KNOW,
THAT'S NOT REALLY THEIR PURVIEW,
THIS LOT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY

EFFECTUATED THE TRANSFER OF.
>> THANK YOU, THAT'S HELPFUL.
IT'S IMPORTANT WE HAVE
CONSISTENCY AND CONTINUITY

DOWNTOWN EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE
PARKING IN VARIOUS AREAS AND TO
HELP OUR BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DRIVERS DOWN THERE SO IT JUST

CONCERN ABOUT BECAUSE THEY MAY
FEEL LIKE AGAIN THE MAPPING, THE
PRAGMATIC ASPECT AND THE MERE
CONTINUITY OF WHAT'S GOING ON

DOWN THERE MAY BE INCONSISTENT
WITH OUR CURRENT FINE STRUCTURE
FOR EXAMPLE BASED ON WHERE IT'S
AT.

I THINK IF WE HAD MORE TIME AND
WE WERE TALKING I THINK THIS WAS
BROUGHT UP, IF THIS WAS A YEAR
OR TWO DOWN THE ROAD,

COMMISSIONER SACO HAD MENTIONED
THIS, THEN WE HAVE PLENTY OF
TIME TO DO THINGS AND PROBABLY
MAKE AN IMPACT THAT BENEFITS

BOTH SIDES.
I'M NOT SURE IF PUSHING THE
DEVELOPER AT THIS POINT TO BREAK
GROUND, WHICH I WANT TO HAPPEN,

I WANT THAT TO HAPPEN RIGHT AWAY
IS REALLY MARKS CONSISTENTLY
WITH THIS ONE.

BUT THANKS FOR THINKING OF

VARIOUS WAYS WE CAN DEAL WITH
INNOVATIVE PARKING.

I WOULD ACTUALLY PROBABLY DEFER
TO CITY STAFF TO SAY IS THIS

SOMETHING WE'D WANT TO DO, AND
BY THE TIME WE GOT THAT
INFORMATION BACK AND THEN
PURSUED A CONTRACT, WHERE AT THE

SAME TIME WE WANT THAT GROUND
BEING BROKEN SO IT'S KIND OF MY
THOUGHTS THERE.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THANK

YOU FOR THINKING KIND OF LIKE
YOU SAID OUTSIDE OF THE BOX,
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER BOOK.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> THANK YOU.

WHEN DOES THIS AGREEMENT COME
TO, LIKE WHEN DO WE HAVE TO

APPROVE THIS BY?

WHEN IS OUR DROP DEAD DATE?

>> IT'S THE LATTER PART OF
JANUARY, BUT IT'S IN 25TH OR

27th.

>> OKAY.

SO WHAT THIS MOTION WOULD DO IS
ESSENTIALLY SORT OF DELAY IT AND

THEN ALLOW IT TO COME BACK TO US
AND THEN IF STAFF DOESN'T FEEL
LIKE IT'S FEASIBLE THEN IT COULD
BE CONTINUED AT THAT POINT.

I MEAN, I'D BE CURIOUS, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT -- I UNDERSTAND WHAT
THE END GOAL IS WHICH IS TO
EXPAND OUT PARKING.

I WOULD BE CURIOUS IF WE OPENED
IT UP A LITTLE BIT MORE AND JUST
ASKED STAFF TO COME BACK TO US
WITH WAYS WE COULD TURN THIS

INTO PUBLIC PARKING, THAT WOULD
THEN ALLOW TO KIND OF HAVE A
DISCUSSION WITH AMJ.
AMJ COULD SAY INSTEAD OF A LEASE

BACK SITUATION, WHICH MIGHT BE
COMPLICATED, MAYBE WE WOULD JUST
HANDLE THIS OURSELVES, MAYBE WE
WOULD DO PAID PARKING IN THE

MEANTIME, THE CITY WOULD DO IT
WITHIN ITS PAID PARKING
STRUCTURE, JUST ALLOW STAFF A
LITTLE FLEXIBILITY TO COME BACK

TO US IN EARLY JANUARY.
I THINK WE HAVE TWO MEETINGS
BEFORE THIS COMES BEFORE US.
THEN, YOU KNOW, AND MAYBE

THEY'LL COME BACK AND SAY THERE
IS NO WAY ANY OF THIS CAN HAPPEN
AND WE HAVE TO EITHER APPROVE IT
OR NOT APPROVE IT BUT THEN GIVE

A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY.
THAT KIND OF PUTS YOU GUYS
NEGOTIATING ALL OF THIS STUFF
OVER THE HOLIDAYS WHICH I KNOW

IS A TOUGH SPOT TO PUT YOU ALL
IN, BUT I DON'T -- BECAUSE I
LIKE THE IDEA.
AND I WISH WE HAD DONE THIS I

MEAN WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR SEVEN YEARS. AND I DON'T KNOW I WASN'T A PART OF THESE EARLIER DISCUSSIONS.

IT DOES SEEM LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ALWAYS KIND OF BEEN LIKE THIS WHERE OKAY WE'RE RIGHT ON THE URGE HAVE OF BREAKING

GROUND OR HAS IT BEEN A KIND OF CONSISTENT THING. WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE DEVELOPERS HERE OVER A COURSE OF TIME BUT I

WOULD HATE FOR US TO BE HERE IN LIKE A YEAR IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EXTENDING AGAIN BECAUSE IT'S STILL THE BEST OPTION WE

HAVE BUT THEN YOU KNOW WE'RE STILL, THERE'S STILL KIND OF THE SAME THINGS GOING ON. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THERE WAS AN

EXPANSION, EVEN IF IT'S A TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF PAID PARKING OR TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF FREE PARKING, AND SO I WOULD

FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF WE JUST OPENED THAT UP TO ALLOW STAFF TO KIND OF NEGOTIATE AND GET INTO THOSE DETAILS.

IF WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT CONVERSATION WITH STAFF WITH REGARD TO, BECAUSE I THINK YOURS WAS UNTIL JUNE 30th,

2025, PIGEONHOLES THEM INTO A SPECIFIC WAY FORWARD.

>> YEAH, SO THE, THAT JUST SEEMED THE MOST CLEAR TO ME

BECAUSE THE, WHETHER IT'S A,
RELATIONSHIP WHERE IT COULD BE
LIKE YOU SAID PAID PARKING WHERE
THEY GET AN AGREEMENT, IF THEY

NEED 50% OF THE LOT FOR
EMPLOYEES AND IT OPENS UP 50%,
THOSE ARE THINGS IF I HAVE A LOT
MORE TIME TO NEGOTIATE OUT, BUT

YOU KNOW HERE I AM LOOKING AT
THIS AND IT'S JUST COMPLAINTS
THAT, THE COMPLAINTS I HEARD
ABOUT BOOTING AND IT JUST

LITERALLY SEEMED LIKE A REVENUE
STREAM FOR TOWING SERVICES
RATHER THAN FOR EXTENDED PERIODS
OF TIME RATHER THAN THIS US

GETTING THE REAL BENEFITS TO THE
COMMUNITY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY
ENVISIONED IN THIS PROJECT.
BECAUSE WE CAN SAY NO AND WE CAN

GET IT BACK AND WE CAN HAVE
PARKING, WHATEVER, BUT IN THE
END IT COST US \$2 MILLION BUT
SHORT-TERM.

SO I'M OPEN TO THAT IDEA THAT IF
IT COMES BACK AND THAT IT'S NOT
THAT IT'S FREE PARKING, THAT
IT'S SOME OTHER RELATIONSHIP

WHERE IT CAN BE LIKE GREAT
BECAUSE I THINK SOMEONE WILL PAY
\$3 TO PARK FOR A COUPLE HOURS AS
OPPOSED TO AN \$85 BOOT.

THIS, BECAUSE I SUPPORT PAID
PARKING DOWNTOWN THE SAME WAY WE
SAID HEY THERE REALLY IS A WAY
TO DO THIS.

THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO BE
LIKE THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE WHO
PAY A COUPLE BUCKS IN THE TIGHT
PLACES WHERE THEY WANT TO BE, SO

I SUPPORT THAT BUT I KNOW
POLITICALLY POPULAR.
HEY, FREE.
AND MORE CLEAR JUST IMMEDIATELY

CLEAR FOR SHORT TERM TO TELL
PEOPLE SHORT TERM IT'S GOING TO
BE FREE UNTIL JUNE 30th AND
THEN THIS LOT IS GOING TO BE

BUILT ON.
GREAT.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S AS
CONFUSING AS ANOTHER STRUCTURE,

BUT I'M WILLING AND OPEN IF
THAT'S WHAT STAFF COMES BACK, IF
AMJ COME BACK, AND STAFF AND SAY
THIS IS MORE WHAT WE COULD WORK

WITH I WOULD BE FINE, SO MY
MOTION WAS A LITTLE MORE
DETAILED, BUT WHETHER IT'S FREE
ON OUR END, WHETHER A LEASEBACK

IS NOT AN ACTUAL LEASEBACK, IT'S
SOME OTHER RELATIONSHIP, I'M
OPEN.
THANKS.

>> SO THEN I WOULD BE, I GUESS
AMENDING THE MOTION TO SAY COME
BACK TO US WITH OPTIONS FOR
TURNING THIS INTO PUBLIC

PARKING?
IS THAT --
>> YEAH, I WOULD AMEND IT TO SAY
THAT -- [OFF MIC]

COME BACK TO SOME FORM OF I'M
GOING TO SAY 50% PUBLIC PARKING
ON THAT LOT.

>> OKAY.

>> IF THAT'S COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT.

>> YES, I WOULD ACCEPT THAT.

>> I THINK THAT'S COMFORTABLE

THOUGH.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT THE
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER HAS TO
SAY.

BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION, BUT OR I'D LIKE
FOR US TO -- I THINK WE HAVE THE
TIME TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION,

BUT SO I'M COMFORTABLE WITH
THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: MR. PERSONS, DO YOU

WANT TO WEIGH IN THERE?

>> YEAH, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I THINK THE ONLY QUESTION THAT I
HAD I THINK IT'S CLEAR FROM THE

DISCUSSION AND STAFF WILL WORK
SHOULD THAT, SHOULD THE MOTION
PASS, WE'LL WORK WITH AMJ, BUT I
DID WANT TO CLARIFY SO THE

INTENT IS TO HOLD AN APPROVAL OF
THE PSA EXTENSION AND TO WORK
ANY AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN COME
UP WITH OR APPROACH INTO THAT

BEFORE BRINGING IT BACK TO YOU
SOMETIME IN ONE OF THE MEETINGS
IN JANUARY.

>> ONE VERSION CAN BE 50% OF THE

LOT IS PEOPLE PAY EVEN A COUPLE
BUCKS AS OPPOSED TO AN \$85 BOOT
OR WHATNOT.

>> I UNDERSTAND.

I THINK FROM THE CONTEXT OF LOT
13 WHICH IS RIGHT NEXT DOOR,
WE'RE CURRENTLY CHARGED 50 CENTS
AN HOUR FOR THAT AND IS IT'S

UNLIMITED PARKING AND UNLIMITED
TIME THE GARAGE IS A LITTLE BIT
DIFFERENT BUT WE CAN BRING BACK
A COUPLE OF SORT OF DIFFERENT

OPTIONS TO THE COMMISSION.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS,

MR. PERSONS, COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> YEAH, I DIDN'T WANT ANY OF MY
RESERVATIONS TO RENDER THE
TIMELINE UNTENABLE.

I MEAN, THAT'S NOT THE INTENT.
I JUST FEEL LIKE IT'S PRETTY
COMPRESSED AT THIS POINT, AND
EVEN IF WE CAN BE PRETTY

EFFICIENT IT STILL TAKES SOME
TIME TO WORK THROUGH OUR
PROCESSES PROPERLY.
WE TALKED ABOUT THE IDEA OF

FEEDBACK.

DID ANY OF THE IDEAS, IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO SPEAK, COMMISSIONER
WILLITS, COME THROUGH DOWNTOWN

ADVISORY BOARD OR GCRA OR JUST
KIND OF BRAINSTORMING GOOD
THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT WE DO ABOUT
PARKING.

>> THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD
HATES PAID PARKING, THEY WANT
FREE PARKING, SO I CAN READ
BETWEEN THE LINES, THEY LIKE

FREE PARKING.

NO MATTER WHERE IT OCCURS AT
LEAST SAFELY.

>> YEAH I WAS WONDERING IF THEY

HAD CONSIDERED THE IDEA.

I KNOW CONCEPTUALLY -- IF IT'S
EVEN POSSIBLE.

I KNOW DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

IS MEETING ABOUT THE SAME TIME
WE'RE MEETING THIS MORNING, IF
I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

>> DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD WILL

HAVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST
BECAUSE MR. LYONS IS INVOLVED
WITH THIS PROPERTY -- THERE'S A
REAL CONFLICT.

HE IS WAY TOO MUCH SKIN IN THE
GAME WITH THEM ON THAT SO I
DON'T KNOW HOW HE HANDLES THAT
CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR HOW WE

CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD
KNOWING THAT HE HAS CAREER WORTH
OF INTEREST IN LOT 10 AND

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD.

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE MANAGES THAT
SO I DON'T KNOW THAT -- ANYWAYS
I JUST WANTED TO OFFER THAT.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT.

>> NO, I UNDERSTAND.

THIS WOULD BE THROUGH OUR NORMAL
PROCESSES, GET THE FEEDBACK THAT

WE CAN GET IN THE WAYS THAT WE
CAN GET IT THROUGH BOARDS TO
ADVISE US AND IF THERE IS
CONFLICTS THERE IS SOME

PROTOCOLS THERE THAT ATTEMPT TO
MITIGATE THOSE OR WIPE THOSE OUT
SO -- IT'S A I UNDERSTAND THE
POINT THERE, TO THE EXTENT THAT

WE'RE ABLE TO GET THAT JUST LIKE
WE NEED TO GET FEEDBACK FROM ANY
COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR ANY
POTENTIAL ACTION THAT WE DO AND

AGAIN THIS IS NOT TRYING TO SLOW
DOWN A TIMELINE AND MAKE IT
UNACTIONABLE.
IT'S JUST THAT THESE ARE A

COUPLE OF CRITICAL BOARDS THAT
WE WANT TO ALSO FEEL THAT THEY
ARE HEARD, AND YOU KNOW, AND
VALUED.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> TO THAT POINT DID WE GET THE
OPINION OF THE GCRA OR THE

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD ON A
ONE-YEAR EXTENSION?
MR. PERSONS?
>> NO.

>> SO THE THING IS LIKE THIS IS,
THIS REVOLVES AROUND -- ARGUABLY
GCRA, DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD,
AND SO WE WOULD ASK THEM AND

THIS IS ANOTHER DELAY WHETHER,
WHETHER WE SAY NO WE'RE NOT
GOING TO DO IT AND AMJ IS ABLE
TO SPEED UP TIMELINE, RUSH

THROUGH SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, OR
GO WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN VERSUS
THEIR BIGGER HOPES AND DREAMS,
SO I JUST, IF WE'RE GOING TO

TALK ABOUT IT GOING TO, THEN WE
NEED TO BE IDEOLOGICALLY
CONSISTENT AND SAY THESE ARE
THINGS THAT WE NEED TO GO AHEAD,

AND I KNOW SOMETIMES THERE IS
ALWAYS TIMELINE COMPRESSION, BUT
THEN YOU KNOW MAYBE WE CAN.
IF THIS IS DELAYED, GO SAY, HEY,

DAB AND GCRA, IF YOU HAVE A
MEETING BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN WE
MIGHT HEAR THIS AGAIN, HEAR IT.
LOOK AT IT.

CONSIDER IT.
LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND OF IT AND
GIVE US SOME OF THOSE OPINIONS
IN DOWNTOWN.

I WELCOME THEIR OPINION GOING
FORWARD, BUT WE HAVEN'T,
ANYWAYS, JUST TO BE CONSISTENT,
I WON'T LET THAT BE AN EXCUSE,

BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THEIR
ADVISORY OPINION ON THIS TO
BEGIN WITH.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
JUST A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND
THEN WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE'RE A CHALLENGING BUSINESS
PARTNER SOMETIMES.
THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS, I

ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT WE SHOULD
BE GETTING MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO
THE PEOPLE OF GAINESVILLE FOR
ANY PROJECT THAT WE DO, BUT I

WOULD SAY THAT IF OUR INTENT
EVENTUALLY, OUR WHOLE INTENT ON
THIS IS TO GET PEOPLE -- GET
PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE

DOWNTOWN, THEN WE SHOULD BE
TRYING TO GET THIS DONE AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
AND I MAYBE THIS SLOWS THINGS

DOWN, MAYBE IT DOESN'T.
I DON'T KNOW.
I APPRECIATE THE IDEA OF TRYING
TO GET SOME MORE PUBLIC BENEFIT

BUILT INTO IT IN THE NEAR TERM,
BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE IT'S
SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD'VE HAD
A DISCUSSION ABOUT A MONTH AGO

WITH BEFORE THE CONTRACT OR THE
EXTENSION APPEARED ON THE
AGENDA.
THAT IS KIND OF A FLAW IN OUR

PRACTICES HERE, OUR LONG
ACCEPTED PRACTICES THAT REALLY
THE ONLY TIME WE CAN TALK ABOUT
THINGS IS WHEN IT COMES UP ON

THE AGENDA.
AND THAT MAKES IT CHALLENGING TO
BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD A LITTLE
BIT.

BUT I FEEL LIKE THE WHEN THE
EXTENSION IS BEFORE US TO SAY TO
PUMP THE BRAKES ONE MORE TIME,
DOESN'T GET THOSE UNITS BUILT

ANY FASTER AND MY GOAL IS TO GET
THOSE UNITS BUILT BECAUSE WE'VE
ALWAYS TALKED FOR LONG BEFORE I
WAS ON THE COMMISSION ABOUT HOW

IMPORTANT HOUSING IS.
SOME OF THIS IS RELATIVELY
AFFORDABLE.
SOME OF IT IS MARKET.

IF WE WANT HOUSING BUILT, WE'VE
GOT TO COME TO TERMS WITH NOT
SAYING HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, WHAT
ABOUT THIS, WHAT ABOUT THAT?

BECAUSE EVERY TIME WE DO THAT,
THE RIPPLES IN SLOWING HOUSING
DOWN HAPPEN.
I REALLY APPRECIATE WHERE Y'ALL

ARE GOING WITH THIS.
I LIKE THE IDEA A LOT BUT I
WORRY ABOUT SLOWING THE PROJECT
DOWN YET AGAIN, SO THAT'S MY

THOUGHT.
LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE DONALD
SHEPHERD.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. SHEPHERD.
>> HI, SIR.
DONALD SHEPHERD, MY COMMENT --
WE'RE STILL ON LOT 10 ITEM.

ON THAT ITEM I WOULD LIKE TO
SPEAK OF MY INTENT OF THAT AREA.
THAT IS AN AREA WHICH I WANT TO
HAVE ELON MUSK IN MY POCKET ON

THAT.
I WANT THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO
BE SUBMITTED.
I WANT TO HAVE A REVIEW OF OUR

LETTER OF INTENT ON THAT.
I FIND IT HARD THAT WE HAVE, WE
DID ALL THIS TIME TO TAKE AND
MOVE FORWARD ON THIS LOT.

THIS IS A VERY PROMINENT AREA,
AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE CENTER
OF TOWN.

THIS LOT HERE BEING EMPTY FOR

ALL THESE YEARS, AND BUILDINGS
BEING BUILT AROUND IT, WHERE WAS
THE THINKING OF IT?

I DON'T SEE WHERE THE PLANNING

OF IT, ELUSIVE STEP FORWARD AS
FAR AS OUR MAYOR'S INTENT.

THIS SHOULD'VE BEEN DONE OVER
TWO YEARS AGO.

WHEN THE HYATT WAS BUILT, WHERE
WAS THE LETTER OF INTENT OF
PARKING AND ALL THAT SUBMITTED
TO THE MR. WARREN SO THAT HE

COULD TAKE AND MAKE IDEALS OR
ACTIONS OF WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE DONE.

WE'RE NOT HEARING THIS.

THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO HEAR AS
CITIZENS.

THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE
MOVING FORWARD.

SEPTEMBER 17th I TEND TO GO TO
WASHINGTON TO TAKE AND TALK TO
THE WASHINGTON AND STATES ABOUT
ME BEING SWORN IN AS MAYOR OF

GAINESVILLE, AND IN THAT MEETING
I HAVE MY INFORMATION LETTERHEAD
OF INTENT OF OUR CITY.

THINGS THAT CRA TOOK AND HAD

YEARS AGO I'M GOING TO SAY 2009,
WHEN IT WAS ON 5th STREET.
ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WADS
SUBMITTED TO THE CITY THEN, WE

SHOULD'VE MOVED ON SOME OF THAT.
THAT THERE IS THE FAULT OF OUR
NEW COMMISSIONERS AND OUR NEW
MAYOR AS FAR AS MOVING PLANS,

MOVING FORWARD OR TO BETTER OUR
CITY.
WHERE IS OUR BEAUTIFICATION
BOARD?

I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT.
THIS IS -- ANOTHER THING NEED TO
BE BROUGHT BACK OUR
BEAUTIFICATION AWARD, OUR BOARD

FOR BLUE RIBBON WE HAD, WHERE IS
THAT?
THAT'S BEEN DIMINISHED.
WE NEED TO TAKE AND HAVE THESE

THINGS BROUGHT FORWARD AS FAR AS
OUR CITIZENS BEING ABLE TO TALK
ABOUT THIS.
>> MAYOR: GOING TO ASK YOU TO

WRAP UP, MR. SHEPHERD.
>> I THANK YOU FOR THIS INTENT,
MAYOR.
AND FOR THIS LOT 10 THING, ITEM,

BECAUSE IT IS VERY CRITICAL.
>> MAYOR: MR. SHEPHERD, I'M
GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRAP UP,
PLEASE.

>> I'M WRAPPED UP, SORRY.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, ALL.
>> MAYOR: SO THE BEAUTIFICATION
BOARD MEETS -- I'M SURE THEY

WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU,
MR. SHEPHERD.

>> WE HAVE KALI BLOUNT.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. BLOUNT.

>> THANK YOU, I NEED A TINY
VOCABULARY HELP BEFORE I MAKE MY
REMARK.

I'M SURE ONE OF YOU KNOWS THE

NAME OF THAT LITTLE SQUARE THING
THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S FULL OF INK
BLOTS AND YOU READ IT WITH YOUR
CAMERA.

>> QR CODE.

>> QR CODE.

I COULD NOT THINK OF THAT.

I ALSO WOULD I THINK YOU SHOULD

ELIMINATE THE TOWINGS AND THE
BOOTINGS, AND WHAT ABOUT JUST IN
AND OUT GATES?

AND ON EACH GATE YOU HAVE A CARD

READER, A KEY PAD, AND A QR CODE
AND WITH THOSE YOU CAN
ACCOMMODATE WHATEVER
CIRCUMSTANCE, WHETHER IT'S

GIVING TEMPORARY CODES TO
LONG-TERM USERS OR LETTING THE
GENERAL PUBLIC USE THE QR CODE
TO GO THROUGH SOME PAY WALL TO

PAY FOR TIME IN THE LOT.

AND THEY JUST USE IT GOING IN
AND OUT.

AND THAT MIGHT COST YOU AS MUCH

AS 16 OF THOSE BIG TOW FEES.

THE TERM AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAS
MENTIONED AND THEN WE HEARD
ABOUT 120%, 150%.

ALL THE DISCUSSIONS HERE HAVE BEEN A DEBATE BETWEEN 50 OR 60 VERSUS 80.

120%, 150% THOSE ARE AT ANY

NOTION, ANY TRUE NOTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND YOU MUST NOT CALL THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. BLOUNT.

>> I BELIEVE MR. WARREN WANTED TO SPEAK.

>> WELCOME BACK, MR. WARREN.

>> THANK YOU.

LET ME JUST SAY THAT I THINK THIS IDEA WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO PROCEED AND

PROBABLY COULD KILL THE PROJECT. BUT I'M ASTONISHED TO HEAR CITY COMMISSIONERS HERE TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR FREE PARKING

DOWNTOWN.

DID I MISS SOMETHING?

WASN'T THIS THE SAME COMMISSION THAT DECIDED TO PUT PARKING --

MAKE PARKING PAID, REQUIRE PAID PARKING ALMOST EVERYWHERE WHERE SO MANY BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE CAME DOWN TO THIS MEETING AND

SAID YOU'RE GOING TO KILL THINGS, OKAY.

SO I WAS JUST VERY SURPRISED.

MR. WILLITS, I'M VERY

SURPRISED --

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS, I'M SORRY, MY MISTAKE.

I WOULD BE SURPRISED -- YOU
KNOW, WE PAID THAT.
NOBODY ELSE HAS PUT ANYWHERE
NEAR THAT TYPE OF MONEY.

WE HAVE \$5 MILLION INVESTED IN
THIS THING.
SO THIS IS GOING TO MAKE IT VERY
DIFFICULT.

I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HERE THAT
WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE
NEED FOR HOUSING -- I DON'T
THINK ANYBODY HERE WOULD BE

HAPPY IF THE CITY WOULD DECIDE
MAYBE WE SHOULD -- IF YOU BOUGHT
THE HOUSE FROM THE CITY OR
SOMEONE ELSE MAYBE, WE SHOULD

LET PEOPLE LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE
FOR FREE.
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS

ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING PEOPLE
PARK ON OUR -- THERE ARE
INSURANCE ISSUES AND ALL KINDS
OF THINGS LIKE THAT THERE.

BUT THIS WOULD BE VERY
DIFFICULT.
AND AS I SAID, PROJECT KILL THE
PROJECT.

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO,
PLEASE GO AHEAD AND DO IT.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. WARREN.
>> THAT WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER,

MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
SO IF YOU WILL RESTATE THE
MOTION AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

>> YES, THE AMENDED MOTION IS TO
DIRECT STAFF TO COME BACK WITH
OPTIONS FOR 50% PUBLIC PARKING
IN LOT 10 UNTIL JUNE 30th,

2025.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.
I SEE NO FURTHER LIGHTS.
ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.

[AYES]
SO THAT'S THREE, I BELIEVE.
ANY OPPOSED?
[AYE]

[NAYS]
NAY, I'M SORRY.
THAT MOTION FAILS 3-4 WITH BOOK,
SACO, WARD AND DUNCAN-WALKER, IS

THAT CORRECT?
COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I'D LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A
TEXT AND HOPEFULLY FINAL
AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT.
>> MAYOR: IS THERE A SECOND?

THERE'S A MOTION AND SECOND.
ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
[AYES]
IS THAT UNANIMOUS?

THAT PASSES 6-1 WITH
COMMISSIONER WILLITS IN DISSENT.
ALL RIGHT.
MADAM CLERK. THANK YOU,

MR. WARREN.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ON TO
2024-908, QUARTERLY HOUSING
UPDATE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION

THE CITY COMMISSION HEAR THE
QUARTERLY HOUSING UPDATE AND
PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT, APPROVE THE USE OF
\$1 MILLION TO SUBSIDIZE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING CONSISTENT WITH THE

DRAFT NOTICE OF FUNDING
AVAILABILITY PRESENTED BY STAFF
AND APPROVE THE USE OF \$400,000
TO SUBSIDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THE CITY'S ACCESSORY DWELLING
UNIT'S PROGRAM.

>> THANK YOU.

MR. HARRIS, PLEASE.

>> GOOD MORNING.

MAYOR PRO TEM AND TO THE
COMMISSION, THANK YOU FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY.

BEFORE I MOVE FORWARD IN OUR
PRESENTATION -- AND I'LL TRY TO
BE BRIEF BECAUSE I KNOW THAT
TIME HAS BEEN WELL SPENT AND YOU

GUYS PROBABLY WANT TO GO ON
LUNCH BREAK SOMETIME AROUND
NOONTIME.

SO I KNOW THAT --

>> THAT'S VERY CONSIDERATE OF
YOU.

>> YES.

BUT I DO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING

REAL QUICK.

I KNOW COMMISSIONER SACO'S TIME
IS WINDING DOWN.

I WANT TO JUST PIN A FLOWER ON

HER AS BEING AN AFFORDABLE
HOUSING CHAMPION AND BEING ON
OUR AHAC BOARD.
THANK YOU.

THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME COMING
BEFORE THE COMMISSION BEFORE YOU
RIDE OFF INTO THE SUNSET.
I THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU

BEING A CHAMPION FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.
GOING RIGHT INTO THE
PRESENTATION FOR TODAY, AS THE

COMMISSION, I ALWAYS LIKE TO
KIND OF PREFACE A LOT OF THE
INFORMATION THAT I PROVIDE TODAY
BY GIVING YOU BY KIND OF

REHEARSING OR REGURGITATING SOME
OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE
PROVIDED TO YOU IN THE PAST.
AGAIN, A LOT OF THE FUNDING THAT

WE RECEIVE IS FROM THE FEDERAL
LEVEL AND STATE LEVEL.
THERE IS VERY LITTLE GENERAL
FUND.

A LOT OF TIME HBC IS SEEN AS A
PASS-THROUGH FOR THE SUPPORT WE
RECEIVE AS FAR AS FUNDING IS
CONCERNED.

THIS PRESENTATION IS BROKEN DOWN
INTO OUR STATE, FEDERAL FUNDING
SOURCES, STATE FUNDING SOURCES
AND THEN THE LOCAL FUNDING THAT

WE DO RECEIVE.
SO IN THE FEDERAL, FROM THE
FEDERAL LEVEL, AS YOU MAY
RECALL, WE RECEIVE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT BLACK GRANT, CDBG,
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP WE
CONSIDER H.O.M.E. AND ALSO ARPA.
AS YOU MAY RECALL, RIGHT NOW

CURRENTLY WHAT'S BEEN EARMARKED
FOR ARPA IS 4.8 FOR DEVELOPER
SUBSIDY \$250,000 OF -- 250,000
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF

AFFORDABLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING
WHICH OUR PARTNER ON THAT
PROJECT IS NHDC AS OUR LOAN
PARTNER FOR THAT.

WE HAVE \$100,000 SET ASIDE FOR
LAND ACQUISITION.
WE ALSO HAVE SOME MONEY SET
ASIDE ON OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB,

DPA AND ALSO THIS COMMISSION
ELECTED TO FUND A HOUSING
MANAGER POSITION.
SO GIVING YOU A BRIEF UPDATE ON

WHERE WE ARE WITH THE DEVELOPER
SUBSIDY, WE HAVE WOODLAND PARK.
THE COMMISSION APPROVED
\$4.285 MILLION.

IT'S GOING TO BRING FORTH 144
UNITS.
THE NET NEW UNITS IS ABOUT 168.
THAT'S BEEN A CONVERSATION AT

VARIOUS TIMES.
THE LATEST UPDATE WE GOT, THEY
ARE STILL WORKING WITH ALACHUA
COUNTY FINANCE ON THEIR BOND

AWARD.
WE ARE HOPING -- AND WE HAVE SET
UP MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH THE
GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

AND THEIR PARTNER.
WE ARE HOPEFUL THEY ARE GOING TO
BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN A
TIMELY FASHION, BUT THAT'S KIND

OF WHERE THE PROJECT IS AT THIS
TIME.
THEY HAVE ALREADY BEGAN THE
PROCESS OF TRYING TO RELOCATE

SOME OF THE RESIDENTS FOR THE
UNITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
DEMOING.
AND SO THAT PROCESS HAS ALREADY

BEGUN.
JESSIE'S VILLAGE IS 22 UNITS
LOCATED IN EAST GAINESVILLE.
THEY RECEIVED SITE PERMIT

APPROVAL.
THE HOPE IS FOR THEM TO GET
STARTED THE END OF THIS YEAR,
BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR.

AND SO THAT PROJECT IS MOVING
FORWARD WITH NHDC WHICH IS A
GREAT ORGANIZATION.
I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEM.

THEY HAVE COMPLETED AND SOLD THE
FIRST HOUSE.
THEY HAVE TWO OTHER HOUSES.
AND ACTUALLY, I'M HAPPY TO

REPORT THAT THE 314 ACTUALLY
CLOSED WHEN WE SUBMITTED THIS
INFORMATION.
IT HASN'T CLOSED AT THAT TIME,

BUT IT DID CLOSE.
311 IS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE THE
END OF THIS WEEK SO THAT WOULD
BE TOMORROW.

AND THEN THE REMAINING TWO
THAT'S UNDER THIS AGREEMENT
SHOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT
YEAR.

SO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THOSE.
ON THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, AS
YOU MAY RECALL, WE WERE
FORTUNATE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO

SEE THE FIRST ONE.
AND AS A REMINDER, THIS IS THE
FOURTH QUARTER REPORT.
SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT, WE'RE
LOOKING AT ACTIVITIES FROM
JULY 1st THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30th.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU MAY SEE SOME
OF THE INFORMATION FROM, YOU
KNOW, THE PREVIOUS -- FROM THE
FOURTH QUARTER OF THE FISCAL

YEAR.
SO WHERE THEY ARE NOW, THEY SOLD
THE FIRST HOME.
REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

THE NEXT TWO ARE SCHEDULED TO
CLOSE AND TRANSITION TO THE NEW
FAMILY FEBRUARY OF 2025.
SO THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE

CALENDAR YEAR.
IS THEN THE REMAINING ONE, THEY
DID THEM IN TWO PHASES, FOUR IN
THE FIRST PHASE.

THE FOUR IN THE FIRST PHASE
SHOULD BE COMPLETED I WOULD SAY
LATE SPRING, EARLY SUMMER.
THEY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE

PROCESS OF PROCURING A DEVELOPER
OR BUILDER TO BUILD OUT THE
REMAINING SIX.

WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO OF
THE ORGANIZATION AND THEY ARE
MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT.
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO
BE USING A SMALL MINORITY
BUSINESS TO BUILD OUT THE NEXT
SIX.

SO THAT'S REALLY EXCITING TO
HEAR.

AS WE MOVE TO OUR OTHER FEDERAL
FUNDING SOURCES WE HAVE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT.

LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED 1.35 AND
THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE

1.86, A LITTLE TICK UP IN CDBG
FUNDING.

WITH CDBG, YOU MAY RECALL THAT
OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY WHICH IS

ON THE WEBSITE, IS OUR
CONSOLIDATED PLAN WHICH IS A
FIVE-YEAR PLAN, HOW WE SPEND
CDBG FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

WE ALSO DO AN ACTION PLAN AND
CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

WE RECENTLY AS FYI, WE RECENTLY
RECEIVED OUR GRANT AGREEMENT

FINALLY THE GRANT AGREEMENT.
WHICH FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE
RECEIVED THAT GRANT AGREEMENT
AND THAT'S GOING -- THAT'S BEING

ROUTED NOW FOR SIGNATURES FOR
CITY LEADERSHIP.

SO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
SO IF ANY OF THOSE OUTSIDE

ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU AWARDED
FUNDING TO, IF THEY CALL YOU
ABOUT A CONTRACT, THE CONTRACT
HAS BEEN ON HOLD UNTIL WE GOT A

GRANT AGREEMENT FROM HUD.
BUT WE HAVE ALREADY RELAYED THAT
INFORMATION OVER TO THEM, SO
JUST AN FYI.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES THAT YOU FUNDED
THE PREVIOUS YEAR, HERE IS THE
AMOUNT.

