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>> Mayor Adler: Hello? If everyone would please rise, monsignor Donald sawyer of our lady's maronite catholic church will lead us for a moment. >> Let us pray. Heavenly and loving father, first let me say thank you on behalf of all who are gathered here today. Thank you for the many blessings that you give all who call upon you. Thank you for life, for the measured health that you give to all. Thank you for the ability to be involved in useful work and for the honor of bearing appropriate responsibilities. Thanks as well for the freedom to worship in our own different faiths. Thank you for all that you give us. Jesus said to render to Cesar what is Cesar's and Paul exhorted Christians to respect and obey governing authorities since you have established those very authorities to promote peace, order and justice for all. I'm asking that you would graciously grant this council wisdom to govern and guide the city amid the conflicting interests and issues of our times. Assist in the welfare and true needs of all our people. A king's search for righteousness to old age, a confidence for what is good and fitting, ability to fit together in harmony despite disagreement. Personal peace in our lives and joy in our task. The city council today, please give assurance of confirmation of what pleases you and what benefit and

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live and work in and around our beloved city of Austin. May all that we do praise and thank you, father, son and holy spirit, now and forever, amen. >> Mayor Adler: Now we have a special recognition, and the special recognition this morning. Manager, do you want to come down here? Mayor pro tem? >> Good morning. I want to acknowledge this morning the incredible work of Sarah Hensley and Joe pantalion for their services as interim assistant city managers. They both deserve incredible credit and thanks for the seamless leadership that they have provided and their incredible examples of the professional depth we have here at the city. If I could ask Sarah first to come forward. [Applause]. As you know -- [applause]. Sarah has served as the interim city manager overseeing animal services, parks and recreation, public health, public library and our office of real estate services. As you know, she did incredible work both serving as the executive lead for sc 2023, the health outcome, helping in our homeless

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population and piloted the experience homeless work program. She redesigned multiple department processes to more effectively address citywide graffiti issues. She focused on animal services needs via creative programming and outreach initiatives and she provided executive guidance on the revision of the special events ordinance. She is an energetic, as you all know, and creative, she is known for rolling up her sleeves and digging into issues, bringing everyone together across the city. So please join me again in thinking Sarah Hensley. [Applause]. And if Joe pantalion could join us. [Applause]. Joe served as the interim assistant city manager over development services from August 2017 through the early January 2019, overseeing aviation, development services, neighborhood housing and community developments, planning and zoning and watershed protection. Some examples of the work he did during that period was to provide executive leadership over the atlas 14 ordinance amendment and extensive outreach to educate and inform the public. Provide executive oversight over the champion tract and camel back pad negotiations. He was the final lead in the multi-year project to rewrite the redevelopment code, focusing on transparency, responsiveness and interdepartment cooperation. He was executive lead for development of the Austin housing blueprint implementation which incorporated recommendations from several recent reports on gentrification, institutional racism, fair housing and homelessness. Joe as you know is medicine man, when he tackles issues he's known for being easygoing, yet a firm approach in identifying solutions to issues. He has a steady hand and

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relies on a foundation of establishing working relationships across the enterprise. Please join me in again congratulating Joe pantalion. [Applause]. If the mayor would read the certificates of distinguished appreciation for both Sarah and Joe. >> Mayor Adler: Mayor pro tem? I don't know if you want to read one. We have one here, distinguished service award, city of Austin, for Sarah Hensley for her untiring service and commitment to the residents of Austin and for providing steadfast leadership as interim assistant city manager during a period of pivotal, organizational change. Thank you. [Applause]. >> Garza: And I presented distinguished service award for his untiring service and commitment to the residents of Austin and for providing steadfast leadership as interim assistant city manager during the period of pivotal organizational change. Joseph pantalion is deserving of public acclaim and recognition. This certificate is presented in acknowledgment and appreciation thereof this seventh day of February, 2019. [Applause]. >> And finally a challenge coin that each of you will be presented. One more round of applause for their incredible leadership. [Applause].

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>> Mayor Adler: All right. So at 10:20 let's convene this city council meeting. It's Thursday, February 7th of 2019. We're in the city council chambers. Let's take a look at the agenda. The consent agenda is items

1 through 33. And 51 through 55. I'm going to read the changes and corrections. Items 4 and item 18 are withdrawn. Item number 31 adds councilmember alter as a sponsor. Also she's being added to item 33. Item 38 is a public hearing. We're going to note that that will be called at 4:00 P.M. Today. Items 43 and 46 are related items. And item number 51 is being postponed that's the recycled reads matter. I have late backups in items, 6, 17, 23, 27, 47, 48, 49 and 57. And I'm showing the following items being pulled: Item number 3 being pulled by councilmember alter. Item number 7 is pulled by speakers. All of whom seem to be in favor of this.

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Item number 10 is being pulled by speakers. And we have people for and against that, so number 10. Number 14 we're going to pull, and 17 we're going to pull because we have to pick one of the projects. Item number 29, boards and commissions, I want to address that briefly so we're going to pull that. Item number 33 I have a quick amendment so we're going to pull that. Item number 53 is being pulled by staff for discussion. We'll pull that for them. They want to discuss it. And item number 55 being pulled by councilmember harper-madison. So what I'm shown being pulled are 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 29, 33, 51, 53 and 55. We have some speakers that have pulled -- item number 51. Since that item is being postponed, do any of the people that have signed up for that need to speak on that issue? Okay. >> [Inaudible]. >> Mayor Adler: We'll get you the chance to do that. Does corrie stult need to speak on that? You need to speak on that too? We're going to pull item 51 even though that's being postponed. Again, items being pulled are 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 29, 33, 51, 53 and 55.

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We have some people that have signed up to speak on the consent agenda. I would call them now unless there are comments from the dais. Councilmember alter I just wanted to point out that along with 3, 37 is a companion item. >> Mayor Adler: Say what? >> Kitchen: 37 wasn't on consent to begin with, right? >> Mayor Adler: Correct. Okay? Anything else from the dais? Let's go ahead and call Gus Pena. Do you want to speak on the consent agenda? Good morning. My name is Gus Pena, native east austinite, proud manor corps veterans. I'm going to speak holistically because I have a lot to say and not enough time. All the housing initiatives that haven't been pulled that are on the agenda to be on consent, we support, but I want to say this much, I want to acknowledge one person who -- you know, sometimes I've had differences with regarding housing. You know, I've been homeless, never been able to purchase, but now I understand the secretary of veterans affairs has stated that if you have a housing voucher you can purchase a home. So I want to recognize Michael Gerber of haca. Stand up, Mike. Stand up. Be recognized. You helped a lot of people who are homeless. He never obeyed Gus Pena anyway. Having said that, I want to say this gentleman to my right is Mr. Robert young. He had has known homeless and he's still looking for transitional housing or whatever -- I don't even know Mr. Young. People approach me. So Mr. Young is looking for housing and so if Ann Howard

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who says that -- by the way, I want to thank y'all because I think this homeless count was more better than any other years that we've shown that reflects homelessness. Darn good job. I haven't said that for a long time. Anyway, Mr. Young is still looking for affordable housing. These are the types of people that need housing, need supportive housing initiatives and case management for the individuals to succeed and have permanent supportive housing and wraparound services. So this is Mr. Robert young, and I would just like to know and tell people, this gentleman, among many others, need housing, okay? Having said that I will say this also, and I'm going to deviate a little bit with your position. Millennium youth center, they're wanting to close it for affordable housing. I'm one of the promise keepers over there before it was built. Tameka Ross was killed over there so it's named in her honor. Let's keep the millennium youth center open for the people in honor of Tameka Ross, so it would be catastrophic. Even though we need affordable housing, we need that place, that millennium youth center in memory of the people that died there and for us promise speakers that helped out and can gave a lot of the support to the people in need. Anyway, I want to just say in closing, [indiscernible], the director over there, I need help for people like Mr. Robert young. I don't even know him. I'm going to say it again. He needs affordable housing and maybe you can speak to Michael Gerber of housing authority, city of Austin. Quickly. >> Mayor Adler: No, no. >> What did you want to say? He's trying to get a better living situation, Steve. And let me just add a little bit more. [Buzzer sounds] These are the type -- hold on. These are the type of people that need housing and you promised housing for the people so get it for them.

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Thank you very much. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. Thank you. Those are the people to expo the consent agenda -- to speak on the consent agenda. Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Councilmember tovo? >> Tovo: Yes, I move approval and then I have a comment. >> Mayor Adler: It's been moved. Is there is a second to that? Councilmember alter seconds. Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: Mayor, there's an item on the consent agenda that I would just like to ask one of our attendees to come up and speak to and that's item number '10, the affordable housing development in district 9. I believe that remained on consent. >> Mayor Adler: No, that's pulled. 3, 7, 10 -- because there are some speakers that have signed up for that. >> Tovo: Oh, thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Any other comments before we take a vote on the consent agenda? Yes, mayor pro tem. >> Garza: Is 52 still on the consent agenda? >> Mayor Adler: 52 is on the consent agenda. >> Garza: I actually want to speak briefly to that. We've had a decade's long conversation about muni, and I am supporting this measure because I'm open to us continuing to find a resolution or a solution if we can do that, but I would ask the supporters asking us to continue these conversations, I'd also like to manage expectations. When we have looming revenue caps, when our state is telling us that we will not be able to bring in the revenue that we need and we have so many needs in this community, I encourage the supporters, I understand the desire to

keep this open space and I'm open to that conversation, but I encourage the supporters to not expect the city to foot the bill for this entire project. With looming revenue caps, with increasing needs, with focusing on equity and making sure our entire city

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has access to open space, has access to rec centers, when I've had to fight tooth and nail to get a fire station in del valle that has been needed for years and residents are facing increasing insurance bills, we could not put a fire station there. And I thank my colleagues for supporting that effort. I encourage those seeking to save muni to also contact your state represents and let them know that revenue caps, it significantly hurt the city's ability to not only provide basic services, but to provide things like saving open space. Every neighborhood in the city wants open space next to them. So please, please do not think that the city can do this alone. We need philanthropy, we need lots of help to be able to tackle being able to preserve this area. But again, I am voting in favor because I support the conversation to continue, but please understand the increasing needs throughout our city as we try to keep our minority and low income families here. [Applause]. Councilmember alter mayor? >> Mayor Adler: Yes, councilmember alter. >> Alter: I appreciate councilmember Garza's comments here and I agree that the desire is cognizant of our limited abilities as a city and I fully appreciate the need for us to be creative in our partnerships and how we think about the value that might be exchanged in order to secure this open space for future generations. There are several people who wanted to come to speak, but as it was going on consent we decided that in the interest of everyone's time today that we would not have those conversations. I did want to add one piece of direction, which is that the city manager is directed to pursue an agreement that broadly benefits the entire

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Austin community, which would be added to 52. It is what we have been pursuing in our negotiations, but I wanted to make that clear that securing the open space at muni is an opportunity for the whole city and for future generations, and that we are working very hard to create an opportunity to do that with the university that benefits the full city. >> Mayor Adler: Another comment I think is important to add on this issue is as we continue to talk to the university of Texas about muni, I'm really encouraged that the conversation is not just approaching this in a transactional way. The university of Texas is an anchor institution in our city. And quite frankly, we should probably put the university of Texas more at the table as we begin conversations in the future about safety community-wide and about homeless and housing community-wide as we're setting up bonds. Because this university is a part of this community the same way hospitals are, the business community is. I appreciate the conversations that you and the city manager is having to realize that our relationship with the university is not merely transactional. There are things we should be doing in conjunction with one another because they are best for the community, and we have another one that's coming up on our agenda here shortly with respect to making sure that we have an arena in the city. Anything? All those in favor of the

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consent agenda? Any opposed? It's unanimous on the dais. It passes. Now let's hit some of the items that we have pulled. I think the first one we have is item number 3 that relates to item number 37. Is that for a separate time? >> Tovo: Mayor, I apologize, 34 and 35 were on the consent agenda? >> Mayor Adler: They're not on consent. 34 and 35, the scr, were not on consent agenda? >> 30 was, though, correct? >> Mayor Adler: 34 and 35 were not. 30 was on the consent agenda. >> Tovo: I would like to -- I intended to vote no on number 30. So if the record would reflect my no vote, I don't know if we need to reconsider that to do so. >> Mayor Adler: I think that I did not -- I failed to see the mayor pro tem's indication she's voting no on -- councilmember. So the record should reflect that councilmember tovo voted no on item number 30. >> Tovo: Thank you. All right. Let's talk about -- we have -- we're going to take up items number 3 and 37 together. Item 3 is the item to continue to hear public meant. And 37 is a vote on whether to authorize entry of an agreed final judgment and order in Austin country club versus the city of Austin, using the development terms and conditions that were discussed during the public hearing. Before I ask for a motion, I'm going to ask staff to come up and introduce the development terms. >> Kitchen: Mr. Mayor, may I say now that I have an amendment? I laid it out for everyone. I just didn't know if they saw it.