AND HERE'S WHAT WAS REPORTED TO

US AS OF SEPTEMBER 30th.
AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY OF THEM
SPENT DOWN THEIR RESOURCES.
SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE ASKED FOR

EXTENSIONS WHICH WE HAVE
GRANTED.
AND ANY MONEY THAT'S NOT SPENT
OR IF THEY DON'T ASK FOR AN

EXTENSION OR AN EXTENSION ISN'T
GRANTED, IT ROLLS BACK INTO OUR
HOUSING PROGRAM SIDE.
OUR HOUSING PROGRAM SIDE

PERFORMS OUR OWNER OCCUPIED
REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR
UTILIZING CDBG AND H.O.M.E. FOR
OFTENTIMES WHEN IT COMES TO

H.O.M.E. INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP,
THAT MONEY CAN SOMETIMES BE
ROLLED TO DPA.
BUT WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT CDBG,

YOU CAN'T USE CDBG FOR DOWN
PAYMENT ASSISTANCE BUT YOU CAN
USE H.O.M.E.

LEADS ME TO H.O.M.E., THE

PREVIOUS YEAR WE RECEIVED ABOUT
636,000.

THIS YEAR A LITTLE BIT LESS.

HERE ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT

WE FUNDED, OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS
THAT WE FUNDED WITH THE FEDERAL
H.O.M.E. INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP.
NHCC NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS OUR
ONLY CHOTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATION.

TODAY WE HAVE THAT SPECIAL

DESIGNATION AND WE'RE REQUIRED
TO PROVIDE THEM AT LEAST 15% OF
OUR HOME ALLOCATION.

ALSO, WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH

TO RECEIVE THROUGH THE CARES
PROGRAM AND CDBG FUNDING THAT
WE'RE ABLE TO SUPPORT SOME OF
OUR INTERNAL PARTNERS, INTERNAL

TO THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE LIKE
THE GAINESVILLE FIRE RESCUE FOR
SOME OF THE WORK THAT THEY ARE
DOING.

ALSO, PARKS AND REC TO FUND SOME
OF THE PROGRAMMING.

LIKE LAST YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO
HELP THEM FUND A SUMMER PROGRAM

FOR PORTERS.

FOR GAINESVILLE FIRE RESCUE YOU
CAN SEE SOME OF THE OUTREACH
ENGAGEMENT.

THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE
PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM, WE WERE
ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME FUNDING
FROM CDBG ALLOCATION.

THE HOME ART PROGRAM IS THE
PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ADU
PILOT PROGRAM WHICH WE ARE
EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

THIS IS A CROSS-COLLABORATION
BETWEEN MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS,
MANY OF THE REC CENTERS FROM HCD
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT HAVE
WORKED TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP
TO DEVELOP PERMIT-READY ADU
PLANS.

THE FIRST PROPERTY WHICH IS THE
GREEN HOUSE THERE IS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION NOW.
SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT

THAT.
YOU'LL SEE ON THE NEXT FEW
WEEKS, COMING MONTHS -- YOU'LL
SEE TWO OTHER STRUCTURES ON THAT

PROPERTY.
AND ONCE THOSE PROPERTIES ARE
COMPLETE, WE WILL BE WORKING
WITH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

ENTITY TO MANAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY
OF THOSE UNITS.
BUT WITH THE ONE CAVEAT WITH
HOME ARP, IT MUST BE FOR THE

BENEFIT OF THOSE UNDER THE
QUALIFIED POPULATIONS LIST.
SO YOU CAN SEE HOMELESSNESS, AT
RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, FLEE OR

ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE OR DATING SURVEILLANCE,
SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, HUMAN
TRAFFICKING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO

VETERAN FAMILIES.
SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE FEDERAL
SOURCES.
NOW GOING TO SOME OF THE ONE

STATE SOURCE THAT WE HAVE AND
THAT'S THE STATE HOUSING
INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP.
LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED 1.6.

THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE
A LITTLE BIT LESS.
THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY USED FOR
THAT IS OUR LOCAL HOUSING

ASSISTANCE PLANS WHICH IS AGAIN
ON THE WEBSITE, SO TO GO OVER
SOME OF OUR STRATEGIES, WE HAVE
DOLLARS EARMARKED FOR THIS YEAR

FOR OUR HOMEOWNERSHIP
PRESERVATION AGAIN WHICH IS OUR
ROOF REPLACEMENT, HOUSING
REPLACEMENT, OUR MAJOR REHAB

PROGRAM.
WE HAVE MONEY SET ASIDE FOR DOWN
PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS
OUR MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

INTERVENTION.
SO IF SOMEONE IS STRUGGLING TO
MAINTAIN THEIR HOUSE AND THEY
FALL INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY

NEED SOME ASSISTANCE, WE MAY BE
ABLE TO PROVIDE DIRECT
ASSISTANCE TO A FAMILY UP TO
\$7,500 TO CURE THEIR

DELINQUENCY.
AND ALSO WE HAVE SOME ADMIN
DOLLARS.
WE HAVE ALSO DEPLOYED A NEW

STRATEGY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF
YEARS WHICH IS TO MAKE A SMALL
PORTION OF OUR S.H.I.P. FUNDING
AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPERS TO

SUPPORT A DEVELOPMENT OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
WE BELIEVE THAT DEVELOPMENT OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A

LONG-TERM STRATEGY THAT WORKS
FOR THE CLIENTELE THAT WE'RE
HOPING TO BENEFIT.
CONNECTFREE IS OUR LOCAL SOURCE.

CONNECTFREE LAST QUARTER WE WERE
ABLE TO APPROVE SEVEN WELL
AND/OR SEPTIC CONVERSIONS TO
WASTEWATER.

SO AGAIN, NOT ONLY DOES IT
PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A
CLEANER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE
CLIENTELE THAT WE WORK WITH, BUT

ALSO TO ADD NEW RATE PAYORS TO
THE UTILITY SERVICE.
YOU KNOW, I'M VERY HAPPY TODAY
TO BRIEFLY TELL YOU A LITTLE

STORY ABOUT AN 80-YEAR-OLD
COUPLE, 80-PLUS-YEAR-OLD COUPLE.
AND THEY WERE WITHOUT WATER
BECAUSE OF THEIR WELL.

THEY WEREN'T CLOSE ENOUGH TO
CONNECT TO SEWER.
THEY WERE HAVING AN ISSUE WITH
THEIR WELL SO THEY WERE OUT OF

WATER AND THEY WERE USING WATER BOTTLES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

WE WERE ABLE THROUGH THE CONNECTFREE PROGRAM TO CONNECT THEM.

AND SO I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT NOW

THEY HAVE ACCESS TO WATER, BUT IT WAS SOME TIME THAT IT TOOK FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, RUNNING WATER INTO THEIR

HOUSE.

YOU WOULD THINK, YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN 2024 AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T EVEN HAVE RUNNING WATER.

SO AGAIN, WE ARE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT THAT FAMILY.

SO EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

ALSO WITH CONNECTFREE WE FUND OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF OPPORTUNITIES AND OUR STATE DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENS LOAN

PROGRAM.

THIS COMMISSION APPROVED THE AWARD OF FOUR PROPERTIES, ONE BEING ROYAL PARK.

I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ROYAL PARK APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN PAVED. THE OTHER DEVELOPERS, WE'RE STILL FINALIZING GRANT

AGREEMENTS.

A LOT OF THOSE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS JUST AREN'T FURTHER ALONG WHERE IT WARRANTS, YOU

KNOW, GETTING THAT -- OR THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO WHERE THEY NEED THIS FUNDING TO MOVE FORWARD.

SO FOR THOSE OTHER PROJECTS. SO SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS, SOME OF THEM HAVE EXPIRED PERMITS. SOME OF THEM ARE JUST WAITING ON

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE'RE STILL FINALIZING THE GRANT AGREEMENTS. THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUPS, SO

THERE ARE TWO CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUPS WHERE YOU HAVE A STAFF LIAISON OUT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

SO AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH AGAIN, COMMISSIONER SACO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME THERE.

THEY MEET TYPICALLY THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. AND AGAIN, THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO APPROVE THE I.R.R. AND

SEND IN A RECOMMENDATION REPORT WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO YOU I WANT TO SAY EARLY NOVEMBER WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THIS COMMISSION.

AND ALSO, WE HAVE OUR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WHICH COMES BEFORE YOU TYPICALLY SUMMERTIME TO

PROVIDE TO YOU THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OUTSIDE FUNDING FOR CDBG AND H.O.M.E. FOR THOSE OUTSIDE AGENCIES.

ALSO, THIS GROUP IS WORKING ON
OUR CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT
WHICH IS OUR CAPER.

WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
MONDAY NIGHT.
AND SO THAT'S GOING TO MOVE
FORWARD TO THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT.
SO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT BEING
ABLE TO DO THAT.
OUR INTERAGENCY HOUSING

COORDINATION, I BELIEVE IT WAS
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER
ENCOURAGED STAFF TO HAVE MORE
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US AND THE

COUNTY AND THE COUNTY'S HOUSING
DEPARTMENT.
AND THAT HAS LED TO GREATER
COHESION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

AND SO WE HAVE A MONTHLY CALL
AND CONNECT.
WE ALSO HAD A JOINT CITY/COUNTY
AHAC MEETING.

SO THEIR AHAC COMMITTEE MET WITH
OUR AHAC COMMITTEE MEETING.
HERE ARE SOME OF THE TOPICS THAT
WERE DISCUSSED DURING THAT TIME.

YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE BIGGEST
THINGS, YOU KNOW, REVIEWING HOW
EACH JURISDICTION SUBSIDIZES NEW
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS.
SO WE WANT TO SEE, YOU KNOW,
OKAY, IF THERE IS A GROUP THAT'S
COMING TO THEM AND THEY ARE

RELYING ON TRYING TO LEVERAGE
OUR FUNDING, WHAT CAN WE DO TO
HELP MOVE THAT PROJECT FURTHER
ALONG.

SO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE WORK
BEING DONE BY BOTH AHAC
COMMITTEES.
HERE ARE SOME OF THE

DEVELOPMENTS THAT WE ARE KIND OF
TRACKING AND SOME PENDING
DEVELOPMENTS.
SOME HAVE APPLIED FOR FUNDING

THROUGH HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, WHETHER IT'S CDBG
OR H.O.M.E. OR WHETHER IT'S ARPA
FUNDING OR CONNECTFREE FUNDING.

SOME HAVE JUST ASKED WHAT ARE
SOME WAYS THAT WE CAN KIND OF
CONNECT THEM TO SOME OF OUR
COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

AND SO, YOU KNOW, ANY TIME WE
GET A CALL, WE TRY TO KEEP UP
WITH THE PROJECT TO SEE WHAT
WAYS WE CAN HELP FACILITATE THE

MOVEMENT OF THAT PROJECT TO
COMPLETION.
HERE'S OUR CURRENT SNAPSHOT OF
THOSE PROJECTS THAT'S IN OUR

REHAB PROGRAM.
SO RIGHT NOW WE HAVE, YOU KNOW,
CLOSE TO 50 PROJECTS IN OUR
PIPELINE.

48 TO BE EXACT.
WE HAVE 10 ROOF REPLACEMENTS
THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW.
WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE

A TOUR FOR ANYBODY THAT'S
INTERESTED.
OUR HOUSING REHABILITATION, WE
HAVE 32.

WE HAVE SIX HOUSE REPLACEMENTS.
WE STILL HAVE, YOU KNOW, 128
PEOPLE ON THE WAIT LIST SO THE
NEED IS TREMENDOUS.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH RESOURCES TO MEET THE
NEED, BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY
DOING OUR BEST TO CONTINUE TO DO

WHAT WE CAN.
THIS IS THE SLIDE THAT I'M MOST
EXCITED ABOUT.
I WISH I HAD A DRUM ROLL BEFORE

I GOT TO THIS SLIDE.
[DRUMMING]
OFTENTIMES WHEN I TALK TO
ANDREW, I'M ALWAYS TOUTING THE

AMAZING INVESTMENT THAT WE'RE
ABLE TO MAKE.
AND SO YOU CAN SEE HERE IN THE
FOURTH QUARTER, WE ARE ABLE TO

MAKE AN INVESTMENT OF
\$1.5 MILLION INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
AND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THIS,
THIS 1.5 ISN'T COMING OUT -- THE

MAJORITY ISN'T COMING OUT OF THE
GENERAL FUND.
WE'RE JUST A PASS-THROUGH.
SO 1.5, THE FIRST RECORDERS WE

INVESTED 1.6.
NOW, IF YOU START LOOKING AT THE
NUMBERS, THAT'S \$3.2 MILLION
INVESTED.

AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE WORK
THAT YOU, YOU BEING THE
COMMISSION, MAYOR AND THE
COMMISSION, ALLOW US TO DO AND

THE HARDWORKING STAFF OF HDC.
SO YOU CAN SEE FROM 2022, WE
HAVE PRETTY MUCH DOUBLED OUR
OUTPUT.

SO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
SO WE WENT FROM 1.5 TO, YOU
KNOW, \$3.2 MILLION.
SO YOU CAN SEE THAT FROM THE

CHART FORM.
OUR COMMUNITY FIRST, OUR
PLEASANT STREET INITIATIVE, WE
HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED COMMUNITY

FIRST.
WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE
WORK THAT'S BEING DONE WITHIN
THE PLEASANT STREET COMMUNITY.

THEY ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND THEY
MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS.
TYPICALLY THEIR MEETING IS ON
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY.

THEY WERE -- AT THEIR LAST
MEETING THEY WERE CELEBRATING
ONE OF THE RESIDENTS.
SHE TURNED 99, SO THAT WAS A

GREAT CELEBRATION.
SO IF ANY OF YOU EVER GET A
CHANCE, DOTTY IS THE LEAD PERSON
THERE.

IF YOU EVER GET A CHANCE, I
THINK THEY WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE
COMMISSION AND THE MAYOR THERE
AT ONE OF THEIR EVENTS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TASKED WITH,
YOU KNOW, TAKING CITY SERVICES
MOBILE.

SO ON DECEMBER 10th FROM 1:30

TO 2:30, IT'S IN THE AFTERNOON,
WE'RE GOING TO DO AN ASK THE
CITY EVENT OVER AT THE OSCAR
LEWIS ANNEX FACILITY.

AGAIN IT ALLOWS THE RESIDENTS TO
COME AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS.
AND OUR HOUSING ADVOCATE WILL BE
THERE, ALSO OUR HOUSING AND

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WILL BE
THERE TO ADDRESS ANY CITY
CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE.
SO, YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, WE'RE

NOT THE CLEARING HOUSE FOR ALL
THINGS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
BUT AT LEAST WE CAN CONNECT
THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO THE VARIOUS

DEPARTMENTS IF THERE'S SOMETHING
WE CAN'T HANDLE INTERNALLY.
WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
OUR PLAN IS TO DO THIS EVERY

MONTH, ASK THE CITY EVENT OVER
AT THE OSCAR LEWIS ANNEX
BUILDING.
WE WERE FORTUNATE TO PARTNER

WITH OEI AND DIRECTOR FOLSTON
AND HIS TEAM ON A CONTRACTOR
OUTREACH.
WHEN I ARRIVED IN HOUSING AND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WE HAD
REALLY ONE AND A POSSIBLE
ANOTHER CONTRACTOR THAT WAS
WORKING ON A LOT OF OUR

PROJECTS.

AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE MADE
A CONCERTED EFFORT IS HOW DO WE
ATTRACT MORE VENDORS TO HELP US

BE ABLE TO DEPLOY MORE RESOURCES
IN THE COMMUNITY AND GET JOBS
DONE IN A MORE EXPEDITIOUS
FASHION.

WE REACHED OUT TO OEI AND THEY
WORKED WITH OUR TEAM.
AGAIN, KUDOS TO MR. FOLSTON AND
HIS TEAM.

WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THIS
CONTRACTOR OUTREACH EVENT OVER
AT GRU ADMIN BUILDING.
WE HAD OVER 100 PEOPLE

PREREGISTER.
WE HAD OVER 55 ATTENDEES.
YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE PHOTOS
THERE.

BUT WE WERE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE.
NOW WE HAVE EIGHT VENDORS, YOU
KNOW, APPLYING FOR OUR
VARIOUS -- OR BIDDING ON OUR

VARIOUS PROJECTS.
SO REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THAT
INCREASE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR OTHER VENDORS.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY, AGAIN WE
MOSTLY WORK WITH GENERAL
CONTRACTORS OR ROOFING
CONTRACTORS.

SO IF YOU KNOW OF ANY VENDORS
THAT MAY WANT TO DO WORK WITH
THE CITY TO HELP THOSE
INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SERVE, BY

ALL MEANS HAVE THEM TO REACH OUT
TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT.
BEFORE I GO INTO THE NEXT

PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION, ARE
THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
>> MAYOR: YES, COMMISSIONER
DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
AND THANK YOU, MR. HARRIS, UP TO
THIS POINT I DID -- BEFORE WE
GOT TOO DEEP INTO THE

PRESENTATION WANT TO GO BACK A
COUPLE OF SLIDES AND ASK A
QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO
COMMUNITY FIRST.

>> UH-HUH.
>> I DO REMEMBER THAT THE
PORTERS QUARTERS COMMUNITY WAS
THE PILOT COMMUNITY, IF I'M

CORRECT, THAT KICKED THIS
INITIATIVE OFF.
CAN YOU GIVE US A FEW MORE
DETAILS?

BECAUSE IF I AM REMEMBERING, I
THINK PORTERS QUARTERS WAS KIND
OF INSTRUMENTAL IN DETERMINING
THE PATHWAY THEY TOOK IN TERMS

OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH REGARDS TO
THIS INITIATIVE.
SO DO WE KNOW YET WHAT PLEASANT
STREET IS GOING TO ASK FOR OR

HOW THEY WANT TO SEE THIS
PARTICULAR INITIATIVE PLAY OUT?
>> YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
WE HAVE BEEN HAVING ONGOING

CONVERSATION TO THE COMMUNITY TO
SAY, OKAY, HOW CAN THE CITY BEST
SUPPORT PLEASANT STREET?
AND SO I KNOW THERE'S ANOTHER

DEPARTMENT THAT'S WORKING WITH
PORTERS AND THE PORTERS QUARTERS
COMMUNITY.
AND THEY CAN KIND OF SPEAK TO

THEIR ENGAGEMENT THERE.
BUT FROM THE PLEASANT STREET
PERSPECTIVE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
ASKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, CLEANUPS,

IS THERE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
THAT WE HAVE.
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FACILITATE
SOME CHANGES WITHIN THE

COMMUNITY.
LIKE I THINK I SHARED DURING THE
LAST QUARTERLY PRESENTATION THEY
WERE HAVING SOME SAFETY ISSUES

DUE TO A PARKING OUTLINE AT ONE
OF THE INTERSECTIONS.
SO WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH
STAFF, WITH CITY STAFF TO

ELIMINATE THAT PARKING SPACE AND
IMPROVE SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY.
SO WE HAVE BEEN ASKING AND WE
CONTINUE TO ENGAGE THEM TO SEE

WHAT OTHER WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP
THE COMMUNITY.
YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE OTHER
OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY HAD

MENTIONED WAS DUE TO A
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.
AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO KIND OF
CONNECT THEM WITH THAT DEVELOPER

TO SAY, OKAY, WHAT'S BEING BUILT
IN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW THAT
MAY BE ABLE TO BENEFIT THE
RESIDENTS.

WE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THOSE
ISSUES AS THEY COME.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE

PUBLIC, WOULD YOU REMIND US ALL
WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE
COMMUNITY FIRST PROGRAM IS?

>> IT'S REALLY ABOUT

STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIP
AND OUR CONNECTIVITY TO OUR
COMMUNITIES.

SO THERE HAVE BEEN SEVEN

COMMUNITIES DESIGNATED UNDER THE
COMMUNITY FIRST.

AND AGAIN, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO

PLEASANT STREET.

THERE IS OTHER DEPARTMENTS
THAT'S ASSIGNED TO, YOU KNOW,
UNIVERSITY PARK, PORTERS, DUVAL.

I DON'T WANT TO START CALLING
THEM OFF BECAUSE I'LL MISS ONE.
AGAIN, THERE'S SEVEN
NEIGHBORHOODS.

AND AGAIN, THE GOAL IS TO
STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTIVITY
BETWEEN THEM AND THE CITY AND TO
MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIVE

TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE
COMMUNITIES.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
MR. HARRIS.

I CONCLUDE FOR NOW, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

HI.

>> HEY.

>> IF WE COULD GO BACK TO THE

DEVELOPMENT TRACKER.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY
MATH IS RIGHT AND IF YOU COULD
HELP ME WITH SOME TIMING.

SO WE HAVE PENDING OVER 500
UNITS.

I KNOW THEY ARE PENDING AND JUST
LIKE LOT 10 -- I DON'T NEED YOU

TO TELL ME THE DATE WE'RE GOING
TO CUT A RIBBON.

BUT DO WE KNOW ROUGHLY IN THE
PIPELINE WHERE THOSE ARE?

BECAUSE THAT'S 500 UNITS SET
ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE IN
NEED OF HOUSING.

SO I THINK IT'S A GREAT THING.

AND KNOWING THAT THESE ARE
COMING ONLINE AT SOME POINT.

>> SO A GOOD QUESTION.

SOME OF THEM -- WHEN WE SAY

PENDING, SOME OF THEM ARE STILL
SEEKING SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING,
SOME ADDITIONAL GAP FUNDING.

IT'S KIND OF HARD TO PUT A

TIMELINE ON WHEN THOSE MAY COME
THROUGH BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH
INTEREST RATES, WHETHER THEY ARE

GOING TO MODIFY THE PROJECT IN
SOME FORM TO MAYBE SAY PHASE ONE
WILL BE DONE IN ONE TIME AND
THEN SUBSEQUENT PHASES COULD BE

DONE.

UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE -- I
CAN KIND OF RUN THROUGH AND TELL
YOU KIND OF WHAT I KNOW ABOUT

EACH PROJECT.

>> I KNOW ROYAL PARK, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT'S LIKE PENDING,
ALL RIGHT.

I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT TO BE IN
THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE BECAUSE I
KNOW THEY ARE NOT READY.
SO THAT IS A SHAME.

IT'S A FACT, BUT IT IS A SHAME.
BUT I THINK IT HELPS FOR
COMMUNITY EDUCATION THAT EVEN IF
WE HELP AND OTHER THINGS ARE

HELPING, THERE'S FACTORS OUTSIDE
OUR CONTROL AND EVEN THE
DEVELOPER'S CONTROL THAT KIND OF
STALL OUT SOME OF THESE.

BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING WHAT WE
CAN DO IN TRYING TO PUT EVERY
RESOURCE WE CAN BEHIND THEM.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
ALL RIGHT.

I SEE NO FURTHER LIGHTS.

>> SO AT THE NOVEMBER 14th

MEETING, THERE WAS SOME
DISCUSSION AND A MOTION WENT
FORTH ABOUT THE \$1.4 MILLION SET
ASIDE.

AND SO HERE'S THE MOTION ON THE SCREEN.

I REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE

WORKING POOR CAN RECEIVE RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

AT THAT TIME, THE STAFF HAD INDICATED THAT WE WERE WORKING

ON A PLAN TO KIND OF GET THOSE DOLLARS OUT.

SO WE HAVE SOME OPTIONS FOR YOU HERE.

OPTION ONE IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT INITIALLY BECAUSE, AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE 1.4 WAS ACTUALLY MONEY THAT WAS

SET ASIDE FOR ARPA THAT WAS AGAIN ALLOWED FOR HOMELESS SERVICES.

AND SO THE MONEY WAS SET ASIDE

OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND SO THIS IS ALL GENERAL FUND MONEY.

IT WAS INITIALLY 1.5.

THE COMMISSION ELECTED TO ADD

ANOTHER \$100,000 TO HOMELESS SERVICES WHICH BROUGHT IT DOWN TO 1.4 SO WE ARE WORKING WITH 1.4 HERE.

WE WANTED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPERS TO FILL THAT GAP.

TO COMMISSIONER SACO'S POINT,

OFTENTIMES THE RESOURCES THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY PRODUCE ALL OF THE UNITS.

WHAT WE TRY TO DO IS PROVIDE A

SUBSIDY OR TO HELP THEM -- OR
GAP FINANCING TO HELP THEM GET
THEIR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.
AND SO YOU HAVE HERE KIND OF

SOME OPTIONS HERE OF THE 1.4.
SO THE ONE IS TO MAKE IT A
COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN YOUR
BACKUP.

YOU HAVE THE NOVO, NOTICE OF
FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND THE
APPLICATION THAT STAFF IS READY
TO PUT OUT ON THE STREET.

WE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COMMISSION
TO HOLD BACK ABOUT \$400,000 TO
HELP SUPPORT THE ADU PROGRAM.
THE PILOT PROGRAM OF THE CITY.

AGAIN, THAT PROGRAM IS TO
REDEVELOP FIVE LOTS WITHIN THE
CITY AND TO BUILD UP TO TWO
ADDITIONAL ADUs ON EACH OF

THOSE LOTS SO THAT COULD BE UP
TO LIKE [INAUDIBLE] UNITS OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
SO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S OPTION ONE.

A LOT OF STAFF TIME HAS GONE
INTO THAT.
AND SO WE ALREADY HAVE SOME
MONEY SET ASIDE TO SUPPORT THE

PROJECT.
WE JUST NEED SOME MORE MONEY TO
KIND OF GET US OVER THE FINISH
LINE.

AND SO THAT'S OPTION ONE.
OPTION TWO, WE STILL WANT YOU TO
CONSIDER THE ADU PILOT PROGRAM.
AND THEN HERE ARE SOME OTHER

WAYS THAT THE MONEY CAN BE SPENT, YOU KNOW, LIKE A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, A VOUCHER PROGRAM, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM.

I WILL SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE CONCERNS WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND THE VOUCHER

PROGRAM.

THOSE PROGRAM WOULD REQUIRE A HEAVY LIFT FROM EXISTING STAFF WITH ALL THE PROJECTS THAT WE

HAVE PENDING.

SO WE WOULD NEED TO, YOU KNOW, INCREASE STAFF.

SO YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED TO

EITHER -- IF YOU WANT INTERNAL STAFF TO DO IT, YOU COULD PROBABLY REQUIRE US TO CARVE OUT SOME MONEY FOR SOME ADDITIONAL

ADMIN TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF. WHEN OUR STAFF DID AN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE PAST, WE HAD TO RAMP UP BY HIRING SOME

TEMPORARY STAFF.

WE EVEN HAD TO HAVE A CONSULTANT COME IN.

AND SO WE'RE JUST NOT SET UP

CURRENTLY IN OUR CURRENT EXISTENCE TO ADMINISTER EITHER A VOUCHER OR RENTAL PROGRAM. OUR VOUCHER OR EMERGENCY VOUCHER

PROGRAM OR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE, IT WOULD BE STAFF RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE THAT

SERVICE SUCH AS, YOU KNOW,
LIKE -- I DON'T WANT TO CALL
ORGANIZATIONS BUT I HAVE IT ON
THE SCREEN.

ONE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES,
ALACHUA COUNTY HOUSING
AUTHORITY, PEACEFUL PATH OR
ST. FRANCIS HOUSE IF WE ELECT TO

MOVE IN THAT VEIN FOR RENTAL
ASSISTANCE OR VOUCHER PROGRAM.
GOING THROUGH -- THESE ARE SOME
ADDITIONAL THINGS TO CONSIDER.

YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE SOME PRIOR
STAFF EXPERIENCE, AS I
MENTIONED.
USE OF FUNDS, WE BELIEVE THAT

THE DEVELOPER SUBSIDY AND ADU
PROVIDES A LONGER TERM SOLUTION
AS OPPOSED TO A SHORT-TERM FIX
FOR SOME OF THE OTHER

PROGRAMMING THAT COULD BE
POTENTIALLY USED WITH THIS
MONEY.
SO IT'S STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU APPROVED THE \$1 MILLION
TO SUBSIDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSISTENT
WITH THE NOTICE OF FUNDING

AVAILABILITY PRESENTED BY STAFF
WHICH IS IN YOUR BACKUP AND
APPROVE THE USE OF \$400,000 TO
SUBSIDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

CITY'S ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT
PROGRAM.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT
AND THEN COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU.
DID YOU SAY WE HAD ADMINISTERED
A VOUCHER PROGRAM IN THE PAST?
>> NO, MA'AM.

I'M SORRY.
WE ADMINISTERED AN EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE PAST.
SO WITH COVID, WE RECEIVED SOME

C.B. MONEY THROUGH COVID.
AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO
ADMINISTER AN EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHERE WE

COULD PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR
INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE FALLEN
BEHIND ON THEIR RENTAL PAYMENT
DUE TO COVID, DUE TO THE IMPACT

OF COVID.
>> OKAY, THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THANK YOU FOR EXPLAINING THAT
ONE BECAUSE I WAS HERE FOR IT

AND IT WAS NOT FUN AND IT WAS A
HOT MESS FOR US AND THE COUNTY.
AND NO ONE WAS HAPPY, NOT THOSE
ADMINISTRATING IT, NOT THOSE

RECEIVING THE FUNDS, NOT THE
RENTERS.
IT WAS DIFFICULT TO EXECUTE,
EVEN WITH PEOPLE AND CONSULTANTS

ON HAND.
I DON'T THINK YOU WERE HERE FOR
THAT.
>> NO, THAT WAS PRIOR TO MY

TIME.

>> BLESS YOU.

YEAH, IT WAS ROUGH.

AND IF I RECALL, THIS IS THROUGH

ARPA MONEY, RIGHT?

SO IT COMES WITH CONDITIONS.

OR IS IT THE ONE WE SENT OUT?

>> YES.

>> IT'S OUT BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY

HOUSING.

>> SO IT IS GENERAL FUND.

>> IT IS THROUGH NOW THE GENERAL

FUND.

>> RIGHT.

1.4 FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

>> I WAS TRYING TO THINK IF WE

HAD EXTRA RULES AND SETTING
PROCESSES THAT WE'D HAVE TO GO
THROUGH.

BUT THAT'S NOT -- THAT DOESN'T

MATTER.

I'M IN FAVOR OF OPTION ONE ALONG
WITH STAFF.

I THINK TOO OFTEN WE TRY TO FIND

A WAY TO TACKLE EVERY SINGLE
PROBLEM AND A DROP IN EVERY
BUCKET DOESN'T NECESSARILY HELP
MANY OR ANYONE.

AND WE'D BURN SOME OF THAT MONEY
IN CONSULTING OR ADMIN FEES, I'M
SURE.

BUT IF WE DO OPTION ONE, WE

HAVE, YOU KNOW, TWO PROJECTS
THAT WE CAN KIND OF JUST GET TO
THAT WE KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS,
THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCE

ADDRESSING AND WILL HAVE MORE IMMEDIATE IMPACT RATHER THAN TRYING TO INVENT THE WHEELS FOR OPTION TWO.

SO I AM KEEPING IT SIMPLE IS THE BETTER OPTION HERE ESPECIALLY BECAUSE ONE MONTH FOR US, IN ORDER TO STUDY SOMETHING IS A

MONTH THAT SOMEBODY IS ON THE BRINK AND THEY COULD BECOME HOMELESS. I'D MUCH RATHER WE MOVE FORWARD

ON THINGS THAT WE KNOW HOW TO DO AND WE KNOW HOW TO DO WELL. CORY, DID WE JUST GET AN AWARD FOR THE ADU PROJECT THAT WE DO

HERE?

>> SO THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE HOME ARP MONEY.

>> NO, LIKE ACTUAL RECOGNITION

AWARD.

>> YEAH.

SO WE RECEIVE A CITY AWARD DURING OUR EMPLOYEE BANQUET ON

THE COLLABORATION.

SO YES.

>> I'M LIKE I'M PRETTY SURE WE JUST SAID THIS IS A GREAT THING

WE KNOW HOW TO DO WELL.

SO I THINK OPTION ONE IS THE MORE DIRECTABLE KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED FASTER AND BETTER WITHOUT

BURNING FUNDS ON TRYING TO SET UP THE PROGRAM.

I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF OPTION ONE AND THAT'S THE MOTION I

WOULD BE MAKING.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER SACO.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> YEAH.
I'M FINE WITH OPTION ONE AS
WELL.

I WAS CURIOUS.
I HAD A DISCUSSION BEFORE ABOUT
GRANT VERSUS FORGIVABLE LOAN IN
THE LAST ONE AND HOW SOME OF THE

FOLKS THAT HAVE PUT IN THOUGHT
THE FORGIVABLE LOAN WOULD BE
BOTH BETTER FOR THE CITY AND FOR
THEM IN TERMS OF THAT.

HOW IS THIS PARTICULAR MILLION
DOLLARS STRUCTURED?
>> SO THE WAY THAT WE STRUCTURE
THIS IS A GRANT.

AGAIN, IT'S A FORGIVABLE AFTER
10 YEARS.
WE WANT THEM TO MAINTAIN THE
AFFORDABILITY FOR 10 YEARS AND

THAT'S WITHIN THE GUIDELINES.
THAT'S IN THE NOTICE OF FUNDING
AVAILABILITY.
IT'S A 10-YEAR AFFORDABILITY

PERIOD.
>> SO THIS WOULDN'T BE A
FORGIVABLE LOAN IN THE WAY THAT
CONNECTFREE IS A FORGIVABLE

LOAN.
>> WELL, IT'S THE SAME.
IF IT'S SOLD WITHIN THOSE 10
YEARS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY

BACK THE MONEY.
BUT AFTER THAT, IT'S FORGIVEN.
>> SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO USE
IT FOR LIHTC.

>> YES.
>> THE SAKE THAT WE'RE ALREADY
OVER OUR TIME AND WE HAVE TWO
MORE ITEMS LEFT, I'D LIKE TO

TAKE A VOTE AT SOME POINT ON
THIS THING FAIRLY QUICKLY.
BUT I'LL LET MY OTHER FOLKS
SPEAK ON IT.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> OKAY.

SO UNDER OPTION ONE, ARE WE
GETTING ANY DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO
POOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HOUSING?
>> SO THIS WOULD BE DEVELOPING A

LONG-TERM.
SO IT WOULD BE SUPPORTING
DEVELOPERS TO BUILD THE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS.

WE WOULDN'T BE GIVING MONEY
DIRECTLY TO THE END USER.
WE WOULD BE GIVING IT TO
DEVELOPERS TO DEVELOP THE

HOUSING UNITS.
>> THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I THINK TO ADDRESS WHAT MIGHT BE
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT'S CONCERN,
WHEN WE WERE DOING RENTAL
ASSISTANCE, WE ALSO DIDN'T GIVE

MONEY TO PEOPLE.
WE HAD TO SET UP CONNECTIONS
WITH THE LANDLORDS AND WE WOULD
PAY THE LANDLORDS AND SOMETIMES

THE LANDLORDS DIDN'T WANT TO
ACCEPT THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY
DID WANT TO GET RID OF THE
TENANTS.

SO IT IS -- LIKE THE AUDITOR CAN
EXPLAIN FOR MANY REASONS WE DO
NOT JUST GIVE THE MONEY DIRECTLY
TO PEOPLE.

IT IS TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PAYING
FOR RENT SO IT HAD TO GO THROUGH
LANDLORDS AND THAT ADDED
BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
COMMISSIONER SACO.

MADAM CLERK, DO WE HAVE --
>> YES, WE HAVE A FEW SIGNED UP
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
ED JENNINGS.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. JENNINGS.
>> I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S ALMOST
GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: IT IS AFTERNOON, YES.

>> GOOD TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU TO
THE NEWLY MINTED UNOPPOSED MAYOR
PRO TEM, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEWLY MINTED 70-PLUS TITAN OF

DISTRICT 1, CONGRATULATIONS.
AND TO THE OUTGOING YOUNG LADY
WHO HAS BEEN THE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING ADVOCATE OF THIS

COMMISSION, LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR
CONTINUED SERVICE IN NEW
CAPACITIES.