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>> Mayor Adler: There's a staff amendment and I think there are two amendments handed out on the dais. One is a staff amendment and one is the kitchen amendment. >> Kitchen: It might be helpful -- it's up to you, but it might be helpful if I lay it out so people can understand it in the context of what staff tells us. >> Mayor Adler: That would be good. Do you want staff to go first to lay it out generally and then I'll recognize you to talk about your amendment? >> Kitchen: Sure. That would be fine. >> Mayor Adler: Does staff want to lay this out first? And then indicate what your amendment is? >> Mayor and council, Andy lien sigh 17, development services. We're back. On your December 13th meeting you gave us permission to go back and negotiate with the applicant to improve the development terms that we brought forward as a recommendation on how to resolve this litigation. Specifically you asked us to look at critical environmental features, to try to improve our standing on preservation of trees: You asked us to look at the application of the sound ordinance, some clarification on residential use uses. And the term of the agreement. We have achieved a positive direction on all those outcomes as outlined in the memorandum that came out from the law department, updating the terms. We're happy to walk through them, but we did achieve significant movement by working with Mr. Weigh less than and Andy pastor on those agreements with the country club. Would you like us to go -- I'm asking how much detail you would like us to give. The terms were outlined in the memorandum that came in from the law department. If we could walk through those. If you prefer, Mr. Harrington is here to do that if we need to. >> Mayor Adler: Does anybody need that at this

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point? Ms. Kitchen, councilmember kitchen, do you want to describe what your amendment is going to be later? >> Kitchen: Yes, I have left an amendment at everyone's chair. Hope approximate fly the staff has it -- hopefully the staff has it too. There are two amendments. They're minor amendments -- first all, let me just say that I appreciate the work that the staff has done, and I appreciate the -- Mr. Weigh less than and the people -- Mr. Whellan and the people associated with it and working with us. I think we're not there yet in terms of what we need to do to protect the ronment and I am reluctant to vote for this in the first place, but given everyone's effort and the fact that we have gotten some improvements, I think that if we can address the two items that I have in the motion sheet, that will be the best that we can do. So let me just explain, the first motion relates to the project completion date. The best way is to look at the visual that I've laid out. You will see from the visual that the gray line at the top is the proposed agreement which basically grandfathers in the amount of impervious cover all the way for 60 years. What I am proposing is that we keep the first 30 years the way that has been negotiated, but then we complete this agreement in 45 years. I think that's critical. I think it allows us to get to a more reasonable place in terms of the amount of impervious cover at the 45 year mark as opposed to the 60 year mark. And I want to point out from this graph also that the blue line at the bottom would be what they would have to do today if they didn't have any

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grandfathering. You can say it this is a more than generous agreement in terms of allowing the country club to have additional impervious cover and the change that I am suggesting is important for getting us at the point where we're at the end point sooner at 45 years. I think 45 years is plenty of time for the country club to determine what they are going to do on that site. I think 60 years is unreasonable and this is why I'm proposing this amendment that keeps the overall cap that was established as part of negotiations, and that is the country club shall refrain from removing at least 25%. So it keeps the 25%, but it speaks to the distribution across the -- across the property and says that the goal is to protect 75% of heritage trees located on the the golf district part. So it should be acceptable, I would think. It's perfectly reasonable. It just recognizes the importance of protecting heritage trees, particularly in the golf district area. So I guess I -- you know, did I move it? >> Mayor Adler: Not yet. I'll dom back to you to do it. I was giving you a chance to kind of lay it out. We have a speaker that I would be going to now if there's -- okay, for us to do that. Okay. Bobby levinski, do you want to come up? Is Roy Whaley here? Mr. Whaley? No? You have three minutes, Mr. Levinski. >> Thank you, mayor and council. Bobby levinski with save our springs alliance. I'm not really here to talk about the specific was of

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the development agreement, I'm really more concerned about the broader vested rights question. Vested rights to our organization especially is extremely important. We track hundreds of vested rights applications all the time because of its effective on the ordinance and our environmental regulations generally. This is a really unfortunate situation for y'all and I really wish you would never have been put in this situation in the first place. This is a particular case where the city staff has actually got it right. They got it right six times. They denied vested rights on this application six times and I think that their words really need to be spoken here, and I would just want to make sure that they get on record because the chapter 245 committee is a team of experts in this area. They've been doing these decisions for 20 years. And it's not actually that often that vested rights gets denied. That's usually -- I'm usually complaining on the other side where we're trying to encourage them to be a little bit stronger. But here they consistently applied the rules. So I just want to make sure that these facts are read into the record. So in 2015 the staff said the project initiated by the filing of the 1982 plat application has long been completed as evidenced by Austin country club's several decades of operation and buildout under current regulations. The most recent site application for example was submitted and reviewed under current 2009 regulations. Consistent with the city's prior 2012 vested rights determination, further development or expansion of the facility constitutes a new project for purposes of chapter 245. That's really important there because all the boxes were checked and I don't think that what we're dealing with here is a misapplication of the law. I think what we're dealing with here is a misapplication of politics. And yes, the states gets involved in the city, but sometimes we have self-inflicted wounds and what I worry about is what this wound is going to do

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for future vested rights cases going forward. What direction and what signal are we sending to city staff for future cases. Large sites are quite frequent. I was going to do a quick tally on how many large sites get vested rights determinations. Between 2004 and 2010 I got up to over 600 and I stopped because it's a sizeable amount. The mere fact that somebody doesn't use all of their entitlements doesn't mean that the project was never complete. That's completely inconsistent with the cases that we've actually as this city have defended over the years. I know that helping the city -- there's dispute on whether it's onpoint or not. To me it's directly on point because the judge tracks what it means to have a completed project. We defended that against a church and I do not see why we cannot defend it against a country club. Thank you. [Buzzer sounds] >> Mayor Adler: So let's go ahead and get the base motion in and then I'll go to councilmember kitchen for her amendment. Is there a motion to approve this item 37? Councilmember Flannigan makes the motion. Is there a second to that motion? Mayor pro tem Garza seconds that. Is there any object to including the staff amendment that's been handed out to us? >> Mr. Mayor P there is still a public hearing open. You would have to include a motion to close the public hearing in that. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Is there a motion to close the public hearing? Councilmember Flannigan makes that motion. Is there a second? Mayor pro tem seconds? Those in favor of closing the public hearing lease raise your hand? Those opposed. It's unanimous on the dais, the public hearing is closed. That gets us back to where we were. We have the number 37 that's been moved. I was asking if there are any objections to including -- we voted on number 3. 3 was to close the -- 37 was to close the public hearing, which we have done.



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We're now considering number 3. And on number 3 we have a motion that's been made. It's been seconded. Are there any objections to including into that motion the changes that have been urged by staff? Hearing none, those are included. Councilmember kitchen, do you want to make an amendment? Do you want to move passage of your amendment? >> Kitchen: Yeah, we're on 37, right? These amendments are to 37, right? >> Mayor Adler: 37 the public hearing which we have opened and closed. Joined with that is item number 3, which is the item itself. >> Kitchen: Okay. So I move passage of the amendment that I laid out earlier, which shortens the time period to a more reasonable 45 time period and also recognizes the importance of the heritage trees on the golf district. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. There's been a motion with those two amendments. Is there a second to those? Councilmember pool seconds. Discussion? Do you have further comments you want to make? >> Kitchen: Well, I think I laid it out before. I think these amendments do make a difference in terms of the environmental protection. I share the concerns that the previous speaker raised, but I'm -- but it's important to me that we at least do the best we can, which I don't think that we're there yet 6789 I think that the 45 years is perfectly reasonable. 60 years is not reasonable. And I would urge my colleagues to vote for these amendments. >> Mayor Adler: Further discussion on the dais? Councilmember pool. >> Pool: Thanks, mayor. I'm happy to second this motion of amendments from councilmember kitchen. I think it's really important to shorten the number of years so I'm glad she's bringing that forward, ensuring that more trees are preserved in the golf district is also really important and my

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understanding is that should also be acceptable to the parties. I did want to ask the city manager if after we finish with this case and recognizing as Mr. Levinski said, a number of instances with section 245 that we've gotten kind of tied up in the grandfathering. And I would like to have a larger policy discussion about 245s going forward so that we don't end up in this same situation where we're doing things one at a time, one off, when we really need to reestablish and reemphasize the policy direction that the city of Austin had going forward many years ago. I think there may have been some erosion in that over time. I recognize that this is a particularly unique situation because we are being -- there is a lawsuit. So recognizing that. I find that these amendments are -- I support these amendments. I find them necessary and I'm happy to vote for them even if in the end I may be voting against the item in its entirety. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Flannigan. >> Flannigan: So I just want to be sure since we're doing an agreement between the city and the party, that the other party agrees. With the lawsuit, we could kind of -- >> Mayor Adler: Why don't you come on up. >> Flannigan: We could fill in any number and if they didn't like it, we're back at the lawsuit. I want to be sure that this is agreeable. >> Michael Whellan on behalf of the Austin country club. Thank you for asking. Board had approved all of the development terms with the exception of one having 40 years. And 40 years having the decline in the number of years. The two items that have now been brought up are hard because one reason I was able to get -- I

was able to convince the board to do what they did is we're doing something that would not occur even if the city won the lawsuit. I want to repeat that. Even if the city won the

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lawsuit, we are doing something, we're building a water quality facility to mitigate for -- that will treat up to 10 acres of runoff that is not currently being treated to offset the 17 acres that is currently there of impervious cover. And that would be something the city would not get even if it won the lawsuit. So I've pushed the board to do that. So cutting the term is hard and I think it would be a hard sell. I think when we talk about environmental protection, that water quality facility I think is key to motivating me to sell it. And I think I would be prepared from an environmental perspective to push on the tree -- on the higher tree percentage. But I would ask you for some mercy on maybe -- we're at 70 years. Councilmember kitchen is at 45 years. I wonder out loud whether the staff term of 60 years isn't the right spot to force me to go back and push. But I need a vote from the council so that we're done negotiating, I can try to go back and sell something. I think that would be something I'd be prepared, I'm publicly prepared to try to sell to the board is the 75% but going with the staff term of 60 years, which would be 30 years at 20% and instead of the .2 that is in the amendment it would be .1, which is in the original one. >> Flannigan: Mayor, I would like to divide the question on this amendment so that I can support the 75%, but not support the term change. >> Mayor Adler: We'll divide the question when we vote. Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I have a question. So I'm not sure if it's a question or an actual statement. [Laughter]. Let me see if I can make it a question. So I understand do you actually have agreement from the board at the 60 years? Have you talked to them about it? >> No. I have a vote and authorization for the terms as laid out in the 40 years,

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and then 30-year drop. However, I will assure you that if they wouldn't vote for that 60 years I probably would be done with this case. We've gone back and back and round and round. >> Kitchen: Okay. So what's in front of us we don't -- councilmember Flannigan, we don't have agreement in what's in front of us on the 60 years. And I appreciate and I respect your thinking that you can sell the 60 years, but I don't want councilmember Flannigan to think that if we are voting for the 60 years that your client has already said the 60 years is okay. Because my understanding is that -- I understand that you believe that they will agree to that. I appreciate that. But they haven't actually said yes because they want 70 years. >> It's a negotiation so there's always going to be -- now you've added 75%, for example. Which I also have to sell. So every time you add a term I've got to go back and get board approval. So you haven't agreed either. >> Kitchen: That's right. >> So I think if I have your vote, a bird in the hand is much more powerful rather than renegotiating with 11 people again. So getting the vote of the 75% and 60 years really forces in my opinion the hand. And that's part of a negotiation and part of a way you get a deal done. >> Kitchen: Absolutely. And I am simply making the argument that we don't know if they're going to agree to 60, and to my mind 45 is much more reasonable. I can't imagine why they would go to court

just for 15 years when they have -- and again, I'm now making a statement. >> Okay. It didn't take them two years to decide to sue. >> Kitchen: My statement is that I agree with you, councilmember Flannigan, that when we're trying to reach an agreement, but we don't have in front of us something that's agreed to by the client so we have to make a judgment call on what -- we're actually making an offer. And we have to make a judgment call on what is reasonable. And I feel like this is very close to what we understand

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that is probably acceptable to them, but my criteria has to be what I think is important and reasonable in the context of the whole case. And so I really think that the 45 years makes a difference. And would be surprised if the client would go to the -- would actually sue us and go to court with all that entails in terms of cost and time for 15 years when we've given so much, as this chart lays out, between what they want and what they -- many would argue they're entitled to. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember alter. >> Alter: I will be supporting councilmember kitchen's amendment here and I want to thank her for her hard work on this case and for her long-standing commitment to be a steward for the environment. This is a difficult case. We postponed it in December because it was unique and we needed greater clarity on what we were being asked of in -- through this agreement. We are receiving benefits of water quality mitigation as Mr. Whellan mentioned that are above and beyond anything that would happen. We are now through the work of our staff receiving wetland mitigation. We have the benefit of a new entry on to 360, which is going to be constructed in a way to create the water quality thing that will be really important for traffic and dove tail nicely with the changes on 360. I think for many of us our preference would be for the current code. We are understanding of this very unique situation, and what I think councilmember kitchen has put before you is what we're willing to do

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via this process. And we are going to ask you, Mr. Whellan, to make that case and we understand it will be hard, but you will have an agreement that is passed by council that we agree to to go back to your board so that the country club will be able to do the things it needs to do as it envisions its future and for the community over there. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Whellan? Are you in the room still? >> Councilmember kitchen chased me off. >> Mayor Adler: I'd like to have this done if there was a way to do that. Can you get your board president to confirm? >> I just called and texted the board president, and he said the board will vote and accept the 60 years and the 75% increased trees. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. So for me what I'm going to do is I'm going to participate in the dividing the question. I'm going to vote in favor of the first amendment you have to go to 75%. I'm going to vote against the second one that will shorten the time from 60 to 45 years. I have a concern, and I guess it's a bigger policy concern. Only because I'm trying to figure out what it is that's really important for us to be doing as a council when we enter into these kinds of negotiations, where we send out staff out to negotiate and then they come back, and then the deal gets renegotiated when it gets before us on the dais. If I was somebody

who was negotiating with the city of Austin I'm not sure I would ever negotiate with staff if what happens is when it goes negotiated it comes back to you. I think there are times when it's important for the council to weigh in when it comes back, and I think that those generally would be kind of higher level policy issues or directional issues. I think that is important and obviously the council reserves the

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right to do that at any time. I would you and the staff to come to council to get that kind of direction as you lead into it. So if we didn't think -- if we don't have the right people negotiating for us because we don't like the deals they negotiated, then I think we should replace those people or give them different instructions or train them differently or something. But by coming back and having everything renegotiated on the dais I'm not sure is good policy or practice for a city like ours. So I'm going to vote in favor of the first amendment and will vote against the second amendment. Anyone else had wants to speak? Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: Mr. Whellan, I appreciate you contacted your board president. I would just argue you may not have asked him about the 45 and also that's not the entire board nor is it in the context of which you will have that conversation. So I would also -- I understand, mayor, what your point is about negotiations and normally I would say yes, I would agree with that, but in these circumstances we have a responsibility to set policy, and so that is not something that our staff can do. So they do the best that they can, you know, in terms of negotiating, and then I think there is a very appropriate role at the council level. And this is not just a simple negotiation of a contract over services or something like this. There's a policy that we are setting here with regard to the 245 agreements, and I appreciate what councilmember pool asked in terms of having a larger

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discussion around the 245 agreement so that we are not in this circumstance where we've got a case in front of us and we're trying to negotiate it. So -- and previous councils have affirmed their position with regard to grandfathering and we need to do the same. So because this is in front of us and as I said I respect our staff, and this is not about our staff, this is about us as a council and our responsibilities with regard to policy. >> Tovo: I appreciate the dialogue around this point of negotiations and the council's role and I understand the concerns you are raising, mayor, but I wanted to concur with my colleague, councilmember kitchen. At the end of the day we're being asked to approve a settlement or not, to use our discretionary abilities to vote on that and I think it's appropriate to we can't approve it under these conditions, but we could under some others in which case the amendments that councilmember kitchen is bring forward are completely appropriate and in my mind really critical. So I know that we'll have a longer conversation about this at some point, but as our speaker and as others and as we've had an opportunity to discuss in executive session a few times, I think the fundamental concerns at the heart of this are really important for the many other cases that, as our speaker indicated earlier, have applied for vested rights and for grandfathering and it's -- I'll just leave it there. I'm going to support the

amendments in councilmember kitchen, though I may not ultimately support the whole case, but I am supportive of these amendments. >> Mayor Adler: Ready to take a vote? Councilmember alter. >> Alter: I understand

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your concern, mayor. In this case the staff put before us an agreement that the other side hadn't agreed to and the direction they were going in was in the direction that five councilmembers had said we couldn't support this unless we moved in the direction of reducing the amount of time for the settlement. They made a proposal and we are saying that we need to go further than what was proposed, and that was part of the process. On the other side of it, I wanted to point out I'm not comfortable for us agreeing to tie our hands in a negotiation to not be able to change things on the dais while the other side has the opportunity to do that. We have just said the board got to say they wouldn't agree to it and then, you know, we're trying to have a negotiation. We have that opportunity as well and at some point it comes to a vote in the council when we have to do that because we have public meeting laws. Mr. Whellan cannot just call you up and make a decision like we can. We are a democracy and this has to happen through this process. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I struggle with this happening on the dais, not that we shouldn't be able to do that, but this is one of those sticky situations much like we've had to address on police contracts and other negotiations where it's difficult to understand how we do this effectively and ensure it's not five councilmembers dictating policy for the city because you need six votes. How do you strike that balance as staff to ensure that those concerns are being met? Because I don't recall having any private meetings with staff about this and what I thought I was comfortable with. So I'm only presented at the last second with what is being amended and having not partaken in those negotiations and staff doesn't know where the votes are to know where the city is if you are going to count to six as opposed to five. That's my frustration. I'm going to stick with yes

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on the first one, no on the second one, but I think we've all addressed there's a larger process question about how these things move forward. >> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote. Those in favor of the first amendment, which is the amendment to d2b, 60 to 75%. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. That amendment is incorporated. Second amendment, let's take a vote. It's the project completion date. It goes from .1% to .2%. Those in favor of that amendment please raise your hand. It is pool, tovo, kitchen, alter and Ellis. Those opposed raise your hand. The other six on the dais. That amendment does not pass. That gets us to the main motion. Any further discussion on it? Let's take a vote. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Those voting no are kitchen, tovo and pool. The others are voting aye. It passes 8-3. Okay. Let's go to the next item. I think it's item number 7 which was pulled by folks wishing to discuss it. This is the pathways at Chalmers court, 9% application. Is there

a notion approve this item number 7? -- Motion. This is to approve the pathways at Chalmers court. This is not dividing between the two issue, item number 7. Councilmember Renteria makes

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that motion. Councilmember Flannigan seconds. Mr. Peña, do you want to come down? You're okay? >> [Inaudible] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you, sir. Is Mary postalu here? And then Mike [inaudible] Is on deck. >> Good morning, mayor Adler and councilmembers. Mike Gerber, president of the housing authority of city of Austin. Haca is charged with serving the lowest income people in our community and every night at our 18 public housing properties we house 4500 seniors, persons with disabilities, kids, transitioning homeless and others with critical need. In our section 8 programs we help house another 14,000 people in Austin who need help. Overwhelmingly the folks we serve are at 30% of median income and below. The investment made by the federal government to keep up public housing has been inadequate. Haca has received permission from the U.S. Housing and urban development to participate in a relatively new program known as RAD or the rental assistance. To make big improvements in our 18 public housing projects like full rehabilitation, central air conditioning, updated kitchens and bathrooms and far better quality of life for residents. At two of our properties Haca decided to go further with a full development. We're redeveloping that property which was 40 older public housing units and replacing it with 120 new affordable housing units right there in the Zilker neighborhood. At Chalmers courts in east Austin we're doing even more. I put up a rendering of Chalmers south and east. This is going to be transformed to 400 units in east Austin. Serving ultimately more than 1,000 people. Currently construction of 86 units is underway at

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Chalmers south and we'll go to the next slide. Chalmers south is currently under construction and we've worked very hard not to dislocate any of our families -- thank you. The plan is for residents who live at currently built Chalmers east to move to Chalmers south. We'll take down Chalmers east starting in about October of this year and it will take about 16 months to redevelop that property. Then the residents who live at Chalmers west will move to Chalmers east and we'll take down west and development to start in February of 2021. We've got a lot of construction underway and flexibility in our schedule. We know picking projects is challenging and I'm hoping we can make it easier today. We obviously, we do not have to receive 9% tax credits in this particular T credit cycle to stay on track. We will, however, need those tax credits next year. So I'm really laying a marker to ask for your help respectfully to get those tax credits next year and to prioritize Chalmers west so we can complete this third and most critical phase of this project. Chalmers east is where frankly a lot of our health care programming is going to be. Chalmers west is where our job training and education program is going to be including a new boys and girls club. Getting Chalmers west done and keeping it on track is critical. [Buzzer sounding] We'll come back to you next year. What we're asking for this year is support of item number 7 and on item number 17, please proceed with making the choice, but there's another

worthwhile project and we know you will hopefully move forward with that one. Thank you. >> Good morning, mayor and councilmembers. My name is Mary [inaudible]. I have lived in Chalmers court in east Austin seven years. I serve as president of the resident council. Last year mayor Adler appointed me to serve as resident commissioner for the [lapse in audio].

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The 400 residents at Chalmers are counting on your help and support to finish the job with the redevelopment of Chalmers west. We didn't bring all of our residents today because that seemed a little unkind to the two newest councilmembers. Instead you are just getting little old me. But next year I will be bringing my 399 friends because we absolutely will need for help to complete the third and final phase of Chalmers courts redevelopment. As you just saw, Chalmers south. Soon our residents will have new, high quality apartments with central air, washers and dryers, updated kitchens and bathrooms. It will be quite an improvement from units we live in today. Those units were built in 1937 and it is where we still use air conditioned window units, fans and hang our clothes outside on a line even on wet days. I know there are other projects that need your support today. You all have tough choices to make. Hopefully we have made it a little easier this year by only asking for resolution of support. But I still wanted to come this year to make sure you hear loud and clear the message from our residents, our seniors, our disabled, our families with kids who live at Chalmers courts today. We are counting on your support for next year. We respectfully and humbly ask for your support and look forward to working with you over the next year to ensure we receive priority for tax credits and other funding to complete the redevelopment of Chalmers west and to lift up our families. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you for the work you do. Councilmember Renteria. >> Renteria: It really is a real hard decision. You know, Chalmers was one of the projects I have working with very hard to complete. But I know that we made a

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commitment last year that we were going to finish saltillo, and it was very unfortunate and that we have a governor that took -- that just doesn't like Austin and vetoed legislation that our state rep passed two years ago, which would allow two projects within the two-mile radius. That's what the big problem is. You can't have two tax credit projects within two miles of each other. So, you know, that's -- it was a hard decision. I was so glad to have sat down with Mike Gerber and worked this out that I made a commitment that it was going to be my priority to see Chalmers completed. You know, and for next year's tax credit to go to your organization. So I just want to make this public the commitment that I'm making that I will try as best as I can to get this -- next year's tax credit to Chalmers court because I know how important it is. You guys serve the lowest, the people that are -- that's on social security and section 8. So it's very important for me to see these kind of projects getting done. I mean, you're not the only one. There's about 15 tax credit projects going on in this city and we can only issue three of them. So it's very important for us to get these low-income housing done, especially in Austin where we're in a critical need, and I hope the state realizes what a mistake they are doing by keeping us from being able

to fund all these projects that's so important for Austin. Thank you, Mike. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Let's take a vote on item number 7. Those in favor?

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Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. Item number 10, which is also another 9% item. We have some people that have signed up to speak. I'm going to take them first. Mr. Peña, do you want to speak on this one? Jonathan stone is on deck. Is he here? >> Mayor, councilmembers, holistically we support these initiatives and I know that -- I've been to Washington two weeks ago visiting with secretary of hud Carson and the issue is I told him we need a lot of help, we need a lot of money for austin-travis county and to build these really low -- low-income affordable housing. Sometimes the definition of affordable housing, you have to define affordability. I'm just going to leave it at that and thank Mr. Michael Gerber and haca. But I want to say this much and I said it again, the federal government, and I go to senator Cornyn, I'm a Democrat but I do to anybody who is going to help us out, but now with the housing voucher from haca, a veteran can purchase a house. A veteran can purchase a house and it is a federal mandate already. That is good news for veterans who have been homeless or homeless now. All these items are crucial and please support it because we need true blue affordable housing and maintenance for the old units. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Stone, have you some time that's been Donat first from Emily Ariaza. Is Emily here? Thank you. And from Ali Jacobs.

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So you have seven minutes if you want to take that much. >> Thank you. My name is Jonathan stone. >> Mayor Adler: Pull the microphone towards you. >> My name is Jonathan stone. My wife is Lola Williams and we are parents of a child at pride and joy day care. I want to give you context about why we're speaking in opposition to item number 10. I'm speaking on behalf of both myself and some of the other parents who asked us to speak for them. At this location there are Lee day cares currently -- three day cares with approximately 130 children. There's a number of parents that are going to be impacted by this deal. Our opposition arose because of lack of communication between the landowner and the day cares and, of course, us as parents through the day cares finding out. I want to distinguish between the landowner and the developer. She is here, she's going to be speaking. It her, it was the landowner not communicating with the day care. What we found out Tuesday night when we first heard about this was that we were going to have to leave in the next couple of months because reportedly our day care is on a month to month lease. Obviously there was a lot of anxiety from the parents' perspective because, you know, as one nonprofit called it Austin is a child care desert. And I know that's something that's important to city council, affordable, high quality child care. You passed on proposal on this topic a few months ago and I believe the city manager is going to be presenting a report to you on this topic in the next couple of weeks. As parents, we are also very concerned, especially in east Austin. I was on the -- I'll speak for myself and wife, we were on a wait list for a year to get into pride and joy for day care. Our daughter is 18 months old now and we're still on wait lists to get into day cares in east Austin. So it is an



extremely lengthy process to get into a day care and to learn on Tuesday night, incorrect information, we're going to have to leave within the next couple of months, it caused a lot of anxiety.

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So since then fortunately in the last 24 hours we've been able to speak to the developer who is going to come up and speak with you shortly as well as the landowner and get verbal assurances from all of them that they support the day care staying there through the summer of 2020, that they are not going to do anything to throw these kids out on the street. The families are not going to be impacted. While we haven't had anything memorialized in writing, we have received verbal assurances from them. There seems to be an agreement in principles. Based on that at this point for for myself and wife and parents I'm speaking on behalf of, we withdraw our opposition to agenda item number 10. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you very much. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Next speaker is Brad Knox. Do you want to come on down? Is Curtis Lucianna here? Come on down. >> Thank you, council. My name is Brad Knox. My two-year-old's daughter's favorite song is happy birthday. She wants to sing it every day for me and her mama and for anyone else. The next most common request is for Suzanne her day care provider at pride and joy. She's been with her since six months old, five days a week, that's 75% of her life. And Suzanne and the others at pride and joy are her life. We learned just two days ago that this development, this affordable housing development, which our community does support in general, would displays our day care. And it caused a lot of confusion and a lot of anxiety, as Jonathan stone spoke about. We called in, left a lot of

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voice mails in particular to Kathie tovo's office. And fortunately we were able to have a lot of productive conversations, as Mr. Stone spoke about. And so yeah, so and -- and we received these oral agreements, and my understanding is in line with Jonathan stone's, and that's that the landlord and Megan lash of sage brush would guarantee the lease until summer of 2020. These are just oral agreements so there's still quite a bit of anxiety about the fulfillment of these agreements. But based on expectations that these agreements will be fulfilled, I do support item 10. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Lucianna. >> Thank you council for hearing me. There's not a lot else I need to say given what Jonathan stone and Brad Knox have already said. Any opposition to 10 is contingent on the uprooting of the school, so if we have some kind of arrangement in place I withdraw that opposition. I will just take this opportunity to get it into the record that Myra and A.J. Saltillo, the pro pie tosser and those who run pride and joy school are the two sweetest people in Austin. Let just get that in the record. >> Mayor Adler: It may go in unopposed. Is the applicant here, want to address these, property owner? >> Good morning, mayor and council. Megan lash. I've had the great opportunity over the past 24 hours to meet some of the parents with this day care, and we have been working with the neighborhood association over the past couple weeks since we originally started identifying this property, and because

some of these parents weren't in the neighborhood association, unfortunately some of the information didn't reach the

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day care itself and the parents because we had been working directly with the neighborhood. I completely understand their anxiety as a new parent. If something was happening to my child care in a short amount of time, I would have gone in panic mode as well. So forthly that is not the case -- fortunately that is not the process. It takes a very long time to get these projects funded, go through the protest and get them permitted. The beauty of what happened in the last 24 hours we were able to get a lease in place for the day care because they were currently not -- there was not the proper paperwork with the current landowner, so we were at least able to get that in place. Thank you toker your support and we're glad we can get this resolved. >> Mayor Adler: When does the lease run through? When does the lease run through? >> I cannot enter into because I do not own the property, but I believe the current landowner has agreed to offer them a lease through the June or July of 2020. I would be anticipated in purchasing the property in December. So then I would honor the lease from December to June or July 2020. So it's essentially a year and a half from now. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Thank you. >> Uh-huh. >> Mayor Adler: Any further discussion on this item? Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: I wanted to move approval of this item and I wanted to clarify one thing with miss lash if there is a second. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar seconds it. >> Tovo: Ms. Lash, thank you so much for your willingness to meet to quickly with the parents expressing concern. The lease with the existing property owner will go through July 2020. If for some reason that lease doesn't get into place before you take ownership,

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would you be willing to enter into such a lease? >> As long as I'm still involved in the tax credit application. If for some arena I'm not -- we're competing for these funds and my intent with the property is build an affordable housing development. If April I find out we're not going to get our award, I'm not going to be moving forward with the development, I would have no reason to enter into a lease personally with them anymore because I'm not going to be building tax credits. So that's the -- building an affordable housing property there. So as long as I personally am involved and intending to move forward with an affordable housing development, yes, I can enter into something with them assuring them. But I don't own the property so I can't -- I'm limited to what I can do. >> Tovo: But we have your assurance, regardless what happens with the existing property owner, if you -- >> If I am involved -- >> Tovo: Whether or not to extend. >> But this property is listed on the market. If you Google, it's on loop net. Someone -- if I canceled the contract, someone could come along and try to buy it in 60 to 90 days and im -- >> Tovo: We completely understand that. I just want to -- wanted to verify -- >> As long as I'm involved they have time. My process takes a long time. >> Tovo: Thank you so very much. I wanted to contact the parents who contacted my office. I didn't have opportunity to speak with all of you, but staff passed on names and concerns so thank you for raising this issue to our attention and other members of

the city council. I want to thank the dads who came down today to address us. Thanks for your evacuation on behalf of the -- advocacy on the part of the many children at this day care. This raises a question about how we also consider as we're moving forward with --

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with our interest in promoting affordable housing, we also do need to be concerned about child care facilities. That's another community amenity that social security our first speaker -- as our first speaker indicated, high quality child care is something we've had an opportunity to make priority at city council. So I do, I mean this case has helped me realize that as we're looking at density bonus programs and thinking about how to incentivize the development of affordable housing, we need to do so also with an eye toward not incentivizing the redevelopment necessarily of some of the community assets that we want to see maintained including child care. Thank you very much. I think there this is a very good resolution. I appreciate the developer's ability to work with this and to the parents thanks for your advocacy. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Garza. >> Ellis: Is the landowner here? I'm a little -- >> Garza: I'm concerned about nothing in writing yet. And so I guess I defer to our staff and see if in the process of these tax credits, is there -- is there -- I guess the situation is it's on the market. They may or may not -- unless they get the tax credits, they are not going to purchase it. In that time while waiting, somebody could offer this owner, make an offer, that owner could accept it. With nothing in writing as of this moment, there would be no guarantee that there -- >> So my understanding, Mandy Demayo. Sage brook currently has an option to purchase. They have to demonstrate site control for Texas department of housing and community affairs who they submit their tax credit application to. They currently have site control of that site, but it is contingent on them being awarded tax credits which won't officially happen

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until July. April is probably more the time frame in which they will see how the cards stack for them or against them. >> Garza: So if they don't get those tax credits, it could be back on the market. >> That is correct. >> Garza: And the owner may have never gone through with the lease. >> It's -- based on my understanding of the conversations, they are working to get the lease in place now. >> Garza: I'm just curious if there is any way to table this until we see something in writing. >> I will say the tax credit application due date, the full application is March 1st, which is one of the reasons we put this on all of the resolutions on the council agenda today so that if anything were to happen, it could go the next council meeting date. But it cannot go past that date. They need the resolutions in order to move forward. >> Garza: I was just wondering to table it today and if we can get something in writing today. >> Mayor Adler: Can we hold it a second? Before we -- if we're going to pursue this line, then we should hold this item for this moment and discuss it back in executive session. Okay. Let's do this. >> [Inaudible] >> Mayor Adler: We're going to visit about this in executive session. We're going to table this for the

moment right now. >> Okay. >> Mayor Adler: When we get to executive session, we'll pull this back up. >> Great. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Let's call up items 14 and 17.