I WANT TO SAY TO YOU AS ONE OF

THE ADVOCATES OF THIS ISSUE, I
STAND BEHIND WHAT OPTION ONE
SAYS.

AND LIKE 95%.

YOU ALL A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO
PUT OUT THE ARPA MONEY OUT
THERE.
WENT THROUGH SEVERAL ITERATIONS

OF THAT AND ENDED UP WITH 1.4.
THE VOTE BEFORE THE LAST VOTE
WAS TO PRIORITIZE THOSE TWO
APPLICANTS THAT DID NOT GET

FUNDING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SECURE THAT REMAINING FUNDING.
WHAT MADAM CITY MANAGER DID AND
I THINK AN ACTION OF PRUDENCE

SAID LET'S GET THAT MONEY OUT SO
THE ARPA MONEY DIDN'T END AND
YOU ALL REPLACED IT WITH 1.4.
I WOULD ASK 1 MILLION AT THE

MINIMUM THAT YOU KEEP THE
PRIORITIZATION THAT YOU HAD FOR
THOSE WHO SUBMITTED IN THE ARPA
ONE ROUND THAT DIDN'T GET

FUNDING ONLY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T
GET TO THEM, SO THOSE TWO
APPLICANTS THAT WERE IN THAT POT
THAT HAD BEEN REVIEWED WOULD

STILL HAVE TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION -- NO ISSUE WITH
THAT.
GOT TO RE-UP ALL THE

INFORMATION.
BUT WE HAVE A PRIORITIZATION IN
THAT MILLION DOLLARS OF FUNDING.
WITH THE 400,000, I HAVE HAD A

LONG CONVERSATION WITH
MR. HARRIS.
I LOVE THE ADU ISSUE.
IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GO.

BUT ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THE
CITY HAS IN ALL OF ITS PROJECTS
AND FUNDING IN AFFORDABLE
HOUSING IS THE LIMITATION THE

CITY HAS IS WHY THE MONEY
DOESN'T GO FURTHER AND WE GET
FURTHER DOWN THE LIST OF
PROJECTS AND YOU ALL DON'T DO

DEBT.
SO OTHER ENTITIES, PRIVATE
FOR-PROFITS AND PRIVATE
NONPROFITS GET TO USE THAT WHICH

STRETCHES THE MONEY FURTHER.
YOU ARE DOING A SUBSIDY OF
\$133,000 A UNIT WHERE YOU CAP US
OUT.

WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE CAP
BECAUSE WE GO GET DEBT TO
LEVERAGE THE OTHER AND WE DO
MORE.

I WOULD ASK THAT THE 400,000 BE
USED FOR POTENTIALLY ADU-LIKE
PROJECT AND ALLOW THE NONPROFIT
SECTOR TO COMPETE LIKE THE EAST

SIDE PROJECT THAT WOULD BE 18
UNITS.
MR. MITCHELL IS NOT HERE TODAY.
HE HAD A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AND

WANTED ME TO SPEAK ON HIS
BEHALF.
BUT ANY OTHER PROJECT THAT
ANYBODY WANTED TO SUBMIT, TO BE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO COMPLETE.
YOU HAVE ARP MONEY AND YOU CAN
GET DONE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
WITH THAT.

ALLOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND
NONPROFIT SECTOR TO DELIVER MORE
UNITS AND/OR REHAB BECAUSE THIS
WILL ALLOW REHAB OF EXISTING

UNITS TO KEEP THEM IN THE
PIPELINE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
I'M TRYING TO ASK A MORE CONCISE
ASK THIS TIME.

SUPPORT OPTION ONE, KEEP THE
MILLION, ALLOW PREFERENCE TO
THOSE TWO BEFORE AS THE PREVIOUS
MOTION AND ALLOW COMPETITORS TO

APPLY FOR THE ADU TO SUPPORT
YOUR EFFORT OF DEVELOPING MORE
ADU-LIKE PROJECTS.
THANKS SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
APPRECIATE IT.
>> KALI BLOUNT.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. BLOUNT.
WHO IS AFTER MR. BLOUNT?
>> DONALD SHEPHERD AND THAT WILL
BE THE LAST ONE.

>> MAYOR: I ASK YOU TO PLEASE BE
READY TO SPEAK AS SOON AS
MR. BLOUNT IS DONE.
WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE THINGS

ALONG.

>> I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.
THE COMMUNITY FIRST PROGRAM IS A
GREAT IDEA TO HAVE THAT

COMMUNITY TO THE CITY COMMISSION
STRENGTHENED.
WHAT ABOUT
COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY?

OR WOULD THAT BE A FEAR OF
FERMENTING A REVOLUTION OR
SOMETHING?
THAT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE

COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS.
I ALSO WONDER HOW IS THE
CONNECTFREE PROGRAM FARING

THROUGH THE ROUNDS AND ROUNDS OF
CITY COMMISSION VERSUS GRUA
SINCE THEY WERE TRYING TO ASK
THAT.

I CAN TELL YOU FROM COMING FROM
HOUSING AUTHORITIES, THE
PERPETUAL PROBLEM OF VOUCHERS --
AND YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS ALL THE

TIME FROM GRACE MARKETPLACE WITH
THEIR HOUSING FIRST INITIATIVE,
WHERE ARE THE UNITS?
YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE PLACES TO

PUT PEOPLE.
WE HAVE VOUCHERS AT ALACHUA
COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY.
WE NOT INFREQUENTLY HAVE

VOUCHERS EXPIRE BECAUSE THE
FAMILY WAS LOOKING AND LOOKING
AND NEVER FOUND A UNIT.
THERE ARE STILL LANDLORDS

REFUSING TO TAKE IT.
AND THERE ARE JUST NOT ENOUGH
UNITS, PERIOD, GROSS NUMBERS,
JUST NOT ENOUGH.

SO THAT PERPETUAL PROBLEM.
THE BIGGER VIEW HERE -- AND YOUR
TROUBLE ALLOCATING THESE FUNDS
POINTS TO THE FACT THAT YOU JUST

CANNOT ON YOUR OWN MAKE THE
UNITS.
IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING THAT
GETS THE PRIVATE SECTOR

PARTICIPATING AND ADDRESSING THE
LARGEST NEED, THE QUICKEST
NUMBER OF UNITS POSSIBLE, YOU
DON'T CHANGE THE PROBLEM.

THE GOAL SHOULD BE TO CHANGE
THIS PROBLEM, NOT TO GET FIVE
UNITS OVER HERE AND 12 OVER
HERE.

THOSE ARE FLUFF.
THE GOAL IS TO CHANGE THE
PROBLEM.
HOW CAN YOU MOST QUICKLY GET THE

MOST NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS
BUILT AND HAVE THE ENTIRE
HOUSING MARKET PARTICIPATE?
THAT'S A WHOLE OF MARKET

PROBLEM.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. BLOUNT.
TO ANSWER A COUPLE OF YOUR
QUESTIONS, WE CERTAINLY SUPPORT

COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY, THE
WORK.
WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT DOING
ANYTHING TO STOP IT.

THE CONNECTFREE PROGRAM IS NO
LONGER BEING FUNDED.
WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH IS
WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH AS OF

NOW.

AND WE HAVE ALLOCATED MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS ALREADY TO THE
PRIVATE SECTOR TO GET STUFF

BUILT AND WE ARE WAITING ON IT
TO BE BUILT.

MR. SHEPHERD.

>> DONALD SHEPHERD.

>> YES, MY NAME IS DONALD
SHEPHERD, PEOPLE'S
REPRESENTATIVE.
AND I WANT TO TAKE AND BRING UP

A LOT OF DEFAULTS OF OUR CITY
COMMISSION AND MAYORSHIPS
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, NOT JUST
YOUR FAULT BUT IT'S THE FAULTS

OF FORMER MAYORS THAT HAD JUST
PUT A BLIND EYE TO WHAT THE CIA
HAD PUT FORTH FOR THE
BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR CITY.

>> MAYOR: MR. SHEPHERD, ARE YOU
SPEAKING TO HOUSING?

>> YES, I AM.

>> MAYOR: THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

>> YES, I AM.

>> MAYOR: GO AHEAD.

>> I AM READY.

THE OTHER THING IS SPEAKING

ABOUT HOUSING AND LANDLORDS,
THERE SHOULD BE A CAP ON HOW
MUCH MONEY EACH LANDLORD CAN
CHARGE PER HOUSING UNIT.

THAT HASN'T BEEN THOUGHT OF OR BROUGHT ABOUT.

>> MAYOR: THE STATE OF FLORIDA WON'T ALLOW US TO DO THAT.

SO GO AHEAD.

>> SIR?

>> MAYOR: THE STATE OF FLORIDA DOES NOT ALLOW THAT.

SO MOVE AHEAD.

>> THIS IS SOMETHING I'M GOING TO DO.

THE STATE HOUSING GRANT THAT IS

PROPOSED WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL THESE THINGS AS FAR AS GRACE MARKETPLACE.

YOU PAID \$256,000 TO JON

CARMICHAEL, WHAT HAS HE DONE?

>> MAYOR: YES, SIR, HE PUBLISHES A LIST.

>> CAN I GET A COPY OF THAT?

>> MAYOR: CERTAINLY, THEIR WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE, YES.

>> AND THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT ARE HERE, THAT ARE DEFAULTS

OF WHAT OUR CITY COMMISSION COULD HAVE DONE AND SHOULD HAVE DONE.

AND THAT'S WHY TALLAHASSEE HAS

TOOK AND STATED THAT YOU ARE A WEAK MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER IS A WEAK MANAGER.

AND WHAT HAS BEEN STATED IN THAT

MEETING -- AND I HAVE A DVD OF IT THAT SHOWS THE DEFAULTS.

AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTING THESE THINGS THAT

HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU IN THE PAST AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE YEAR TO COME.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANKS, MR. SHEPHERD.
LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE HAS TO DEFAULTED ON ANYTHING OF ANY

SORT.

THANK YOU, MR. SHEPHERD.

>> MAYOR: THAT WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER.

>> WE'LL SEE.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> THANK YOU.

I'D LIKE TO MOVE STAFF

RECOMMENDATION.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

ANYTHING ELSE?

>> NO, I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT I'M COMFORTABLE WITH THIS AS IT RELATES TO

PREFERENCES, LIKE I THINK I'D RATHER JUST BE OPEN AND LET THE CREAM RISE TO THE TOP.
WHOEVER HAS THE BEST APPLICATION

IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING AS PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR TAXPAYERS AND LOW-INCOME FOLKS, LIKE THE SCORING NEEDS TO

BE WHAT BRINGS FORWARD THE MOST. AND \$400,000 FOR THE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IS A GREAT PROGRAM.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I DO TOO SUPPORT BOTH PORTIONS
OF OPTION ONE.
I WANTED TO ASK THIS QUESTION
AND SEE IF CORY WOULD COME

FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION.
YESTERDAY WE HAD A REALLY GREAT
CONVERSATION THAT INVOLVED
MYSELF, YOURSELF AND MR. ANDREW

PERSONS WITH ONE OF OUR PARTNERS
NIHDC.
ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THEY HAD IS
ABOUT HOW THEY COULD AGAIN TO

ENGAGE PEOPLE IN THE PRIVATE
SECTOR.
AND TO THAT POINT, BOTH CORY AND
ANDREW -- I THINK ONE OF THE

THINGS I ASKED WAS WHEN WE WERE
GOING TO COME FORWARD WITH THIS
IDEA OF THE SUMMIT BRINGING BOTH
OF THOSE SECTORS TOGETHER TO

HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS AND
CREATE STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS SO
WE CAN ACTUALLY BEGIN TO SEE THE
PRODUCTION OF MORE AFFORDABLE

HOUSING PRODUCTS.
SO TO THAT END, CORY, JUST FOR
THE SAKE OF THE PUBLIC --
BECAUSE YOU DID SHARE WITH US

YESTERDAY IN THAT MEETING WHAT
YOU WERE LOOKING AT.
WOULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT WHEN WE
CAN POSSIBLY LOOK FORWARD TO

THAT CONVERSATION AND LOOK
FORWARD TO BRINGING THOSE TWO
SECTORS TOGETHER AS WELL AS
OTHERS TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES

AND MORE?

>> YEAH, MR. MAYOR, TO THE
COMMISSION, THANK YOU.
SO WE HAVE HAD SOME

CONVERSATIONS INTERNALLY ABOUT A
SUMMIT.
AND SO WE HAVE NOT DECIDED ON A
DATE.

WE HAVEN'T NECESSARILY PUSHED
THAT TO THAT LEVEL YET.
BUT WE HAVE INTERNAL STAFF
THAT'S TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW,

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE
BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.
THERE'S OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT
ARE PUTTING TOGETHER SOME

HOUSING-RELATED SUMMITS THAT WE
PARTICIPATED IN.
BUT A CITY-FUNDED SUMMIT, AGAIN
WE HAVE NOT DECIDED ON A TIME

PERIOD OR A DATE AS OF TODAY.
>> BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS
IN THE WORKS AND IN YOUR PLAN?
>> IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE

DISCUSSED.

[LAUGHTER]

>> OKAY, THANK YOU, CORY.

>> YES, MA'AM, I'M SORRY.

>> THAT IS ALL RIGHT.
THAT IS ALL RIGHT.
WE'RE GLAD TO HEAR THAT AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO HOPEFULLY SEEING

THAT COME TO FRUITION BECAUSE
THERE IS A NEED FOR THE
CONVERSATION AND SOME MOVEMENT
FORWARD.

SO ONCE AGAIN, I SUPPORT THE
RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER.
ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
[AYES]
ANY OPPOSED?

THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ON TO
2024-869, RATIFICATION OF

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIREFIGHTERS 2157 AND THE CITY
OF GAINESVILLE FOR

OCTOBER 1st, 2024 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30th, 2027 WITH THE
RECOMMENDATION THE CITY
COMMISSION RATIFY THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE IAFF LOCAL 2157 AND
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE
EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30th, 2027.

>> MAYOR: THE REP HAS BEEN
WAITING PATIENTLY ALL MORNING.
SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
WELCOME.

>> GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND
COMMISSIONERS, LAURA GRAETZ,
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR.
I'M HAPPY TO PRESENT TO YOU A

CONTRACT THAT WE WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH THE IAFF UNION LEADERSHIP AND ARE ASKING YOU TO RATIFY TODAY.

I'LL QUICKLY GO OVER SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS DUE TO THE TIME THAT WE HAVE.

BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THE LIST

OF HIGHLIGHTS, IT MIGHT BE SMALL BUT IT REFLECTS A LOT OF HARD WORK AND WE DO APPRECIATE THE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE WITH

IAFF AND THE UNION LEADERSHIP. SO THE BIGGEST HIGHLIGHT FOR THIS AGREEMENT IS THE INCORPORATION OF AMENDMENT 3

WHICH YOU ALL HAD APPROVED PREVIOUSLY WHICH ALLOWED US TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFER STAFFING SCHEDULE OR SAFER STAFFING

MODEL.

IT'S A 24/72 SCHEDULE FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS.

IT'S QUITE UNIQUE.

WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE THAT HAS IMPLEMENTED THIS.

AND WE DID SO IN A WAY TO HELP IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT, TO ALLOW FOR SOME CARE FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS,

RIGHT, AND THE HARD WORK THAT THEY DO, AND ALSO TO USE THAT AS A TOOL FOR BOTH RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS.

SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR WITH INCORPORATING THAT INTO THE AGREEMENT.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER THINGS THAT WERE CHANGED ALL AS A RESULT OF IMPLEMENTING THAT SCHEDULE.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE WE DID LOOK AT PAID PARENTAL LEAVE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ACROSS THE BOARD FOR

THE CITY.

WE DID REDUCE THE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FROM 12 WEEKS TO SIX BUT WE ALLOWED SOME FLEXIBILITY IN

TAKING THAT PAID PARENTAL LEAVE. IT USED TO BE THAT IT WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY UPON THE EVENT SO THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION

OF A CHILD.

WE HAVE NOW ALLOWED SOME FLEXIBILITY WHERE THAT CAN BE TAKEN WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE

DATE OF THE EVENT, ESPECIALLY FOR DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BOTH A MOM AND A DAD THAT HAVE BECOME NEW PARENTS.

IT ALLOWS FOR SOME FLEXIBILITY FOR THE FAMILIES BUT ALSO FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES SOME EFFICIENCIES WITH THAT.

WITH WAGES, AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, WE ARE IN SOME VERY UNPRECEDENTED FISCAL TIMES WITH OUR BUDGET.

BUT WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH IAFF TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL INCREASES OF 1% FOR EACH OF THE THREE YEARS OF THE

AGREEMENT WITH A COMMITMENT TO COME BACK DURING YEARS TWO AND THREE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT WE ARE CALLING

SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL INCREASES, SO ANYTHING IN ADDITION TO THAT 1%.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL HAVE A

CLEARER AND MORE STABLE FINANCIAL PICTURE AT THAT TIME SO THAT WE CAN COME BACK TO THE TABLE WITH THE UNION FOR THAT.

I THINK THAT COVERS MOST OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.

AS THE MAYOR NOTED, WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM IAFF HERE.

SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING.

OKAY.

>> MAYOR: COME ON UP, SURE.

WELCOME, MR. GONZALEZ.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

YOU KNOW, IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO

GET ONE OF THESE DONE.

THEY ARE VERY PAINFUL, LOTS OF HOURS GO INTO THEM.

YOU KNOW, ORIGINALLY I WASN'T

GOING TO SPEAK, I WAS JUST GOING TO SIT IN THE CROWD AND NOD AND SAY THANK YOU.

BUT, YOU KNOW, I CHOSE NOT TO

SEEK RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR, THIS IS MY LAST ONE.

SO I'D BE REMISS NOT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE

COMMISSION AND SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE YEARS. I DID WANT TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT

THIS OBVIOUSLY. BUT ALSO ISSUE A CHALLENGE MOVING FORWARD. THE PRESIDENT ELECT IS RIGHT

HERE, PRESIDENT ELECT SHUFFORD, HE WILL BE TAKING OVER JANUARY 1st. WE DID FALL A LITTLE SHORT IN

THIS CONTRACT OF WHERE WE NEED TO BE. AS LAURA, MS. GRAETZ COMMENTED, WE DO HAVE TWO REOPENERS IN THIS

CONTRACT. SO I CHALLENGE YOU TO RISE TO THE OCCASION THERE AND ADDRESS THOSE.

TO KEEP US HEADED IN THE PATH WE ARE. AND THE 42-HOUR WORKWEEK WAS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT, ONE OF THE

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT I HAVE HAD IN MY CAREER. VERY PROUD OF IT AND YOU SHOULD BE TOO.

BUT THIS IS A COPYCAT ORGANIZATION AND MANY HAVE FOLLOWED US, SIX OR SO HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO IT AND MANY

MORE ARE WORKING ON IT IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.
SO THIS PLACE, THIS
ORGANIZATION, THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT, THE CITY, IT'S LIKE
A HOUSE AND CAR.
YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN IT.
SO I CHALLENGE YOU TO PLEASE DO

THAT, PLEASE CONTINUE TO INVEST
IN US.
YOU HAVE A GREAT, GREAT FIRE
DEPARTMENT WITH SOME GREAT

PEOPLE THAT WORK HERE.
BUT THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THAT
HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS
CONTINUING INVESTMENTS.

PLEASE LOOK AT THIS CONTRACT NOT
AS A FAILURE, BUT AS AN INITIAL
INVESTMENT AND DOWN PAYMENT.
AND THEN MAKE GOOD ON THOSE

REOPENERS AND CONTINUE TO PUSH
IN THE FUTURE.
I'M NOT GOING AWAY.
I'M STILL GOING TO BE INVOLVED

AND HELP WITH THE LOCAL IN
DIFFERENT CAPACITIES.
SO THIS IS NOT THE LAST YOU'RE
HEARING FROM ME.

THIS IS JUST THE LAST YOU'RE
HEARING FROM ME IN THIS ROLE.
AND HAPPY TO BE HERE.
HAPPY TO HAVE SERVED.

I WILL NOT CHANGE ANYTHING, BUT
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A LITTLE
BIT MORE TIME WITH MY FAMILY.
SO THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY DOUBT THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE SUPPORT FOR THIS NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH IAFF.

YOU KNOW, IT'S OFTEN SAID YOU LOOK AT THE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE PRIORITIES OF THE CITY AND YOU LOOK AT WHERE'S

THE EFFORTS, WHERE'S THE MONEY, WHERE'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE, WHERE'S THE VALUE. TODAY WE STARTED WITH A DOWNTOWN

ITEM AND THERE'S SUPPORT FOR AN ITEM THERE. AND NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH SOME PROJECTS.

WE JUST DEALT WITH ONE THAT OVERLAPPED WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE CLEARLY PUT OUR MONEY,

OUR TIME, OUR EFFORTS, RESOURCES AND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF CITY STAFF INTO THAT. AND HERE'S THE THIRD ONE WHICH

IS PUBLIC SAFETY ALL IN THE SAME DAY.

WE HAVE WHAT I THINK IS A TREMENDOUS CONTRACT FOR OUR

POLICE, FOR OUR GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NOW WE HAVE A -- THERE ARE ALWAYS CHALLENGES AND STUFF THAT CAN BE

IMPROVED, BUT WE HAVE A VERY
GOOD CONTRACT AS WELL AS
SCHEDULING WHICH IS JUST
INCREDIBLY INNOVATIVE IN

INFRASTRUCTURE.

AND WE EARLIER ALLOCATED
MILLIONS FOR SOME OF OUR
BUILDING PROJECTS INTERNALLY,

MR. PERSONS.

AND THOSE ALIGNED WITH PUBLIC
SAFETY BUILDING PROJECTS.
SO THAT'S REALLY MY LONG WAY OF

SAYING THAT WE ARE SHOWING WHERE
OUR PRIORITIES ARE IN THIS
PARTICULAR CASE, WE'RE SHOWING
OUR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

AND PUTTING ALL OUR EFFORTS AND
MONEYS IN THE RIGHT THINGS, EVEN
IN DIFFICULT, AS YOU SAID,
DIRECTOR -- DIFFICULT AND

CHALLENGING TIMES FOR THE CITY.
WITH THAT I MOVE TO RATIFY THE
AGREEMENT.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> JUST QUICK QUESTION.

THE ONE-HOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS
WAS THAT KIND OF NOT SPECIFIED

IN THE PAST SO IT NEEDED TO BE
SPECIFIED AS AN HOUR TO BE A
PRACTICE?

>> YES, SO IT WAS SPECIFIED

PREVIOUSLY, BUT WE MODIFIED IT
TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS
COMMITTED TO IN THIS CONTRACT.

>> SO ALL TOTAL.

THANK YOU, MS. GRAETZ.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> WE HAD MR. GONZALEZ BUT I
BELIEVE HE HAD HIS COMMENTS JO
VERY GOOD.
OKAY.

ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
[AYES]
DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THE
MOTION?

>> YES.
>> MAYOR: GOOD, ALL RIGHT.
ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
[AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE, AND
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW

CONTRACT TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED.
MADAM CLERK.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE ARE ON TO
2024-907, DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM UPDATE WITH
THE RECOMMENDATION THE
GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION
RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM STAFF ON

THE DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND
COMMISSIONERS.

I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF AND DEPART
FROM MY 45-SLIDE PREPARATION.
[LAUGHTER]
I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE

AMBASSADOR TEAM, BOTH THE
CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS
THE LOCAL TEAM.

WE HAVE MR. RATLEDGE FROM

MOBILE, ALABAMA.

CALIPH GAMBLE WHO IS OUR
COORDINATOR.

WE HAVE THE OUTREACH

COORDINATOR.

WE HAVE JASON HATLEY FROM
JACKSONVILLE AND HE HAS BEEN THE
STORE OPENER FOR US, SPENT A LOT

OF TIME HERE.

HAS DONE A GREAT JOB, VERY
ENTHUSIASTIC AND HE BRINGS A LOT
OF ENERGY THAT IS GOING TO BE

REPLICATED BY OUR TEAM HERE.

AND THEN FINALLY JASON STEWART,
HE IS FROM TAMPA WITH THE -- I
BELIEVE YBOR AND DOWNTOWN

PARTNERSHIP.

HE WILL BE TAKING OVER FOR
MR. HATLEY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
AS WE LAUNCH THIS INITIATIVE.

ALL RIGHT.

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND TOO MUCH
TIME ON THIS BUT I WOULD LIKE TO
SAY THAT THE DOWNTOWN NEEDS

ASSESSMENT THAT WAS LAUNCHED
THIS SUMMER IDENTIFIED SAFETY
AND CLEAN AS THE PRIMARY ISSUES
FOR DOWNTOWN.

THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM THAT WAS
APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
ON AUGUST 15th IS DIRECTLY
GOING TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

IT GIVES YOU A TIMELINE WHERE WE ARE, WHEN YOU LAST SAW US ON THE 15th, YOU APPROVED THE CONTRACT.

SEPTEMBER 12th, WE EXECUTED THE CONTRACT AFTER SOME FITS AND STARTS DUE TO HURRICANES. WE GOT GOING WITH INTERNAL AND

EXTERNAL COORDINATION IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER RECRUITMENT, PROCUREMENT AND EDUCATION. BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 9th

THROUGH THE 27th, THE AMBASSADOR ON-BOARDING BEGAN TRAINING. AND INTRODUCTIONS TO THE

COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN ONGOING IN THE PROGRAM AS YOU KNOW WAS LAUNCHED ON MONDAY. THIS GIVES YOU AN OVERVIEW OF

THE AREAS BEING SERVED IN THE DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR SERVICE AREA, TWO ZONES. BASICALLY BORDERED BY WEST 6th

STREET AND EAST 7th STREET DOWN TO DEPOT AVENUE AND UP TO 2nd AVENUE. AND WE HAVE AMBASSADORS SERVING

IN THE WEST UNIVERSITY CORRIDOR CONNECTING DOWNTOWN WITH CAMPUS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE FEATURES. SAFETY ENGAGEMENTS, THE

INTERACTING WITH THE UNHOUSED POPULATION. THAT'S GOING TO BE AN EMPHASIS OBVIOUSLY WITH THE UPCOMING

STATUTE GOING INTO EFFECT.
SAFETY ESCORTS, DOWNTOWN
CLEANING, HOSPITALITY AND PUBLIC
INTERACTIONS.

AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT THEY
SERVE IS KIND OF UNDERSTATED,
OUR BUSINESS VISITS.
THEY FREQUENT THE DOWNTOWN

BUSINESSES.
THEY ARE GOING TO BE A CONDUIT
OF INFORMATION FROM GCRA AND THE
CITY THAT'S GOING TO HELP THE

BUSINESSES.
SOMETHING WE'D LIKE TO DO AT
GCRA BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT
RESOURCES TO HAVE BOOTS ON THE

GROUND, IF YOU WILL.
SO THEY ARE GOING TO BE VERY
HELPFUL IN THAT REGARD.
TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE THEIR

OFFICE SPACE IS, THEY ARE GOING
TO BE IN THE SOUTHWEST GARAGE IN
THE CATALYST BUILDING.
AS OF NOW, WE THINK WE MIGHT

MOVE THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR
BACK TO THE SOUTHWEST GARAGE.
WE ARE DEVELOPING OPERATIONAL
AND PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT BETWEEN

DEPARTMENTS.
WE HAVE DEVELOPED FACTS ON THE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FOR CITY
DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FOR

DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.
WE HOSTED AMBASSADOR
MEET-AND-GREET WITH KEY CITY
STAFF A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

WE'LL BE INTRODUCING THE
AMBASSADOR TEAM TO THE DAB IN
JANUARY.
RECRUITMENT WAS VERY AGGRESSIVE.

YOU CAN SEE THE PROMOTIONAL
EFFORTS WE DID BEGINNING IN
OCTOBER AND INTO NOVEMBER.
OCTOBER 9th, ULTIMATELY -- AND

I WANT TO BE PRECISE WITH THE
NUMBER.
I BELIEVE THERE ARE 1761
APPLICATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS

POSITIONS.
ENDED UP HIRING 14 ULTIMATELY,
11 OF THE 14 ARE FROM ALACHUA
COUNTY.

NINE OF THE 14 ARE FROM CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.
AND SEVEN OF 14 ARE FROM THE ZIP
CODES WITHIN THE GCRA.

AND WE HAVE NINE OF THE 14
AMBASSADORS FORMERLY UNHOUSED.
SO WE THINK THAT'S GOING TO
PROVIDE A LEVEL OF EMPATHY AND

SYMPATHY AND MIGHT REACH SOME OF
THE HOUSELESS COMMUNITY THAT
OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT BE SEEKING
SERVICES.

FINALLY, COMMUNITY EDUCATION BY
THE CITY, WE POSTED THE
OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEB PAGE.
DEVELOPED MEDIA CAMPAIGN,

CREATED PROGRAM INFORMATION
GUIDE FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS.
DISTRIBUTED THE PROGRAM
BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 22nd AND

HOSTED A MEDIA EVENT WITH THE
MAYOR ON THE 22nd.
WE'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE
AMBASSADORS WILL BE BOTH IN THE

PARADE AND SERVING AT THE PARADE
ON THE 7th AND WE'RE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THEIR INTRODUCTION IN
THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.
AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS AS WOULD OUR
AMBASSADOR TEAM HERE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.
ANY -- I DON'T SEE ANY LIGHTS AT
THIS POINT.
I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF

INTERACTING WITH Y'ALL SEVERAL
TIMES.
AND I LOVE THE VISIBILITY.
THAT'S REALLY GREAT.

AND I APPRECIATE THE GOOD START
AND LOOK FORWARD TO A -- I LOOK
FORWARD TO YOU ALL DISAPPEARING
INTO THE WOODWORK FRANKLY AND

JUST BEING A PART OF WHAT WE DO
DOWNTOWN.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> I'M AFRAID WITH THAT COLOR,

THEY WILL NOT DISAPPEAR IN THE
WOODWORKS.
I HAVE SEEN AMBASSADORS IN ZONE
1 AND ZONE 2.

I WAS SUPER EXCITED TO SEE IT'S
ON THE GROUND AND IT'S WORKING.
ONE WAS CLEARING -- I DON'T
KNOW, GOO OR STICKY OR GRAFFITI

OFF ONE OF THE LIGHT CONTROL
BOXES AT ONE OF THE STOPLIGHTS.
I WAS EXCITED TO SEE PEOPLE DOWN
THERE AND KNOW THEY ARE THERE.

I THINK PEOPLE WILL REALLY START
TO NOTICE BECAUSE THE BRIGHT
GREEN ARE GOING TO BE NOTICED.
IT SOUNDS LIKE Y'ALL REALLY HIT

THE GOAL OF HAVING PEOPLE THAT
LIVE IN GAINESVILLE, LIVE EVEN
IN GCRA AND THEN SIGNIFICANT
PORTION ARE FORMERLY UNHOUSED,

BOTH FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
PROVIDE THEM EMPLOYMENT, BUT
ALSO THAT THEY WILL HAVE EMPATHY
AND UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE

AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TALK TO
AN UNHOUSED NEIGHBOR BETTER THAN
I WOULD PERSONALLY OR OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE CITY.

THANK YOU FOR FOCUSING ON THAT.
IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP THOSE
NUMBERS PERMANENTLY AS THIS GOES
THROUGH IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS,

AT LEAST YOU LISTENED TO US
UP-FRONT SO I REALLY APPRECIATE
THAT.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> WE DO NOT HAVE ANY -- OH,
WAIT, I APOLOGIZE.

WE HAVE KALI BLOUNT.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. BLOUNT.
>> THANK YOU.
I WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR ABOUT THE

CROSS-SECTION OF HIRES TO DO THE
WORK.

THAT SOFTENS MY FEAR A LITTLE
BIT.

AND I THINK I HAVE SAID THIS TO
YOU BEFORE.

AFTER EXPERIENCE, I'M NO
PSYCHOLOGIST BUT DID A LOT OF

NURSING SHIFTS ON PSYCH UNITS
AND THE PSYCH SECTION IN THE ER
ALSO.

SO I THINK OF A SCENARIO OF

SOMEBODY WHO'S LIVING OUTSIDE,
SOMEONE WHO IS LACKING SHELTER,
WHO HAS GONE THROUGH VARIOUS
STRESSES OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY

WOMEN WHO ARE FEELING SO
VULNERABLE AND MAYBE HAVE HAD
TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN TO THEM,
THINGS TAKEN, ETC.

AND STRAINING TO STAY WARM, TO
STAY DRY, TO GET SOME SLEEP AND
THEN TO BE AWAKENED BY SOMEBODY,
BY A GREAT FLUORESCENT FORM

STANDING OVER THEM, THAT THIS
COULD BE THE STRAW THAT BREAKS
THE BACK FOR SOME PERSONS.
AND I HOPE THAT THIS GROUP IS

ABLE TO HAVE THE KIND OF
TRAINING THAT SOMEPLACE THAT
ONLY MERIDIAN WOULD BE REALLY
QUALIFIED TO DO FOR PEOPLE DOING

STREET OUTREACH.
BUT AGAIN, I HOPE THAT
CROSS-SECTION THEY DESCRIBE
HELPS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THAT

SENSITIVITY ISSUE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. BLOUNT.

>> I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMEONE
ELSE BEING SIGNED UP.

BRUCE RANDOLPH, DO YOU WANT TO
GO AHEAD?

[INAUDIBLE]

THAT'S OKAY, COME ON UP.

>> MR. MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS, I
DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING
PREPARED.

IT'S BEEN A BUSY MORNING.

BUT I DID HAVE A MEETING WITH
CHIEF MOYA THE OTHER DAY AND
MAYOR WARD I MET WITH YOU.
I'M HOPING THIS ORDINANCE HAS A

HEART.

I HAVE DEALT WITH HOMELESS
PEOPLE MANY YEARS.
I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS MYSELF.

BELIEVE IT, A GUY WHO HAS TWO
COLLEGE DEGREES AND A
PROFESSIONAL DEGREE CAN FIND
HIMSELF HOMELESS.

THESE PEOPLE ARE MY PASSION.
POLICE CHIEF MOYA AND I AGREED
ON A LOT OF THINGS, THAT IT HAS
TO BE A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS TO

DEAL WITH PEOPLE JUST KIND OF
HANGING AROUND OR IF THEY ARE
CAUSING A PROBLEM, IF THEY ARE
BREAKING THE LAW, THEN THE LAW

HAS TO BE ENFORCED.

BUT AS FAR AS MOVING THEM FROM
ONE SPOT TO ANOTHER, WE HAVE TO
HAVE A HEART.

A LOT OF THEM ARE TRYING AS BEST
THEY CAN TO TAKE A SHOWER, GET A
SHOWER, TO GET CLEAN CLOTHES,
FIND A JOB, GET SHELTER, GET

BACK INTO SOCIETY.
SOME OF THEM ARE NOT.
SOME OF THEM, THEY ARE JUST
THERE TO MAKE MONEY FROM PASSING

CARS.
I'LL GRANT YOU, EVERY SINGLE ONE
OF THEM HAS A DIFFERENT STORY.
SO THEY ARE MY PASSION.

AND IF YOU GUYS HAVE A HEART ON
THIS ORDINANCE, THAT'S ALL THAT
I ASK FOR.
AND I APPRECIATE YOU.

THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
MR. RANDOLPH, YOU ARE TALKING TO
THE ORDINANCE WE'LL BE HEARING

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON.
THIS IS ABOUT THE AMBASSADORS
PROGRAM.
BUT THEY DO HAVE SOME

CROSS-OVER, YES.
>> THAT WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER.
>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT,
YOU HAD SOMETHING TO ADD?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I MOVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION
THAT WE RECEIVE THE UPDATE ON
THE DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.
AND I HOPE WE WILL RECEIVE
QUARTERLY UPDATES AS THIS MOVES
FORWARD.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
IS THERE A SECOND?
>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND

SECOND.
>> MR. MAYOR, CAN I SAY ONE
THING?
GO AHEAD AND VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MAYOR: ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE
SAY AYE.
[AYES]
ANY OPPOSED?

THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
>> SORRY.
I'D LIKE TO ECHO MR. HARRIS'
COMMENTS ON COMMISSIONER SACO.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT
THAT YOU HAVE HAD FOR GCRA
PROJECTS IN THE PAST AND LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN

THE FUTURE.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. SMITH.
GET USED TO THAT, COMMISSIONER
SACO.

WE'LL HAVE A WHOLE EVENING OF
THAT AHEAD.
>> THAT CONCLUDES THE MORNING
AGENDA.

>> MAYOR: I ASK WE STRETCH THE
AFTERNOON AGENDA UNTIL 1:15.
WE ARE ADJOURNED UNTIL 1:15.
[POUNDING OF GAVEL]

[RECESS TAKEN]
>> MAYOR: WELCOME TO THE
AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE
GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION FOR

DECEMBER 5th.
I'M GLAD YOU ALL ARE HERE.
I APOLOGIZE FOR STARTING A
LITTLE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON

THAN WE NORMALLY DO.
WE HAD A LONG MORNING.
MADAM CLERK.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE THE

GAINESVILLE HISTORY MOMENT WITH
MANGYNE VIVIAN FILER.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR,
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION.

IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE
AGAIN TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
I COUNT IT A BLESSING TO BE ABLE
TO TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR

FAIR CITY, GAINESVILLE.
I KNOW THAT I LEAN HEAVILY
TOWARD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
BECAUSE IT IS THE LESS KNOWN

HISTORY OF OUR FAIR CITY, SO AS
WE ARE PUTTING THIS DATA DOWN, I
THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO
INCORPORATE THAT.

SO I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT -- I
WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW HOUSING
LOOKED LIKE FOR AFRICAN
AMERICANS WHEN I ARRIVED IN

GAINESVILLE, WHICH WAS AROUND --
I KNOW I DON'T LOOK LIKE IT BUT
IT WAS AROUND 1945 AT THE TIME I
WAS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD.

AND AT THAT TIME, AND AS IN MANY
CITIES, THE RAILROAD TRACK WAS
DIVIDING POINT FOR.
I THINK ABOUT MY NEIGHBORHOOD

SPRINGFIELD FOR MOST OF THOSE
YEARS IF WE LOOK AT 8th STREET
FOR THE RAILROAD TRACK CROSSES
THERE ON ONE SIDE OF 8th

STREET, WHITE PEOPLE LIVED, AND
ON THE OTHER SIDE WAS BLACK, AND
THAT WAS THE GIVEN PATTERN FOR A
LOT OF CITIES.

SO WE KNEW THAT WE'RE ENTERING A
BLACK COMMUNITY.
SO EVERYTHING WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT NEAR THE COTTON CLUB

MUSEUM, EVERYTHING SOUTH OF THE
RAILROAD TRACK WAS AFRICAN
AMERICANS.
SO WE HAD TO CROSS OVER.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE SEEN MY
TED TALK, BUT I TALK ABOUT
WALKING TO SCHOOL AND HAVING TO
GO THROUGH THE WHITE

NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THAT IS A
NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR THE HISTORIC
DISTRICT ON FOURTH AVENUE THAT I
MENTIONED THERE.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT, I WANT
TO INVITE YOU TO WATCH LESSONS
FROM MY SIDEWALK VIVIAN FILER ON
YOUTUBE.

I TALK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WHEN
WE LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE NOW,
OFTENTIMES WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
HOUSING AND HOUSING NEEDS OF

AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WHERE MOST
PEOPLE LIVE IN THE LOWER PEOPLE
WHO HAVE LOW INCOMES, EVERYONE
SEEMED TO THINK ALL BLACK PEOPLE

OWN THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN.
I WOULD LIKE TO DISPEL THAT MYTH
AND TELL YOU WE ARE ALL OVER
TOWN AND AS HOUSING OCCURRED

EVEN THOUGH LOT SEEMED TO HAVE
BEEN DEVELOPED THERE, THERE WERE
AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES ON ALL
AREAS.

13th STREET SEEMED TO HAVE
BEEN A BIG PARK IN TERMS OF HOW
FAR WE WENT TO THE WEST BECAUSE
IT SEEMED THAT MOST BLACK PEOPLE

WERE ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN, AND I
THINK THAT WAS PROBABLY BY PLAN
BECAUSE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
WAS THERE.

BUT WHEN I TALK ABOUT HOUSING, I
THINK ABOUT WHERE AFRICAN
AMERICANS, AFFLUENT AFRICAN
AMERICANS, STRUGGLING AFRICAN

AMERICANS, WHERE WE ALL LIVED,
AND THAT WAS NEXT DOOR TO EACH
OTHER.
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WHEREVER

THEY WERE.
THERE WERE NOT GATED COMMUNITIES
THAT SEPARATED US.
WE LIVED COMMUNALLY TOGETHER IN

A LOT OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.
THAT'S WHY IT WAS SO IMPORTANT
BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DIVIDE
BASED ON AFFLUENCY.

IT WAS BASED ON LOT OF OTHER
THINGS NOT CREATED BY THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FIRST

UPSCALE KIND OF HOUSING OR THE
TEACHERS AND THOSE THAT COULD
AFFORD A BETTER HOUSE, LIVE, THE
FIRST ONE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN,

AMERICANS IN SPRING HILL AREA IF
YOU PASS THE COTTON CLUB MUSEUM
AND HEAD SOUTH, THERE WAS AN
AREA UP THERE 9th PLACE WHERE

MR. MABEL DORIS AND MR. ED
AYERS, THOSE TEACHERS LIVED AND
THAT WAS OUR FIRST AREA THAT WAS
LIKE A SUBDIVISION.

AND THEN THE SECOND ONE WAS OFF
WALDO ROAD AS WELL BUT NEAR
MOUNT MARIAH CHURCH, THOSE
LITTLE AREA IN THERE HOUSED

TEACHERS.
AND THEY GAVE THEM AN UPPER AREA
TO LIVE IN.
THEN OF COURSE WE WENT ON TO

DUVAL HEIGHTS AND THOSE PLACES
AND LATER ON LINCOLN ESTATES.
MY FAMILY MOVED INTO LINCOLN
ESTATES IN THE EARLY 60s, 61

OR 62, AND WE WERE THE FIRST
HOUSE OUT THERE.
PHIL EMMER CAM FROM MIAMI AND
DEVELOPED THAT AREA AND HE SOLD

HOMES TO THOSE WHO WANTED AND
EVEN HELPED WITH FUNDING TO
THOSE WHO WANTED HOUSES.
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT OTHER TYPES

OF HOUSING, WHEN LOW RENT
HOUSING UNITS WERE -- THERE WERE
SEVERAL OF THOSE -- ON THE EAST
SIDE OF TOWN EVEN THOUGH

EVENTUALLY THERE WERE SOME ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.
AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT
WHEN THOSE DEVELOPMENTS DID

OCCUR, THEY GAVE FAMILIES A
CHANCE TO LIVE IN A PLACE THAT
HAS A STRUCTURAL SECURITY FOR
THEM.

THEY KNEW THAT THERE WERE NO
HOLES IN THE WALLS AND IT WASN'T
RAINING THROUGH THE WINDOWS, AND
THOSE KIND OF THINGS BECAUSE

THEY HAD BEEN LIVING IN PLACES
THAT WERE REPRESENTING
BASICALLY, SHOT GUN HOUSES AND
THOSE TYPE BECAUSE THAT'S ALL

THEY COULD AFFORD WITH WHEN THEY
MOVED INTO THOSE UNITS, THEY
WERE THEN ABLE TO GET AIR
CONDITIONING AND HEAT ALL THE

TIME SOMEPLACE TO PARK THEIR
CAR, SOME SAFE PLACE FOR THE
CHILDREN TO PLAY, AND THEN THAT
MADE IT A COMMUNITY AND I THINK

OF KENNEDY HOMES BECAUSE IT WAS
THE LARGEST OF THOSE
DEVELOPMENTS BUT THERE WERE
OTHER PLACES AROUND THAT I WON'T

MENTION IN THERE TODAY, SO I
JUST WANT TO IMPLANT THIS IN
YOUR MIND AS IN WHERE WE ARE
WITH HOUSING.

NOW WE'RE IN A PLACE WHERE
PEOPLE CAN LIVE ACCORDING TO
THEIR INCOME WHEREVER THEY
CHOOSE IN TERMS OF VICINITY.

WE DON'T ALL NOW, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE TO LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACK, AND FOR THAT, I THINK GAINESVILLE IS

GROWING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MANGYNE,

IT'S ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO HEAR FROM YOU.

OKAY, I KNOW THAT NEXT WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO A COUPLE OF

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PUBLIC COMMENT, SO I KNOW THERE ARE FOLKS HERE WHO AREN'T REGULAR PUBLIC COMMENTERS, SO I WANT TO

GIVE JUST A QUICK INTRODUCTION TO WHAT ALL THAT MEANS WHEN WE USE DIFFERENT TERMS FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF PUBLIC

COMMENT.

I WILL TRY TO SPEAK UP.

THE FIRST ITEM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE EARLY PUBLIC

COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

WHAT THAT MEANS IS IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO AN ITEM THAT IS ON THE AGENDA THIS AFTERNOON, BUT

YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THAT ITEM, YOU CAN -- YOU CAN SIGN UP TO SPEAK FOR EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT.

BUT IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN ITEM ON EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU DON'T GET TO SPEAK ON IT WHEN IT COMES UP.

BUT THE POINT IS YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR IT BECAUSE I THINK MANY OF YOU ARE HERE FOR THE LAST ITEM ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA.

SO I'M GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK EARLIER IN THE DAY. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL COME AFTER THAT.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA. IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO AN ITEM

THAT IS ON THE AGENDA WHEN IT COMES UP, YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT ALSO. BUT ALL PUBLIC COMMENT IS

LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES. WE ASK THAT YOU, WHETHER IT'S EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, OR AT THE TIME

OF AN ITEM THAT YOU FILL OUT A FORM OR JUST LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHICH ITEMS YOU INTEND TO SPEAK TO SO THAT THE CLERK'S

OFFICE IS READY AND WE CAN MOVE THROUGH THE AFTERNOON EXPEDITIOUSLY. ALL THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, MADAM

CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, CURRENTLY WE DO NOT HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT.

SO WE WILL MOVE ONTO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

FIRST UP IS JOHNNY LAW.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, IT'S GOOD TO

SEE YOU AGAIN.
>> GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
HELLO.
AD HOC.

HI, I AM ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY,
AUTHORITARIAN DESPOT HOLDER OF
THE COURSE, JOHNNY LAW.
IN JANUARY ALL LAWMAKERS CHANGED

BETWEEN -- PRESIDENTS WILL BE
EXPLAINING TO YOU THE TRUE
LAWFUL LAWS THAT WILL GO INTO
EFFECT IN 2025.

YOUR GLOBAL LAWFUL RULER DID NOT
COME ON THE SCENE FOR LAW
NATIONS, COUNTRIES, AND KINGDOMS
TO BE DESTROYED, YET FOR THE

UNITING ALL KINGDOMS, COUNTRIES,
AND NATIONS TO BE SECURED.
NOT TO BRING LAWLESSNESS YET TO
BUILD TRUE LAW.

YOUR STATUTES, CODES, AND
ORDINANCES WILL START TO REFLECT
TRUE LAW.
MORE THAN EL GESTAPO LAW WHICH

IS QUOTE, UNQUOTE, POLICY A
SYSTEM THAT WAS ON A -- CLIFF
FOR OUT OF CONTROL DESTRUCTION.
BUT FINDING, THE FINDING ENDLESS

WARS WILL BE BROUGHT TO AN END.
WERE FOUGHT OVER STATEHOOD AND
RELIGION IS NOT LAWFUL AND WILL
CEASE AND DESIST AND -- DO NOT

HAVE POWER, AUTHORITY, OR JURIS
OVER THE PEOPLE AND A CRACKING
DOWN AND BRINGING TO THE END TO
THOSE OPPRESSING AND FALSE

PROSECUTING -- LAW IS FRESH AND
OUT OF START-UP, THE FIRST OUT
OF START-UP THROUGHOUT THE
GLOBE.

IN EACH OF YOUR REGIONAL AREAS
AND THE GLOBAL KINGDOM STATE,
COUNTRY, KINGDOM, NATION, REAL
LAW HAS TAKEN EFFECT.

I KNOW YOU WERE USED TO CRIMINAL
MISCREANTS GETTING THEIR WAY.
UNDER BLUE CAMPAIGN, BLUE STAR,
BLUE NOTICE, IT WILL CEASE AND

END.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> MR. KIM POPE JOY.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME, MR. POPE JOY.

>> KIM HOPE JOY, CITIZEN.

I EMAILED YOU GUYS WITH A COPY
OF THIS LITTLE PACKAGE I PUT

TOGETHER, AND SO I'M JUST GOING
TO READ THE COVER PAGE FOR THE
PUBLIC RECORD.

I'LL TRY TO READ IT.

THERE'S GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT
SOCIAL MEDIA IS OUT OF CONTROL,
AND ITS MISUSE IS CAUSING HARMS
TO INDIVIDUALS, TO SOCIAL

DISCOURSE, AND TO OUR BODY
POLITIC.

IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT OUR
USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PROVIDES

CERTAIN BENEFITS, SO HOW IS THE
HARM BEING PERPETRATED, WHY IS
THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA HEAD
DOWN SO MANY DARK PATHS?

ALL HUMANS LOVE A GOOD
CONSPIRACY, IT'S JUST OUR
NATURE.
CURRENTLY OUR ATTEMPTS TO

REGULATE SOCIAL MEDIA HAVE BEEN
LIMITED TO TRYING TO BAN KIDS
FROM TIKTOK, HARMING TEACHERS IN
SCHOOL OR JUST SUGGESTING THAT

WE GET OFF OF IT.
SOME GUY IN A LIVING ROOM CAN
HAVE AN IDEA POP INTO HIS HEAD
AND A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME

LATER, SOCIETY AT LARGE IS
DEALING WITH THE NEGATIVE
CONSEQUENCES OF QANON.
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

HOW DOES A SINGLE THOUGHT
EXPRESSED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BECOME
A GLOBAL PHENOMENON HOW DOES
THIS HAPPEN?

ALGORITHMS, SIMPLY PUT
ALGORITHMS.
NOW SOME OF YOU MIGHT GET THIS
JOKE.

I LOST MY PLACE.
REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU MIGHT'VE
HEARD, AL GORE DID NOT INVENT
RHYTHMS.

ALGORITHMS ARE INTELLECTUAL
PRODUCTS.
ALGORITHMS ARE MATH, MATH
FOLLOWS RULES, RULES THAT GOVERN

AN ALGORITHMS ARE CHOICES,
ALGORITHMS AUTOMATE DECISION
MAKING.
QANON BECAME A THING BECAUSE THE

ALGORITHM'S AUTOMATED DECISION
MAKING HELPED SPREAD IT ACROSS
SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, NOT ALL
ALGORITHMS DO HARM, MEDICINE

USES ALGORITHMS TO HELP MAKE
POPULATIONS HEALTHIER,
TRANSPORTATION CONTROLLERS USE
ALGORITHMS TO MAKE TRAVEL SAFER.

WE CAN REGULATE ALGORITHMS AS WE
REGULATE ANY OTHER PRODUCT IN
OUR MARKETPLACE.
WE REGULATE THE FOOD THAT GOES

INTO OUR MOUTHS.
WE REGULATE HOW WE TRAVEL ROADS.
WE CAN EASILY AND SIMPLY
REGULATE THE ALGORITHMS THAT RUN

OUR MARKETPLACE.
THE DEVIL IS ALWAYS IN OUR
DETAILS BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THE
SIMPLEST WAY TO AVOID GETTING

BOGGED DOWN IS TO ADOPT AND
ADAPT HIPPOCRATIC OATH STARTING
WITH DO NO HARM.
WE NEED LEGISLATORS TO RECOGNIZE

IT IS NOT REALLY THAT HARD TO
REGULATE SOCIAL MEDIA.
WE NEED ONLY FOCUS ON THE
INTELLECTUAL PRODUCTS THAT ARE

BEING BROUGHT TO MARKET.
ALGORITHMS ARE A PRODUCT THAT
PROVIDES THE POTENTIAL FOR GAIN
FOR THEIR MAKERS, OWNERS, AND

USERS.
WE ALREADY KNOW HOW TO REGULATE
MARKET PRODUCTS, AND IT STARTS
WITH DO NO HARM.

MR. MAYOR, IF I COULD HAVE 20
MORE SECONDS BEYOND THE FIVE.
I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO TAKE A
LOOK AT THIS PACKAGE AND IT'S A

FRAMEWORK THAT I HOPE THAT YOU
WILL SHARE WITHIN YOURSELVES
WITH YOUR OTHER LEGISLATORS THAT
YOU INTERACT WITH AROUND THE

COUNTY, STATE, AND NATION, AND
BUILD A CONSENSUS THAT OVER THE
NEXT FEW YEARS WILL ALLOW US TO
MITIGATE SOME OF THE DAMAGE

THAT'S BEING DONE BY SOCIAL
MEDIA, AND WE CAN DO IT BY
REGULATING MARKET PRODUCTS,
SOMETHING WE ALREADY DO.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> MR. MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR LAST
SPEAKER.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.

LET'S MOVE ONTO AFTERNOON ITEMS.

>> WE MOVE TO BUSINESS
DISCUSSION ITEMS, 2024-888,

APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY PLAN
BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION
THE CITY COMMISSION DISCUSS THE
APPOINTMENT AND TAKE NECESSARY

ACTIONS.

YOU ALL SHOULD HAVE A BALLOT
THERE.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> WAIT, I GUESS, DO WE HAVE ANY
OF THE FOLKS HERE?

>> MAYOR: THAT'S WHAT I WAS
GOING --

>> ALL RIGHT, I'LL HOLD OFF.
>> MAYOR: OKAY.
>> I'LL READ OFF THE NAMES,
JOSHUA NEY REAPPLYING, CURRENTLY

A MEMBER, SAGAR KUMAR, CYRUS
KHORASSANI, CHRISTOPHER
MALLINSON.
ARE ANY OF YOU HERE TO SPEAK FOR

YOURSELF?
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR,
COMMISSIONERS.
THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

SPEAK.
I HAVE APPLIED FOR THE POSITION
ON THE CITY PLAN BOARD
BECAUSE --

>> MAYOR: DO YOU WANT TO TELL US
YOUR NAME?
>> CHRISTOPHER MALLINSON.
I'VE APPLIED TO THE CITY PLAN

BOARD BECAUSE THROUGH MY YEARS
OF MANAGEMENT, I HAVE LEARNED
THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A VERY
STRONG LOOKING TEAM, AND I

BELIEVE EVERYONE'S DOING A VERY
GOOD JOB, NO ONE CAN BE
EVERYWHERE AT ALL TIMES, AND MY
HOPES ARE THAT I CAN ASSIST WITH

THAT, HELP LIGHTEN THE LOAD ON
EVERYONE, BRING SOME FRESH
IDEAS, AND HELP ANYWHERE THAT I
CAN.

AND IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
I APPRECIATE IT.
>> ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: WE HAD SOMEONE ELSE?
ALL RIGHT, COMES ON UP.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY.
MY NAME IS SAGAR KUMAR.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE.
I THINK I MENTIONED MY
APPLICATION TO BE ON THE BOARD.
I RUN THE KRISHNA HOUSE AND MOST

OF MY SERVICE TO THE CITY IS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF COURSE AND WE
ALSO HAVE A PROGRAM WHERE WE
FEED PEOPLE AND AS I HAVE DONE

THAT FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS I
HAVE JUST SEEN HOW THE CITY IS
SET UP AND EVERYTHING, AND AT
THE BEHEST OF MY GOOD FRIEND WHO

IS ON THE PLANNING BOARD SEVERAL
YEARS AGO, HE SAID WHY DON'T
YOU, WHY DON'T YOU HELP WITH
THIS ALSO?

I SAID SURE.
AND SO AS I LOOKED AT THE
PLANNING BOARD I SAW HOW, HOW A
CITY IS DIVIDED, HOW ZONING LAWS

AND EVERYTHING IS DIVIDED, HOW
IT ACTUALLY AFFECTS PEOPLE'S
LIVES AND AS I GO AROUND THE
CITY, YOU KNOW, DELIVERING

MEALS, I CAN SEE THAT.
I CAN SEE THAT IMPACT.
SO FOR ME MOSTLY I'M HERE TO
LEARN, TO GROW, AND TO HELP AS

MUCH AS I CAN AND TO BRING THE
PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE TO THE
PEOPLE I MEET EVERYBODY TO THE
PLANNING BOARD COMMISSION.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
THANK YOU.
COME ON UP.
>> HELLO.

SORRY.
MY NAME IS CYRUS KHORASSANI.
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
MAYOR AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR

HEARING ME OUT AND GIVING ME THE
TIME OF DAY.
I'M RUNNING FOR THE CITY PLAN
BOARD.

I'M A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF FLORIDA.
ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO, MY FATHER
CAME TO THIS COUNTRY AS A

POLITICAL ASYLUM SEEKER AND HIS
FATHER OR MY GRANDFATHER TOLD
HIM THAT LAND IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING, AND SINCE THEN,

HE'S AS A DOCTOR, HE'S REALLY
GOTTEN INTO LAND AND TRYING TO
UNDERSTAND MORE, SO HE'S TAKEN
ME AND MY LITTLE BROTHER TO

MEETINGS LIKE THIS FOR THE LAST
10 YEARS, SO IT'S BEEN A REALLY
LARGE LEARNING EXPERIENCE SEEING
DIFFERENT SIDES OF ZONING -- GO

OUT AND I THINK THAT A LOT OF
TIMES THERE'S LOT OF ARGUMENTS
THAT DON'T REALLY NEED TO OCCUR
BECAUSE OF MISCOMMUNICATION.

I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A LOT OF
GREAT IDEAS THAT I CAN BRING AND
A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE TO THE
BOARD AS SOMEONE WHO'S A STUDENT

AND A LITTLE YOUNGER.
I REALIZE THAT MY EXPERIENCE
MIGHT NOT BE AS MUCH AS MANY OF
THE PEOPLE ON THE BOARD RIGHT

NOW, BUT -- PEOPLE ON THE BOARD
RIGHT NOW, BUT I FEEL LIKE THE
PERSPECTIVE THAT I HAVE AS A
STUDENT AND AS SOMEONE THAT HAS

BEEN LEARNING THROUGH THE
PLANNING PROCESS AS I GROW UP IS
A SOMETHING THAT MIGHT PROVIDE A
LITTLE HELP TO THE PLANNING

BOARD, AND I APPRECIATE YOU
HEARING MY VOICE OUT.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.
AND MR. NEY REACHED OUT VIA
EMAIL TO THE CITY COMMISSION WAS
NOT ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY.

I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL FOUR
APPLICANTS REACHING OUT, AND YOU
KNOW, LETTING US PUT A FACE WITH
A NAME.

IT'S ALWAYS HELPFUL.
WE AS ALWAYS HAVE DIFFICULT
DECISION TO MAKE, AND FOR THE
THREE WHO ARE NOT CHOSEN TODAY

BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY ONE
POSITION AVAILABLE, I HOPE THAT
YOU WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY AND
CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF WHAT WE

DO HERE AT THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.

>> THAT'S ME.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> MR. BLOUNT HAS INDICATED THAT HE SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION FOR THIS BOARD.

I HAVE CHECKED THE SYSTEM TO SEE

IF THE APPLICATION WAS LISTED THAT CAME IN AND THESE ARE AUTOMATIC.

THEY ARE ROUTED THROUGH THE

SYSTEM AND I DID NOT SEE HIS NAME LISTED.

WE WILL CHECK TO SEE IF MAYBE IT WAS ANOTHER BOARD THAT IT CAME

THROUGH FOR, BUT HE IS NOT LISTED AS AN APPLICANT FOR THIS BOARD.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU,

MADAM CLERK.

COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

AND YEAH, THANK YOU TO ALL THE

APPLICANTS TO THIS BOARD AND OTHER BOARDS.

TO OUR TWO YOUNGER APPLICANTS, I WOULD SAY WE HAVE A LOT OF

STUDENT SEATS, AND YOU'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE HOPEFULLY. SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THOSE. WE'RE WORKING ON OUR SYSTEM, SO

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES.

THAT SAID, MR. MAYOR, MR. NEY HAS GIVEN THREE YEARS CURRENTLY

TO THE BOARD AND HAS REALLY CULTIVATED SOME SKILLS THAT ARE REALLY GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PLAN BOARD AND THE INSTITUTIONAL

MEMORY ON IT.
I THINK GIVING HIM AT LEAST ONE
MORE TERM WOULD BE A FAIR WAY TO
MOVE FORWARD, AND SO I WOULD

LIKE TO NOMINATE MR. JOSHUA NEY.
>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: OKAY, WE HAVE A
MOTION -- NOMINATION AND A

SECOND.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I NEEDED A LITTLE MORE CLARITY

ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED WITH
MR. BLOUNT BECAUSE TO BE VERY,
VERY HONEST, I DON'T WANT ANYONE
TO APPLY FOR ANY OF OUR BOARDS

AND HAVE ANY TYPE OF ERROR THAT
WE HAVE NOT CLEARLY RESEARCHED
AND GOTTEN DOWN TO THE BOTTOM
OF.

CAN YOU SPEAK, AND I DON'T WANT
TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT TOO MUCH,
MS. BRYANT, BUT CAN YOU SPEAK A
LITTLE TO WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED

THERE AND WHAT HIS DESIRE WAS.
BECAUSE IF HE IS SAYING HE
APPLIED FOR THE BOARD AND THERE
WAS AN ERROR ON OUR SIDE, I'M

MORE COMFORTABLE WITH TRYING TO
ADDRESS THAT ERROR BEFORE I MOVE
FORWARD TODAY.
>> ABSOLUTELY.

I DO FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE
THE APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED TO
THE CITY PLAN BOARD.
WE DO SEE SITUATIONS WHERE

SOMEBODY, WE'VE HAD THIS IN THE PAST, WHERE SOMEBODY APPLIED TO A BOARD AND THEY DIDN'T REMEMBER THE EXACT NAME, AND THAT IT CAME

TO ANOTHER BOARD.

SO THE SYSTEM WILL ONLY GIVE US, BECAUSE WE USE AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM, IT WILL ONLY GIVE US

THOSE APPLICANTS WHO SELECT CITY PLAN BOARD, AND I PULLED UP THE LIST TO DOUBLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING THAT

DIDN'T COME THROUGH FOR MR. BLOUNT.

THE OTHER THING COULD HAVE BEEN HE FILLED OUT THE APPLICATION,

AND HE -- EITHER DIDN'T HIT SUBMIT OR SOMETHING, IT DIDN'T ACTUALLY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ON HIS SIDE.

SO OUR SYSTEM RECEIVES THE APPLICATIONS AUTOMATICALLY WHEN IT'S FILLED OUT, AND WE HAVE THE LIST OF APPLICANTS WHO HAVE

COMPLETED THAT PROCESS. THERE IS NO WAY THAT HE WOULD HAVE SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE CITY PLAN BOARD AND IT NOT

BE LISTED IN THE SYSTEM WHERE THE OTHER APPLICANTS ARE.

>> OKAY, SO YOU'RE CONFIDENT IT WAS USER ERROR?

>> IT'S USER ERROR, OR MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHICH BOARD THE APPLICATION WENT TO.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> YES.

>>> ARE WE VOTING BY BALLOT?

>> MAYOR: WE CAN VOTE BY BALLOT

OR IT'S -- LET'S GO AHEAD AND
BALLOT.

Y'ALL WANT TO PASS THAT DOWN?
WE ONLY HAVE ONE, SO IT'LL GO

FAIRLY QUICKLY.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE FIVE VOTES
FOR MR. NEY AND ONE VOTE FOR
MR. KUMAR, AND ONE VOTE TO

READVERTISE.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

SO MR. NEY IS, WILL SERVE A

SECOND TERM ON THE BOARD, AND
AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE
WHO APPLIED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON

THE APPLICATION LIST ONCE AGAIN.
COMMISSIONER BOOK, YEAH.

>> YEAH, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
SO I KNOW THAT MOST OF OUR

BOARDS WE DO NOT HAVE MORE
APPLICANTS THAN WE HAVE
POSITIONS ON THE BOARDS, SO FOR
THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED AND WE

HAVE QUITE A LARGE GALLEY TODAY,
WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY 29 BOARDS.
SOME MORE COMPLEX LIKE THE CITY
PLAN BOARD IS ONE OF OUR MORE

COMPLEX ONES WITH PROBABLY
EXPERIENCED BEST SUITED FOR THAT
PARTICULAR BOARD.
WE COULD SURE USE ANYONE WILLING

TO COME TO CITY COMMISSION AND
SPEND TIME TO LISTEN OR ADVOCATE
OR SPEAK ON AN ISSUE.

THAT'S PRECISELY WHO WE NEED ON

THESE BOARDS, AND MOST OF THE
TIME WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH
APPLICANTS FOR MANY OF THOSE
BOARDS SO I WOULD ASK THE OTHER

APPLICANTS WHO WERE NOT SELECTED
TO POTENTIALLY CONSIDER AND LOOK
AT THAT SUITE AND WHAT BEST FITS
YOUR SKILL SETS AND FOR THOSE

WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED, TAKE A
LOOK AT THAT LIST.
THERE ARE ALWAYS GOOD POSITIONS
THAT REALLY HELP US DO OUR JOB,

SO THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER BOOK.
MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ONTO
2024-904, ELECTION OF THE MAYOR
PRO TEMPORE WITH THE
RECOMMENDATION THE CITY

COMMISSION ELECT THE MAYOR
TEMPORE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
THE QUESTION IS WE HAVE BEEN

ASKING THE SERVING MAYOR PRO TEM
TO MAKE A NOMINATION, SO I'M
GOING TO CALL ON COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT, BUT FIRST I WANT TO

THANK COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT FOR
HER SERVICE AS MAYOR PRO TEM
THIS YEAR.
IT, IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO BE THAT

SOMEONE WHO CAN YIELD THE GAVEL
WELL IS THERE AT THE RIGHT HAND.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO

SERVE, AND AT THIS TIME, I'D
LIKE TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER
BRYAN EASTMAN.
I THINK HE WILL SERVE US WELL.

>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: THERE IS A MOTION AND
A SECOND TO NOMINATE BRYAN
EASTMAN TO BE MAYOR PRO TEM.

COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> WELL, MAYOR, I'D CERTAINLY
DIDN'T WANT TO CIRCUMVENT OUR
USUAL PROCESSES, AND THANK YOU

FOR STATING WHAT HAS
HISTORICALLY HAPPENED.
I DON'T REMEMBER DOING THAT BUT
I CERTAINLY DO ACCEPT THE

NOMINATION FROM COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT.
THANK YOU.
SURE.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.
ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU.
ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC

COMMENT?
>> I HAVE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS
SIGNED UP.
>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.

I SEE NO FURTHER LIGHTS.
ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED?
THAT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONGRATULATIONS, COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> IS THAT EFFECTIVE AT THE NEW BOARD.

>> MAYOR: YEAH I WOULD SAY --

>> SWEARING IN.

>> MAYOR: WHICH WILL BE JANUARY 6th.

>> JANUARY 6TH, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT.

MADAM CLERK.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN, DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

>>> ACCEPTANCE SPEECH?

>> NO, I MEAN --

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A HALF HOUR FOR YOU BLOCKED.

>> NO.

WE GOT TO GET THROUGH EVERYTHING HERE ON THE AGENDA.

I JUST, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE, MAYOR PRO

TEM, AND YOU KNOW, I'M JUST EXCITED TO BE SERVING WITH EVERYBODY UP HERE, AND GOING FORWARD INTO A NEW COMMISSION

AND A NEW YEAR COMING INTO 2025.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT, MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ONTO OUR

ORDINANCES FOR THIS -- SORRY, OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THIS AFTERNOON.

ORDINANCE 2024-617, AN ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE,
FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE
LAND USE MAP OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING

THE LAND USE CATEGORY,
APPROXIMATELY SIX ACRES OF
PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH
OF NORTHEAST WALDO ROAD AND

NORTHEAST 39th AVENUE
INTERSECTION, AS MORE
SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS
ORDINANCE, FROM PUBLIC AND

INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES TO
INDUSTRIAL, PROVIDING DIRECTIONS
TO THE CITY MANAGER, PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A

REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
WELCOME, MR. RABINOVICH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND GOOD
AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND
COMMISSIONERS.
MY NAME IS ARI RABINOVICH.

I'M A PLANNER WITH SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT.
THE PRESENTATION BEFORE YOU IS A
JOINT PRESENTATION FOR AGENDA

ITEMS 2024-617, AND 618.
THESE ARE THE LAND USE CHANGE
AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS FOR
THE HALE STORAGE PROPERTY.

THIS PARTIAL IS LOCATED JUST
NORTH OF NORTHEAST WALDO ROAD
AND NORTHEAST 39th AVENUE.
IT IS APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE

WITH CURRENT LAND USE OF PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES, AND A ZONING OF AIRPORT FACILITY.

THE PROPOSED LAND USE IS INDUSTRIAL, AND THE PROPOSED ZONING IS I1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL. HERE ARE SOME MAPS INDICATING

USES AND ZONINGS SURROUNDING THE PARCEL.

BEING NEAR THE AIRPORT, THE AREA IS LARGELY DESIGNATED FOR

INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC FACILITY PURPOSES.

AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT USES AND

ZONING DESIGNATIONS.

TO THE NORTH IS A VACANT MUNICIPAL LAND WITH A FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC

AND INSTITUTIONAL AND AN AIRPORT FACILITY ZONING.

TO THE SOUTH IS WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL DESIGNATION WITH A.

TO THE EAST IS A RAIL TO TRAIL PUBLIC BIKE PATH.

INSTITUTIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICED AND OPERATIONS AND TO

THE WEST IS LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONED INDUSTRIAL AND LIMITED INDUSTRIAL.

STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW

THESE CRITERIA WHEN ASSESSING FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE PROPOSALS.

THIS REPORT HAS CONFIRMED THAT

THE CHANGE TO AN INDUSTRIAL
FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY WOULD
MEET ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS,
AND I'LL GO OVER THEM.

ONE, THE PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT
WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
ALIGNING WITH -- OF THE PLAN --
PROPOSED POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

OF FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT.
GOAL NUMBER FOUR ENCOURAGES THE
CITY TO FOSTER THE UNIQUE
CHARACTER OF THE CITY BY

DIRECTING GROWTH SUCH THAT
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND GROWTH ARE
SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

4.1 -- SUFFICIENT ACREAGE FOR

VARIOUS CHANGES WHICH IS
CONSISTENT WITH THIS CHANGE AS
IT WOULD ENSURE INDUSTRIAL USES
REMAIN CLUSTERED WITHIN AN

EXISTING INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR.
NEXT CRITERIA, THE PROPOSED LAND
USE OF INDUSTRIAL IS COMPATIBLE
WITH THE SURROUNDING USES WHICH

ARE ALSO LARGELY INDUSTRIAL AND
REMAIN INDUSTRIAL FOR ABOUT
194 ACRES DUE SOUTHWEST ALONG
WALDO ROAD.