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We're having to pick between two projects. There's a staff recommendation on 14 and 17. >> Good morning, James may, neighborhood housing, community development. For both items 14 and 17, these are the revitalization plan area, most contributing development to that plan area points that tcdh awards. Item 14, we have three developments that identify the same plan area so your job would be to identify which is most contributing. Of those three, one has been pulled. They've decided not to go forward with their application so now it's down to two. We ran the analysis for both developments and the Colina is the recommendation. Item 17, that was more difficult to come to a recommendation. They have positives and negatives. As you heard from Mr. Gerber they would not be moving forward with their application so that reverts our recommendation back to the other one. >> Mayor Adler: Tma saltillo. >> Yes, sir. >> Mayor Adler: People are going to speak on them. Is there a hogs to approve 14 and 17 with VI collina and saltillo? Councilmember Renteria and councilmember kitchen seconds. Mr. Peña, do you want to speak on this one? >> I don't have to speak. >> Mayor Adler: On item 17, Mr. Gerber, do you need to speak on this? It's been moved and second to do approve 14 and 17, 14 with VI collina, 17 with saltillo. All in favor? Those opposed. It's unanimous.

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29 is boards and commission. Not that deaf we have to take any action at all now, but I have handed out after consulting with the mayor pro tem some recommendations that she and I would make with respect to committee chair, members have already been appointed. Self-selected on the committees. The mayor pro tem offered to give me her spot on mobility. Remember I had wanted to be there, but had pulled that down so that it wouldn't go into a larger than group of five. I have thanked the mayor pro tem but have declined her offer. I still intend to participate on mobility. Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I can just say you are always welcome on mobility and we will share the opportunities to speak as well as any work that we're doing. So you're welcome. >> Mayor Adler: That sounds good. Obviously there's been no notice on this because you are just getting it now on the list, but the chair and vice chair pretty much track what people had requested or discussed either on the message board or in the conversation we had that Thursday. I defer to councilmember pool with her desire to be vice chair of Austin energy with the understanding that I can still take an active role on the legislative work with that. I appreciate that. >> Pool: If I may, mayor, I hope that you will continue to do that, and I think the additional presence at the capitol will be helpful with the new chair of Austin energy as well. >> Mayor Adler: And then handed out also while there's no statutory

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ordinance grant of any particular or delegation to any one of us to lay out recommendations with respect to the intergovernmental entities, we've done that as well. The mayor pro tem and I. Again, this pretty much tracks with what people are requested or wanted in the cases where there were two people that had wanted to be in the same place at the same time, we asked them to visit with each other or to -- to discuss and sometimes we helped facilitate that conversation on those individual ones, but the things that were interested by more than one person C.A.N., for example, and councilmember Renteria deferring in that case to councilmember harper-madison, I think. There was multiple interests for some of the air issues, folks deferring to councilmember Ellis on that issue. So we had those things. The one thing that this does not reconcile where people wanted to be are -- kind of a long-standing issue that sometime we're going to need to figure out, which is the real desirable ones, by real desirable, I mean where more people and strongly felt and those are campo and cap metro. And on this recommendation coming from the mayor pro tem that keeps people in the spots that they are on. Councilmember Ellis had expressed a keen desire to be on those. So I just report that

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information to you. So I lay this out. Certainly we don't have to take any action on that now. Since it's just been laid out and people haven't had a chance to see it, we certainly could, but I pulled this really to lay this out and hand it to folks. Councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: If people are -- I don't know how the dais feels, if people are comfortable, go ahead and vote on it. We've got a mobility committee meeting -- after that Austin energy, other things. I just think if the group is comfortable with that. >> Mayor Adler: Anybody have any objection to that? So those are added to this item number 29. Is there a motion to approve item number 29? Councilmember pool makes that motion. Is there a second? Councilmember Flannigan seconds that. Councilmember tovo very. >> Tovo: I just wanted to point out. Thank you for these recommendations. I wanted to say I was looking back at the first time we did this in 2015, and at that time 2 hate crimes task force had three members. I had served previously. There was enough interest from council that I stepped off because we have three individuals to wanted to serve. So I was surprised when I saw that only councilmember Flannigan currently serves and we're only recommending two councilmembers serve. I think we have at least three spots on that task force and it's a very important body of work and I think we should have full representation on there. Unless I'm wrong and they've changed the number of individuals they want from the city of Austin. >> Mayor Adler: I think they would welcome another councilmember to participate. Does anybody want to add their name to the hate crimes task force? >> Flannigan: You all can join me, it's fine.

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>> Tovo: In the interest of having full representation, I would be glad to go back on that hate crimes task force. I enjoyed it and it was a good body of work, but if somebody else wants that opportunity, I'll be

happy for them to do so. >> Mayor Adler: Let's add councilmember tovo to that list. >> Tovo: With regard to cap metro and -- is there an opportunity to have a proxy on those? Is that one way to allow the other individuals who are not our designated appointees to be able to rotate in and out as we have that need? >> Mayor Adler: I think someone also mentioned that and I think we're going to pursue that certainly with respect to campo. To check that to see if we could make councilmember Ellis kind of the designated person to step into -- >> Tovo: I think we did that with C.A.N. Because sometimes the elected representatives couldn't attend so we had an opportunity for staff to sit in and vote on their behalf. I think that may have required some change, but they were happy to do it. It's also the case that the sobering center works the same way. We have that in the bylaws that any member of council can on meeting day serve as proxy with a written notification. >> Mayor Adler: We'll come back to council with respect to that on campo. [Inaudible]. Councilmember Ellis. >> Ellis: I would like to sigh a few wordsment I appreciate everybody serving in the capacities they've done such good work in and I've had conversations with many about cap metro and the possibility of serving on campo. I would like to bring before we vote on this, I am also interested if it was possible to serve as vice chair on the mobility committee. I know that we haven't really discussed that, but I just wanted to put those words out in public before really taking a vote on it. >> Mayor Adler: Okay.

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What's the will of the dais? Councilmember alter, then councilmember pool. >> Alter: I just wanted to speak to the campo alternates. My office has been working with campo and there is a way to do alternates. I haven't had a chance yet to speak with all of the colleagues on campo to make that work, but I think we can definitely work towards an alternate situation. I think with campo that's a useful step for us to be taking even as a matter of course so that we have a bench of folks who understand how that process works. >> Kitchen: Mr. Mayor? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Kitchen: Thank you for bringing that up, councilmembers tovo and alter. I do think there's opportunities on campo. As councilmember alter said, it's -- campo is a -- is complex from both a subject matter and relationship perspective, and so it's helpful, I think, to have more councilmembers that are familiar with that. So I think that the -- and there are often opportunities for alternates with regard to campo. So I think that that's useful and I will be happy to work with councilmember Ellis on that. >> Mayor Adler: Okay.. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Let's go ahead. If there's no objection let's go ahead and amend item 29 to identify councilmember Ellis as our alternate to camp, and if we find out we've overstepped our bounds we'll fix that, but I think that we're able to do that too so I'm comfortable doing that. Okay? Yes, councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: I'm not sure I have an immediate resolution to this, but I just want to

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acknowledge councilmember Ellis' request to be vice chair of mobility. I do notice that councilmember Ellis is the only one who has not recommended to be a chair or vice chair, and I think that it is important to distribute those positions equitably, and so perhaps we could leave this for a bit and ponder. >>

Mayor Adler: Let's leave this for a bit to ponder. I would point out also that I also am not listed as a chair or vice chair of one of the -- >> Tovo: Well, that's true. You do a fair amount of chairing in other circumstances. [ Laughter ] >> Mayor Adler: Only to be sure that by that we're setting a precedent where someone in this seat can't serve in those roles but I'm very comfortable what it is we've proposed in that regard. Mayor pro tem, did you want to say something? Okay. Councilmember kitchen? >> Kitchen: We can certainly have more discussion. I would just like to say that with regard to the mobility committee, there are plenty of opportunities. We act as a team, and we are working on many things that we've been working on for a number of years. So I think having councilmember Flannigan remain as the vice chair makes sense at this point in time unless he wants to step aside but I think it's important to have him there. But I also want councilmember Ellis to understand that that -- that says nothing about your ability to participate on the mobility committee. Your ability to bring forward issues to be the lead on issues. It's all about getting the work done, and there are many, many opportunities over the, you know -- starting immediately, there's a lot of things going on in the mobility

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committee. >> Mayor Adler: Let's go ahead. We're going to postpone, table item 29 and bring that back up later. Yes, councilmember Renteria. >> Renteria: I don't have -- I've been on the housing and planning committee. I've been the chair and the vice chair, so I don't mind stepping -- still being on the housing but I don't mind if someone else wants to be vice chair, I would be happy -- >> Mayor Adler: Thank you for that. Councilmember Casar. >> Casar: Mayor, if that solution works out, you know -- I still assume we should table it -- >> Mayor Adler: Let's table it. >> Casar: But having councilmember Ellis as vice chair of housing could be a great thing. I think that I would welcome that one. I'm excited that councilmember Ellis is going to be on the housing committee and councilmember Renteria is sort of like superchair of housing no matter what, whether he's on the committee or not. And so I think that's gracious of you to offer that. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. We'll pick 29 up back after lunch. That moves then to item 33, which is stop the bleed. I pulled that and handed out an amendment. Mr. Flannigan, I wasn't in your quorum so I really couldn't deal with this directly with you. Really -- I really appreciate this item number -- >> Flannigan: Mayor, I think councilmember pool is the lead sponsor on this. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool, I apologize. I really appreciate the leadership for you and the others in bringing this forward. This has two amendments really that have been handed out. One is the whereas clause. It just says that it's an important recruiting and workforce development tool. Thinking about this program stop the bleed not just in terms of educating -- what the current resolution does is it makes sure we have the stop the bleed kits as well as a person to teach folks how to use them, working through those explorer groups, which I think is

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great. All this does is just say let's look at it as workforce as well. The association has suggested that we take a look at -- manager, while you're looking at this -- also taking a look at if we can take some of those

kids in the explorer program and move them into certification. Maybe hopefully then applying for a job within the city and taking a look at whether that's something that for those kids in our explorer program we might want to underwrite or help provide somehow or another to boost our opportunity to run people through those programs. Councilmember pool. >> Pool: Thanks. I see both of these as friendly amendments so I'm happy to adopt them. Would you like me to make a motion to approve this? >> Mayor Adler: Please. >> Pool: Then I'd just like to say a couple things. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. >> Pool: I will move to adopt amended item 33. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool moves item 33 with the amendments that I had brought forward. Is there a second to that? Councilmember Flannigan seconds that. Discussion. Councilmember pool. >> Pool: I just wanted to thank Selina, our new president of the -- I think you have renamed your group. Let me see if I can get it right. It's the -- well, maybe, Selina, could you come up and introduce yourself? Then I won't stumble all over the new name of the atcms association. And for those of you who haven't had a chance yet to meet Selina, I wanted to give you that opportunity. This initiative came directly from she? >> Hi, all, thank you very much. My name is Selina, the president of the newly named Austin ems association. We felt like austin/travis county ems employs association was a little bit of a mouthful. This stop the bleed and taking care of our explorer program really came perfect a lot of previous efforts that councilmember Renteria was working on, as well as the previous president, Tony

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Marquardt, so I thank him and thank all the hard work y'all have put in on this and I think it will really serve our city and bring a diverse group of candidates to our department. >> Pool: And has several medics. I wanted to thank chief Ernie Rodriguez, is he here too? Great, thank you. I also wanted to thank councilmember Flannigan for doing the proclamation later on this afternoon that will also recognize this. So thank you, everybody, for supporting this effort. >> Mayor Adler: This item has been moved and seconded. Further discussion? Councilmember Flannigan. >> Flannigan: I just want to acknowledge I've already gotten emails from school board members excited about this program, especially Round Rock ISD reached out to my office wanting to know how they can participate and I'm excited to see us approach these types of policies, acknowledging the diverse number of school districts that we have in the city, and, thank you, councilmember pool, for working with me on that ensuring that as we run an agency, ems agency that covers not just the city but a whole county but a little bit of wilco les we forget that we're servicing all of our students all across the service area. Very exciting program. >> Mayor Adler: Been moved and seconded. Those in favor please raise your hand? >> Mayor, one speaker. >> Mayor Adler: I apologize. Come on down. This is item number -- >> 33. >> Mayor Adler: 33. I'm just not showing you as having signed up on this. >> I was at the kiosk. >> Mayor Adler: Come on down. >> Thank you very much, Gus Pena, again. I taught at the school district, ACC community college, and I thank all members that are involved in this, especially my good friend chief Ernie Rodriguez, ems, and I haven't been on a dropout task force and other task force at ISD, spoke to a lot of people and parents. This is one thing they really want to have the training for and bleed kits and they work with the school district to implement the program. That's all I have to say,



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but, again, thank you very much for everything that everybody, the wrap around services and every units have done for the school district and for Austin and the children and the kids in aid and school districts. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Let's take a vote. Those in favor of this item please raise your hand. Those opposed. Unanimous on the dais. That item is now approved. We have -- you want to take those up next? Let's call up items number 34 and 35. >> Morning, mayor, council, Greg, Austin water. I want to provide a little background on this. These are two service extension requests, or Sers. Sers are transactions where the utility extends water or wastewater service. Council code requires any ser in the drinking water protection zone to be approved by the council. There are several considerations with regards to these approvals, past history at the site, technical details, capacity to serve, environmental concerns. Borders to these two Sers they're located on 620 in district 6. The utility has water and wastewater infrastructure immediately adjacent to these two properties. It would require small service extensions. We have capacity to serve. In 2014 the council took this matter up and approved Sers to this property, those Sers expired at the time it was a development with apartment complexes and condos for 73 Lue dollars. This current proposed development is a car dealership with ten lues

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the water wastewater commission recommended approval of these Sers, the environmental board could not reach a quorum on their vote. The city's environmental officer, Chris Harrington reviewed this, and he recommended not to approve. From an overall perspective, we recommend approval balancing all those considerations. And would be happy to answer any questions you may have. >> Mayor Adler: We have some people that have signed up to speak as well, including an applicant. Yes, councilmember kitchen. >> Kitchen: I just have some questions for watershed when it's appropriate. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. You can answer it now or hear from the speakers first, whichever you prefer. >> Kitchen: Let me hear from watershed, I guess. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Kitchen: I would like to just ask you to just lay out the objections that watershed has to this, if you could help us understand those. >> Chris Harrington, environmental officer. Our offense are different by sort of general policy directive. When we look at the language in imagine Austin that speaks to consideration of our growth concept plans and in looking at service extension requests in environmentally sensitive areas the proficiency six water and wastewater service provides certainty for development in lieu of on-site developments, either a well or septic system, that would be what would happen if we did not extend our service. So this particular -- the extension of service to this property does not solve any existing environmental issues, and so our objections are more in the sense that we are encouraging -- this provides certainty for development in an area that our growth concept plan and our -- the city's [indiscernible] Plan does not direct growth to. >> Kitchen: If I'm understanding correctly, we have policies related to when it's appropriate from the perspective of the

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environmental issues and wastewater quarterbacks, right? >> I think that's the challenge. We don't have clear policy, I think, more explicit guidance from council would be very much appreciated and that would enable us to provide more clear recommendations. We look at these. Be-- again, if it's solving any existing environmental condition, I think we could certainly recommend service. Otherwise we generally would not be recommending service in these sensitive areas. >> Kitchen: Okay. Okay. All right. Thank you. >> Mayor. >> Mayor Adler: Yes -- hang on, councilmember Flannigan first and then back to councilmember tovo. >> Flannigan: So I brought this up on Tuesday at work session, and I think one of the big differences between this and the -- most of the Sers that we see is that this property is in the limited purpose jurisdiction, so it means it does comply with all of our zoning and regulations and tree protection and all those other Riles. I'm not aware of any regulation that is file pump but not limited purpose. I don't know if staff can confirm that. Every single regulation in limited purpose is the same as they are in full purpose. >> Correct. Just the property tax difference -- >> Flannigan: Right they don't pay property taxes but have to abide by every building code, environmental, et cetera, et cetera. For this specific case as we consider this specific ser we have to approve the zoning so in an etj case it makes sense because we don't have that opportunity to discuss what's going in and if we want to provide additional extension of service it challenges the imagine Austin plan but we did just approve this zoning, up zoning it so they could build this car dealership that's why I think as we talked on Tuesday I'm conflicted about denying it today because we didn't talk about this, staff didn't bring you this as a concern when we did the zoning earlier so I'm gonna be supporting this, as I said in the zoning case, not because I want to see a car dealership built on 620, doesn't solve any of our strategic goals but we did approve that zoning so I feel to be consistent we should be approving the ser today.

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>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember tovo. >> Tovo: I'm going to be clear on which departments recommended against. Mr. Meszaros, I heard you say the environmental officer recommended against. It's my understanding that was the recommendation of the watershed staff or are you conflating the two? >> I think it's probably best for Chris to answer that. >> Tovo: Okay, thanks. >> Yes, ma'am, I offered recommendation as it goes through the boards and commissions, or in this case the environmental commission. The recommendation is mine as the representative of the watershed protection department. >> Tovo: It's fair to say it is the watershed. I've heard and read different things, I just wanted to be clear that's the watershed protection recommendation. And was that recommendation -- I did go back to the 2014 ser and that was just -- thank you, councilmember Flannigan, for mentioning that there had been one. That was a split vote, it did pass but was a split vote from 4-3 and I did vote against that along with my colleagues councilmembers Martinez and Morrison and remember at the time I believe the staff recommended against extension of service in that case as well. >> The environmental officer did recommend against the extension of service. >> Tovo: Can you help me understand whether the -- no, I'm going to leave it there for now. Thank you. >> Casar: Mayor. >> Yes, councilmember Casar. >> Casar: I voted against Sers in the past, and I just want to make sure that this thinking is clear around, one, we do not want to extend service to places where we think we're going to generate growth and development where we don't want it by the comp plan. Two, we don't

want to extend Sers too often to places we don't have our regulations and protections because we want to make sure we're generating and driving development in a place that complies with our values and our rules. And, three, we want to make sure that it makes sense for our -- our system of water infrastructure, and so that's why I felt pretty

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clear about the ones that I've voted against, which we haven't had that many, but I do remember voting against these. And each of those cases it seemed like we would be actively discouraging development in a place where we didn't want it because it wasn't in a good place or because it didn't comply with our regulations. Seeing and understanding this site it seems like this is -- this seems to not fall into those categories because it does have to comply with our regulations and it seems like if it's something like 80% -- the track falls across a boundaryline. Is that right? Falls some portion within the city and some portion into limited purpose? >> What was your question, councilmember. >> Casar: It's all -- >> It's all limited purpose. It's across the street from full purpose. >> Casar: Across the street from full purpose where we have water infrastructure. It seems to me this isn't a site we're going to prevent from getting paved over by not giving a ser and seems to me to be a site that still has to comply with our environmental rules so by not extending this it seems to me that we're going to get a car dealership with wells and septic, which to me doesn't seem to achieve the imagine Austin goals or the environmental goals that we have. So I do really respect that watershed and the environmental officer have to do their best based on the guidance that you have, but if I used those sets of guidance, which seems to make environmental and planning sense to me, then it seems like this is one of those cases where we extend it even though I'm not, you know, thrilled about having development here and not thrilled about car dealerships and storage facilities generally, but it seems like we're gonna -- I'd rather have a car dealership hooked up to our waterline rather than a car dealership with details, and -- with wells and it seems like we aren't condoning something not following our rules because it has to so to me that's the reasoning that gets me to accepting

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this particular request but I see confused faces on the dais so I want to make sure I didn't say anything confusing. >> Mayor Adler: The question I have, I think there's another factor too, again, I don't know what to do on this. I think those three factors work. I would like to hear you address the question, isn't it better they're on services than not, isn't it better for them to be on than to be on well from an environmental standpoint so I'd like to have the answer to that. Then the other question is, is that, you know, I don't know from a resource standpoint -- you know, we're required to deliver services to large parts of our community that are part of our city and are paying taxes and I want to make sure we're not extending services to areas that are not participating in our budget when we still have budgetary stuff we should be doing. I don't know how to factor in the fact that it's not in the city. >> Casar: They have to pay for the water -- they have to pay the water rates which cover the extension of the water

infrastructure? Is that right? >> Yes. All the costs to pay for the extension would be borne by the developer, and then once it's hooked into our system they would pay their monthly water and wastewater bill, also capital recover fees. >> Casar: It would actually give us a broader base for the water utility. It's not a drain on the utility. It's a broader base. >> Yes, but they don't pay taxes because they're outside the full purpose. >> Casar: But taxes don't fund you. >> That's correct. >> Mayor Adler: I understand it's better for the water department so it doesn't surprise me that the water department is recommending they come in because it adds up to the system and they contribute to the system. I just don't have the environmental question. To the degree that the city has services and things I would imagine when we go out to annex property we say to people, come into our city, pay your taxes, and you get libraries and you get all this other stuff. So I'm just trying to figure out why we -- is that something I can take into account when I'm deciding

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how I spend my limited resources to be able to do anything in this city. Let me go back and get other people and we'll come back to you. Councilmember pool hasn't had a chance yet and then Mr. Flannigan and then councilmember tovo. >> Pool: I'm looking at the memos from watershed protection, and it says that approval would likely facilitate increased development, intensity in a highly environmentally sensitive area. When we're talking about wetlands and springs and rim rock on the property. When we're talking about the provision of water, the waterlines are one thing but there's also the runoff from the site that would, I suspect, it wouldn't be going through the waterlines. So what plans -- do we know what plans there might be to take care of the water that would be coming off the impervious cover of a car dealership? >> As councilmember Flannigan mentioned it's in limited purpose, in review process now so they would have to apply with applicable code. The runoff that you're speaking of would be addressed that way. >> Pool: And it's in the drinking water protection zone and the northern Edwards recharge zone, it drains to the head waters, creeks and sensitive receptors, including the Jollyville plateau and those are the reasons behind why watershed is of a different opinion than our water department. >> Yes, effectively. So we've got the provision of certain -- of services, water and wastewater service is a provision of certainty for development so your drain fields for your septic system don't count against the calculation of how much impervious cover you can have on your site. You have to have setbacks perfect your wells, the productivity of those wells is then a question. So this is a bit of an -- a different situation in the sense that it's limited purpose and not in our extraterritorial jurisdiction, but that's correct. >> Pool: Yeah, that's what is making it so difficult and I think councilmember Casar laid out both sides of that issue. I see both sides of those. I think I'm falling on the opposite side where he fell on, which would be to

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support a denial of this, which would be to support what watershed protection is urging as far as the environmental sensitivity of this area. Thanks. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Flannigan. >> So, like,

councilmember Casar said, the provision of services is not related to taxes. So that their limited purpose is not a factor in this. I just -- I want to go back to the notion that we I'm sorrily approved the zoning. So the question of runoff and impervious cover and those types of -- we already decided that it was okay to build the thing here. And this is the staff process I've talked about on Tuesday about being really frustrated about how these environmental issues or concerns weren't brought up. But my understanding is that it's not so much that the staff recommendation is about specific environmental concerns. It's more related to a standing procedure related to imagine Austin about development in areas on the edge of the city. >> That is effectively correct yes. >> Flannigan: It's not so much this specific site had this specific concern. It was according to imagine Austin this is how the department makes recommendation and it's up to the council to divine what we think the specific situation is. So I -- like the mayor said I would like a better answer, not now necessarily, to the question of when is it ever better for wells and septic versus tied into our own system but for etj areas where obviously the rules are completely different? We control all the rules of the development of the site and we just approved them. We just granted them the zoning that they wanted, and I think I've said my piece. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Would you address the well issue? >> Sure. So it's complicated is the short answer. When we think about what is actually evaluating the productivity of well on-site and whether it would meet all of the water supply requirement, colliding fire

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flows, it becomes challenging to understand what the environmental impact of that actually will be. So we don't have the ability to understand exactly what the cone of depression that would result from the production of water from that well and how that would affect potentially any downstream spring receptors, so that analysis is complicated. Septic systems permitted by us or Travis county are not in and of their -- themselves bad for water quality. That is an accepted method for managing wastewater, properly managed on-site system, properly designed, properly managed can do just fine. In fact analysis that the city conducted as part of our Barton creek study that was sort of a landmark study throughout the '90s actually found that the lower intensity developments utilized on-site wastewater disposal actually had higher water quality than more intense developments that were utilizing centralized service. So it's not that there is septic systems in and of themselves are bad. Certainly they can fail and cause problems. Occasionally our centralized infrastructure has issues that also can cause concerns. So it's not that they're -- without more specific guidance, I think, from council for staff to do the really detailed analysis that would be necessary to understand all of the differential impacts and then weigh in sort of what's the alternate model versus with on-site services versus the provision of service with centralized services and what's all of the resultant non-point solution that would come as a result of the additional development intensity, that's a complicated factor. So if that's the will of council we will certainly do those types of analysis. That's something that would impact us, our colleagues and the other departments as well as the applicants. Otherwise, without that I sort of am stuck with -- I'm not stuck with, I welcome the guidance of imagine Austin, which is relatively vague, but does speak to directing growth outside of these areas.

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>> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Casar. >> Casar: It seems to me, with the information that we have and my sense of this site, that from the environmental perspective, not the well D shall the well-being an unsure thing, it seems safer to hook it up. But the mayor's point, now that I think about it is really interesting and it's hard for me to know how to judge that because I don't know how much attaching yourself to water service brings folks into full purpose jurisdiction to pay taxes. Because of course if I could get this car dealership to pay for city taxes that would be a good thing. So I just don't know how much that amongst other issues gets people and drives people to be able to come in. Because in the end if we had a policy that we're just going to do our best to stop doing service extension requests into limited purpose because of the -- environmentally we can make things work out with septic I just would want to know how much having a less vague policy that we're just not going to be doing that out there anymore because we want people to bring in, how much it does bring people in. If it does start bringing people in -- >> Mayor Adler: Let's do this. It is 12:11:37 I'm going to does the applicant to speak and then I'm going to pull us into executive session because I have questions that I can't ask on the dais. Let's we have citizen communication, so then I would have the applicant speak, questions from the dais if there are any, then we'll take our lunch break and go into executive session and come out and handle the items that we have postponed. But I would want to address this matter in executive session as well. Yes. >> Thank you, mayor. Good afternoon, councilmembers, my name is Jeff Howard, I represent the applicant in this case. A lot of great discussion and hopefully three minutes will be enough time, if not feel free to ask questions because it was a very good

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discussion. The property is 11 acres, located on 620, in an area that's already very heavily developed and very, very heavily trafficked. It is subject to current environmental regulations. Whether it's well or septic, whether it's centralized sewer, we have to comply, and we will comply with heritage tree, impervious cover, creek buffers that councilmember pool mentioned, all of those things fact we've don a feasibility analysis. We can get over 99% of our impervious cover and still have a septic field and that's just because a septic field would be so small for this particular development. Mr. Harrington talked a little about imagine Austin. Let me point out a few things. This map is kind of hard to see. I apologize. But the two circles at either end are activity centers. There's the four point activity center at 2222 and 620 and the lakeline station activity center at 183 and 620. Although 620 is not designated officially as a activity corridor imagine Austin describes activity corridors as links that connect activity centers. This meets that definition and description in imagine Austin as an activity corridor. And in fact if you go out there you'll see all the development that's out here. It's massively developed, heavily trafficked. This is not an area where it's a pristine area where we're trying to prevent growth from happening. Growth has happened and will happen. Couple of important information. It came out, this is for 1/6 of the requests of capacity that the previous council approved, and when that wasoved the environmental commission recommended approval of the Sers, the wastewater -- water and wastewater councilmember Garza

recommended the -- commission recommended for much more water usage and it was on the basis of wells and septic systems were not preferred and both those