SORRY.
CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS AND CONSTRAINTS THIS
SITE DOES FALL WITHIN THE

SECONDARY WELLFIELD ZONE OF THE
MURPHY WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT
AREA.

HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT HAS

APPLIED FOR A WELLFIELD
EXEMPTION, AND THEY ARE
AFFIRMING THAT NO HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS WILL BE STORED ON THE

PROPERTY ONCE DEVELOPMENT
OCCURS.

THERE ARE NO OTHER WETLANDS
STRATEGIC ECOSYSTEMS OR CRITICAL

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ON THE
SITE.

THE FOURTH CRITERIA, THIS PARCEL
DOES SUPPORT OUR URBAN INFILL

AND REDEVELOPMENT GOALS BY
INCREASING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT
DEVELOPMENT WILL OCCUR ALONG AN
EXISTING COMMERCIAL AND

INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR ADJACENT TO
A HIGH TRAFFIC ROADWAY.

FIFTH CRITERIA, NO IMPACTS TO
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARE EXPECTED

AS THERE ARE NO RESIDENTIAL
PARCELS WITHIN THE AREA, AND THE
PROPOSAL DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ANY
RESIDENTIAL USES.

THE SIXTH CRITERIA, THERE ARE NO
TRANSPORTATION ISSUES EXPECTED
FROM THIS PROPOSAL LAND USE
CHANGE.

WHILE NO DEVELOPMENT PLANS HAVE
BEEN REVIEWED FOR THIS SITE, THE
APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED A TRIP
GENERATION ESTIMATE.

AND THEY FOUND THAT POTENTIAL
DEVELOPMENTS COULD RESULT IN THE
INCREASE OF 122 TRIPS PER DAY.
NO IMPACTS TO ADJACENT ROADWAYS

ARE EXPECTED, AND LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MET UNDER THIS POTENTIAL TRIP INCREASE.

SEVENTH CRITERIA, GRU USES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE SITE, AND THE SITE IS SERVICED BY MUNICIPAL SERVICES LIKE POLICE,

FIRE, WASTE, AND GARBAGE PICK-UP.

EIGHT, THE INDUSTRIAL LAND USE CATEGORY PERMITS A DIVERSITY OF

USES AND ESTABLISHING AN INDUSTRIAL LAND USE ON THIS PARCELED WITH A MEET THE NEEDS OF PRESENT AND FUTURE INDUSTRIAL

AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OWNERS BY CONCENTRATING THESE USES IN AN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR. NINE, URBAN SPRAWL IS ASSESSED

AGAINST INDICATORS PROVIDED BY FLORIDA STATUTE, AND THIS PROPOSAL CHECKS ALL OF THE REQUIRED BOXES -- URBAN SPRAWL.

IT DOES PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH INTENSITY USES AS OPPOSED TO LOW INTENSITY, LOW DENSITY OR SINGLE USES.

IT PROMOTES COHESIVE DEVELOPMENT AND DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT RURAL AREAS AT SUBSTANTIAL DISTANCES FROM URBAN

AREAS AND IT ADEQUATELY PROTECTS AND CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES AND DOES NOT IMPACT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES OR AREAS BY USING

CORRIDOR CONCENTRATION WITHOUT LEADING THE SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF FUNCTIONAL OPEN SPACE, AND THE LAST CRITERIA, THIS PROPOSAL

DOES INCREASE THE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR OFFICE SPACE WHICH THEREFORE SUPPORTS THE

CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

SO THAT WAS THE LAND USE CHANGE PORTION.

MOVING ONTO THE ZONING CHANGE, WE'RE REQUIRED TO ASSESS REZONINGS AGAINST A SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA, AND THIS REZONING HAS

BEEN -- WOULD MEET THE CRITERIA. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTIVE USES OF SURROUNDING PARCELS.

NEARBY DEVELOPMENT IS COMMERCIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL, AND COMPRISES A CORRIDOR OF BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL AND LIMITED

INDUSTRIAL ZONING THAT GOES ON FOR ABOUT ONE MILE HEADING SOUTHWEST.

THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE

AREA IS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TWO, THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA ARE SUITABLE FOR THE

PROPOSED ZONING EVIDENCED BY THE EXISTING CORRIDOR.

THERE IS NO DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AT THE TIME, BUT THE POTENTIAL

INTENDED USE OF OFFICE AND STORAGE SPACE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE USES THAT ARE CURRENTLY PERMITTED IN THE

SURROUNDING AREA.

THREE, THE PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT IS IN LINE WITH ZONING PATTERNS IN THE YEAR AND

PROXIMITY TO THE AIRPORT WOULD SUPPORT THIS DESIGNATION MINIMIZING CONFLICT WITH THE RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND OPTIMIZING

LAND USE EFFICIENCY FOR THIS REZONING WOULD FURTHER CONCENTRATE INDUSTRIAL USES PRESERVING THE VALUE OF

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, AND IT IS AN APPROPRIATE USE OF CITY SURPLUS LAND CONSIDERING THAT IT IS

PRESENTLY UNDEVELOPED AND INDUSTRIAL IN ITS NATURE. FIVE, THE REZONING ALIGNS WITH CITY PLANS THAT EMPHASIZE

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND EFFICIENT LAND USE PLANNING ALONG MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS.

THE PROPOSAL PLACES THIS ZONING CATEGORY ALONG HIGH CAPACITY ROADS WITHOUT IMPACTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OR

RECREATION AREAS.

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO HOUSING OR RESIDENTIAL DENSITY, AND NO IMPACTS TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

EXPECTED FROM THIS CHANGE.
SIX, THE REZONING SUPPORTS THE
CITY'S NEEDS FOR STRATEGICALLY
POSITIONED INDUSTRIAL AREAS THAT

SERVE EMPLOYMENT NEEDS AND
BROADER ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.
THE TRANSITION CATERS TO LIGHT
INDUSTRIAL USES THAT CAN HOUSE A

VARIETY OF BUSINESSES.
SEVEN, THE AREA SUPPORTS, THE
AREA SURROUNDING THE PARCEL HAS
REMAINED INDUSTRIAL AND

COMMERCIAL DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY
TO THE AIRPORT AND NO MAJOR
CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE
RECENT HISTORY, AND LASTLY, THE

PROPOSAL MEETS THE GOALS,
OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING
FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT GOAL 4,

OBJECTIVE 4.1, AND 4.2.
SO WITH THAT, STAFF RECOMMENDS
APPROVAL OF LD24-72 AND 73.
I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR

TIME, AND I'M HERE FOR ANY
QUESTIONS.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS, CAN YOU

IMAGINE TO SEE IF WE HAVE --
>> YES, WE DO HAVE THE APPLICANT
HERE.
HE DOES HAVE A PRESENTATION AS

WELL.
>> MAYOR: OKAY.
GREAT.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, JERRY

DEDENBACH, PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTANT, HERE ON BEHALF OF
THE APPLICANT.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

I PROMISE I WILL BE AS QUICK AS
ABSOLUTELY POSSIBLE.
STAFF PUTS THE POWERPOINT ON
THERE.

WE'RE IN TOTAL ALIGNMENT WITH
THIS.
WE HELD A NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP
AS REQUIRED.

NO ONE ATTENDED THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WORKSHOP.
WE ATTENDED PLAN BOARD.
WE HAD A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AT

PLAN BOARD RECOMMENDING THAT YOU
AS THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPT
BOTH THE SMALL SCALE AND
REZONING AND I ONLY WANTED TO

MAKE ONE MINOR CORRECTION IN
HERE.
IT WAS ADVERTISED IN YOUR
AGENDA.

IT IS A SIX-ACRE PARCEL.
SO IT WAS CORRECTLY ADVERTISED.
WE ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING
DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON THIS SO WE

ARE WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE
THIS IS IN THE RUNWAY ZONE OF
725 AS WELL AS FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
WORK WITH THE DRIVEWAY CUT IN
MODIFYING THE OLD CULVERT THAT
WAS THERE.

THERE IS THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP. AS YOU CAN SEE THE PROPERTY IS IN ALIGNMENT HERE WITH THE

NORTHEAST INDUSTRIAL AREA. 725 AND 1129, THE RUNWAYS FOR THE GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT.

THERE IS THE SIX-ACRE PARCEL AND IT ABUTS THE CITY'S TREE NURSERY, FORMER AREA THERE. WE ARE ASKING TO GO FROM PUBLIC

FACILITIES AND EXTEND VIA LOGICAL NEXUS THE INDUSTRIAL LAND USE LIKE THAT. AND REMOVE THE AIRPORT

FACILITIES OFF THE PIECE AND TAKE THE I1 ZONING WHICH WRAPS THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH AND TO THE WEST, AND DO THAT.

AS STATED BY YOUR STAFF, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND

DEVELOPMENT CODE, SO BY VIRTUE OF THAT, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS PETITION AND ALLOW MR. MIKE HILL

TO EXPAND HIS BUSINESSES THAT HE IS ALREADY OPERATING AT THE CORNER OF 39th AVENUE AND ROAD AND CONTINUE HIS GROWTH AND

EMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

YOU MAY HAVE.
HOPEFULLY UNDER THREE MINUTES.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR
THE ZONING BEFORE WE VOTE ON
THAT BUT FOR LAND USE.
THIS IS THE PROPERTY THAT WE

SURPLUSSED AND WE SOLD WHAT LIKE
A YEAR AGO?
HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG OR SIX
MONTHS AND BUT IT WAS CITY, WE

SOLD IT.
>> THAT'S CORRECT.
>> MR. PERSONS.
JUST WANT TO REMIND THAT.

THAT'S WHY IT'S CURRENTLY ON
THE, HOW IT'S THE LAND USE IS
BECAUSE USED TO BE OURS.
IT'S NOT ANYMORE.

NEEDS TO BE ZONED.
SO SOMEONE ELSE CAN DO SOMETHING
WITH IT BECAUSE THE OWNER IS
CURRENTLY NOT A MUNICIPALITY, SO

THEY NEED TO, THEY NEED
SOMETHING.
>> MAYOR: SEEING NO FURTHER
LIGHTS.

IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?
>> I'M UNSURE IF MR. SHEPHERD
IS -- ARE YOU SPEAKING TO THIS
ITEM?

GO AHEAD, SIR.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'M DONALD'S SHEPHERD, PEOPLE'S
REPRESENTATIVE.

THIS ITEM IS VERY DEAR TO ME
BECAUSE I HAD MENTIONED TO THE
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD THAT WE
SHOULD PUT A DECK IN THE LAND

THERE THAT IS PRESCRIBED IN THE
DRAWINGS THAT IS A NAVAL SHIP
DECK PUT IN THE GROUND THERE.
I WILL BE PUTTING IT IN THERE

WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR.
SO THAT WHEN THEY COME IN, THE
PLANS COME IN, THEY ARE ON THIS
DECK AND THEN TRANSPORT OVER TO

THE AIRPORT.
THIS LAND IS HIGHLY VALUABLE.
WE HAD MENTIONED SEVERAL YEARS
AGO ABOUT PUTTING MOTELS AND

OTHER STUFF THERE.
WHERE DID THAT GO?
THAT WENT OUT, IN ONE EAR AND
OUT THE OTHER.

NEVER GOT IT INSTITUTED TOWARDS
THE HIGHLIGHT OF REVENUE THAT
COULD'VE BEEN DEVELOPED WITHIN
THE AREA, CRA, PLAN BOARD, SOME

OF THEM BROUGHT IT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION, AND IT JUST GOT
OVERLOOKED.

WE HAVE ALSO ON THIS ITEM THAT
THE PROPERTY BEING LEFT EMPTY
FOR THE TERM IN WHICH IT WAS,
WHY WAS IT LEFT EMPTY, AND

THAT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO
RESEARCH, BUT THIS HERE I
THINK'S AT, IS A PROJECT THAT I
WISH I HAD TIME TO TALK TO CHW

ABOUT THESE PLANS, TODD CHASE,
FORMER COMMISSIONER.
HE HAD MENTIONED ABOUT THIS, AND
IT GOT OVERLOOKED BY THE FORMER

MAYOR, AND I HOPE THIS MAYOR
DOESN'T OVERLOOK IT IN HIS TERM
BECAUSE THIS IS CRITICAL AS FAR
AS OUR TRAVEL EXPORT AND IMPORT

OF CITY OF GAINESVILLE.
SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,

MR. SHEPHERD.
>> LAST SPEAKER, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: OKAY.
AND TO BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE,

THIS IS NOT THE AIRPORT THAT
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
THIS IS ACROSS WALDO ROAD FROM
THE AIRPORT.

IT'S PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY.
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> THANK YOU.
I THINK THIS IS SLIGHTLY

DIFFERENT.
NORMALLY WE WOULD HAVE LIKE THE
LAND USE AND ZONING AS KIND OF
TWO SEPARATE ITEMS BUT I GUESS

WE'RE COMBINING THEM TOGETHER.
SO I JUST NOW START OFF WITH I
WOULD LIKE TO MOVE APPROVAL OF
LD24-00072.

>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A
SECOND.
THIS IS A ROLL CALL I BELIEVE.

>>> COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> AYE.

>> MAYOR WARD.
>> CHAIR: AYE.
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AND I'M
SORRY, MR. CEO, DID YOU --

>> I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT
ALSO INCLUDED ADOPTION OF THE
RELATED ORDINANCE AS WELL.
>> 2024-617.

>> WE'RE ABOUT TO READ IN 6 --
>> MAYOR: WE'LL GO TO 618 IN A
MOMENT HERE.
>> ALL RIGHT.

WE'RE ONTO 28 -- ORDINANCE
2024-618, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ATLAS BY

REZONING APPROXIMATELY SIX ACRES
OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED
NORTH OF NORTHEAST WALDO ROAD
AND NORTHEAST 39th AVENUE,

INTERSECTION AS MORE
SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS
ORDINANCE FROM AIRPORT FACILITY
TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL PROVIDING

DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER,
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE,
PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE,
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
IS THERE A PRESENTATION OR DOES
THE APPLICANT HAVE ANYTHING?
WE'VE ALREADY READ INTO THE

RECORD EVERYTHING THAT -- LAND
USE.
SO COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ORDINANCE
2024-618.
>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: GOT A MOTION AND A

SECOND.
IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON
THIS?
>> I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
IF STAFF CAN JUST REMIND THE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LIMITED
INDUSTRIAL VERSUS BUSINESS
INDUSTRIAL, WHAT THE REAL
DIFFERENCE IS THERE AND WHY IT

WOULDN'T, EITHER ARI OR
MR. RABINOVICH OR MR. PERSONS.
ACROSS THE STREET IS BUSINESS
INDUSTRIAL, BUT YOU KNOW, THE

REST OF THE HALE PROPERTY IS OF
COURSE THE LIMITED INDUSTRIAL.
>> SORRY, COULD YOU REPEAT THAT
ONE MORE TIME?

>> WHAT'S THE REAL DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL AND
LIMITED INDUSTRIAL.
I'M JUST WONDERING ABOUT THAT.

THE INTENSITY OF, YOU KNOW WHY
THAT INSTEAD OF MORE INTENSE.
>> THAT'S EXACTLY IT.
IT'S JUST ABOUT THE INTENSITY

AND THE ZONING DESIGNATION
CHOSEN IS INTENDED TO MATCH THE
CHARACTER OF THE OTHER PARCELS
IN THE SURROUNDING VICINITY, SO

I IMAGINE THAT THE APPLICANT
CHOSE THIS DESIGNATION BECAUSE
IT FITS WITH THE REST OF THE
AREA.

>> SO IS LIMITED INDUSTRIAL LESS
INTENSE THAN BUSINESS
INDUSTRIAL?
>> WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE USES,

IT'S DIFFERENT, YEAH.
>> DIFFERENT.
>> -- PERMITTED BY EACH.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME.

>> MR. MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS.
FOREST EDDLETON, DIRECTOR OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY DRESS DOWN

ATTIRE.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE AT THE
PODIUM TODAY.
THAT'S ON ME.

YES, IT'S THE DIFFERENCE OF USES
RELATED TO BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL
IS MORE PROBABLY WHAT YOU MIGHT
THINK OF AS BEING ALONG THE

HIGHWAY, SOME MORE SMALLER BUT
MAYBE HAS AN ELEMENT OF RETAIL
ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
SO REALLY THIS USE, THIS STORAGE

USE THAT'S THERE TODAY.
YOU HAVE USERS THAT COME UP TO
IT.
IT'S DEFINITELY GOT INDUSTRIAL

EQUIPMENT THERE, BUT THEY ARE
ALSO LEASING SOME OF THESE
EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS.
THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND THE

HEAVIER INDUSTRIAL, THAT'S NOW
WHERE YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK
AT, YOU KNOW, YOUR CEMENT PLANTS
FOR THE HEAVIER INDUSTRIAL.

THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL --
>> I UNDERSTAND HEAVY BUT WE'RE
TALKING BUSINESSES VERSUS LIGHT.
>> RIGHT.

>> THESE ARE A LITTLE CLOSER.
>> IT STARTS TO SEPARATE OUT
SOME OF THE MORE RETAIL OR
DRIVEUP USES THAT YOU MIGHT

THINK OF.
>> PERFECT.
THAT'S A GOOD DESCRIPTION.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. EDDLETON, AND
THANK YOU, MR. RABINOVICH.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: GREAT.

ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> I HAVE NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> ROLL CALL THEN.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> AYE.
>> MAYOR WARD.

>> MAYOR: AYE.
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
MADAM CLERK.
>> MOVING ONTO ORDINANCE

2024-318, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
AMENDING TO FUTURE LAND USE MAP
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY

CHANGING THE LAND USE CATEGORY
OF APPROXIMATELY 715.54 ACRES OF
PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON
FOUR PARCELS IN NORTHWEST

GAINESVILLE, BORDERED BY U.S.
441, TURKEY CREEK FOREST,
NORTHWEST 43rd STREET, AND
NORTHWEST 68th PLACE, AS MORE

SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS
ORDINANCE, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO
CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC AND
INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES,

PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY
MANAGER, PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A
REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING

AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.
MR. PERSONS.

>> YES, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY.

THIS IS SECOND READING.

YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN ACTION ON
THIS THE FIRST TIME, SO.

>> MAYOR: RIGHT.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT
OR ANYTHING.

>> MAYOR: YEAH, IS THERE ANY

PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTERED FOR
THIS?

>> THERE IS NONE.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.

>> COOL, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-318.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A

SECOND.

THIS IS A ROLL CALL.

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> AYE 72 COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

>> AYE.
>> MAYOR WARD.
>> MAYOR: YEA AYE.
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

MADAM CLERK.

>> WE MOVE ONTO QUASI-JUDICIAL
ITEM ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-319,
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING
THE ZONING MAP ATLAS BY REZONING
715.54 ACRES OF PROPERTY
GENERALLY LOCATED ON FOUR

PARCELS IN NORTHWEST
GAINESVILLE, BORDERED BY USE
441, TURKEY CREEK FOREST,
NORTHWEST 43RD STREET, AND

NORTHWEST 68th PLACE, AS MORE
SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS
ORDINANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL
SINGLE-FAMILY TO CONSERVATION

AND PUBLIC SERVICES AND
OPERATIONS, PROVIDING DIRECTIONS
TO THE CITY MANAGER, PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A

REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
ORDINANCE 2024-319.
>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> NO COMMENT.

>> MAYOR: LET'S CALL THE ROLL.
>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> AYE.
>> MAYOR WARD.
>> MAYOR: AYE.
THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

MADAM CLERK.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ONTO
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-743, AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING
THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE
CHAPTER 30 OF THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES

RELATED TO BASE FLOOD ELEVATION
STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS,
STRUCTURES, AND MANUFACTURED
HOMES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY

DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE,
PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE
CODIFIER, PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A

REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: THIS IS SECOND
READING, CORRECT?

>> YES.
>> MAYOR: IS THERE PUBLIC
COMMENT ON THIS.
>> WE HAVE NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
ORDINANCE 2024-743.
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND

SEVERAL SECONDS.
LET'S CALL THE ROLL.
>> [ROLL CALL]
>> MAYOR: AYE, THAT PASSES

UNANIMOUSLY.
MADAM CLERK.
>> NEXT IS ORDINANCE 2024-410 AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING
SECTION 30-6.12 OF THE LAND
DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 30 OF
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE CODE OF

ORDINANCES RELATING TO LIGHTING
REQUIREMENTS IN NATURE PARKS,
PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE
CODIFIER, PROVIDER A

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A
REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
>> MAYOR: IS THERE ANY PUBLIC

COMMENT ON THIS ONE?
>> THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT,
COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> WE HAD A ROBUST DISCUSSION,
AND PRESENTATION ON THIS ONE
BEFORE.
IT DEALS WITH ESSENTIALLY

APPROPRIATE LIGHTING IN
APPROPRIATE PLACES, IT INVOLVES
CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN ON SECOND

READING I MOVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION 2024-410 AND
ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A
MOTION AND MULTIPLE SECONDS.
MADAM CLERK, LET'S CALL THE
ROLL.

>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> AYE.

>> MAYOR WARD.

>> MAYOR: AYE.

THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, ORDINANCE
2024-834, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 23

OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO OBSTRUCTIONS AND
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC
PROPERTY AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY,

INCLUDING PUBLIC CAMPING OR
SLEEPING, AMENDING SECTION 2-339
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,
PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT,

PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE
CODIFIER, PROVIDING A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A
REPEALING CLAUSE AND PROVIDING

AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> I JUST HAD A QUESTION AS FAR
AS CLARIFYING BECAUSE I HAVE MY

ANSWER BUT THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS
THE OFFICIAL ANSWER HERE AS AN
ATTORNEY.

MY LEGAL INTERPRETATION DOESN'T

MATTER.

MR. ATTORNEY, AS FAR AS THIS
ORDINANCE, THE FINE THAT WAS
PUT, THAT IS A CIVIL FINE.

IT IS NOT, LIKE A CRIMINAL, IT
HAS NO CRIMINAL ATTACHMENT,
CORRECT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

THIS CHAPTER CAN BE ENFORCED,
PARTIALLY CORRECT.

THIS CHAPTER CAN BE ENFORCED AS
MOST OF VIOLATIONS IN OUR

ORDINANCES ONE OF TWO WAYS,
EITHER THROUGH CIVIL CITATIONS
OR THROUGH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
VIOLATION.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
UNDER SECTION 1-9 OF OUR
CHAPTER -- OF OUR ORDINANCES
THAT HAS CRIMINAL TYPE

PENALTIES.

IT ALLOWS FOR THE ARREST OF A
PERSON IF NECESSARY.
BUT CIVIL CITATION IS GENERALLY

THE METHOD USED AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDRESSED THAT BEFORE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SUCH AS THIS.

>> I THINK THAT CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT IS THE VERY LAST END, LAST OPTION, OUR FOLKS ARE EMPATHETIC AND BETTER TRAIN THAN

TO START WITH THE ARREST.

>> THAT'S THE PRACTICE.

THE IDEA IS -- FOR THIS ORDINANCE HERE, THE IDEA IS TO

KEEP THE PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FREE OF CAMPING AND --

>> ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU, SIR, JUST WANTED TO GET THAT PORTION KIND OF CLARIFIED BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAD WEDNESDAY E-MAILS THINKING THAT

IT IS CRIMINALIZED AND WE ARE, WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO DO THAT, THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WANT TO DO.

BUT WE, WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE ON WHAT WE CAN OR WANT TO DO UP HERE.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SACO. AND I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE CURRENTLY SPEND IN THE,

IN THE BUDGET YEAR WE JUST BEGAN, A LITTLE OVER \$2 MILLION A YEAR, 2.05 I BELIEVE, DIRECTLY TO HOMELESS SERVICES, PROBABLY

ANOTHER MILLION OR SO ON TOP OF THAT.

JUST THIS MORNING, WE APPROPRIATED AN ADDITIONAL

MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HAD DISCUSSION ABOUT BUILDING EVEN MORE HOUSING PRIOR TO THAT.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE ALLOCATED MILLIONS MORE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO WITH

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHAT MANY OF YOU ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT DOESN'T EVEN RELATE TO HOUSING SO MUCH

AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ADDICTION SUPPORT SERVICES.

THOSE ARE THINGS THAT FRANKLY

ARE OUTSIDE THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

I WOULD HOPE THAT ANYONE WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THIS WOULD NOT

STOP AT THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND STOP AT CITY HALL BUT THAT YOU WOULD SPEAK TO YOUR LEGISLATORS BECAUSE THAT IS

WHERE THE MONEY IS.

THAT IS WHERE THE MONEY IS.

THESE ISSUES WILL ONLY BE RESOLVED IN ANY KIND OF

SUBSTANTIAL WAY WHEN TALLAHASSEE DECIDES THAT BEING 47th, 48th, 49th OR 50th ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN MENTAL HEALTH

PER CAPITA FUNDING IS
ACCEPTABLE.
WHEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
DECIDES THAT WE CAN DO BETTER

THAN THAT, WE WILL START TO SEE
IMPROVEMENT.
IN THE MEANTIME, WE DO THE VERY
BEST WE CAN AND BETTER THAN MOST

CITIES WITH THIS ISSUE.
ALL THAT SAID, LET'S GO TO
PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

WE DO HAVE A FEW SIGNED UP.
FIRST IS CHEYENNE LUCANDOR
FOLLOWED BY JAMIE HOOPER AND
THEN VICTOR VERA.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME.
>> HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON.
THIS BILL DOES NOTHING BUT
CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE FROM BEING

HOMELESS.
IT IS A SHAME TO FORCE UNHOUSED
CITIZENS INTO CROWDED HOMELESS
SHELTERS.

MANY RESIDENTS OF THESE SHELTERS
FACE REPEATED RESPIRATORY
INFECTIONS DUE TO VENTILATION
AND OVERCROWDING.

NOBODY WANTS TO BE SLEEPING IN
THE STREET WHERE SAFETY IS FAR
FROM GUARANTEED.
WHAT WE WANT IS AFFORDABLE

HOUSING AND COMPREHENSIVE
SUPPORT FOR OUR UNHOUSED
NEIGHBORS.
THE CONTINUED POLICE HARASSMENT

ENCAMPMENT SWEEPS ARE JUST A
SIGN OF THE OVERALL ISSUE IN
THIS COUNTRY OF
INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM.

IT IS JUST A SHAME THAT SO MANY
PEOPLE WHO SERVE THIS COUNTRY IN
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ARE JUST, AND
THEN PEOPLE WHO ARE BORN INTO

CERTAIN SITUATIONS OR PEOPLE WHO
FACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE THEN
PUT ON THE STREET AND
CRIMINALIZED FOR SIMPLY BEING

HOMELESS.

IT'S A WASTE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO
CONTINUE TO SPEND MONEY ON
POLICING AND HARASSING THESE

PEOPLE WHEN YOU COULD JUST BE
USING WHAT IS ALREADY THERE LIKE
HOUSING THAT'S NOT FILLED.
WE HAVE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO

HAVE TWO, THREE HOUSES, YET
WE'RE DOING NOTHING TO ENSURE
THAT EVERYBODY HAS A HOUSE.
ONE OF THE POLICIES BY JILL

STEIN WAS THAT SHE SAYS LIKE
EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A HOUSE
BEFORE PEOPLE HAVE SECONDS, AND
SHE PROPOSED TAXING PEOPLE WITH

SECOND HOUSES.

AND THAT KIND OF THING COULD GO
TOWARDS SECURING HOUSING
SECURITY.

SORRY I DIDN'T WRITE THE REST OF
THIS.

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME, BUT THANK
YOU SO MUCH.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
>> JAMIE HOOPER FOLLOWED BY
VICTOR VERA AND MARA SHOCKETT.
>> HELLO.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SPEAK
TODAY.
I KNOW YOU'RE REQUIRED TO, BUT
THANK YOU.

I UNDERSTAND THAT TALLAHASSEE IS
THE ULTIMATE PROBLEM HERE, BUT
IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, IT IS,
IT FEELS LIKE YOU ACT LIKE YOUR

HANDS ARE TIED MORE THAN THEY
ACTUALLY ARE.
THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES
THROUGHOUT LIKE AMERICAN HISTORY

AND FLORIDIAN HISTORY OF CITIES
AND COUNTIES NOT ENFORCING LAWS
THAT THE STATE PASSES, AND YES,
THE STATE CAN PENALIZE US BUT

ULTIMATELY IT FEELS LIKE THE
AMOUNT THAT THE CITY AND THE
COUNTY ARE WILLING TO DO THAT IS
PROPORTIONAL TO HOW MUCH THEY

ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT THE AFFECTED
PEOPLE BY THE LAW.
THERE IS A HISTORY OF LIKE
MARIJUANA LEGISLATION AND CITIES

NOT ENFORCING LAWS PASSED BY THE
STATE.
SO I THINK IT'S LIKE FARCICAL TO
ACT LIKE YOUR HANDS ARE

COMPLETELY TIED, AND I WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT Y'ALL ARE, AND
US AS A CITY ARE GOING TO DO TO
FIGHT BACK AGAINST THIS

LEGISLATION, NOT ENFORCE THIS
LEGISLATION, AND NOT ALLOW THE
COPS TO JUST HARASS ANYONE
THAT'S SLEEPING ON THE SIDE OF

THE ROAD BECAUSE THEY HAVE
NOWHERE BETTER TO SLEEP.
AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE
TRYING WITH THE AFFORDABLE

HOUSING, BUT WE CAN DO BETTER
AND WE CAN NOT, LIKE, YOU SAID
THAT IT'S NOT LIKE TECHNICALLY
CRIMINALIZED THAT LIKE THAT'S

NOT THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN
AND THAT OTHER THINGS WILL BE
TRIED BUT IF IT IS ABLE TO BE
CRIMINALIZED AND IF THE COPS ARE

ABLE TO ARREST PEOPLE FOR
SLEEPING OUTSIDE, THEY WILL.
LIKE THEY HAVE SHOWN THEY ARE
WILLING TO DO THAT, AND I WOULD

LIKE TO KNOW WHAT Y'ALL ARE
GOING TO DO TO STOP THESE LAWS
FROM COMING IN FROM TALLAHASSEE
AND NOT ENFORCE THEM.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> VICTOR VERA, MARA SHOCKETT
AND MARY CLAIRE JACKSON.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF
THE COMMISSION BOARD.
I CAME TO GAINESVILLE FOUR YEARS
AGO TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY

OF FLORIDA.

MY STUDIES ARE ON HALT AT THE
MOMENT AS I AM WORKING, BUT I'M
GETTING ON TRACK TO BE A TEACHER

AND THAT'S BECAUSE I VALUE MY
COMMUNITY AND WHY I IMPROVE IT
AND BECAUSE OF THAT IS WHY I
GIVE YOU A STATEMENT TODAY.

I AM NOT AN AMERICAN.
I HAD TO LEARN WHAT AMERICA IS.
LEARNED IT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR
MOUTHS, FROM YOUR SCHOOLS, FROM

YOUR BOOKS.
MY LOCATION INTO THE CHURCH OF
THE AMERICAN DREAM CONSISTS OF
NOT ONLY LEARNING ABOUT YOUR

GOVERNMENT AND HISTORY, BUT ALSO
ABOUT LEARNING THE SUPPOSED
VALUES OF THIS COUNTRY WAS
FOUNDED ON.

THAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU
EXPOUNDED TO ME.
THAT PART OF WHAT MAKES AMERICA
EXCEPTIONAL IS THAT WE WERE NOT

CREATED BY THE WHIMS OF KINGS OR
ETHNIC TIES BY HAVING BELIEF IN
CERTAIN TRANSCENDENTAL VALUES
THOSE BEING LIFE, LIBERTY, AND

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
THESE VALUES ARE TRANSCENDENTAL
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CONTINGENT
OF THE OPINION OF POLITICIANS OR

ON CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE.
NO MATTER THE TIME OF PLACE --
TO THE WHOLE FRATERNITY OF MAN
NOT JUST A FEW.

HAVING BEEN TAUGHT THAT AMERICA
WAS FOUNDED ON THESE VALUES, I
FIND IT AMUSING AND DISTURBING
THAT THIS SENTIMENT IS MORE SO A

SOOTHING LIE RATHER THAN
STATEMENT OF TRUTH.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
BOTH AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE

LEVEL REGULARLY ENGAGES IN
ACTIVITIES THAT EXPLICITLY STAND
AGAINST THE LIBERTIES AND
FREEDOMS OF INDIVIDUALS.

ONE CAN CITE MYRIAD EXAMPLES BUT
RIGHT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
THE GOVERNMENT CRIMINALIZES THAT
ARE NATURAL FOR HUMAN BEINGS.

THE LEAGUE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
FACULTIES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE
MOVING TOWARDS GREATER HOSTILITY
FOR THE UNHOUSED.

ELITE BUSINESS AND -- ARE
PROPAGANDIZING AGAINST THE
UNHOUSED CAUSING SCHISMS IN
COMMUNITIES BECAUSE IT BENEFITS

THEIR POCKETS MORE TO PUNISH
POVERTY RATHER THAN ALLEVIATE
IT.
THE CRIMINALIZATION OF ACTIVITY

THAT IS NATURAL TO HUMAN BEINGS
AND PUBLIC SPACE AFFECTS US ALL,
NOT JUST THE, QUOTE, BAD ONES.
WHEN THE GOVERNMENT, WHEN

GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTIONS OF THIS
NATURE, IT IT'LL AFFECT THE
INNOCENT WHILE NOT ADDRESSING
THE SUPPOSED PROBLEMS AND ILLS

OF HAVING AN UNHOUSED POPULATION
IN THE CITY.
IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE AWARE OF
HISTORY FOR THIS HAS HAPPENED

BEFORE.
IF YOU ALL ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH
THE HISTORY OF UGLY LAWS IN THE
UNITED STATES, I SUGGEST YOU TOO

INFORM YOURSELVES ON THE MATTER.
THIS COUNTRY SUPPOSEDLY STANDS
FOR LIBERTY.
HYPOTHESIZE THAT I GET KICKED

OUT OF MY HOUSE FOR BEING GAY, I
HAVE A CAR, I WORK A JOB, I PARK
IN DOWNTOWN WITHIN ALLOTTED
TIMES OF 5 P.M. TO 8 A.M. WHEN

IT SAYS THAT I DO NOT MEET
REQUIRED PERMIT.
I'M COMMITTING A CRIME?
JUST BECAUSE I MIGHT BE A

NUISANCE TO A FACELESS
CORPORATION THAT DOES NOT CARE
ABOUT MY COMMUNITY, I MIGHT BE
GIVEN A FINE OR FORCED TO

RELOCATE SOMEWHERE.
LET'S NOT REGRESS TO THE TIMES
OF POLITICAL RIGHTS BEING SOLELY
FOR THOSE WITH PROPERTY.

WE ARE AMERICANS NOT ROMANS.
HERE EVEN THE POOR HAVE RIGHTS.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR SHOCKETT, FOLLOWED BY

MARY CLAIRE JACKSON AND JOYCE
DEVONS.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME.
>> HI, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

THE PEOPLE BEFORE ME SPOKE VERY
ELOQUENTLY ABOUT SOME OF THE
ISSUES WITH THIS LEGISLATION,
BUT I JUST WANT TO TALK BRIEFLY

ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF
FINDING INDIVIDUALS FOR SLEEPING
IN PUBLIC SPACES.