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commissions decided that. In this case, although the environmental commission, there was only six members that night, was unable to make a recommendation, water wastewater commission absolutely recommended approval and all of the engineers on that board would tell you they want connection to city sewer because it's easier to design, easier to maintain. And in fact often the city will prohibit folks from doing their own on-site systems if there's an available sewer connection available. One thing that councilmember Flannigan asked was are there any differences with respect to limited purpose? And the answer is no, with respect to zoning, environmental and all those types of regulations. There's one important difference, and that is ossf, septic rules. Because it was not annexed for limited purposes of public health, this property is not subject to city standards for septic systems. [ Buzzer sounding ] And that's really important. That means you can't require nitrogen reduction systems over this. We can definitely build this with September incorporation, definitely build this with well. We have gotten service letters, we've gotten feasibility studies. It's not going to impact whether or not there's a dealership and the dealership is for an all-electric vehicle dealership. We're not going -- we're going to develop this property. The question is whether it's going to be well or septic and I WOU suggest to you that connection to the central system is preferred, and I think that's why director Meszaros is recommending this to you. It's also efficient. There are waterlines on the entire east side of 620 and waterlines and septic lines -- or sewer lines on the west side of 620 to the north and south of us. We would be helping close that gap but upgrading your system at our cost, and so I think it would be a radical change in city policy to not

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extend sewer service or water service to the etj because there are other parts of town that are anticipating that service, and in fact I would imagine your water utilities capital budget and capital plans contemplates extending service into the etj and other parts of town. It's their service area. That's where y'all serve and that's where you've got capital improvements that you need to pay back by extending service to. Anyway, happy to answer any questions you may have. The prior council and prior commissions and policymakers have looked at this, and I think this is, as Mr. Casar pointed out is an opportunity to approve these Sers. Happy to answer any questions. >> Mayor Adler: Any questions before we take a break? We'll come back out. Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Let's go to citizens confusion. >> Mayor? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Some of us would like an executive session on 55 if that's possible. >> Mayor Adler: Yes. I'm going to call that way. Let's go with citizen communication. Is Mike Clawson here? After you it will be Carlos Leon. Is Mr. Leone here? Go ahead, you have three minutes. >> Thank you. Good afternoon, my name is Mike Clawson. I'm the social impact coordinator for compassionate Austin, and I'm here to invite your help and support in two exciting new initiatives

that compassionate Austin is launching, the compassionate Austin co-op and new story festival. As I'm sure you remember two years ago this council passed the compassionate Austin resolution, joining over 400 communities worldwide by declaring that Austin is a city that supports compassionate action on behalf of others, self and the Earth. Today I'm letting you know about our new initiative to for there greater compassion that we call the

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compassionate Austin co-op. Anyone can join, schools, advocacy groups, faith communities, social enterprises, even private individuals. There's no cost. Co-op members simply make two commitments, to declare their support by publicly displaying the compassionate co-op badge that you can see there and participate in annual offers and needs market. We're most excited about that last bit, the offers and needs market is a 90 minute guided process that combines asset -- it's a chance for organizations and individuals across the city to come together, identify what they need to do their work more effectively and what assets they have that they can share with one another. The possibilities were manifold but the idea is simple, when we come together with an assumption of compassion and generosity, we all benefit in real and tangible ways. The launch of the compassionate Austin co-op and very first offers and needs market will take place at our signature event new story festival happening at houston-tillotson university March 29-31, organized around themes of creativity, spurtality and social action it's going to be more purposeful than just another music festival, more fun than conference or convention and more holistic with a political rally though with element of all three. By getting each us out of respective silos to work more closely and cooperative but we need your help. We'll be holding a press conference on Thursday, February 28, to announce the co-op and festival and describe it in greater detail. My invitation to each of you is first to join us there in support of this new initiative, and then, second, to use whatever means you can to encourage folks in your districts to join the co-op and to attend the offers and needs market at the festival. This co-op and this festival are coming into being because of the council's own

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resolution two years ago for compassionate action. We're deeply grateful for your support then, and I hope you'll join us in making these new efforts a reality as well. Thank you. >> Kitchen: Mr. Mayor, could I? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Kitchen: I wanted to thank you for bringing this to us. This is very exciting. You all have been very busy, and it's wonderful work. I will be happy to publicize this in our newsletter, and I'm sure other councilmembers will too. So thank you. >> Thank you so much. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Leone. Coming up next is Valerie Romness. Is Valerie here? You'll be up next after Mr. Leon. Mr. Leon, you have three minutes. >> Carlos Leon, Austin, Texas, February 7, 2019, to speak what's right. [Speaking non-english language] First and foremost, [indiscernible] Letting me fight evil, document one on screen now. A new central library on the sixth floor in the living room area, there are supposed to be four floor lamps as shown and numbered in this may 2018 photo in front of you now. However, for the past four months, one of those lamps has not been on the floor. Document two now. According to this



December 3, 2018, email from aj Andrews he's waiting on a part to fix it. Though it's under warranty it should not take four months for the supplier to get him the needed part. Camera on me now. Something is wrong there. Like evil within new central holding that lamp hostage and/or disappearing it to deny us patrons what is ours and gas light us into forgetting it was ever there. To accept a false, lesser reality. Hell no. Hold director and the library commission accountable for getting it back out there and working

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yesterday because I've already repeatedly told them about it. Next, hold public servants Thomas and Jannette in the city clerk's office accountable for hassling me doing my civic duty, copying and stapling important information for you and related boards and commissions so y'all can do your jobs right. For example, earlier this week, I told Thomas stapler and pointed to the stapler at his desk, to join paper copies that were just made for me. In response, he said "Stapler?" As if he didn't know what I wanted when he did to try making me repeat myself to serve him though I expect to be heard the first time and only time I speak and be served by him. When I reported that crap to his boss, Jannette, she said she had no problem with him clarifying a request, though my request needed no clarification. Wrongly taking his side instead of mine. Worse, Thomas told her I only pointed to the stapler, a false statement to try covering his ass and gas lighting me and her with his false rewritten history. Hell no. Their passive aggressive behavior against me in the workplace is unprofessional and unacceptable. I respectfully follow their policies and procedures, and they will treat me respectfully in return. In Jesus name I pray. Amen. Thank you, lord. God bless Texas, the united States of America, constitutional law and truth. [ Buzzer sounding ] Above all, god's word. [ Applause ] >> Mayor Adler: After Ms. Ronness speaks Bob nicks will be up next.

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You have three minutes. >> Good afternoon. I'm Valerie Romness, director editor of the challenger newspaper. We've been around for eight years. And we are a job position for people on the street. They can make their own hours. They can write for the paper. 95% of our writers are homeless. And I want to think that our paper is the missing piece of the puzzle on solving homelessness. The writers very often write solutions that they see. Sometimes they're hard to hear. But I see it at being very insightful on the solutions and I think it's very worthwhile to read this paper to help the comprehensive rt of ending homelessness. So I want to recommend that everybody subscribe to this paper. It's \$45 to get the description and a subscription in your mailbox or \$35 for subscription and \$24 for description. In your email box. And I want to say what we've been working on the last couple years, we have done a class at UT Dell medical school called "Understanding homelessness," and we taught the med students and graduate students about empathy towards understanding the lifestyle. That's where I think is the biggest missing piece of the puzzle, is we don't understand why they live like they do. We don't understand, and we believe the institutionalized bias that's our society says about homeless people. So we completed a

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seminar/class this past fall at the med school, and now we're going to be offering shorter, smaller classes two hour, four hour, eight hour classes of discussions, tours to raise awareness about the lifestyle. And I have my homeless constituents that will come and speak and you get to really see who they are, and so I want to invite our community and our service providers to be aware that we're starting to offer short classes and that I feel it will really make a big difference when we can understand why someone smells like a camp fire or why they can't come back tomorrow for their appointment. Because they haven't done their laundry and they don't want to be embarrassed by their clothing. How to meet them where they are. Because the problem is growing nationwide, and it's not being economically feasible to have all the homeless people out there. And I know that our city has been. [ Buzzer sounding ] -- Well to find solutions and I want to invite us to keep listening. Thank you. [ Applause ] >> Hello, council, my name is deny, with the Austin firefighter association. I have a lot of information, three minutes, I just want to thank everybody at the dais for having me here today. I have two really thank you messages, one of the four person staffing ordinance and also the trust you showed in the firefighters being part of the hiring process. And I have some diversity results I want to give you. December 13, you guys passed the four-person staffing ordinance. I want to have special thanks to the sponsors and councilmember kitchen, especially to you, for leading that. We really appreciate all your work on that. I guess I have the clicker here. Oops. Okay. So right after you guys passed the ordinance we released a 33-second thank

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you video and got overwhelming response and quite unexpected. It was viewed over 84,000 times, watched 19,000 different minutes, reached over 207,000 people, and about over 6,000 people engaged in this message. The amazing thin is it wasn't a call to arms. It was a thank-you message, and the reason I'm here primarily is it made me really appreciate the work the council did on this. This is really -- you guys have been leaders in making the city green and transportation and immigration, so many issues. You're really leading the charge on firefighter safety. I want you to know how much we appreciate that. This is the video. You're gonna click? Thank you. This actually has some audio, I believe. [ Video ] [ Audio inaudible to captioner ] So I then released a message you see at the bottom of the screen on my Twitter and I got over 7,000 engagements. I had tremendous amount of retweets and direct messages, and ended up getting 11 different requests for that ordinance for other cities across the nation. Again, thank you for your leadership on that issue. Diversity, one of the first things this council did, 10-1 council in 2014, is pass a resolution to put firefighters back at the table to be part of the hiring process. We made a promise to you that we'd add value to that process and make sure that we select good qualified firefighters but also make sure we increased diversity. The last three hiring cycles were under the process the afa researched and brought to the table and the one we use today for the last three processes. The data I'm sharing is from the city of Austin. And these numbers reflect

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kind of pyridoxal things, the attrition and gains we made at the same time. Let's show actual percentages of our department overtime, taking into account our retirements and gains we made through the last three hiring processes. So I'm gonna get off this chart pretty quick because it would take too long to explain but the blue part is the part where the -- [ buzzer sounding ] I don't have nearly enough time. Well, let me just go really quick then. Basically, the bottom line is over this hiring process 2015, white males have -- white -- caucasian have dropped 8.16%. If you take out white females we're at 65.8, that's actually wrong,. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Nicks, I think what you need to do -- >> African-Americans -- >> Mayor Adler: I think what you need to do is submit it because if I let you go longer than everybody -- >> That's fine. >> Mayor Adler: Everybody else will, but it's good to know the numbers are getting better. Appreciate that. I would like to see the detail and I'm sure everybody else would. >> I'm really surprised it took three minutes. I'm sorry about that. I appreciate your time and don't want to break protocols. I'll send you information on that. Thank you for your support on that item also. >> Mayor Adler: Is Owen Shroyer here. >> I'm forfeiting my time. >> Mayor Adler: You can't do that. Because different people sign up and it's a limited number -- >> [Off mic] >> Are you going to deny this woman her right to speak. >> Mayor Adler: The only people that have a right to speak are people that signed up. There were other people -- >> You can talk to me today. I'll tell you what. I was gonna leave you guys alone today. I was gonna let her say her thing today but you guys want to abide by the rules of this city council when the truth is you probably don't give a damn what these people say here anyway because you continue to do everything people come here and complain about every single day.

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And all I wanted to do was let her speak today, and now all of a sudden, mayor Adler, you care about the rules? Give me a break. But you want to get me, you got me 37 here's what I promise you. You're gonna hear from me and people like me every time you have this public forum because we're sick of allowing planned parenthood to run rough shot over our tax dollar, a dollar per year rent for planned parenthood? You're okay with that, but, oh, but you're a stickler for the rules when she wants to speak instead of me. Now all of a sudden you got a problem. You talk about fiscal responsibility? That's what she wanted to highlight here today but I'm just gonna give you hell. Planned parenthood gets billions of dollars in taxpayer funding. We give them rent for a dollar a year. We're sitting here debating whether to put in a septic tamping or not over here, is it fiscally responsible, environmentally responsible? Well, is it morally, spiritually, fiscally responsible to give free money for abortions? Is there any responsibility there? Do we care about the rules there, mayor Adler? So, I mean, seriously, you do not want to have to deal with me today. I'm a loud mouth. I know that. I'm gonna come do my thing because I didn't have anything prepared for today. I was gonna have her do it. Now you're gonna have to deal with the press saying mayor Adler refused to let a woman of color, a minority woman, speaker here today. Instead you got a white male. Guess what now you're hearing from a white male instead of a brown woman because

you care about the rules you will of a sudden. That's fine. Know this you're gonna hear from somebody like me, in fact I'm gonna bring people with me and we'll sand in this gallery that's empty every time because you guys never listen, that's why nobody comes, because you never listen to us. You never do anything you say you're gonna do. I don't blame you, you want to break for lunch, we understand. You know what?

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This is a pretty easy one. Nned parenthood wants to rent in this city make them pay their fair share. I don't think it's that much to ask. I'm not saying we should stop beating hearts everyday. Let's just stop giving them rent for a dollar a month? Do you think we can do that, mayor Adler? Is that something we can move forward on? And you're just gonna ignore me? I'm a person too. I'm standing right here looking eye to eye with you. Why can't you respond to my question? Are we gonna continue to allow planned parenthood to rent for a dollar a year when we just voted to put more taxpayer dollars to all these city projects, mayor Adler? So is planned parenthood -- [ buzzer sounding ] That much of a necessity? I'm gonna stand here, actually, how about I stand here until I get a response. >> Mayor Adler: Those are your three minutes. Appreciate you -- >> Tens of thousands of dollars, mayor Adler, and you're gonna give them free rent? You guys are gonna hear more from me. Hope you like that. >> Mayor Adler: All right. So council will now go into closed session to take up four items pursuant to section 551.071 of the government code. Council is gonna discuss legal matters related to items 34, which is the service extension request, 35, service extension request, item number 10, which is the 9% housing tax credit for the [indiscernible] And pursuant to 551.072 of the government code city council will discuss real estate matters related to item 55, interlocal agreement concerning the realignment of red river street. Without objection at 12:36 we're going to go

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>> Mayor Adler: While we were in closed session we discussed real estate matters related to 55, 34, 35 and 10. We have a quorum. I think there's things we might be able to take care of quickly. Item number 10 was the Bali application. Was there a motion? I think there was a motion and second to approve this. Are we ready to take a vote? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? It's unanimous on the dais for approval. Then let's take up then item number 29 which is -- we can't take it up because we don't have Paige. We'll come back to it in a second. Number -- let's do the consent agenda real fast. Take us through consent. >> Thank you, mayor and council. Joy harden. I'll gone with the 2:00 P.M. Item where the public hearing is closed. This item is offered for consent second and third readings. Moving to our 2:00 P.M. Zoning where the public hearings are open and possible action. Item number 40, npa-2017- 0021.01. Staff is requesting postponement to your April 11 meeting. Item 41, npa-2018- npa-2018-00120.02sh. Postponement to March 11. The related number is number

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42, c14-2018-0100sh. Staff quick postponement to March 7. Item number 43, npa-2018- 0021.01. This case related to item 46 and staffist requesting postponement to March 28th meeting. Item 44, c14-2018-0139. Ready for consent on all three readings. Item number 45, c14-2018-0112, staff I requesting postponement to March 7th meeting. Item 46, related to item 43 on the agenda. C14-2018-0080, staff is requesting postponement to your March 28 meeting. Item 47, c14-2018-0071. This item is offered for consent on all three readings. Item 48, c14-2018-0133. This item offered for consent on all three readings and I believe councilmember Flannigan would like to move staff recommendation if that's correct. Okay, and the related restrictive covenant termination, number 49, this item is offered -- c14-85- 392-rct, offered for consent. Zoning items on the addendum. This item is offered for consent on all three readings and the related item, and this item is offered for consent on all three readings. That includes -- concludes our zone. >> Mayor Adler: Consent agenda is items 39 through 50 and also 56 and 57. Is that correct? >> Yes. >> Mayor Adler: And -- I'm

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sorry, what? I had 39 through 50. >> 49. >> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry. 39 through 49, plus items 56 and 57. And they are all being offered on consent. >> Yes. >> Mayor Adler: Is that correct? >> Correct. >> Mayor Adler: Is there a motion? Councilmember Renteria makes that motion. A second? Councilmember Blanche Lincoln. >> We need to close the public hearings. >> Mayor Adler: And that includes closing the public hearings on 56 and 57 only. Any discussion on the consent agenda? >> Flannigan: I would like to be shown voting no on 47 for the reasons we discussed in work session Tuesday. >> Mayor Adler: Sounds good. Take a vote. Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? The consent agenda is approved. Good job. Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: All right, now let's get back to -- let's handle number 55. Do you want to make a motion, councilmember alter? >> Alter: Surement I would like to authorize negotiation and execution of interlocal agreements as laid out in the rca number 55, with the following change. On the second page where it says if the city funds, it would now read if the city funds any portion of the design or construction of the roadway, the university will credit an amount agreed to by the parties toward -- this is where the change is -- a mutually agreed project such as without limitation the possible lions golf course or provision of affordable housing or open space. And then in addition I have the following direction, which I guess would be incorporated as -- >> Mayor Adler: We'll come

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back there in a second. Is there a second to this motion? Councilmember tovo seconds this. It's been moved and seconded. Is there direction you wanted to give as well? >> Alter: The city manager is directed to proceed with negotiations, credit for right-of-way, expediting the project and anything of

similar nature. >> Mayor Adler: It's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Discussion? >> Sorry. It's on. I would like to propose an amendment and I'll go ahead and -- the amendment being the language as follows. I move that the interlocal agreement with U.T. Include a provision as follows. If the city funds any portion of the design and construction of the roadway, the university will credit an agreed upon -- an amount agreed upon by the parties towards a project or projects approved by the council at a later time. >> Mayor Adler: There's been a motion to amend from councilmember harper-madison that amends the language change that councilmember alter gave us a moment ago. It's that same language in context. Is there a second to this amendment? Mayor pro tem Garza seconds that amendment. Councilmember harper-madison, you have the right to discuss it first harper-madison where I took issue with this item was the explicit language pointing out a particular project. I think it's in our better interest to not name a particular project. I think it eliminates moving forward and to include

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everybody in the conversation. >> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? So I had the opportunity, councilmember harper-madison, to watch the discussion Tuesday at work session. And I heard the discussion about whether or not adding muni in this document lions municipal golf course implied or suggested that the council had already earmarked use for that project. And I agree with you that the council has not done that. That's never been brought to our dais. And it would be wrong and improper for anyone to suggest that this council has at this point discussed that or designated anything to that other than the historical resolutions council had passed that has said generally outside of the context of this project that we want to save muni. I just wanted to say that to be very clear on the record, that it's my understanding and I think a fact that we have yet to designate any projects with the university. That said, I'm probably -- I'm going to support the language change that lists lions municipal golf course, housing and -- with the specific language it does so without limitation and it's just such as those projects. So I guess I agree with everything that you said in terms of needing inclusion, needing people participating, not focusing -- not on designating any particular project, but I think it is important for us to at least identify some that the conversation is ongoing. So I agree with the spirit of what you said. I think that the language that was just proposed gets

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us there for my purposes, for me. Further discussion on the dais? Okay. There's an amendment in front of us from councilmember harper-madison. Let's take a vote. >> I'm confused procedurally what we're amending. Normally there's a resolution or ordinance. But the language is not -- >> Mayor Adler: It's really -- it's all direction. >> Flannigan: It's just direction. >> Mayor Adler: Yes. >> Flannigan: And the base document we're amending is the rca that is being amended. >> Mayor Adler: Correct. >> Flannigan: That's weird. >> Mayor Adler: It is but it is. This is an issue discussed and we can express the will of the council on that. Those in favor please raise your hand. Councilmember Garza, harper-madison, Renteria, Casar and Flannigan. Those opposed? We'll continue on with the rca. Further discussion? Considering.

Councilmember Garza. Mayor pro tem Garza. I will get that. >> Garza: It's only been a month. Councilmember Casar, were you going to make a comment? I'm working on an amendment and staff is bringing it out. >> Casar: No, I just thought it might be more acceptable to everybody that direction be similar to what we described, but just add such as lions, affordable housing or open space. >> Mayor Adler: That's what the language included. The current language

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says -- it's in the base motion. >> Kitchen: I just wanted to explain my vote. I am absolutely in favor and support the intent of what councilmember was trying to do with her amendment. I simply think that it is important to list a number of things. The affordable housing, the open house -- open space and muni. I do not think that language limits us, and so I guess -- I think there's a lot more agreement on the dais than may appear. And I think it's -- so that's why I voted the way I did because I think that the language - I think the language kind of better captures from my perspective the breadth of the opportunity and look at all the possibilities. >> Mayor Adler: While we're waiting for your amendment, we could approve item number 29. 29 is the board and commission issue. We're going to make a change offered by councilmember Renteria. Vice chair of the housing committee will be councilmember Ellis. So with that change made, is there a motion to approve item number 29? Councilmember pool makes a motion. Councilmember Renteria seconds that. Any discussion? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais with that one change. Anything else we want to talk about on this one? I think the mayor pro tem's motion is ready. Mayor pro tem. >> Garza: So I move this direction. While the acquisition of lions has long been open space that the city has negotiated to purchase, there are citywide needs and likely other projects that

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could benefit from credit received as a result of this you M.O.U. The city shall actively seek other opportunities to seek projects aligned with the council priorities. If I get a second, I'll speak to that. >> Mayor Adler: Second councilmember harper-madison. Councilmember Garza. >> Garza: Again, it's difficult to amend something when we don't actually have an agreement in front of us, but I share councilmember Madison's concerns about what it feels like an earmark, I'll say a soft earmark for one particular project. And what I've heard in this conversation is, well, it's the only project that we've talked about. And it's the only project because there has never been the opportunity to talk about any other projects. We've never been given the opportunity to talk about U.T. Land east of I-35 that could be used for affordable housing or different opportunities where the city could use this credit that we're sieving. - Receiving. I understand there's been a long discussion about muni and what could be done to purchase muni, but again this process concerns me if we're talking about transparency and a democratic process and an item before us, but then essentially one or two people from this dais can go behind closed doors and talk to another party and give direction from this council. That seriously concerns me about how this process has worked. I think this direction simply says yes, lions has been a project we have long

been talking about, but there are other ones we haven't even had the discussion about. We haven't even looked to see if there's other opportunities to leverage this credit anywhere else. So I think this provides -- while very similar to the amended language we just did, we haven't talked about the city actually seeking out those opportunities.

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This just says we -- the previous language says we may use it as credit for lions or other things like affordable housing. It doesn't give any direction that says let's go for those options where we can leverage this for land, for affordable housing or open space in parts of town that, you know, we can leverage this for. So that's what the purpose of this is. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Further discussion on the dais? Councilmember Kitchen. >> Kitchen: Mayor pro tem, would you be open to instead of saying likely other projects, potentially other projects? I think that the last sentence that you have is a good sentence to speak to the proactive nature. I just -- I just -- and while I hope there are other projects, I'm not sure that I can say likely. So would you be open to some other word like potentially or something like that? >> Garza: Yes. >> Kitchen: Okay. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Suttle. >> I'm here on behalf of the university of Texas at Austin. I want to thank you for taking up this item and discussing it and express on the behalf of president findez willingness and desire to be more collaborative on a broader basis than just one or two issues with the university. The university values its relationship with the city and I think the city does with U.T. As well. And the two of them together are basically invincible when they work together. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> I want to thank you for taking that up. I just had one quick question. There was one direction that was given to the city manager that I needed to get clarified. Because what happens from today is then we go to work on some things and the board of regents has to meet on this on the 26, I believe it is, 27th. There was some direction the city is to get credit for

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the right-of-way if we realign -- and I just wanted to get clarification on that because our understanding is we would be realigning red river and basically exchanging right-of-way, and if that's the same thing, I'll sit down and be quiet. But if it's something different, I need to know what that direction is so I can be thinking about it. >> Mayor Adler: We're not prescribing that at this point. You guys will negotiate that. I'm going to support the amendment coming from councilmember Garza. Because I think that allowing -- mayor pro tem Garza. It's going to be hard just because it became one word for a while. Support mayor pro tem's amendment here because I think this is an important thing for us to do. You know, one of the reasons why we're passing this to start off at all is having an arena in the city is a good thing for the city to happen. This is not transactional, not something we're doing just for the university. This city needs those kinds of venues and spaces. And everything that we do with the university I think we should -- most of what we do with the university should be looking where there's common goals. In this particular case, I think we should be actively seeking as many opportunities as we can and leveraging as many chance as we have. And I think this is fully within the spirit of where we need the relationship with the



university of Texas to go. And I just think it's important to also state that there hasn't been any kind of outside agreement involving a few councilmembers or other people, just has not happened. There is no such thing as that. You know, this was -- this was something that was in -- something I was involved in as mayor, something that councilmember alter was involved in because muni was there, that conversation about muni and not about the

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arena, and councilmember Houston was involved because it involved the university of Texas. My hope would be would be that councilmember harper-madison moves into that position because a lot of this is in her district, but there weren't any decisions that were made. The whole arena stuff didn't even come up in any way as part of this conversation really until December when they announced to the world that they had this opportunity to save \$300 million. So it's only been in the last few weeks that's ever happened and it was really a request at that point for us to help facilitate the arena, which is a good thing for us to do and we raised our hand and said we're doing this and we are extending ourselves for you and we hope that you will continue to extend yourself back for the city that we all live in. They said yes. That's really what this does, and so talking way too long to say I'm going to support this amendment from the mayor pro tem. Mr. Renteria, then Mr. Casar. >> Renteria: I'm also going to be supporting this. Growing up here in Austin and seeing what the other businesses that have donated their land to U.T., you know, for endowment purposes. You know, and we just want to also remind the state that, you know, we have worked with you guys too when we gave up all of the congress avenue between 15th to martin Luther king. You know, that was a big commitment for us. We had a lot of concern because we knew that there would be discussion about capping us and restricting us on all kinds of ability to provide affordable housing here in Austin. And I hope that we just send the state and U.T. That we do want to partnership with you all and we know it's very important for the success of Austin and Texas. So I will be supporting

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this. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. And we also have three people that have signed up to speak from the folks here. I don't know if they still want to speak. Is Mary Arnold here? Do you still want to speak? Okay, then we'll go to speakers in a second. Mr. Casar. >> Casar: We got a little confused between the set of votes and I think I just want to make my position clear. Which has been many of these amendments I think generally sends the manager in the same direction to do the same thing which is to negotiate the best we can and collaborate the best we can with the university on the range of issues that are important to the city. And those issues include open space, include lions, include affordable housing and all of those things are places where the city and university can collaborate and I've seen all these amendments while coming from different places because all the councilmembers come from a different place, all asking the manager to do the same thing, which is to negotiate the best that we can in the best interest of the city across all of these issue areas and see what we can turn up. So I think that, frankly,

that's why I would support this amendment like I've supported the others because they say we need to look at what our opportunities are to address as many of the community's needs in collaboration with U.T., which include all the different ideas people have spoken about and potentially new ones too. >> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? Any? Yes, councilmember alter. >> Alter: I believe that this amendment is perfectly in line with what I proposed earlier and I'm happy to support it. I want to 'em if size, though, that -- emphasize part of what we're embarking on is how do we restart our relationship with U.T., how do we get it to the point we can address things like affordable housing, likely I

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don't know, like open space so we meet these challenges together so we can be as Mr. Suttle mentioned invincible. Everything we said about what these projects should be sought for for red river applies to muni as well and I invite and welcome my colleagues being engaged in that conversation so that we can work together with U.T. To come up with a solution for lions that also addresses many of the things that we mutually care about around the city and that has been the intention all along and I just want to underscore that. We have the potential to do something great for the city, but we need all of the creativity and all of ingenuity we can bring to bear so we can identify all the mutually beneficial elements. We are in this position today to be able to approve a realignment of red river because we have been approaching this process with U.T. In a different manner. And that is why lions was called out was because we got to this circuitously with the arena being added and at a later point and it is cut off certain elements of that process. And I just want folks to understand that this is an effort to expedite this arena with U.T. Needs which will benefit the city. It is not the end of other processes that are going on within the city. >> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? Speakers. Yes. Ms. Arnold. >> Mary Arnold. Back in 1972, '73, I would have been known as Mrs. William D. Arnold because that's the way women were referred to in places of public by their married names. I'm still married, 59 years this year.

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I must say that item 55 is deja Vu all over again. When I read the backup that had been added late Friday afternoon at 4:00, my heart sank when I read that muni was being associated with the relocation of red river. Because this has happened before. Back in 1973 the university had attempted cancel the lease on the golf course, and so then this started this whole year process of golfers being upset and trying to save the golf course. The lease should have been good until 1987, but they were going to cut it off earlier. Frank Erwin thought that by selling the golf course he could make money that could be used to buy land east of the campus to help them expand. But then a new regent came on board, Ed Clark, who said he didn't want to sell any of the Brackenridge tract. So that kind of forced the issue, and finally three regents and three councilmembers got together behind closed doors and what came out of that was an agreement. Okay. So the mayor, Roy butler, called me in the evening in September '73 and said we've made a deal, the golf course lease can continue. But he wouldn't give me the details. He said there will be a meeting and you can come and hear what's going to happen. And so I went to that

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meeting, large crowd, and they announced that in order to keep the lease on the golf course, the city was going to help U.T. Move red river. Move it to where it is now. And I got tears in my eyes and I thought, oh, I'm so sad that moving red river has become this thing that is now associated with the golf course. Because the golf course didn't really have much to do with moving red river except that that was something that they could use to say, well, we'll let you keep the golf course as per the lease, but then we'll get this from the city council. So I'm sorry that it has had to happen again. I just wanted you to know that the next go round in '87 to '89, we were able to work out a deal that only included the Brackenridge tract. So for not developing the golf course part of the Brackenridge tract, we were able to negotiate development rights for the university for nonuniversity purposes on other portions of the Brackenridge tract. [Buzzer sounding] But here we are again. Thank you very much and -- >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. >> Don't think too badly of our efforts to save the golf course because we did not intend to slight anyone. And we hope to come and visit each one of you. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Gus peña.