THIS IMPOSES A SECONDARY BURDEN

UPON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALREADY
STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET OR
STRUGGLING TO HAVE CONSISTENT
HOUSING WITH FOR THEMSELVES AND

PENALIZING THAT WITH A FINE FOR
FURTHER EMPHASIZES THAT AND WILL
FURTHER SET THEM BACK.

AND SO I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND

THE LOGIC BEHIND LEGISLATION
LIKE THIS.

IF THE GOAL IS TO PREVENT
INDIVIDUALS FROM BEING IN THESE

POSITIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE,
WHY ARE WE FURTHER DEBILITATING
THEM IN THEIR ECONOMIC MEANS BY
FINING THEM FOR SLEEPING

PUBLICLY?

WE'RE NOT GIVING THEM PLACES TO
SLEEP.

WE'RE PUTTING THEM IN CROWDED

HOMELESS SHELTERS THAT ARE
ALREADY REACHING THEIR LIMITS.
AND IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE A
PLETHORA OF REASONS PEOPLE MAY

NOT WANT TO ATTEND ONE OF THOSE
SHELTERS.

THEY MAY HAVE DOMESTIC ABUSERS
THAT MAY HAVE ABUSED THEM AT

THEIR SHELTERS THAT THEY DON'T
WANT TO BE AROUND FOR SAFETY
REASONS AND A PLETHORA OF OTHER
REASONS SO I JUST KIND OF

CONFUSED BY WHAT THE GOAL OF
THIS LEGISLATION EVEN IS.
BECAUSE LIKE IF YOUR INTENTIONS
ARE AS YOU SAY THEY ARE, I WOULD

LIKE TO SEE AMENDMENTS OR
CHANGES TO THAT THAT COULD MESH
THOSE TWO THINGS TOGETHER BUT
RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO

CONSISTENCY SO I WOULD
APPRECIATE IF THERE COULD BE.
>> MAYOR: THANKS FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS.

>> MARY CLAIRE JACKSON FOLLOWED
BY JOYCE DEVONS AND LEE HOFFMAN.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME.
>> HI, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR

HAVING ME.
I'M MARY CLAIRE JACKSON.
I MOVED HERE TO STUDY FOR MY
JURIS DOCTORATE HERE IN

GAINESVILLE FROM TEXAS PRETTY
RECENTLY.
LAST YEAR, AND ONE OF THE MAIN
MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR ME BEING

HERE IS I WATCHED THEM IMPLEMENT
A CAMPING BAN, AND IT WAS VERY
SIMILAR TO THIS, AND IT WAS
FINES FOR PEOPLE CAMPING.

IT WASN'T TECHNICALLY
CRIMINALIZATION IN THE SENSE
THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE
IMMEDIATELY IMPRISONED AND

CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL STATUTES,
BUT THE COMMENTS ABOUT THE
IMPLICATIONS OF FINING PEOPLE
WHO ARE ALREADY FACING POVERTY

ARE QUITE LARGE, AND DETAINING
THEM FOR FACING POVERTY IS EVEN
FURTHERANCE OF THIS.

SO IN THE BILL YOU SEE IT'S NOT

PUBLIC CAMPING IF YOU DO IT IN A
CAR WITH INSURANCE, RIGHT?
SO IF SOMEONE IS, SAY, FACING
POVERTY, THEY'RE ON THE STREET

BUT THERE MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE
A JOB.

SAVING UP MONEY TO GET A CAR TO
TRY AND AVOID BEING ARRESTED

UNDER THIS BAN.

THEY GET SWEEPED BECAUSE THAT'S
ALLOWED.

THEY GET TO BE DETAINED.

THEY GET TO BE FINED.

ALL OF THEIR STUFF GETS TAKEN
FROM THEM.

I WATCHED PEOPLE IN AUSTIN HAVE

ALL OF THEIR THINGS SWEEPED FROM
THEM WHEN THEY HAD THE SWEEPS
FOR CAMPING BANS, AND THEM
TAKING THEIR POSSESSIONS BEFORE

WE HAD EMERGENCIES, THERE'S AN
EXCEPTION IN HERE ABOUT
EMERGENCIES, RIGHT?

SO WHEN IT AFFECTS ALL OF US,

THEN IT'S OKAY TO CAMP IN
PUBLIC, RIGHT?

SO THEY TOOK ALL OF THEIR ITEMS
BEFORE THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY,

BEFORE THERE WAS STORM -- WHERE
THE ENTIRE CITY WAS FREEZING,
AND PEOPLE FROZE TO DEATH ON THE
STREETS BECAUSE THEY ENFORCED A

CAMPING BAN THAT THEY DIDN'T
HAVE TO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK JAMIE

BROUGHT UP VERY ELOQUENTLY WHICH
IS ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION IS A
REALLY BIG PART OF THE LAW, AND
IT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE A SAY

IN.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT MATTERS A
LOT AND AFFECTS PEOPLE VERY
DIRECTLY.

THERE ISN'T A REASON THAT I CAN
THINK OF THAT IT'S OKAY TO PUT
OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, OUR
NEIGHBORS IN DANGER AND

TERRORIZE THEM AND PUT THEM IN
EVEN FURTHER DANGER THAN THEY'RE
ALREADY IN, I MEAN, MAYBE OUT OF
SIGHT OUT OF MIND.

THERE IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE THAT
IS PART OF IT, RIGHT?
BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S WORTH IT.
I THINK YOU HAVE A CHOICE HERE,

AND I THINK THERE IS A KIND OF
TOP DOWN SITUATION, RIGHT?
THERE IS A LEGISLATION FROM
TALLAHASSEE, AND THERE IS A

REASON WE NEED TO PUSH TO CHANGE
THEM BUT YOU HAVE A LOT OF POWER
IN HOW YOU AFFECT THE DAY-TO-DAY
LIVES OF THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO

YOU, AND WE ARE HERE IN PRETTY
BIG NUMBERS BECAUSE WE CARE
ABOUT CHANGING THIS, AND IT
STARTS HERE, AND IT STARTS WITH

YOU CARING AND ALSO PUSHING THAT WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE SYSTEM YOU ALREADY WORK IN AND HAVE POWER IN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE DON'T PASS THIS ORDINANCE. IT'S JUST NOT WORTH.

>> JOYCE DEVONS FOLLOWED BY LEE HOFFMAN AND ARTHUR COUGHLIN.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M JOYCE DEVONS AND I'M HERE TODAY AS A

RESIDENT AND TO URGE YOU NOT TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE ON PRACTICAL AND ETHICAL GROUNDS. FIRST I WANT TO ADDRESS THAT IF

THE END OF ENFORCEMENT IS CRIMINAL, WHAT THIS LAW IS DOING IS CRIMINALIZING. SECOND, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO

EMPHASIZE THAT SIMPLY CHANGING THE WORD PUNISHMENT AND THE ORDINANCE TO PENALTY DOES NOT NEGATE THE FACT THAT A CIVIL

FINE IS A PUNISHMENT FOR PEOPLE ALREADY IN POVERTY. I'M ASKING YOU AS THE COUNCIL NOT TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE

BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE DISCRETION TO DO SO.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SECTION 4 IMPOSES CIVIL LIABILITY OR COULD

IMPOSE CIVIL LIABILITY, HOWEVER, WHEN WEIGHING THE INTERESTS OF THIS COMMUNITY AGAINST WHAT'S BEEN HANDED TO YOU, I THINK THAT

RISK AS OPPOSED TO THE RISKS WHICH MAY OCCUR IF WE, THIS ORDINANCE PASSED, DOESN'T WEIGH OUT.

THIS ORDINANCE PUNISHES WITHOUT ANY ACTION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS.
BEING HOMELESS ISN'T AN ACT.

HOMELESSNESS IS NOT CAUSED BY VOLUNTARY CHOICE.
WHEN PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS, THEY'RE NOT -- THEY ARE SIMPLY

FULFILLING A BIOLOGICAL NEED.
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T MORALLY, ETHICALLY BE CRIMINALIZED.

ADDITIONALLY, THIS ORDINANCE WOULD FURTHER THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS BY MANUFACTURING DEBT AND A CRIMINAL HISTORY FOR

PEOPLE FURTHER CAUSING THEM HARM DOWN THE LINE WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO GET A JOB OR APPLY FOR AN APARTMENT OR ALL THESE OTHER

THINGS THAT YOU NEED A CLEAN HISTORY TO DO.
OVERALL, I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE THE DISCRETION.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE VERY FIRST STEP ON MAKING A CHANGE ON A GREATER LEVEL.
IT HAPPENS IN MOBILE

COMMUNITIES.
AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU NOT TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE.
THANK YOU.

>> WE CURRENTLY HAVE FOUR MORE
SPEAKERS, STARTING WITH LEE
HOFFMAN, AND THEN ARTHUR
COUGHLIN AND KIMBER TUP.

>> MAYOR: WELCOME.
>> DEAR CITY COMMISSIONERS, MY
NAME IS LEE, I'M A SERVER
DOWNTOWN, AND I AM VEHEMENTLY

OPPOSED TO THE CRIMINALIZATION
OF PUBLIC CAMPING AND SLEEPING.
I AND MANY OTHERS AGREE THAT THE
HB1365 IS A LAW THAT IS OF THE

CRUELEST MEASURE.
IT IS A LAW THAT ESSENTIALLY
CRIMINALIZES THE EXISTENCE OF
BEING OUTSIDE.

BEING HOMELESS IS ALREADY A
TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE IN AND OF
ITSELF OF OUR SOCIETY.
IN OUR SOCIETY.

PEOPLE WHO ARE WITHOUT SHELTER
ARE ALREADY HEAVILY SURVEILLED
AND CONSTANTLY RECEIVE HOSTILITY
FROM ALL ARMS OF THE STATE.

MS. SACO ASKED TO CLARIFY IF
THIS ORDINANCE WAS A CIVIL
CITATION OR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
I THINK LOGICALLY WE UNDERSTAND

HOW THESE INTERACTIONS CAN LEAD
TO AN INCREASE IN ARRESTS OF
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.
AND ALSO A FINE OF \$25 COULD BE

A MEAL FOR SOMEBODY.
THIS LAW AND ORDINANCE WILL MAKE
IT SO MUCH HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO
GET BACK ON THEIR FEET.

HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A ONE FITS
ALL EXPERIENCE.
THERE ISN'T ONE SOLUTION.
SOME PEOPLE HAVE CARS, SOME

PEOPLE DO NOT.
SOME PEOPLE WANT TO STAY IN A
SHELTER, SOME OPT FOR THE
STREET.

FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.
REMOVING PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC,
YOUR MOVE AND INSTANCE OF
CONNECTION OR AID THAT HOMELESS

PEOPLE MAY RECEIVE.
THERE ISN'T A WHOLE LOT OF
RESOURCES THAT THE STATE OFFERS.
SNAP HAS BEEN CUT TO HIGH

HEAVEN, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE
IS GOING TO BE CUT BY THE
INCOMING ADMINISTRATION AND THE
WAIT FOR HOUSING VOUCHERS IS

NEVER ENDING.
IT IS NOT IN OUR BEST INTEREST
TO DIVERT FUNDING BY THE
POLICING OR TO GET BLOCK BY

BLOCK TO GET PEOPLE TO MOVE
ALONG WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT
THIS LAW IMPOSES.
THE MONEY GOING TOWARDS BLOCK BY

BLOCK COULD BE USED FOR
ACTIONABLE, TANGIBLE AND
MATERIAL NEEDS.
PEOPLE NEED BEDS, THEY NEED

RUNNING WATER, THEY NEED WARMTH.
THEY HAVE ACTUAL REQUESTS THAT
IF YOU ONLY JUST LISTENED OR
JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO CREATE A

SPREADSHEET OF THOSE REQUESTS
AND ACTUALLY FULFILLED SAID
NEEDS IT WOULD BE FAR MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN WHATEVER BLOCK BY

BLOCK IS GOING TO BE DOING.
WHAT HOMELESS PEOPLE DON'T NEED
IS TO BE PUSHED OUT AWAY FROM
THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THEM.

THE MONEY THAT YOU ARE SPENDING
ON AMBASSADORS TO KEEP STREETS
CLEANING COULD BE USED TO FUND
LOCKERS OR WARMING CENTERS.

IT COULD BE USED TO RENT OUT
HOTELS SO THEY MAYBE HAVE SOME
SOLITUDE AND PEACE AWAY FROM THE
ELEMENTS.

IT WOULD BE USED TO KEEP A
BATHROOM OPEN 24/7.
ONE OF THE MOST BASE NEEDS THAT
WE CAN'T EVEN SEEM TO PROVIDE.

WE HAVE FAILED AS A SOCIETY WHEN
WE START COMMODIFYING THE VERY
SOIL THAT WE STAND ON.
THE EARTH HAS GIVEN US SO MANY

GIFTS AND IN RESPONSE, YOU HAVE
DEEMED THAT THE AUTHORITY OVER
THE WORLD IS DETERMINED BY A FEW
THAT AFFECTS THE MANY.

DO YOU KNOW PAYNE'S PRAIRIE
NAMED AFTER KING PAYNE, A
SEMINOLE, THE SEMINOLES HAVE A
LONG HISTORY OF PROTECTING

PEOPLE WHO RAN AWAY FROM THE
TORTURE OF SLAVERY.
THIS LAND USED TO BE COMMUNAL
ITS -- IF WE CONTINUE OUR

COURSE, IF WE FORGET THE HISTORY
OF THIS LAND, WE ARE SURE TO
FORGET OURSELVES ALONG THE WAY.
PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS

ORDINANCE.
I BELIEVE IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO
OUR ULTIMATE DOWNFALL OF
HUMANITY.

THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
WE HAVE ARTHUR COUGHLIN, KIMBER
TOUGH, AND LEO QUIRK.

>> HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, CITY
COMMISSIONS.
MY NAME IS ARTHUR COUGHLIN.
I'M A DOWNTOWN WORKER, I'M A UF

STUDENT AND A UF EMPLOYEE AND
I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY
DISSENT FOR THIS ORDINANCE WHICH
AIMS TO FURTHER CRIMINALIZE

POVERTY AND MAKE MATERIAL
CONDITIONS FOR PEOPLE ON THE
STREETS WORSE.
I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT

YOU ARE IN EFFECT CHOOSING TO
CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS AND TO
SUGGEST THAT INDIVIDUALS WILL
NOT BE ARRESTED AS A CONSEQUENCE

OF THIS ORDINANCE IS UNREALISTIC
AS THEY ARE ALREADY BEING
ARRESTED FOLLOWING THE
OCTOBER 1st CAMPING BAN BY

THE STATE.
AND I FIND IT OUTRAGEOUS THAT
YOU'RE FRAMING THIS AS IF YOUR
HANDS ARE TIED BECAUSE THEY ARE

NOT AND I URGE YOU TO FOLLOW THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN
LEGAL COUNSEL, SOUTHERN POVERTY
LAW CENTER, AND FLORIDA JUSTICE

INSTITUTE URGING THAT YOU DON'T
PASS THIS ORDINANCE AS THEY FIND
IT UNNECESSARY.

AND WITH MY REMAINING TIME I

WOULD LIKE YOU TO IMAGINE FOR A
MOMENT THAT YOU LOST YOUR JOB
BECAUSE YOU BROKE YOUR LEG,
MAYBE YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT

YOU CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO PAY
FOR AND YOU FIND YOURSELF
RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS AND
RUNNING OUT OF FRIENDS THAT ARE

LETTING YOU SLEEP ON THEIR
COUCHES AND YOU FIND YOURSELF
TURNING TO GRACE WHICH IS A
GREAT OPTION FOR PEOPLE, BUT SAY

YOU, PEOPLE SAY THAT YOU ARE A
RECOVERING ADDICT AND YOU CAN'T
STAND TO BE AROUND PEOPLE USING
DRUGS BECAUSE I KNOW OF PEOPLE

THAT ARE TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM
DRUGS THAT ARE TURNING AWAY FROM
GRACE BECAUSE THEY FIND IT VERY
TRIGGERING OR THEY HAVE, YOU

KNOW, A LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE
MENTIONED, THEY HAVE AN ABUSER
THERE THAT THEY CAN'T STAND TO
SEE.

SO WHAT DO YOU DO?
YOU HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO?
YOU SLEEP ON THE STREET AND YOUR
ORDINANCE THAT EXPLICITLY

MENTIONS HAVING PILLOWS AND
BLANKETS AS A REASON TO FINE
PEOPLE ON A NIGHT LIKE TONIGHT
IT'S GOING TO BE 35 DEGREES.

SO YOU AS CITY COMMISSIONERS ARE
URGING PEOPLE TO NOT HAVE ANY
KIND OF MATERIAL COMFORTS WHEN
YOU PASS THIS BILL, AND YOU'RE

NOT GOING TO STOP PEOPLE FROM
SLEEPING OUTSIDE.
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BE FINING
THEM.

PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SLEEP
OUTSIDE EITHER WAY.
AND I THINK IT'S TIME TO BE
REALISTIC ABOUT THAT.

SO THANK YOU.
PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS
ORDINANCE.
IT'S VERY INHUMANE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
>> KIMBER TOUGH FOLLOWED BY LEO
QUIRK.
>> HI, GOOD AFTERNOON.

I'M KIMBER TOUGH.
I AM HERE AS A SOCIAL WORKER, I
ALSO WORK AT SOUTHERN LEGAL
COUNSEL.

YOU WOULD'VE RECEIVED A LONG
LETTER FROM US THAT HOPEFULLY
YOU HAD TIME TO REVIEW.
I'M GOING TO SPEAK AS ME AS A

RESIDENT NOT AS A MEMBER OF OUR
OFFICE JUST TO BE CLEAR.
THIS IS -- CRIMINALIZING
POVERTY, CRIMINALIZING

HOMELESSNESS.
SINCE OCTOBER 1st IT IS VERY
TRUE THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN SWEEPED AND ARRESTED.

THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED UNDER THIS LAW OR FOR
SLEEPING, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED FOR TRESPASS, BEEN

ARRESTED FOR SLEEPING, THEY HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED FOR BEING IN PARKS
AFTER HOURS, SOMETHING I HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

IT'S HAPPENING ALREADY AND THIS
IS A NEW MECHANISM FOR YOU TO DO
THAT.
MAYBE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AN

ARREST ALREADY BUT IT'S ALREADY
HAPPENING AND I WOULD DOUBT THAT
PERSONALLY AND IF I WAS ON THE
COMMISSION I WOULD BE REALLY

WEARY TO TRUST THAT PROCESS.
SOME OF YOU ARE HERE
REPRESENTING DISTRICTS THAT ARE
VERY LIVING IN POVERTY AND/OR

ARE PART OF THE COMMISSION AS
WORKING WITH GRACE AND
REPRESENTING AND KNOWING WHAT
THAT EXPERIENCE IS LIKE DIRECTLY

AS BEING HOMELESS, AND IF YOU
VOTE FOR THIS, YOU HAVE FREELY
FALLEN FROM GRACE.
LIKE THAT IS RIDICULOUS TO DO

THIS.
THE DESANTIS AND HB LAW IS NOT
REQUIRING YOU PASS THE LAW OR A
LAW LIKE THIS.

IT'S REQUIRING YOU ACT BUT YOU
GET TO DEFINE WHAT THAT ACTION
IS, AND THIS IS THE LAZY WAY
OUT.

YOU NEED TO BE FUNDING AS YOU
ALREADY SAID YOU'RE DOING THINGS
THAT'S HAPPENING BUT WE DON'T
NEED TO BE ALSO AT THE SAME TIME

ADDING IN THIS CRIMINAL
MECHANISM TO THAT ACTION.
INSTEAD LIKE TINK THINK ABOUT
THE PSYCHOLOGY OF IT.

LIKE AS THIS PERSON THAT'S DOING
STREET OUTREACH AND WORKING WITH
PEOPLE IN THESE CAMPS YOU MAKE
MY JOB HARDER.

YOU MAKE EVERYONE'S JOB HARDER
WHEN YOU ARE REPLACING EVERYBODY
AND MOVING THEM, YOU'RE CAUSING
SO MUCH MENTAL TRAUMA, AND IT'S

JUST MAKES IT EVEN HARDER FOR A
PERSON TO WANT TO GO TO HOUSING.
AND I THINK LIKE YOU KNOW THAT
DIRECTLY.

YOU KNOW LIKE THAT IS NOT
HELPING AND TO SAY THAT YOUR
HANDS ARE TIED IS PURELY
PERFORMATIVE.

IT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S
SURE BUT NOT THIS AND YOU HAVE
PLENTY OF RESOURCES THAT ARE

ACTUALLY IN YOUR TOWN THAT COULD
HELP YOU PRODUCE SOME OTHER
SOLUTION.
THIS IS PROBABLY BEEN THE MOST

AGGRESSIVELY ENFORCED CRUEL YEAR
I'VE SEEN IN RECENT YEARS
AGAINST HOUSELESS PEOPLE IN THIS
TOWN UNSHELTERED.

I'VE SEEN ENDLESS SWEEPS IN THE
LAST YEAR.
THERE WAS A HOMELESS WOMAN THAT
WAS ATTACKED BY ONE OF YOUR

CANINES FOR SLEEPING, AND
THERE'S JUST SOME SORT OF SHIFT
IS HAPPENING INTERNALLY AT THE
CITY THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN

BEFORE, AND THAT INCREASE AND
THAT'S LIKE GOING BACK TO WHEN
WE HAD YOU KNOW BEEN VOTED THE
WORST PLACE TO BE HOMELESS IN

THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE YOU
KNOW WHEN THE BO DIDDLEY WAS
STILL A CAMP AND ALL OF THAT
WITH THE EPA AND ON HAWTHORNE

TRAIL.
THIS IS JUST THE CRUELTY HASN'T
MAXIMIZED.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: WELCOME.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
LEO QUIRK AND I'M A STUDENT HERE

IN GAINESVILLE SPEAKING IN
OPPOSITION OF THIS ORDINANCE.
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE
WORK THAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE

AND THE FUNDING THAT YOU'VE
ALLOCATED AND ALL OF THOSE SORTS
OF THINGS AND I UNDERSTAND THERE
IS AN APPREHENSION TOWARDS

OPPOSING THIS, ESPECIALLY
BECAUSE IT COMES FROM SUCH A
HIGHER PLACE, AND CONSIDERING
THE CIVIL ACTION THAT CAN BE

TAKEN AGAINST OUR CITY BY A
RESIDENT OR BY A BUSINESS OWNER
BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT NOW
MORE THAN EVER TO STAND UP FOR

WHAT'S RIGHT.
I URGE YOU ALL NOT TO IMPLEMENT
THIS ORDINANCE FOR ALL OF THE
HARM THAT IT'S GOING TO CAUSE

FOR SO MANY PEOPLE.
AND I'D REALLY JUST LIKE TO --
I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE VERY
LONG BUT I WOULD LIKE TO

REITERATE THE PASSIONATE
OPPOSITION BY THE COMMUNITY FOR
THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR THE STATE
BILL THAT HAS MOVED INTO OUR

CITY AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
AGAIN REITERATE MAYOR WARD'S
SENTIMENT AND I DEARLY HOPE WE
CAN CHANGE THIS ON A STATE LEVEL

AND DO SOMETHING IN TALLAHASSEE.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, LEO.
>> THAT WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER,

MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, MADAM
CLERK.
COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
SPOKE.
I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE

MAJORITY OF YOU SAID.
THIS SUCKS.
LIKE I HATE THAT I VOTED FOR IT
LAST TIME.

I HATE THAT I HAVE TO VOTE FOR
IT TODAY.
AND I SAY I HAVE TO BECAUSE MY
JOB IS TO LOOK AT FOR THE

COLLECTIVE OF GAINESVILLE AND
THAT DOES INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO ARE
FORCED TO SLEEP ON THE STREET ON
A SIDEWALK FOR WHATEVER REASON,

AND AS THE MAYOR SAID, WE DO TRY
TO SPEND THE MONEY THAT WE DO
HAVE ON RESOURCES.
ACTUALLY WISHED A LOT OF YOU HAD

BEEN HERE EARLIER THIS MORNING
TO SEE OUR BLOCK BY BLOCK
BREAKDOWN BECAUSE WE HAVE 14
PEOPLE HIRED AND I THINK AT

LEAST SEVEN ARE PREVIOUSLY HAD
PREVIOUSLY, NINE?
NINE OF THE 14 HAD PREVIOUSLY
EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS.

WE ARE TRYING TO HIRE PEOPLE TO
HELP EMPATHETICALLY CONNECT AS
SOMEONE I THINK SAID YOU KNOW
YOU'RE MISSING A POINT OF

CONTACT, A POINT TO CONNECT WITH
SOMEONE AND GIVE THEM RESOURCES
AND GET TO KNOW WHAT THEY NEED.
WE ARE TRYING TO DO THAT.

WE ARE TRYING TO DO THEM.
THAT IS WHERE WE ARE PUTTING OUR
RESOURCES.
WE CAN PUT OUR RESOURCES AND OUR

FUNDING THERE.
OR WE COULD PUT OUR FUNDING
PAYING OUT A LOT OF LAWYERS TO
DEFEND US WHEN A BUSINESS OR AN

INDIVIDUAL SUES US BECAUSE THEY
WALKED BY AND SAW SOMEONE BE
HOMELESS.

I THINK THE FIRST ONE IS A

BETTER USE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS.
AND I KNOW FOLKS SAY THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CRIMINALIZING, AND THIS IS

CRIMINALIZING.
WORDS MATTER AND AS A LAW
STUDENT, WORDS MATTER.
THIS IS NOT CRIMINAL.

IT MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL
PROSECUTION IF THERE ARE A
SERIES OF CHOICES MADE.
I KNOW I'M HILARIOUS.

THERE MAY BE CRIMINAL
PROSECUTION THAT HAPPENS AFTER A
SERIES OF CHOICES ARE MADE.
THAT IS AFTER A LONG SERIES OF

CHOICES.
WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS PUT
OUT SOMETHING THAT SHIELDS THE
CITY, THAT SHIELDS YOU AND YOUR

TAX DOLLARS FROM PERFORMATIVE
LAWSUIT JANUARY 1st BECAUSE
WE HAVE NOTHING IN PLACE.
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY HEY WE HAVE

DONE SOMETHING.
WE ARE TRYING.
THAT IS AT LEAST A DEFENSE IN
COURT.

WHEN SUZY B. WHO OWNS A DRY
CLEANER SAYS A HOMELESS PERSON
LOOKED AT ME.

WE CAN SAY WE ARE TRYING AND WE
ARE WORKING.

OR WE CAN SAY WE'VE DONE
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.
AND THE JUDGE SLAPS US FOR IT.

WE ARE NOT TRYING TO CRIMINALIZE
HOMELESSNESS.

WE ARE TRYING TO GET EVERYONE
WHO WANTS, WHO WANTS AND CAN

ACCEPT HELP OFF THE STREET
BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD BE
SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK.
NO ONE HERE THINKS ANYBODY

SHOULD BE SLEEPING ON THE
SIDEWALK.

I'M SURE YOU GUYS DON'T THINK
ANYONE SHOULD BE SLEEPING ON THE

SIDEWALK.

SO I SEE IT AS THAT.

WE ARE PUTTING OUT A PREVENTIVE
1450E8D.

WE ARE TRYING TO USE OUR FIRE
DEPARTMENT TO DO CPR.

WE ARE TRYING TO USE THE GCRA
THROUGH BLOCK BY BLOCK.

WE ARE TRYING TO USE A LOT OF
OUR FOLKS AT GPD TO MAKE FIRST
POINTS OF GENUINE CONTACT.

THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WE ALREADY

KNOW AND THEY MIGHT HAVE
CONNECTIONS WITH TO TRY TO GET
THEM SOMEWHERE BETTER.

WE ARE TRYING TO USE OUR FUNDS

IN THAT WAY.
THIS IS FAR FROM PERFECT.
THIS IS FAR FROM PALATABLE.
BUT I RATHER DO THIS AND TRY TO

SHIELD THE CITY AND KEEP OUR
RESOURCES WHERE THEY ACTUALLY
HELP PEOPLE THAN STORE THAT CASH
AWAY FOR A LAWSUIT.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SACO.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

AND THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO
CAME OUT TO SPEAK.
I HAVE A QUESTION BECAUSE A
PHRASE THAT I AM COMPLETELY

UNFAMILIAR WITH WAS MENTIONED
TODAY, AND I WAS GRATEFUL TO
HEAR IT BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS OPEN
TO OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, AND

IT'LL HAVE TO BE A QUESTION THAT
I THINK I POSED TO THE CITY
ATTORNEY.
ATTORNEY, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME

WHAT ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION IS?
>> MR.-- CERTAINLY WHAT IS THE
CONTEXT WHEN YOU'RE SEEING IT?
IN GENERAL EVERY TIME THERE IS

THE ENFORCEMENT OF A REGULATION,
THE TRAINED LAW ENFORCEMENT,
TRAINED CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
SAID WOULD HAVE THE DISCRETION

TO EXERCISE THE POLICE POWER IN
A WAY THAT IS BEST SUITED TO THE
SITUATION, AND A WAY THAT IS
ABSENT OF CONSIDERATIONS OF

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS, AND A WAY THAT IS MOST DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE, YOU KNOW, CONTENT NEUTRAL RIGHT PRESERVING GOALS

OF THE REGULATION.
THAT'S THEIR JOB.
THAT'S THE TRAINING THEY RECEIVE, AND IF THERE ARE

SITUATIONS WHEN DISCRETION IS USED INAPPROPRIATELY, THEN THAT IS WHEN WE'RE FACED WITH AN AS APPLIED CHALLENGE IMPROPER USE

OF A REGULATION.
THAT CAN HAPPEN UNFORTUNATELY.
THAT'S RARE BECAUSE I THINK WE DO MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO ENSURE

THAT OUR POLICE OFFICERS, OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITIES ARE ACTING WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE

INTEREST IN MIND.
>> OKAY, ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU FOR THAT.
SO FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE,

YOU KNOW, IT'S CLEAR WHAT THE STATE WANTS TO REQUIRE US TO DO. THIS TROUBLES MY SPIRIT AND I THINK EVERYBODY'S UP HERE.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS, REGARDLESS OF ALL OF OUR CONSCIENCES UP HERE, THE THING THAT JUST

CONTINUES TO ECHO IN MY SPIRIT IS THIS PUTS US RIGHT BACK INTO THAT CYCLE.
IT PUTS US BACK INTO THE CYCLE

OF ARREST, DEBT, AND LIVING ON
THE STREET.
AND WHILE WE ARE DOING
EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN, WE HAD

AMAZING PRESENTATIONS TODAY AND
WE HAVE GIVEN AND EXPENDED MANY
RESOURCES.
THE SADDEST THING IS THAT WE

DON'T HAVE ENOUGH.
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO CONSIDER THE
TRAUMA THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
NEIGHBORS ARE ALREADY FACING,

AND IT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR
ME TO ANY FURTHER TRAUMA.
THAT'S JUST HARD FOR ME AS AN
INDIVIDUAL AND IT'S HARD FOR ME

AS A -- ALL OVER THIS CITY WE
SEE HOMELESSNESS AND ITS
EFFECTS.
MY DISTRICT IS ONE OF THOSE

WHERE IT IS PREVALENT.
I CAN'T LEAVE MY HOUSE WITHOUT
IT BEING ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS
I SEE.

CAN'T COME TO WORK.
AND I'VE COME TO WORK ON SOME
WEEKENDS AND LITERALLY HAD TO
STEP OVER PEOPLE TO GET INTO MY

OFFICE.
WHO ARE SLEEPING ON THE STEPS OF
CITY HALL.
I THINK SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS A

HOT BED FOR FURTHER CONFLICT
BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE
HOMELESS, AND THAT'S TROUBLING
TO ME.

AND YES, THE FIGHT HAS TO BE
WAGED AT THE STATE, IT
ABSOLUTELY DOES.
I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS

ORDINANCE TODAY BECAUSE FOR ME,
JUST IN MY SPIRIT, THE CYCLE HAS
TO BE BROKEN.
I THINK WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS

TRYING TO GET THERE, BUT TO BE
HONEST WITH YOU, THE PROBLEM IS
SO BIG, AND THE RESOURCES
REQUIRED ARE GOING TO BE WAY

BEYOND ANYTHING THAT THE CITY
HAS.
SO THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND
THE STATE AND INDIVIDUALS AND

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALL
GOING TO HAVE TO HELP US IN
THIS.
BUT I WON'T GO ON AND ON.

THIS FOR ME IS, IT'S TROUBLING
IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.
IT'S JUST, IT, I DID NOT SLEEP
LAST NIGHT.

PART OF THE REASON WAS THIS.
SO I'LL BE VOTING NO ON THE
ORDINANCE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE

FROM MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT HOW WE
MIGHT BE ABLE TO CRAFT SOMETHING
THAT IS A LITTLE MORE NOT JUST
PALATABLE BUT A LITTLE MORE

USEFUL FOR THE FOLKS WHO NEED US
THE MOST.
WHO ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO COBBLE
TOGETHER THE RESOURCES NECESSARY

TO LIVE.
THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER.

[APPLAUSE]
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
NO, WE DON'T CLAP BECAUSE SOONER
OR LATER YOUR CLAPPING TURNS

INTO JEERING AND SOMEBODY --
SOMEBODY ELSE IN THE AUDIENCE
BEARS THE BRUNT OF THAT, SO
PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T DO THAT.

THAT'S WHY WE DON'T DO THAT
HERE.
>> THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT.
YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE
ISSUES THAT THE FOLKS THAT ARE
REALLY IMPACTED BY IT ARE

DEALING WITH THINGS THAT DON'T
ALLOW THEM TO COME SIT THROUGH A
CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND, AND
SPEAK TO A BUNCH OF POLITICIANS

THAT COME BEFORE THEM SO IT
ISN'T ABOUT FOLKS NOT DIRECTLY
DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS OR THE
WORST DAY OF THEIR LIVES AND

COMING OUT AND CONSISTENTLY
ADVOCATE FOR THOSE FOLKS, SO
THANK YOU GUYS FOR DOING THAT.
I THINK WHERE ALL OF THIS COMES

DOWN TO, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S
PASSING THE BUCK TO SAY THAT,
YOU KNOW, THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE
ORDINANCES THAT ARE ON THE

BOOKS, BUT THEN AS SOMEONE MENTIONED BEFORE, ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION, YOU HAD MENTIONED IT, ONE OF THE SPEAKERS

MENTIONED IT, I THINK THAT REALLY IS ON US AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS GOING FORWARD.

IT'S, I, BECAUSE, WE HAVE ORDINANCES ON THE BOOKS THAT ALREADY ALLOW FOLKS TO MOVE FOLKS ALONG.

THIS IS SORT OF A CATCH-ALL BUT IT DOESN'T ALLOW US -- WE STILL AT THE END OF THE DAY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR POLICE

OFFICERS TO WORK WITH OUR CODE RESPONDER TEAM TO WORK WITH OUR FOLKS TO GET TREATED WITH SOME LEVEL OF DIGNITY.

I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE AND WE'RE STILL WAITING TO SEE WHERE ALL OF THIS IS GOING TO GO IN TERMS OF WHAT KIND OF PUSH THIS IS

GOING TO HAVE ON FORCING US TO ENFORCE AND FORCING MORE AGGRESSIVELY. I DON'T KNOW IF WE FULLY KNOW

UNTIL IT'S IN PRACTICE UNTIL PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO COMPLAIN AND UNTIL WE'RE STARTING TO SEE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FROM IT, HOW

EXACTLY IT'S GOING TO GO BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FROM STAFF AT SOME POINT, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE KIND OF ACTIVELY WORKING THROUGH

THAT, HOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE
WORKING WITH GPD, WITH OUR
STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM BECAUSE
THERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN ENFORCE

LAWS THAT GIVE PEOPLE SOME
MEASURE OF DIGNITY.
YOU CAN GO TO PEOPLE, YOU HAVE
RESOURCES, YOU CAN X AMOUNT OF

TIME YOU CAN'T BE HERE.
THAT IS NOT IDEAL BUT WE ARE
LIVING IN A NOT IDEAL WORLD.
THE THRUST OF THIS AND THE

THRUST OF THIS BILL BEING PUT IN
THERE, THE AVERAGE ONE-BEDROOM
APARTMENT IS \$1,270.
\$943 IF SSI COMES IN.

SO AS YOU SPEAK TO PEOPLE AT
GRACE MARKETPLACE, THERE ARE LOT
OF OLDER FOLKS WHO CAN'T GET
INTO ANY PLACE TO LIVE USING

MONEY COMING FROM THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.
IT GOES DOWN EVERY YEAR.
IF YOU ARE MAKING MINIMUM WAGE,

\$2,080 YOU'RE LEFT WITH
\$500 LEFT AT THE END OF THE
MONTH TO FEED YOURSELF, TO GET
INSURANCE, TO DO HEALTH CARE.

THERE'S JUST NOT LIKE THE COST
OF HOUSING KEEPS GOING UP AND
THE AMOUNT AND THE OPTIONS THAT
YOU HAVE, THOSE LOW-INCOME

HOUSES ARE BEING GENTRIFIED AND
MOVING INTO MORE EXPENSIVE
HOUSING.
I MEAN, THIS, WHAT THIS BILL

DOES DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
IT JUST BOOTS IT AROUND TO
SOMEWHERE ELSE.
PEOPLE CAME UP TO ME AND SAID WE

HAVE TO MOVE IT UP, IS THAT
TRUE?
I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU HAVE TO
MOVE.

WHY WOULD YOU HAVE TO MOVE?
THERE'S A TENT ENCAMPMENT.
FOLKS ARE LIVING THERE.
THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.

THERE IS DRUG ADDITION, PEOPLE
WERE STRUGGLING WITH VARIOUS
THINGS, BUT LIKE WHERE ARE YOU
GOING TO GO FROM HERE?

I TALKED TO THE DOCTORS HERE,
THEY CAME OVER HERE, AFTER THEY
WERE FORCED OUT OF ANOTHER PLACE
RIGHT OVER THERE.

SO WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO
WHEN THEY'RE KICKED OUT OF HERE?
I DON'T KNOW.
GO SOMEWHERE ELSE T. DOESN'T

SOLVE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS, AND I
FOLLOWED UP WITH YOU GUYS AND IT
WAS RIGHT -- YOU SAID THE BILL
GOT PASSED TRYING TO PUT OUT HOW

TO MAKE IT WORK, BUT IT'S, YOU,
YOU KNOW, WE ARE, WE FEEL LIKE
WE HAVE TO ENFORCE THE LAW WHEN
A PROPERTY OWNER COMES FORWARD

AND DOES IT.
I THINK THAT'S TRUE.
YOU HAVE TO LEGISLATE AND GOVERN
IN THE WORLD NOT THE WAY YOU

WANT IT TO THINK -- AS IT IS
WRITTEN NOT THE WAY YOU WANT IT
TO BE.

I WANT A LOT OF THOUGHT AND

EFFORT IN HOW WE ENFORCE THIS.
THAT ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION
SOMEONE MENTIONED.
THAT IS WHAT'S ON OUR SHOULDERS

EVEN IF WE'RE SORT OF FORCED
INTO BROADER POLICIES LIKE THIS
SO I GUESS I'LL BE RELUCTANTLY
VOTING FOR IT AND TRYING TO FIND

A WAY TO DO THIS TO SET UP
ENFORCEMENT THAT, THAT WILL
ACTUALLY, THAT WON'T FORCE
PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY AT THEIR

LOWEST POINT TO GO INTO A LOWER
POINT.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> MR. MAYOR, A LOT OF, WE

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FOUR
HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEAL
WITH HOUSING AND CIVIL RIGHTS,
AND A LOT OF IN THAT LETTERS IS

HARD TO ARGUE WITH.
THERE ARE CHEAPER WAYS OF
HELPING, RIGHT?
BUT WHAT THE LETTER DIDN'T

ACKNOWLEDGE WHICH I HAVE TRIED
TO MAKE A POINT OF IS THAT THE
COST AND BURDEN IS NOT
NECESSARILY ON THE CITY, YET

IT'S THE CITY BEING ASKED TO
SHARE THE COST AND BURDEN WHEN,
YOU KNOW, OF FIXING THE PROBLEM.
THE LARGER PROBLEM, THOSE COSTS

GO ONTO COUNTIES IN THE FORM OF
A JAIL.
THEY GO ONTO, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC
OR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

THROUGH HOSPITALS AND THROUGH
EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS AND ALL OF
THAT, OR ONTO EVEN INDIVIDUAL
HOMEOWNERS WHEN THEIR PROPERTY

IS DAMAGED OR WHATNOT.
AND SO THE DATA, WHAT IT DOESN'T
SAY IS WHO NEEDS TO BE SPENDING
THE MONEY TO SAVE FURTHER MONEY

IN THE FUTURE.
BECAUSE AT THIS POINT, YEAH,
OVERALL WITH OUR UNHOUSED
POPULATION, MONEY CAN BE SAVED

IF HEALTH INSURANCE WOULD PAY
FOR HOUSING OR HOSPITAL LET'S
SAY.
BUT IN THE END, NO, THEY DON'T,

THEY DON'T TAKE THAT
RESPONSIBILITY ON.
WE'RE ASKED AT THE CITY AND SOME
OF THE BEST THINGS FROM THIS

LETTER, THE BEST LETTERS FROM
NOW, YOU KNOW, GOING ON A COUPLE
DECADES WORTH OF EXPERIENCE, IS
THAT HOUSING FIRST AND

PARTICULARLY PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OF SOME FORM
IS THE BEST WAY WITH PROBABLY
THE MOST COST EFFICIENCY.

BUT THE PROBLEM IS IN OUR
CURRENT SITUATION, WE HAVE
SPECIFICALLY AGREED WITH THE
COUNTY THAT WE DON'T DO

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
THE COUNTY TAKES CARE OF THAT.
WE TAKE CARE OF THE EMERGENCY
SHELTER, WHICH IS NOT THE BEST

OPPORTUNITY.
IT'S NOT THE BEST WAY TO GO
FORWARD, BUT IT IS, IT IS
SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

WHOSE JOB IS IT TO DO IT, AND WE
HAVE BEEN, WE HAVE BEEN DOING
SOME REALLY GOOD INVESTMENT IN
THAT, AND I KNOW THAT, AND I

WANT US TO USE AS MUCH
DISCRETION AS POSSIBLE.
WE HAD TO FOLLOW THE STATE LAW.
WE ALSO TO COMMISSIONER SACO,

REALLY DO HAVE TO PROTECT THE
CITY FROM THE KIND OF LAWSUITS
THAT WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT IT

COULD BE THAT COMMUNITIES ALL
ACROSS THE STATE ARE JUST
INUNDATED WITH LAWSUITS, AND I
ASSUME THEY WILL GO AFTER CITIES

WITH THE DEEPEST COFFERS, CITIES
WITH THE LEAST EXPERIENCED
STAFF, CITIES WITH -- I DON'T
THINK THAT'S US.

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE LEAST
EXPERIENCED STAFF.
WE ALSO DON'T HAVE THE DEEPEST
COFFERS RIGHT NOW.

BUT THEY WILL GO AFTER CITIES.
IT COULD BE AN ORGANIZED EFFORT
BECAUSE I THINK SOME OF THE
PEOPLE PUSHING THIS HAVE REAL

MALINTENT IN THEIR HEART.
IT'S NOT, THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO
FIX A PROBLEM.
THEY ARE TRYING TO GET A POUND

OF RETRIBUTION OUT OF SOMETHING
THEY JUST DON'T LIKE.
BUT WE HAVE -- A LOT OF
DISCRETION.

WHEN WE PUT RESPONSIBILITY IN
GAINESVILLE FIRE-RESCUE AND FUND
THEM AND FUND THE -- FIRST AS
OPPOSED TO HAVING OUR POLICE

OFFICERS GO OUT AND HAVE THAT
INTERACTION, WHEN WE HAVE FUNDED
GRACE MARKETPLACE OUTREACH
SERVICES SPECIFICALLY SO THEY

CAN BE THE PEOPLE REACHING
PEOPLE ON THE STREETS, WHEN WE
HAVE FUNDED COLD WEATHER
SHELTERS WHICH WE CONTINUE TO

DO, WE ALSO HAVE CONVERSATIONS.
I THINK THERE IS INTEREST TO
START TALKING ABOUT HOT WEATHER
EMERGENCY HEAT AS WELL AS BEING

ABLE TO DO SHELTERS.
THAT'S KIND OF IN THE FUTURE
PERHAPS.
MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S A FOCUS

ON THAT.
THAT IS US USING DISCRETION TO
MAKE SURE THAT THE FIRST PERSON
THAT OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

EXPERIENCE IS NOT SOMEONE WITH A
BADGE AND A GUN.

AT THE INTAKE CENTER, WE SENT
MONEY AT THE INTAKE CENTER AT

MERIDIAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH SO IT
IS A CENTRAL RECEIVING, CENTRAL
RECEIVING I GUESS IS WHAT IT'S
CALLED, SO WHETHER THAT'S A

WALK-UP OR WHETHER THAT'S A
PLACE WHERE NOT JUST EVEN HERE
BUT OUTLYING COUNTIES CAN COME
FOR PEOPLE, DIRECTLY PERHAPS TO

THE HOSPITAL OR TO JAIL THAT
THERE'S A BETTER OPTION THAT
DISCRETION IS USED BY OUR BOTH
OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OUR

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TO GO TAKE
THEM WHERE THEY PROBABLY NEED TO
BE, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS
THAT I THINK GETS LOST IN THIS

IS THAT WE, THOSE ARE FIVE OR
SIX EXAMPLES OF WHERE WE USE LOT
OF DISCRETION ALREADY, AND I
THINK THAT WAS THE GOAL OF THE

COMMISSION.

I KNOW IT WAS MINE THAT WE USE
AS MUCH DISCRETION AS POSSIBLE
TO GET US CLOSER TO THE END GOAL

WE WANT.

NOT THE EASY WASH OUR HANDS
BECAUSE THE EASY WASH OUR HANDS
IS FOR ANY FINE OR FAILURE TO

FOLLOW LAW GO TAKE SOMEONE TO
THE JAIL, AND THE COST DOESN'T
GET BORNE ON THE CITY
NECESSARILY.

IN POLICE FORCE, OF COURSE THEY
HAVE TO STILL SHOW UP, THEY HAVE
TO DO ALL THEIR DOCUMENT OPTION,
THEY HAVE TO POTENTIALLY GO TO

COURT, BUT IN THE END THAT'S
SHIFTING A COST OFF OF THE CITY
THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO THE
COUNTY BUT IN THE END THE COUNTY

TAXPAYERS.
THAT'S THE CHEAP AND EASY WAY,
AND INSTEAD I'VE JUST GIVEN YOU
ALL THESE EXAMPLES.

WHERE WE TAKE ON THE BURDEN, WE
WILL SPEND OUR MONEY, SOME OF IT
IS GRANTS, SOME STRAIGHT UP TAX
DOLLARS, SOME OF IT IS

OPPORTUNITIES TAX DOLLARS ONLY
TO BE FOCUSED IN DOWNTOWN AND IN
THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM GOES AND
USES THAT.

BUT I WANT MORE OF THAT.
I DO KNOW GOING FORWARD I'M A
VERY, VERY, VERY HESITANT YES ON
THIS.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO VOTE
NO OR IN THE FUTURE COME BACK TO
IT IF THE STATE LAW GETS
OVERTURNED OR SIGNIFICANTLY

CHANGED ENOUGH WE DON'T THINK
IT'S GOING TO BE A LITIGATION
RISK, LET'S COME BACK TO THIS.
BUT I DO WANT TO ASK MAYBE NOT

IN THIS VOTE BUT THAT THROUGH
THE MANAGER'S OFFICE THAT WE
HAVE REAL TRANSPARENCY IN
REPORTING ON THESE FINES SO THAT

WE'RE NOT WAITING A YEAR TO KIND
OF UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT SO THAT
MERE STORIES OF SOMEONE GOT
ARRESTED, THIS, THAT, OR THE

OTHER THAT THE ANECDOTES COME --
WE HAVE THE DATA SO THAT WE HEAR
ABOUT IT BECAUSE IF IT TURNS UP
IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF

THIS THAT WE HAVE FINED, YOU
KNOW, HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OR IF IT'S
THAT WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS THAT

KEEP ON GETTING CONSISTENTLY
FINED, MAYBE THAT BECOMES A DATA
POINT THAT HELPS US AND OTHER
SERVICES TARGET FOR SERVICES,

BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
WE HAVE MORE TRANSPARENCY AND IT
DOESN'T GET SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG
OR WE WAIT A YEAR.

I DON'T KNOW IF EVERY THREE
MONTHS THAT MAYBE SOMETHING I
JUST PERSONALLY ASK.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REST OF

THE COMMISSION WOULD FEEL ON
THAT.
IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT KIND
OF DRAGS BACK UP, BUT IT'S A

LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE REALITY OF
OUR COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF KIND OF
HOPING FOR THE BEST, GOING BACK
AND LOOKING FOR IT BECAUSE WE

ARE IN UNCHARTED WATER.
THIS IS -- WE DON'T KNOW.
YOU KNOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
STATUS ACROSS THE STATE IS GOING

TO BE, AND I THINK WITH THE
CURRENT GOVERNMENT WE HAVE IN
TALLAHASSEE, THEY, THEY DON'T
ALWAYS KNOW HOW, WHAT THEY WANT

TO DO WHEN THEY PASS A LAW, BUT
THEY CERTAINLY KNOW HOW THEY
DON'T LIKE IT ENFORCED.
THEY WILL STEP BACK IN AND SAY

OH, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE REALLY
WANTED.
LET'S DOUBLE DOWN ON YOU.
LET'S GO SIC VOTING POLICE ON

YOU, LET'S GO SIC ALL THESE KIND
OF ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO IT EXACTLY
THE WAY WE WANT.

I WANT TO FOLLOW THE LAW AS
CLOSELY AS WE CAN, AND PROVIDE
AS MUCH PROTECTION AS WE CAN AND
CONTINUE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE

CAN ALWAYS DEESCALATE AND HOW WE
CAN, HOW WE CAN REALLY WORK WITH
AS MUCH DISCRETION ON ALL OF
THESE DIFFERENT LEVELS, AND THEN

ALSO WITH GPD AS WELL AND THAT
WE'RE GOING THROUGH ALL THESE
STEPS BEFORE WE GET TO THE
SITUATION OF HAVING TO GIVE

SOMEONE A FINE AND START THAT
PROCESS.
SO THOSE ARE SOME OF MY
THOUGHTS.

IF THERE WAS A BETTER WAY OR
SOMETHING CHANGES, I'M READY TO
GET RID OF THIS AND GO BACK TO
JUST THE STATUS QUO, THOUGH WITH

ALL OF OUR OTHER WAYS WE OFFER
LOT OF DISCRETION AND WE DIVERT
LIKE WE'VE SAID, THE FIRST
PERSON WHO HAS TO ENCOUNTER

SOMEBODY WHEN THEY'RE HAVING A
BAD DAY, OR A BAD WEEK OR BAD
MONTH OR THEY HAVE BEEN HOMELESS
FOR OVER A YEAR IS IT SHOULDN'T

BE SOMEONE WITH A BADGE AND A
GUN.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I DID WANT TO SHOW SOME SUPPORT,

COMMISSIONER WILLITS, FOR THE
SUGGESTION THAT YOU JUST MADE.

I LOVE THE IDEA OF THE
TRANSPARENCY AND A REGULAR

REPORT THAT WOULD COME FROM THE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO
THIS.

AND WHATEVER THOSE DATA POINTS
ARE, WHETHER IT'S FINES OR
ARRESTS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AS

WELL SO THAT WE CAN VERY CLEARLY
SEE EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING.
BECAUSE WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT
WE REALLY WANT THE BEST FOR THIS

POPULATION WHILE WE TRY TO
FIGURE OUT EXACTLY HOW TO GET TO
THE END OF THIS.

I DON'T KNOW IF THE REST OF OUR

COLLEAGUES AGREE, I DON'T KNOW
IF THAT NEEDS TO BE IN THE FORM
OF A MOTION, IF YOU MAKE IT, I
WILL HAPPILY SECOND IT.

>> [OFF MIC]
>> YEAH, THAT'S FINE.
>> MOVE ON.
>> THAT'S FINE.

OKAY.
BUT.
>> UNLESS IT IS APPROPRIATE TO
PUT IT IN THE ORDINANCE,

REPORTING.
I KNOW SOME OF OUR ORDINANCES
INCLUDED REPORTING, SOMETIMES WE
JUST MAKE IT A.

>> [OFF MIC]
>> ALL RIGHT.
>> MAYOR: MADE A TWO-PART MOTION
THEN.

>> MAKE IT A TWO-PART MOTION.
>> IN THAT CASE I'LL GO AHEAD
AND MOVE -- I ADOPTION OF
2024-913 WITH A SECOND PART THAT

THE CITY MANAGER REPORTS BACK
ORDERLY.

>> I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE
ORDINANCE, BUT I WILL SUPPORT --

>> I'LL LEAVE IT BE SEPARATE
BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OPTION.
OKAY, I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
>> MM-HMM.

>> I WILL JUST MOTION THE
CURRENT ORDINANCE 2024-913 ON
SECOND READING.
>> MAYOR: IS THERE A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER, WELL, ACTUALLY,

MR. PERSONS, MR. PERSONS, DID YOU HAVE YOUR LIGHT ON THERE?

>> WE WERE JUST CONFERRING. THE ORDINANCE NUMBER IS

2024-834.

THE ITEM NUMBER HERE HAS A SUBSEQUENT NUMBER BECAUSE THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH KEEPING IT ON

THE AGENDA, SO THE ORDINANCE IS STILL 2024-834, THE SAME AS PRESENTED ON FIRST READING EXCEPT ON THE FIRST READING

THERE WERE TWO MINOR AMENDMENTS THAT WERE VOTED ON.

THEY ARE BOTH INCORPORATED IN THE VERSION BEFORE YOU, AND THEY

ARE BOTH IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF ORDINANCE 2024-834 THAT IS BEFORE YOU NOW.

>> RIGHT.

ORDINANCE 2024-834.

SORRY, LISTED AS 2024-913 ON OUR AGENDA.

>> MAYOR: THAT IS THE MOTION AND

THE SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BOOK?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT

THE CONVERSATION LIES REALLY WITH HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE AND GIVE EVALUATION OF THAT TO KNOW THAT WE'RE DOING THINGS IN THE

RIGHT WAY, TREATING PEOPLE
COMPASSIONATELY AND WITH
RESPECT, AND COURTESY.
YOU KNOW, AS IT RELATES TO THE

ORDINANCE, IT'S GOING TO REALLY
RELY ON US SETTING THE TONE FOR
WHETHER IT'S CODES OR
AMBASSADORS OR GAINESVILLE

POLICE OR STAFF THAT COME IN
CONTACT WITH THOSE AND MAYBE
HOUSELESS OR HOMELESS TO TREAT
THEM THAT WAY.

THAT'S THE FIRST THING.
THAT'S REALLY THE FIRST LINE OF
DEFENSE IS TREATING PEOPLE WELL
REGARDLESS OF THE POTENTIAL

ACTION THAT MIGHT FOLLOW BECAUSE
THE FIRST THING WE DO
CURRENTLY IS WE REACH OUT
PROBABLY MOST OF THE AUDIENCE

KNOWS THIS BUT WE USE OUR GRACE
OUTREACH TEAM TO DO THAT FIRST.
ALTHOUGH WE MAY GET CALLS AND IT
IS CITY STAFF TO CONTACT SO WE

DO THAT IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO
PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES AND
RESOURCES THAT WILL GET PEOPLE
ON THEIR FEET AND I DON'T MEAN

ON THEIR FEET FOR LAYING ON THE
SIDEWALK BUT ON THEIR FEET TO BE
EXACTLY WHAT WE TALK ABOUT
WHETHER IT IS ADDICTION HELP,

COUNSELING, WHETHER IT IS MENTAL
HEALTH RESOURCES, WHETHER IT IS
INTO A HOME FOR THOSE THERE ARE
SOME WHO DON'T TAKE THAT OPTION

BUT WE HAVE PROVIDED MONIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND BED SPACE SO WE TRY TO ALLOW THE SUPPORT SERVICES TO WORK.

THOSE ARE THE FIRST LINES OF THINGS THAT WE DO AND I THINK THE COMMISSIONER WILLITS SPOKE TO SOME OF THE OTHERS AND I

THINK THAT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT SO FROM A STANDPOINT OF SITTING UP HERE AND DESCRIBING POLICY IT IS JUST

REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE I THINK COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER YOU SPOKE ABOUT THIS THE MOST WAS SIMPLY THE MANNER IN WHICH WE

INTERACT AND TREAT PEOPLE IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT WE DO EVEN WHEN WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE SOMETIMES

ADVERSE ACTIONS AND SO I THINK THAT THAT MESSAGE IS GOING TO RECENT NATE AT LEAST FROM UP HERE TO ALL OF THE CITY STAFF

WE'RE THE AMBASSADORS AND THE CONTRACTORS AS THEY DO THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTIONS BUT THEY DO THAT IN A WAY THAT REALLY

HUMANIZES AND NOT DEHUMANIZES THE PEOPLE THAT WE COME IN CONTACT WITH.

I THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE

MOTION AND THAT'S MY COMMENT, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER BOOK.

A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FROM ME AND WE WILL VOTE ON THE FIRST MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE SECOND ONE.

I'M COMPLETELY IN SUPPORT OF THE REPORTING MECHANISM BUT I THINK THAT'S RELATIVELY WHAT WE CAN DO STICK IN THE GPD QUARTERLY

REPORT.
IT SHOULD BE VERY SIMPLE TO JUST MAKE THAT PART OF THE PROCESS THAT ALREADY EXISTS.

WHEN WE ISSUE VIOLATION I MEAN I THINK THERE WOULD BE VERY FEW OF THOSE BECAUSE THE FIRST THING THAT WILL HAPPEN IS SOMEBODY IS

GOING TO SAY, HEY, WOULD YOU PLEASE MOVE.
THEN THE CITY WILL SAY, HEY, WOULD YOU MOVE THESE FOLKS AND

WHEN WE SEND SOMEBODY OUT THE FIRST THING WE WILL DO IS SEND OUT A TEAM TO TRY TO MAKE A CONNECTION TO FOLKS AND TO TRY

TO GET THEM HELP.
YOU GO THROUGH ABOUT EIGHT DIFFERENT LEVELS WOULD YOU PLEASE MOVE, CAN WE HELP YOU

BEFORE A CITATION GETS ISSUED.
THAT'S NOT I DON'T THINK ANY OFFICER WANTS TO SPEND HALF THEIR SHIFT ISSUING A CITATION

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THAT ENDS UP BEING SO I DON'T ANTICIPATE THERE BEING A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE.

IT IS ALWAYS FRUSTRATING TO ME
WHEN WE HAVE A CONVERSATION AND
USE THE WORD HOMELESSNESS
BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY

TALKING ABOUT IF WE ARE BEING
HONEST IS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.
WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT FOLKS
WHO ARE COUCH SURFING OR

SLEEPING IN CARS, PEOPLE WHO
MISSED A RENT PAYMENT AND THEIR
FAMILY ARE SUDDENLY WITHOUT A
PLACE TO SLEEP.

THAT CONVERSATION ALMOST NEVER
HAPPENS BECAUSE WE SPEND HOURS
AND HOURS AND HOURS ON THIS PART
OF THE CONVERSATION.

IT IS NOT JUST A GAINESVILLE
THING.
THAT PART OF THE CONVERSATION
DOESN'T HAPPEN IN ANY COMMUNITY

IN AMERICA SO THAT PART OF THE
CONVERSATION JUST GETS WORSE AND
WORSE AND WORSE.
THE FOLKS WHO -- FOR WHOM THE

HOUSING IS REALLY THE ISSUE THAT
GETS LEFT OUT OF THE
CONVERSATION.
WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS

SOMETHING FAR DEEPER THAT
REQUIRES FAR MORE HELP FROM THE
COMMUNITY AND FAR MORE
RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE

COMMUNITY AND I HOPE THAT
EVERYONE WHO IS INVOLVED TODAY
WILL BE INVOLVED IN THAT LARGER
CONVERSATION.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MUCH MORE
CONVERSATION ABOUT CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS THIS FISCAL YEAR
BECAUSE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS,

WE WILL BE IN THE PROCESS OF
RENEGOTIATING OUR SHELTER
AGREEMENTS.
WE ARE IN AN ADDITIONAL YEAR SIX

OF A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH
GRACE RIGHT NOW SO THIS COMING
YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE IN A LOT
OF DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE

HANDLE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND
NOT ONLY HERE AT THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.
BUT OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE

STREET IN ALACHUA COUNTY ARE
GOING TO HAVE TO BE A PART OF
THAT CONVERSATION.
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WILL

HAVE TO BE A PART OF THAT
CONVERSATION.
SANTA FE COLLEGE, THE SCHOOL
BOARD, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

IF WE EXPECT HOMELESSNESS --
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN OUR
COMMUNITY TO BE SOLVED ONLY BY
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND

GRACE MARKETPLACE WE ARE GOING
TO BE SORELY DISAPPOINTED.
WE CAN'T DO IT.
WE ARE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

BUT ALL OF OUR PARTNERS NEED TO
BE A PART OF THAT AND I HOPE
THAT YOU WILL BE A PART OF THAT
SOLUTION AS WE GO THROUGH THAT

ON AN ONGOING BASIS OVER THE
NEXT MANY MONTHS BECAUSE IT WILL
BE AN ONGOING RECURRING TOPIC
HERE.

WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY IS A
MECHANICAL PIECE THAT ALLOWS US
TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH A STATE
STATUTE.

STATE STATUTE.

IT IS LAW.

THAT LAW IS AGNOSTIC TO HOW WE
COMPLY WITH IT OR WHETHER WE

COMPLY WITH IT OR WHETHER WE
JUST GET SUED OUT OF EXISTENCE.
WE'RE NOT HERE TO GET SUED OUT
OF EXISTENCE BECAUSE WE GOING TO

IMPLEMENT THE MECHANICS THAT
ALLOW US TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.
FOLLOWING THOSE MECHANICS AS
COMMISSIONER BOOK POINTED OUT

AND EVERYBODY ELSE HAS ALLUDED
TO IT IS A QUESTION OF HOW WE
DEAL WITH PEOPLE THAT FIND
THEMSELVES IN THE WORST POINT OF

THEIR LIVES.

IF WE CAN BE COMPASSIONATE
THAT'S GOING TO SOLVE A LOT OF
THE PROBLEM.

BUT IT DOESN'T -- IT IS NOT A
LONG-TERM SOLUTION.
WHEN WE HELP SOMEBODY TO MOVE
FROM ONE PLACE TO HOPEFULLY INTO

A SHELTER, A FAIRLY SMALL
PERCENTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT
WE HELP IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE END
UP ACTUALLY HOUSED WITH

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN
THE LONG-TERM.

WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF
RESOURCES THAT DON'T JUST COME

FROM CITY TAXPAYERS.

SO HAVING SAID ALL OF THAT I AM
CERTAINLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT?

>> JUST AS A POINT OF
INFORMATION, MR. MAYOR, THE
DELEGATION HEARING WITH OUR
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION WHICH IS

WHERE I WOULD URGE EVERYONE TO
GO WILL BE JANUARY 9TH AND JUST
TO TRY TO FOLLOW IT IN THE NEWS
I DON'T HAVE THE PLACE IT IS

GOING TO BE HELD BUT THERE YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT
INFORMATION TO OUR DELEGATION
AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL TAKE

THAT BACK TO TALLAHASSEE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
THAT'S IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND
WILL BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED

THROUGH THE MEDIA AND THOSE ARE
THE FOLKS WHO MAKE THE BIG
DECISIONS.

WE DEAL WITH THE -- IN THIS ROOM

AND YOU ALL AND AT GRACE AND
SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE AND PEACEFUL
PATHS AND A VARIETY OF OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE

COMMUNITY AND LOTS OF CHURCHES
AND OTHER FOLKS THAT THEY GET
INVOLVED AND WE DEAL WITH THE
FALL OUT BUT THE BIG DECISIONS

HAPPEN IN TALLAHASSEE.
DO THEY FUND, DO THEY NOT FUND?
THAT REALLY IS WHAT IT COMES
DOWN TO.

IT IS POSSIBLE.
THE MORE THEY HEAR THAT IT IS
NECESSARY THE MORE LIKELY GOOD
THINGS ARE TO HAPPEN.

I WILL TELL YOU I HAVE HAD
CONVERSATIONS WITH
REPRESENTATIVE GARRISON WHO
WROTE THE BILL AND I WILL TAKE

HIM AT HIS WORD HE TOLD ME HE
WANTS TO FIND BETTER SOLUTIONS
AND IS WILLING TO REWORK THE
BILL AS WE GO.

SO THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD
RECOMMEND.
ALL OF THAT HAVING BEEN SAID
THIS IS NOT -- THIS IS A ROLL

CALL, YES.
[ROLL CALL]

>> MAYOR: THAT PASSES 6-1 WITH
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER IN

DISSENT AND, COMMISSIONER
WILLITS, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE A
SECOND PART OF THE MOTION?
>> [INAUDIBLE].

TO INCLUDE IN THE GPD QUARTERLY
REPORT OR UPDATE A REPORT ON ANY
FINES OR ACTIONS PURSUANT TO
THIS ORDINANCE.

>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: MOTION AND A SECOND.
ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED?

THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
ALL RIGHT.
MADAM CLERK?
>> WE ARE AT COMMISSION COMMENT.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT?
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THIS IS FOR THE ATTORNEY.

ON NOVEMBER 5TH THE CITIZENS OF
GAINESVILLE VOTED 73% FOR GRU TO
BE RETURNED TO THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.

I WOULD LIKE A STATUS REPORT OR
UPDATE OR WHERE DO YOU SEE US
GOING?
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THAT

REGARD?
>> YES, MA'AM.
THE LITIGATION REGARDING THE
REFERENDUM THAT WAS INITIATED BY

THE GRU AUTHORITY IS STILL UNDER
WAY.
THEY FILED SUIT TO ASK THE COURT
TO RENDER THE ORDINANCE PLACING

THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT TO BE
ANNULITY AND ASKED FOR TEMPORARY
RELIEF THAT THE STATUS QUO BE
MAINTAINED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A

FINAL DECISION COULD BE MADE.
A HEARING ON THE MOTION FOR
TEMPORARY INJUNCTION FOR
TEMPORARY RELIEF THE COURT

DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS
QUO.
PRIMARILY I WOULD INTERPRET IT
OUT OF CONCERN THAT IN THE EVENT

THE GOVERNANCE WERE TO --
DETERMINING FIRST THAT THE
STATUS QUO WAS THAT CURRENTLY
THE GRU AUTHORITY SINCE OCTOBER

OF '23 HAS BEEN THE GOVERNING
BODY OVER THE UTILITY AND THAT
IT IS THEREFORE CURRENTLY THE
STATUS QUO.

THAT FOR A REFERENDUM RESULT TO
REVERT GOVERNANCE BACK TO THE
ELECTED CITY COMMISSION AND THEN
FOR A COURT LATER ON THE MERITS

TO DETERMINE THAT THE REFERENDUM
SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PLACED ON
THE BALLOT, THEN THERE WOULD
HAVE BEEN A PING-PONG EFFECT

THAT WOULD HAVE DELETERIOUS
EFFECTS ON THE CUSTOMERS, RATE
PAYERS, THE CITY, THE
ORGANIZATION ITSELF.

SO THE STATUS QUO IS BEING
MAINTAINED UNTIL THE RESULTS CAN
BE -- THE COURT CAN DETERMINE ON
THE MERITS THE PROPRIETY, THE

LAWFULNESS OF THE ORDINANCE
PLACING THE REFERENDUM ON THE
BALLOT.

AT THE END OF THAT HEARING THE

COURT INDICATED THE NEXT STEP
WILL BE FOR DETERMINATION ON THE
MERITS.

FOLLOWING THAT, THE PLAINTIFFS

INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD EXPECT
A TWO-DAY TRIAL ON THE MERITS
AND THE COURT THEN SORT OF GOING
THROUGH THE JUDGE'S CALENDAR

MENTIONED HE HAD DATES AVAILABLE
IN LATE DECEMBER AND SO FORTH
BUT NOTHING WAS SCHEDULED.
OUR INITIAL CONCERN WE REACHED

OUT TO OPPOSING COUNSEL IS WHAT
IS IT THAT THEY WOULD EXPECT
THERE TO BE FOR THERE TO BE A
TRIAL ON THE MERITS?

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT FACTUAL
MATTERS AND THAT'S WHAT THE
TRIAL IS FOR TO DETERMINE
FACTUAL MATTERS, WHAT FACTUAL

MATTERS ARE IN DISPUTE AND TO BE
QUITE CANDID THERE ARE NO
MATERIAL FACTS IN DISPUTE AND I
THINK THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE GRU

AUTHORITY AGREE WITH THAT AS
WELL NOW AND SO AT THE LAST
MEETING BEFORE THE GRU AUTHORITY
WE -- IT IS APPARENT THAT ALL

THAT IS LEFT FOR THE COURT TO
DECIDE ARE THE LEGAL ISSUES AND
IT IS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT A
NOVELTY A LEGAL ISSUE AT LEAST

THE COURT REFLECTED HE THOUGHT
IT WAS A NOVEL LEGAL ISSUE TO BE
DETERMINED.
THE NEXT STEP WILL BE COMPETING

MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
WHICH ARE EXTENSIVE BRIEFS FILED
BY BOTH SIDES.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF

COMPLETING A MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT TO BE FILED AND HOPE TO
FILE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
QUICKLY.

THE MOTIONS WILL BE FILED BEFORE
THE COURT.

THE COURT WILL HAVE A HEARING.
LEGAL ARGUMENT WILL ENSUE AND

THE COURT WILL MAKE THAT
DETERMINATION ON THE MERITS.
AT THAT POINT IF THE CITY
PREVAILS AND THE COURT

DETERMINES THAT THE CITY
COMMISSION PLACING A REFERENDUM
ON THE BALLOT PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 166 OF THE FLORIDA

STATUTES AND A PROVISION IN THE
CITY'S CHARTER WAS APPROPRIATE
THEN THE RESULTS OF THE
REFERENDUM WHICH AS YOU STATED

WERE ALMOST 73% IN FAVOR OF
REPEALING ARTICLE 7 OF THE
CITY'S CHARTER WILL TAKE EFFECT
WITH THE COURT RULES THAT THERE

WAS A -- THAT THERE IS A
CONFLICT IN LAW, THAT AN
ORDINANCE PROVISION THAT WAS
PART OF HOUSE BILL 1645 THAT

BECAME A PART OF SPECIAL ACT OF
2023-348 PREVENTED THE PLACEMENT
OF SUCH A REFERENDUM ON THE
BALLOT THEN THE GRU AUTHORITY

WOULD PREVAIL AND THE BALLOT
RESULTS WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT.
IN EITHER EVENT THEN THE
NONPREVAILING PARTY WOULD HAVE

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PETITION FOR
AN APPEAL FOR THE FIRST DCA.
THAT NOTICE OF APPEAL AND THEN
THE APPEAL WOULD ENSUE AFTER

THAT IF THE NONPREVAILING PARTY
DECIDED TO DO SO.

AS AN ASIDE, I CAN TELL YOU
THAT, WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT

WILL HAPPEN NEXT.

I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC
COMMENTS MADE AT THE AUTHORITY
MEETING, THAT THERE IS -- THERE

MAY BE A FURTHER BILL FILED.
I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANY MEMBER
OF THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FOR ALACHUA COUNTY OR

GAINESVILLE OF INTENT TO DO
THAT.

CURRENT MEMBER I SHOULD SAY
AFTER THE MOST RECENT ELECTIONS.

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WOULD
HOLD IN THAT REGARD.
AS TO LITIGATION THE MOTIONS FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT WILL BE FILED

AND HEARD AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS
POSSIBLE.
I WOULD EXPECT IN LATE JANUARY
PERHAPS EARLY FEBRUARY AS SOON

AS WE CAN GET ON THE COURT'S
CALENDAR AS THEY ARE FILED AND
THEN TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND TAKE
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

IT HAS BEEN THE DIRECTION I HAVE
RECEIVED FROM THIS COMMISSION TO
PURSUE THE DEFENSE OF THE
REFERENDUM AND THE WILL OF THE

VOTERS AND THAT IS WHAT WE WILL
BE DOING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
GIVEN DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM
THIS BOARD.

>> THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: ANYTHING ELSE?
ALL RIGHT.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
SO SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IS A
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS

WITH ALL DIFFERENT LEVELS OF
GOVERNMENT AROUND LGBTQ QUALITY
AROUND SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
GENDER IDENTITY AND THEY DO A

MUNICIPAL -- HRC HUMAN RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN FOR NOW PROBABLY 15
YEARS THEY PUT OUT A MUNICIPAL
EQUALITY INDEX AND IT RANKS WHAT

THE CURRENT STATUS OF DIFFERENT
CITIES AND COUNTIES LAWS AND
OTHER POLICIES ARE REGARDING THE
LGBTQ PLUS COMMUNITY.

MOST RECENT ONE THAT CAME OUT
DID NOT RANK GAINESVILLE IN THE
HIGHEST ACROSS THE STATE SO
ACTIVISTS AND MEMBERS OF THE

COMMUNITY ASKED ME HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE I THOUGHT WE ARE
GAINESVILLE.
WE'VE DONE THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

I BELIEVE THAT THE REPORTING
THEIR METHODOLOGY DOES NOT LIKE
INTERVIEW US AND ASK LIKE THE
CITY MANAGER OR THE DIRECTOR OF

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND
INCLUSION TO SAY WHAT IS THE
REAL STATUS ON ALL OF THESE
DIFFERENT QUESTIONS BASICALLY ON

PUBLIC AVAILABLE SO PROBABLY ON
WEB SEARCH SO I WANT TO REAFFIRM
TO THE COMMUNITY THAT, A, I
THINK OUR SCORE IS HIGHER THAN

IT LOOKS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I
THINK THERE ARE JUST SOME PIECES
THAT GOT MISSED BECAUSE IT IS NO
LONGER PERHAPS ON A PUBLICLY

FACING WEBSITE OR I KNOW OUR
WEBSITE HAD A LOT OF UPDATES IN
THE PAST TWO YEARS ALL ACROSS
THE ORGANIZATIONS.

ANYWAY, I WANT TO BRING THAT UP
THAT I HAVE ASKED QUESTIONS TO
FIND OUT IF THERE IS SOMETHING
THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE TO ALIGN US

MORE WITH CITIES IN THE STATE
AND I WILL BRING IT FORWARD IF
IT REQUIRES, YOU KNOW,
COMMISSION DECISION OR IF IT IS

MERELY ABOUT OUR DIFFERENT
CHARTER OFFICERS COMMUNICATING
WITH THE ORGANIZATION THAT PUTS
OUT THIS SCORE CARD BECAUSE I

DIDN'T THINK IT WAS A FAIR
REPRESENTATION AND NOT FOR THE
SAKE OF GETTING POINTS OR A
SCORE CARD THAT ARE HALLOW BUT

TO REALLY SHOW OUR ALREADY
EXISTING LEADERSHIP WHERE WE
HAVE BEEN IF THERE IS AN AREA WE
ARE FALLING DOWN IN I INVITE THE

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNICATE TO ME,
TO ALL OF US ABOUT HOW WE CAN
CONTINUE TO BE A BEACON AND A
WELCOMING PLACE FOR EVERYONE

ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND
THE NATION TO COME AND LIVE
SPEND THEIR TIME, WORK, PLAY,
RETIRE, WHAT NOT SO WANTED TO

BRING THAT UP SO IT IS OF
INTEREST AND I'M SURE CITY STAFF
WILL HAVE MORE TO TELL ME LATER
AND IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT

RISES TO THE OCCASION I WILL
BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

ANY MORE COMMISSIONER COMMENT?
MADAM CLERK, ANYTHING ELSE ON
THE AFTERNOON?
>> THAT CONCLUDES OUR AFTERNOON

AGENDA.
>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
ALL RIGHT.
WE WILL SEE YOU ALL BACK HERE AT

5:30.
[RECESS TAKEN]
>> MAYOR: GOOD EVENING,
EVERYONE.

WELCOME TO THE EVENING SESSION
OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY
COMMISSION, DECEMBER 5th
MEETING.

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE
WITH US AND WE HAVE HOPEFULLY A
MOSTLY CELEBRATORY EVENING
TODAY.

MADAM CLERK.
>> MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE BY LITTLEWOOD
SAFETY PATROL.

>> MAYOR: SO PATROLLERS, IF YOU WOULD COME ON UP FRONT HERE.

>> OH, WE GOT A LOT OF THEM.

>> MAYOR: THIS IS PERHAPS OUR

BEST ATTENDANCE YET FOR A SAFETY PATROL.

ALL RIGHT.

AND IF I CAN ASK EVERYONE TO

RISE.

THEY'RE GOING TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE AND THEN WE'LL TURN AROUND AND GET PHOTOS AND

EVERYTHING.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

>> MAYOR: MOMS AND DADS, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THEM DOWN.

MUST APPRECIATED.

MADAM CLERK.

>> MR. MAYOR, JUST A MOMENT. I WAS SEEING IT HAPPEN.

>> MAYOR: IT STILL CONFUSES EVERYBODY.

>> ALL RIGHT.

TODAY WE HAVE 2024-909 VIDEO

GAMES ARE EPIC DAY WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PROCLAMATION BE PRESENTED TO ARTHUR MILLER.

IS MR. MILLER HERE?

>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.

THIS ONE WILL BE FUN.

THEY'RE ALL FUN.

THEY'RE ALL GOOD TO DO.

I ENJOY THEM ALL.

DON'T READ ANYTHING INTO THAT. CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,

OFFICE OF MAYOR HARVEY WARD,
PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, VIDEO GAMES ARE THE
LIFE BLOOD OF AMERICAN CULTURE
AND HAVE SHAPED OUR VALUES AND
WAY OF LIFE SINCE NINTENDO OF

AMERICA INTRODUCED THE NINTENDO
ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM ON JULY 15
1983.

SINCE THEN AMERICAN LIVES HAVE

IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY BECAUSE W
HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SINGLE
GREATEST SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMEN
AVAILABLE TO MAKE OUR MUNDANE

LIVES SIMPLY EPIC.

THERE MIGHT BE SOME TONGUE AND
CHEEK ON THIS, I'M NOT SURE.

AND WHEREAS, VIDEO GAMES ARE NO

ONLY AN ART FORM BUT A
BIOMECHANICAL ENHANCEMENT
DEVICE.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT PEOPLE

WHO PLAY GAMES FOR AT LEAST TWO
HOURS EACH DAY HAVE HAND-EYE
COORDINATION SKILLS OF HIGHER
MAGNITUDE THAN THAT OF THEIR

PEERS.

AND WHEREAS, VIDEO GAMES ARE
RAPIDLY REPLACING BOOKS, MOVIES
MUSIC AND SPORTS AS THE NUMBER

ONE FORM OF ART THAT IS
UNIVERSALLY LOVED BY ALL
AMERICANS.

VIDEO GAMES ARE NOW RECOGNIZED

AS THE ONE THING THAT CAN MAKE ANYONE HAPPY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES. AND WHEREAS, VIDEO GAMES ARE ON

OF THE MOST REFINED FORMS OF ART AND TAKE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO PRODUCE. VIDEO GAME COMPANIES SUCH AS EA

UBISOFT, NINTENDO, MICROSOFT, ACTIVISION, BIOWARE, SQUARE ENIX, VALVE, 2K, ATOMIC PLANET ENGINEERING, BANDAI NAMCO

ENTERTAINMENT, CAPCOM, ROCKSTAR GAMES, GAME FREAK, EPIC STUDIOS AND SEGA GAMES GENERATE MORE REVENUE THAN THE ENTIRETY OF THE

OIL AND AUTO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES COMBINED. WHEREAS, VIDEO GAMES HAVE LED TO SOME OF THE FURTHEST ADVANCES IN

DIPLOMACY WITH INTERNATIONAL GAMING COMPETITIONS FOR GAMES SUCH AS FORTNITE, RAIN BOW SIX SIEGE, CALL OF DUTY MODERN

WARFARE III, PLAYER UNKNOWN BATTLEGROUNDS AND APEX LEGENDS BEING A SORT OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHERE PLAYERS FROM WARRING

NATIONS HAVE MET AND COMPETED AGAINST EACH OTHER AND BROUGHT RESOLUTION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT THROUGH GAMING.

NOW THEREFORE, I, HARVEY L. WARREN, JR., BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

DECEMBER 5, 2024, AS VIDEO GAME
ARE EPIC DAY IN THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE AND INVITE ALL OUR
NEIGHBORS TO JOIN ME IN CRACKIN

OPEN AN ICE-COLD MOUNTAIN DEW,
POPPING OPEN A BAG OF ZESTY COO
RANCH DORITOS AND HAVING SOME
EPIC GAMER TIME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED
TO BE AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE,

FLORIDA, THIS 2nd DAY OF
DECEMBER 2024.

AND WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT
MR. MILLER GETS A COPY OF THIS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MOVING ON WE ARE AT EARLY
PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT I DO NOT
HAVE ANY CARDS, SO WE WILL MOVE

ON TO OUR RESOLUTION FOR THE
EVENING.

2024-912,
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; RELATING
TO ITS GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-733 BY
MAKING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO

THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIA
AND OPERATING PLAN BUDGET; AND
PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIV
DATE.

>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
MR. MANAGER, MR. PERSONS.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THIS IS THE FIRST BUDGET

AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR.
IT IS A GRANTS ONLY BUDGET.
THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY SEEN
AND APPROVED THESE ITEMS AND WE

ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE
COMMISSION APPROVE IT SO THE
DEPARTMENTS CAN START SPENDING
DOWN THESE DOLLARS.

AND I'VE GOT BUDGET STAFF IN
CASE YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
>> MAYOR: VERY GOOD.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> MAYOR, QUICK QUESTION.
JUST ONE OF THESE -- CALLING IT
FOREST PARK OR IS THAT FOR THE
NATURE PARK SIDE OF IT OR IS

THAT ACTUALLY FOR THE ACTIVE USE
PARK THAT'S NOW ABBY WAMBACH
PARK.
>> MR. MAYOR, PHIL MANN.

THE SOCCER VERSION OF THE PARK
IS ABBY WOMAN BATCH.
THE RURAL PART IS STILL NATURE
PARK.

>> THAT'S ATTACHED TO THAT PART
>> YES.
>> THAT WAS MY ONLY QUESTION.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. MAYOR.

WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
ADOPTION OF 2024-912 FIRST
BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FY25
FINANCIAL OPERATING PLAN.

>> MAYOR: IS THERE A SECOND?
>> SECOND.
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A MOTION AND
MULTIPLE SECONDS.

DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> MAYOR: ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
>> THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE A

ROLL CALL.
COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT IS

ABSENT.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER IS

ABSENT.
MAYOR WARD.
>> MAYOR: AYE.
THAT PASSES 5-0 WITH

COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT AND
DUNCAN-WALKER ABSENT.
ALL RIGHT, MADAM CLERK.
>> NEXT IS 2024-899, SINE DIE

FOR COMMISSIONER REINA SACO.
THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO
RECOGNIZE OUTGOING CITY
COMMISSIONER REINA SACO.

>> MAYOR: THE FIRST THING WE'LL
DO, I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A VIDEO
READY TO GO.
>> AS CAPTURED BY CCTV.

[MUSIC]
[VIDEO PLAYING WITH NO AUDIO]
>> MAYOR: WE HAVE A FEW
PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE.

I'LL LET STAFF LEAD THAT OFF.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
ON BEHALF OF THE CITY MANAGER
AND THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

AND ALL OF THE GENERAL
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE.
I THINK YOU'RE PERHAPS MAYBE ONE

OF THE LONGEST SINGLE-TERM
SERVING COMMISSIONERS IN THE
HISTORY OF THE CITY AND I'VE HAD
THE PERSONAL PRIVILEGE OF BEING

ABLE TO WORK AT THE CITY DURING
YOUR ENTIRE TIME.
SO WE WANT TO SHARE A SMALL
TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION.

>> AM I SUPPOSED TO OPEN IT?
DO I WAIT?
>> NO, YOU OPEN IT.
AND WE ALSO HAVE A STREET SIGN,

REINA SACO STREET.
>> I HAVE A ROAD NOW.
>> YOU CAN HAVE A CHANGE.
>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
[CONNECTION DIFFICULTIES]
>> I DEFINITELY WANT TO
APPRECIATE YOU AS WELL.

AND GO MICHIGAN, YOU GUYS HAD A
BIG WIN ON SATURDAY.
BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH,
COMMISSIONER.

WE HAVE SOME SMALL SWEET TOKENS
FOR YOU THAT WE HOPE THAT YOU
LOVE.

AND YOUR SON IS NOW LEGEND.

HE'S BEEN IN SO MANY ZOOM CALLS,
HE COULD BE A DE FACTO EMPLOYEE
OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE BY
NOW.

HE MAY BE THE YOUNGEST EMPLOYEE
OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.
I WANTED TO BE HERE TO TELL YOU
HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOU AND

HOW THANKFUL I AM FOR YOUR
SERVICE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ZERIAH.

>> IF I MAY, COMMISSIONER SACO,
ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEYS AND
THE STAFF OF THE ENTIRE CITY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WE

CONGRATULATE YOU ON COMPLETING
YOUR TERM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO
THE CITY.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY GOOD LUCK
IN THE FUTURE.

I THINK YOUR ENDEAVORS ARE GOING
TO BE BRIGHT.

WE'RE GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE
STAYING IN THE COMMUNITY.
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE NOT BEEN HERE A VERY
LONG TIME BUT I APPRECIATE VERY

MUCH THE TIME THAT I'VE
INTERACTED WITH YOU.
MY OFFICE IS VERY APPRECIATIVE
OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US AND

WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU GOOD LUCK
WITH A CUP.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND COMMISSIONER, I WANTED TO

HAVE MY TURN AS WELL.
I STARTED AS AN EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT WHEN I GOT TO KNOW YOU
AND SEE YOU COMING IN GOING DOWN

STAIRS TO THE RENTAL HOUSING
MEETINGS DOWN IN THE BASEMENT
THAT SOMETIMES WENT TO
OVERFLOWING AND WE HAD TO CALL

POLICE TO COME IN TO KEEP
EVERYONE CALM.
AND YOU FOUGHT REALLY HARD FOR
RENTERS' RIGHTS STANDING UP FOR

PEOPLE.
AND BRINGING US THE PASTRIES
FROM MIAMI AND GRACING THE
COUNTERS WITH BEAUTIFUL FRESH

FLOWER, ALWAYS TRYING TO MAKE
SURE THE STAFF FELT AWESOME.
YOU'VE ALWAYS CARED FOR PEOPLE
AND I KNOW YOU'RE MOVING ON TO

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER TO CARE FOR
MORE PEOPLE.
WE WISH YOU ALL OF THE BEST.
AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

CLERK'S OFFICE WE HAVE LITTLE
TOKEN.
YOU CAN OPEN THAT LATER.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT HERE.

WE WANT TO APPRECIATE YOU FOR
ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS
YOU'VE DONE FOR THE CITY.
SO THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC
COMMENT BEFORE WE GO TO
COMMISSIONERS?

>> ABSOLUTELY DO HAVE PUBLIC

COMMENT.

I THINK THIS IS LEYLA WARD AND
KENNEDY WARD, I THINK.

>> I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE

SUPPOSED TO BRING GIFTS.

IT'S MY BAD.

I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SUPPOSED
TO BRING GIFTS AND KENNEDY SAID

OUR GIFT IS US.

JUST SAYIN'.

OKAY.

SO I'M LEILA, THIS IS KENNEDY

AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE

IT'S MS. REINA'S LAST MEETING.

WE WANTED TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL WE
ARE FOR MS. REINA FOR EVERYTHING

SHE'S DONE FOR THE CITY

COMMISSION AND FOR US, OUR
FAMILY.

FAMILIES AND I HAVE SO MANY

GREAT MEMORIES FROM MS. REINA

WHEN SHE WAS BABY-SITTING US.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT HER PLAN IS OR
WHAT SHE'S GOING TO BE BUT I

KNOW SHE'S GOING TO BE AMAZING.

AND WE REALLY HOPE THAT

MS. REINA, MR. ADAM AND JO JO

ARE GOING TO BE HAPPY TO MATTER

WHAT AND WE LOVE YOU.
[APPLAUSE]
>> MAYOR: ANY OTHERS?
>> THAT WAS THE LAST CARD THAT I

HAVE.
BUT I'M SURE WE CAN OPEN THE
FLOOR.
>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.

>> SO I MET COMMISSIONER SACO --
I'M ACTUALLY PREPARED TODAY.
I MET COMMISSIONER SACO AT A
JOINT CANVAS LAUNCH IN 2020.

I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT THE
OTHER CAMPAIGN WAS.
IT WAS A JOINT CANVAS LAUNCH TO
GO KNOCK ON DOORS AND I WAS

UNSURE OF HER BECAUSE I DIDN'T
KNOW HER FROM ANY OF MY CIRCLES
IN THE POLITICAL WORLD OF
GAINESVILLE.

BUT I LEARNED THAT SHE HAD BEEN
LONG ACTIVE, PASSIONATE AND
HARDWORKING IN REALMS OF
IMMIGRATION AND HOUSING, THINGS

I WASN'T DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH
BUT I FOUND OUT I KNEW PEOPLE
WHO KNEW HER.
AND THEY SPOKE WELL OF HER AND

SHE HAD MY SUPPORT FROM THAT
MOMENT ON.
AFTER I WAS ELECTED BEFORE I WAS
SEATED I SEATED SOME UNSOLICITED

ADVICE FOR WHAT WAS IN STORE
FROM BEING ON THE COMMISSION.
THIS CAME FROM SOMEONE IN THE
COMMUNITY WITH A LOT OF

EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
LOCAL POLITICS, A LOT OF
OPINIONS AND I TOOK MUCH OF THE
ADVICE WITH A GRAIN OF SALT BUT

I REMEMBER ONE PARTICULAR NUGGET
OF WISDOM.
AND THAT WAS COMMISSIONER SACO
WAS THE MOST CONSISTENT IN HER

VOTES FOR THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.
THIS WASN'T GLOWING PRAISE FROM
A SYCOPHANT OR SOMEONE THAT

WANTED TO AGREE WITH
COMMISSIONER SACO, IT WAS
SOMEONE WHO USED LOCAL
GOVERNMENT WITH A CRITICAL EYE

TOWARDS THE END RESULTS, THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT.
I'VE SEEN THIS CONSISTENCY WHEN
SHE SIDED WITH GOALS AND VALUES

THAT THE COMMUNITY THOUGHT THEY
WERE SENDING TO THE COMMISSION
FOR THE COMMISSION TO ACHIEVE.
I'VE SEEN HER TAKE COURAGEOUS

VOTES, EVEN ON THE LOSING SIDE
BUT HAD THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE
BENEFIT TO THE QUIET MAJORITY
THAT JUST NEEDS GOVERNMENT TO

WORK AND BUILD A COMMUNITY WHERE
THEY CAN GET A FAIR SHAKE.
SHE CONSISTENTLY CALLED US TO
FOCUS ON GETTING THE END RESULTS

EVEN IF SHE OR WE ARE NOT ON THE
COMMISSION OR EVEN ALIVE TO SEE
THOSE RESULTS INTO THE FUTURE.
COMMISSIONER SACO, THANK YOU FOR

YOUR SERVICE ON THE CITY
COMMISSION.
I WILL MISS YOU SHARING SOME OF
THE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

STRETCHING BACK NOW HALF A
DECADE IN A SINGLE TERM, IN
ESSENCE.
I WILL MISS YOU SHARING PICTURES

OF YOUR FAMILY WHEN WE BOTH
NEEDED SOME POSITIVITY TO BOOST
US THROUGH A LONG MEETING.
I WILL MISS THE PIECES OF

CHOCOLATE THAT YOU PASS ME WHEN
THE MEETINGS GET LONG.
I TRUST YOU'LL CONTINUE SERVING
OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT

ADVENTURES HERE IN GAINESVILLE
AND WHEREVER YOUR LIFE TAKES
YOU.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.
I MET COMMISSIONER SACO WHEN SHE
WAS NOT ONLY THE COMMISSION BUT
FIGHTING FOR TENANTS' RIGHTS.

SHE HAD WRITTEN THIS LAW,
BROUGHT IT TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY AND I SAID TO TERRI
FLEMING, ASK HER TO PLEASE

STAND.
HE SAID SHE IS.
BUT I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM
JUST LISTENING AND WATCHING,

WATCHING HER WITH THE COMMISSION
AND WE WILL MISS HER.
WE WILL MISS HER DEARLY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> I ALSO MET -- I THINK I MET
COMMISSIONER SACO, I MET YOU
ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT CASEY

DID.
YOU WERE RUNNING AGAINST SOMEONE
WHO HAD BEEN IN POLITICS FOR A
LONG TIME AND YOU WERE A YOUNG

LATINO WOMAN GETTING INVOLVED IN
THINGS.
AND YOU WON, I THINK, AGAINST --
FOLKS DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO

HAPPEN.
I THINK I REMEMBER MENTIONING IT
TO YOU, I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE WHO
PICKED UP BEING A CITY

COMMISSIONER FASTER THAN YOU.
YOU UNDERSTOOD THE MOTIONS AND
THE PROCESS.
FROM THE OUTSIDE ALL OF THIS

APPEARS TO BE SIMPLE BUT THERE
ARE MOVING PARTS UP HERE,
WORKING WITH THE STAFF, WORKING
WITH THE COMMUNITY.

REINA SEEMED TO HAVE GOTTEN SOME
OF THE LOGISTICAL THINGS.
AND YOU MAY BE THE LONGEST
SERVING CITY COMMISSIONER FOR A

SINGLE TERM EVER.
THE TERM YOU SERVED WAS THE
WILDEST TERM EASILY IN THE CITY
OF GAINESVILLE.

YOU WON YOUR ELECTION THE DAY --
LIKE THE DAY OF COVID LOCKDOWNS.
YOU WENT THROUGH WHAT HAD TO
HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST -- I

MEAN THE COVID LOCKDOWNS FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE VERY
INTENSE.
IT WAS JUST GAINESVILLE.

IT WAS AROUND THE UNITED STATES
WE SHUT DOWN TWO OR THREE TIMES
OVER THREATS.
THERE WAS THE CHARTER -- THERE

WAS ALL OF THE ISSUES WITH ALL
OF THE CHARTER OFFICERS
INTERNALLY DURING THAT TIME
PERIOD.

THERE WAS ISSUES BETWEEN THE
COMMISSION AS WELL.
WE GOT THROUGH ALL OF THAT.
AND THEN AT THE SAME TIME YOU'RE

TIMING SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING
REFORM, INCLUSIONARY ZONING,
RENTERS' RIGHTS, ZERO WASTE, YOU
WERE VERY INVOLVED DURING THIS

TIME PERIOD.
AND SOME OF US WHO HAVE BEEN
HERE -- KIND OF UP AND DOWN WITH
THE BUDGET CUTS AND GRU AND ALL

OF THESE THINGS.
I MEAN -- WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING
BACK ON IT, I DON'T BLAME YOU
FOR SAYING, YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD

PLENTY OF TIME ON THE CITY
COMMISSION.
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR TIME.
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT SERVING

DURING THAT TIME PERIOD WAS LIKE
AND HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO KIND OF
MOVE THROUGH AND KIND OF BRING
YOURSELF TO HANDLE IT WITH THE

GRACE THAT YOU DID.
AND FIGHTING WHEN YOU NEEDED TO,
STANDING UP WHEN YOU NEEDED TO.
WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AND I

HOPE THAT YOU LOOK POSITIVELY ON
THIS TIME PERIOD DESPITE ALL OF
THE HEADWINDS THAT CAME FORWARD.
THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

I WILL HIS YOU.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> I HAD THE LEAST EXPERIENCE AS

FAR AS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.
BUT WE ALL HAVE OUR AREAS OF
EXPERTISE AND ONE FOR YOU WHICH
IS IMPORTANT FOR ME IS WHEN I

HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT LEGAL
ADVICE, THAT IS YOUR AREA OF
EXPERTISE AND I LISTEN.
EVEN IF WE'RE ON DIFFERENT SIDES

OF THE VOICE BUT I THINK YOU
HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE SOUND
DECISION AS RELATES TO NAP
THAT'S A FACT.

THE OTHER THINGS I THOUGHT WAS
REALLY IMPORTANT AND IT'S BEEN
ALLUDED TO UP HERE IS THAT YOU
HAVE THE VOICE IF ARE THOSE WHO

HAVE NO VOICE OR LITTLE VOICE OR
THE UNDERSERVED.
THAT'S SINCERE AND AUTHENTIC.
I APPRECIATE THAT.

JUST SERVING UP HERE IS A BIG
ASK FOR ANYBODY.
SO THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN
HERE -- HOW MANY YEARS?

>> FOUR AND A HALF.
>> FOUR AND A HALF.
THANK YOU FOR THAT.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER BOOK.
MADAM CLERK.
>> YES.
AND I DID -- I RECEIVED A

MESSAGE -- COMMISSIONER
DUNCAN-WALKER IS AT THE UF EVENT
READING THE PROCLAMATION AND SHE
REGRETS THAT SHE'S NOT ABLE TO

BE NOT TO WISH YOU WELL BUT THAT
SHE I THINK GAVE COMMENTS
PREVIOUSLY BUT ABSOLUTELY SHARES
THE SENTIMENTS OF YOUR

COLLEAGUES HERE.
>> MAYOR: SO IT IS A TRUE THAT
COMMISSIONER SACO IS SERVING THE
LAST MONTH OF THE LONGEST TERM

IN GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION
HISTORY BECAUSE -- THERE'S A
REASON FOR THIS.
IT DOESN'T BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAID

SACO SHOULD SERVE FOR A LONG
TIME.
IT WASN'T A PENALTY.
IT WAS BECAUSE WE CHANGED THE

TERM LENGTHS AND LENGTH WE DID
ELECTIONS FROM ELECTIONS YEAR
TERMS ELECTED IN MARCH -- YOU
WERE THE LAST FOLKS ELECTED IN

MARCH -- TO OUR -- HAVING THE
ELECTIONS ON A REGULAR CYCLE.
SO SHE AND I TOOK OUR OATHS OF
OFFICE, MY SECOND, HER FIRST, ON

ZOOM BECAUSE WE WERE ON LOCKDOWN
IN EARLY MAY OF 2020.
AND SHE HAS MORE THAN A FOUR AND
A HALF YEAR TERM AND WILL BE

ALMOST CERTAINLY THE ONLY PERSON
TO HAVE A FOUR AND A HALF YEAR
TERM WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE GAINESVILLE

CITY COMMISSION.
I KNEW REINA BECAUSE SHE WAS A
DEDICATED ACTIVIST IN THESE
HALLS AND AT THE COUNTY

COMMISSION GETTING WORK DONE AND
GETTING THINGS PASSED AND BEING
ONE OF THE BEST ACTIVISTS AND
ADVOCATES THAT I'VE SEEN HERE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE STANDING
HERE SHOUTING AT US.
THAT HAPPENS.
PARTIALLY BECAUSE THAT'S THE

FIRST THINGS PEOPLE DO AS AN
ACTIVIST.
THINK IT'S THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED
TO WORK BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY

SEE.
BUT SHE JUST DIDN'T COME HERE TO
TALK TO US OR AT US OR YELL AT
US, SHE ALSO MADE APPOINTMENTS

TO TALK WITH US AND MAKE SURE WE
UNDERSTOOD HER ISSUES.
AND SO WHEN SHE SAID I THINK I'M
GOING TO RUN FOR CITY

COMMISSION, I SAID THAT MAKES ALL OF THE SENSE IN THE WORLD. YOU KNOW THE ISSUES BETTER THAN HALF OF THE COMMISSION DOES AT

THIS POINT, BETTER THAN I DO. BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN INTIMATELY WORKING ON HER ISSUES AND SAT THROUGH THE MEETING SO IF HER

ISSUES CAME UP SHE WAS HERE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS GETTING INTO.

AND COMMISSIONER EASTMAN, YOU'RE CORRECT. SHE WAS READY TO BE A COMMISSIONER ON DAY ONE NOT ONLY

FROM HER LEGAL TRAINING BUT HER COMMITMENT TO JUST BEING HERE. AND YOU'RE ALSO CORRECT THAT THIS HAS BEEN A CRAZY FOUR AND A

HALF YEARS. THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN THROUGH NATURAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THROUGH POLITICAL

CIRCUMSTANCES, AND I HOPE NOBODY EVER HAS FOUR AND A HALF YEARS QUITE LIKE THAT AGAIN IN THESE OFFICES.

BUT REINA HAS HANDLED IT, COMMISSIONER SACO HANDLED IT ALL VERY WELL. THANK YOU, ADAM, FOR SHARING HER

WITH US AND FOR BEING SUPPORTIVE. IT IS HARD TO DO THIS WITHOUT FAMILY SUPPORT.

JO JO, THANK YOU FOR SHARING
MOMMA WITH US FOR A LITTLE
WHILE.
AND I AM ALSO GLAD THAT YOU'LL

CONTINUE TO BE IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL
APPROACH THE ACTIVISM AND THE
ADVOCACY ONCE AGAIN WITH THE

SAME ZEST THAT YOU DID IN
PREVIOUS YEARS.
WE'RE VERY, VERY -- I AM PLEASED
AND HONORED TO HAVE SHARED THE

DAIS WITH YOU.
THANK YOU.
ANYONE ELSE?
SURE, MR. SHEPHERD, GO AHEAD.

>> [INDISCERNIBLE] WHEN SHE
STARTED ALONG WITH MAYOR WARD.
I SEE THE FIGHT IN HER LIKE
FIRECRACKERS.

SHE TOOK AND BROUGHT TO THE CITY
COMMISSION A NEW OUTLOOK, A NEW
POSITIVE LOOK AS FAR AS HER
BACKING OF SUPPORT WITH THE

HOUSING AND MANY OTHER IDEALS
THAT SHE HAD BROUGHT TO THIS
COMMISSION.
AND SO I THINK HER BEING OUR

COMMISSIONER ON BEHALF OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE.
THANK YOU.
AND THANK YOU, SIR, FOR SHARING

HER WITH US.
>> MAYOR: IT'S UP TO YOU.
>> YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
>> MAYOR: JO JO?

>> ALL HE'S GOING TO SAY IS NO,
NO.

>> MAYOR: FAIR ENOUGH.
COMMISSIONER SACO, THE FLOOR IS

YOURS.

LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO DO THAT.

>> THANKS.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

SO FUN FACT THAT YOU ALL MISSED,
I'M ACTUALLY THE YOUNGEST WOMAN
EVER ELECTED.

I THINK BY TWO WEEKS.

I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT.

BUT NO, I RAN BECAUSE I DIDN'T
THINK THREE MINUTES WOULD BE
ENOUGH.

TURNS OUT I LEARNED THREE
MINUTES IS PLENTY.

YOU ARE NOT BEING A GOOD INTERN
TURNS OUT THREE MINUTES IS

PLENTY, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WANT
TO GO HOME.

SO I WON'T STAY HERE LONG.

I RAN BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP

PEOPLE.

I RAN BECAUSE THERE WERE A LOT
OF WORK -- THERE WAS A LOT OF
WORK BEING DONE -- OKAY.

EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND WHILE I
RETIRE MY INTERN.

>> CAN I TRY TO TAKE HIM?

>> YOU CAN TAKE THE INTERN.

THEY NEED MORE TRAINING.

THERE WAS GOOD WORK BEING DONE
AND MR. MAYOR, YOU WERE PART OF
THE INSPIRATION.

I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN LEGAL
CONCEPTS, I THINK MS. SHALLEY
FOUGHT BACK ON SOMETHING AND YOU
DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO FROM

THERE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT A
LAWYER.
IT WAS A IF I WANT IT DONE RIGHT
I'LL DO IT MYSELF SITUATION.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I WAS VOTED IN THE DAY
EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN.
IT WAS AN INTERESTING START.

SOME PEOPLE DRINK FROM THE FIRE
HOSE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS BACK
IN MARCH.

IT HAS BEEN -- IT HAS BEEN AN
EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL NOT
FORGET.
THERE WAS GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES

AND WORSE TIMES AND WONDERFUL
ELATED MOMENTS THAT I GENERALLY
FELT THAT WE HAD DONE SOME GOOD.
IT WASN'T JUST ME.

WE HAD OTHER LONG FOR THAT RIDE
I AM PROUD OF WHAT I HAVE DONE.
I DON'T THINK THERE IS A VOTE I
REGRET HERE.

AND I KEPT THINKING THE DAY I
WAS ELECTED AS I WAS
CAMPAIGNING, YOU KNOW, IF I WIN
IS THERE EVER A VOTE I'M GOING

TO REGRET.
I CAN PROUDLY SAY THERE ISN'T A
VOTE I CAN REGRET AND THAT I CAN
STILL STAND BY ALL OF THEM.

I DID WANT TO SAY SOMETHING
SNARKY ALA JOHN ADAMS BECAUSE I
HAD PLANNED ON SKIPPING TOWN NOT
SHOWING UP FOR SINE DIE.

HE WAS A LAWYER NOT LIKED BY
PEOPLE AND NOT LISTENED TO EVEN
THOUGH HE WAS RIGHT.
I HAD ENOUGH OF THAT ON MY PLATE

SO I THOUGHT I WOULD SHOW UP FOR
SINE DIE.
THANK YOU WHO STAYED WITH STAYED
GAVE KIND WORDS, YOU AND THE

DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU REPRESENT,
YOU ARE THE ONES WHO GET THINGS
DONE.
NOT US.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT ANY OF
YOU.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER SACO.
MADAM CLERK.
>> ALL RIGHT.

MR. MAYOR, WE TECHNICALLY HAVE
COMMISSION COMMENT, BUT WE ALSO
HAVE SOME REFRESHMENTS IN THE
LOBBY FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.
>> MAYOR: I DON'T SEE ANY
LIGHTS.
WE'LL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL

GENERAL POLICY NEXT WEEK.