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>> Tovo: While our next speaker is coming up, I wanted to thank Ms. Arnold for her decades of advocacy on this but thank you for explaining that very strange story about the realignment and the role of muni and how we're now poised to realign it back to where it once was. I was hoping you might have remembered that we -- that in all of these transactions of the first alignment that we actually own muni and we had just sort of lost track of that. But thank you for explaining that really strange history of the site. >> Mayor Adler: Gus peña. After Gus, Mr. Harris. Go ahead. >> I never been a golfer. I've been a football player, basketball player. I love Mary Arnold because I knew here when she was doing this back in the '70 degrees and when she ran for city council. So I'm going to make it short and simple. Listen to her. She's the expert, I'm not. I'm the expert on football, east Austin issues, northeast Austin and my black brothers and sisters. But she brings a wealth of knowledge that I -- I knew when I was coming back from the Marine Corps on leave. So some things happen that are diverted from the original plans and agreements. I spoke to [indiscernible] Also, I'm going to leave it at that because Mary is the expert, not me, Ms. Arnold. I love her, I respect her and she brings the gospel to you. But I have a lot of friends who are golfers who are hispanics who went to the same issues in the '70s, '80s and now also. I'll leave it at that. But listen to Ms. Mary Arnold, she is the expert, not me. But I just support her and I

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wish things would be different, but I'll be there to support Mary and the rest of the people who really like golfing. And I too like golfing when I was in the Marine Corps, but I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Mary, for everything you've done for the city of Austin and golfers and humanity. Listen to her, she's the expert. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Happy Harris. George Gaston is on deck. Mr. Gaston here? You will be up next. Go ahead. >> Good afternoon. While we were loving on Mary, I've known Mary for a very long time and I would echo all the sentiments and be happy to cede my three minutes to her. August Harris, past president of the west Austin neighborhood group and long-time advocate of community parks and open spaces. Thanks to each of you, to senator Watson and president fenvez for leadership and commitment to work for the city's ownership of the golf course while addressing points of mutual interest and benefit. Having been deeply involved in this for more than a decade, I understand the delicacy of the conversation, our community has long been willing to step forward and assist in the process. Item 55 is but one of a number of creative options that's come forward that results in the mutual benefits we hope to achieve. Preserving 141 acres of absolutely irreplaceable parkland shaded by numerous heritage oaks, many of which are hundreds of years old, would be a remarkable legacy to our community. No matter where it was in Austin. For the city to acquire this amazing green space for animal value and less than fair market value is a remarkable gift and a tremendous opportunity. Muni is truly one of the gems within Austin's park system, our innercity public parks and open green space

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are what unify Austin and make our community unique. Regardless of where austinites live, parks consistently rank among our highest and most beloved priorities. Our parkland adds value to our economy, improves our quality of life, mitigates our worsening heat island effect and ensures Austin remains a desirable, inclusive community for all. How we achieve this acquisition is challenging, I know. We recognize it will be a mix of public and private resources. However, together the city of Austin and the university of Texas with the support of the legislature together all have the tools needed to do this in a way that achieves many of our shared objectives. Your approval of item 55 is a critical next step in the formulation of achieving many successes. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure positive outcome. Thank you for your vote in support of council item agenda 55. Thank you. [Applause] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Mr. Gaston. >> My name is George Gaston. I live in district 9. Homeowner in district 9. I live two blocks from 32nd and red river. And where do you start on this? This whole thing has been rushed so much. We have to learn about it through the Austin american-statesman. That right there is really a shame, that we don't even get a chance to have public input on something that was thrown here in December, and now you're going to take red river street and just stop it at 32nd street? There are thousands and thousands of people in cars that use red river on a daily basis.

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And now it's going to be closed. Red river was closed from mlk to 15th street for the hospital district. We were told that it was going to be closed for two years. It was closed for four years. Shock. Anybody on

this council that cares about affordable housing, how can you support this? This is what are driving people to the suburbs en masse. Where are these cars going to go? You can't substitute Robert deadman drive for red river. Robert deadman drive is a one lane in each direction. This whole thing has not been studied. There's so many things on this that are still up in the air. Just trust us. Trust us. We have been put in trouble so many times with that type of attitude. This is a huge deal. A multi billion dollars developer out of Los Angeles is actually going to own this, not the university of Texas. The university of Texas is going to use it for maybe 40 times a year and they want concerts another 200 times out of the year. When we -- when I furs read about it in the Austin american-statesman, again, what a shame that I have to get the information for something this big from the statesman. That they wanted to put this here near Mike Meyer stadium so U.T. Students could easily walk over to the U.T. Sports events. If you run red river through Robert deadman drive, that's going to cut -- how is there going to be any traffic to be able to go down there through the 40 U.T. Vents,

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the 200 concerts and U.T. Students trying to get back and forth across the street? This thing needs to be stopped needly and give the public a chance to really take a look at what's going to go on here. [Buzzer sounding] This is not good for the commuters and people that need to get to work on a daily basis in this city. Thank you for your time. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. That brings us back up to the dais. Did we vote on mayor pro tem's additional direction? Let's vote on that. Those in favor of mayor pro tem's additional direction, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais. Continue discuss. That amendment is included. Ready to take a vote? >> Garza: I just wanted to add while I support this realignment and the building of this new U.T. Stadium, I'm still a proud fighting Texas aggie. >> Mayor Adler: Those in favor of this item please raise your hand. Those opposed? I saw that as being unanimous on the dais. Okay, so item 55 passes unanimously. Let's turn our attention now to item -- yes. >> Tovo: Super quickly. I just wanted to ask the councilmember city manager or appropriate staff to confirm our understanding that that realignment was indeed a planned project of the city of Austin. This was a priority of the city of Austin as well. >> Councilmember and members of the public, we had talked about this, it was on the project list of the city's expectations, but this certainly puts it higher in that lifts priority. To your point because of the discussions that are being add with the university and the action we're taking

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today, we are accelerating that process. >> Tovo: Thank you, city manager. Because we had a constituent here today asking questions about that, I just wanted to make sure that the context that it was clear. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Councilmember tovo, is there anything you wanted to come up before you left? Otherwise I'm Gooding to item 51. >> Tovo: I appreciate that, mayor. Thank you for the question. If you believe that we could accomplish 35 and 36 or 34 and 35, which we talked about -- we started talking about before executive session and then continued in executive session. >>

Mayor Adler: We can do that. Let's take up items 34 and 35. Has there been a motion made on this? >> Flannigan: So moved. >> Mayor Adler: Is there a second to that motion? Councilmember Renteria seconds. Discussion? On item 34 and 35. Mr. Herod, have you had a chance to speak on this? You did? At some point I think it would be really helpful to have a policy direction from staff on what happens on property -- where should we be granting service extension requests, where should we not be granting service extension requests. You know, taking into account where they are, whatever policy considerations would be made I feel almost as this is kind of an ad hoc question that's being made here. Is there any discussion on the dais before we vote?

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Then let's take a vote. From Flannigan moves granting of the service extension request. Those in favor please raise your hands. It is Flannigan, Ellis, Casar, Renteria, me, harper-madison, and the mayor pro tem. It's seven. Those opposed please raise your hands. It is kitchen, pool action and tovo with councilmember alter off the dais. 34 and 35 pass. Let's take up item 51, a postponed request for recycled rides but there's some people that want to address that. I'm going to call on them so they have a chance to speak. >> Garza: Mayor, I have a question. Would they just speaking on the matter to be postponed? >> Mayor Adler: Yes. That's the issue in front of us. Is corrie skalt here? Is Jennifer Evans here? >> [No microphone on] >> Mayor Adler: If you want to wait to speak, I'll call you back up at 4:00 if you want to wait for her. >> I will wait for her. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Leon, do you want to speak on this? And you understand this is just a question of postponing it and that's what the discussion is directed toward. Mr. Leon, do you want to speak to the postponement? >> I'm going from against to for postponing. I'll go ahead and --.

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Okay. So Carlos Leon to speak for postponing item 51 because the process was ass backwards and wrong. Document one on screen now. APL director weeks' memo to mayor and council was dated December 21, 2018. Four days after the last scheduled library commission meeting for 2018. Document 2 now. Because weeks' planned for this item to be before you in early 2019 and the next scheduled commission meeting was for January 28, 2019, weeks appeared to allocate almost no time for the commission to publicly discuss this or hear from the public on it with full information. That's why chair Chad Williams said on the 28th there were too many questions and loose ends. Not only did weeks' memo exclude the commission by not CC 'king wliams, weeks only said he was working with the law department and office of real estate on this. Camera on me. However, recycled reads -- Austin city code 2-1-150 says the library commission shall make recommendations to the city council on matters relating to the maintenance and operation of the public libraries. Not director weeks or city staff. The weeks Pio said the memo had been publicly available on the portal. It's not on Austin's data portal. It's found guy additional memoranda search if you know that online tool exists on your social media archive page and

to look for such a memo. In fact, when a commission member directly asked John Gilliam, APL facilities process manager, if he had seen the memo before they got it, only a few days

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earlier, he said no, while nodding his head yes. Embodied the cognitive dissonance breakdown. Therefore before the library commission and public were denied right to participate in government in a timely, orderly and fully informed manner to the maximum extent permitted by law on this matter, violating the spirit of the Texas citizens participation act vote to postpone item 51 until this is done right. However, the teaming of recycled reads and Austin create five key use sounds like a bigger winner at the same or lower present. Thanks. -- Rent. >> Mayor Adler: We're going >> Mayor Adler: We're going to do table this matter for 4 o'clock. We have to come back on two items, in any event. On item number 53, the senate hills, is the applicant here? You want to come on down? My understanding is that you are requesting a postponement here? Is that correct? >> That's correct. I'm here representing the applicants senna hills, LLC. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. You're requesting a postponement. >> Yes. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Discussion on the dais. Mayor pro tem Garza moves postponement. Is there a second to that? Kathie Tovo -- I'll call you Dr. Tovo -- Dr. Tovo -- maybe that will help, and I'll call Dr. Alter Dr. Alter and we'll see if that gets us there. Been seconded by councilmember Tovo. Is there any discussion on the requested postponement? Those in favor, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Unanimous on the dais with

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Dr. Alter absent from the dais. That takes care of item 53. That gives us three things that are left. They all have 4 o'clock times, so what I have showing up -- do we need a postponement date for that item? Or will you -- will staff just put that back up when it's time to come back up? Do you need a date, sir? Do you need a date? Is there a date to which we should be postponing it? Can you hang on just a second? Is there a date to which we should be handicapping this -- we should be postponing this? Come on down, take your time. >> Could we come back in two weeks, please? >> Mayor Adler: Okay. So that would be -- >> The next council meeting. >> Mayor Adler: February 21st is our next council meeting. So it's postponed till the 21st. We had some people signed up to speak on that. This was item -- >> 53. >> Mayor Adler: -- 53. I don't know if they want to speak now or later when it comes back in two weeks. >> I know John and Lisa left. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. And [indiscernible]. So that's everybody. We'll come back. This is postponed now until the 21st of February. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Okay. That then gives us three items that are left on our -- number 38, one speaker can speak, and then items number 50 and 51. Councilmember Tovo, did you want to say something before we -- >> Tovo: I do. And I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you, mayor. As I indicated at work session on Tuesday, I am traveling out of town for a family obligation and so am about to catch a plane, but I did just want to say about the recycled reads, I support the

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postponement today. I expressed some of my concerns about that in our earlier work session a couple weeks ago -- I guess it was last week -- and hope that the council will take action to postpone it today. I'm hopeful that as those conversations continue between our management and the applicable parties, that there may be an opportunity to continue with a lease, but that it would preserve a much bigger balance for recycled reads. I think this is -- this council has voted to keep recycled reads as an operating entity in this city. I'll have more to say about this when it comes back, but I hope that over this next couple weeks, that that will be the goal, to making sure that recycled reads continues to be able to serve and function well in that space, though I'm intrigued by the possibility of having another use in there. It needs to be much more -- in my opinion, needs to be much more of a balance than the one that's being proposed. So thank you. >> Mayor Adler: And I think that's sounds good. I still have the recommendation that came from staff, and I want to make sure that we're not -- I don't know where that stands yet, so I'm not red yet to give instruction on -- from where -- what I'd like to see happen, because I don't know what -- I don't know what the issues are yet. All right. That gets us -- it is 3:04. We will take a recess and be back here at 4 o'clock. [Austin city council is in recess] >> Mayor Adler: If you speak now, you can speak for three minutes.

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I'll give you that choice. >> No, I understand. I reached out to councilmembers and tried to communicate on this issue. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. We're coming back at 4 o'clock. [Austin city council is in recess]

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[ Recess ] >> Mayor adler:all right, councilmembers, I think we have a quorum here. It's 4:04. We're going to go back into our meeting. We're going to start with postponement here of 51, which is recycle reads contract. Is Corey skult here? Is Jennifer Evans here?

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Okay. You have five minutes. >> Thank you. My name is Dori. I'm -- Corey, I'm here speak of a patron of both recycled reads and my local branch in east Austin and as interim executive director of Austin creative re-use and I speak on behalf of volunteers of that organization who couldn't be here today. I want to address concerns and misconceptions about this process or as many as I can in five minutes and



ask you to approve the sublease to support and maintain partnerships between city and community entities crucial to achieving the city's zero waste goals. Most important I want to address there's no harm in delaying. There is and we've been in the mode of sublease for over six months and don't have the luxury of continuing to delay now. I can't speak to the internal communication of the council and commission and library, but I can tell you that I personally reached out to the commission ahead of that meeting to see if they had any questions or needed any further info about the partnership, and I didn't hear back from them at all. So I was surprised to hear their surprise in that meeting. There's a misconception that I've heard that Austin creative reuse is expecting special consideration or prioritization. We are paying under this proposal full market rate for our portion of the space along with 62% of the shared space, and have been extremely patient and flexible in the longest subleasing process that I've ever been a part of. So our push for not delaying further comes from having already delayed our move by six months. There's also a misconception, perhaps among the general public, that you're hearing from that this is some proposal to eliminate or take over recycled reads. The proposal initiated with recycled reads staff, who have been looking to find efficiencies both in sharing space and sharing costs and other resources in the space. At the same time I know

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they've continued to engage with library branches to move towards increasing access to their resources throughout the city. These concerns are primarily coming from a very small group of allandale neighborhood residents who enjoy visiting recycled reads as I do and don't want to see anything changed there. While their concerns matters they're not more important than the hundreds of patrons who want to see this partnership move forward and have been asking both us and the management of recycled reads why it isn't happening. I've heard concerns about the programming that currently takes place and want to clarify that recycled reads would continue to operate in the shared space and particularly to share workshop and programming space. The programming that I hear people most concerned about is often this programming that is not specific to LE cycled reads, so the fix-it clinic for instance I was part of the group that initiated the clinic, it was a partnership between Austin recycled recovery and recycled reads and never specific to that location. That being said Austin creative reuse intends to in that partnership maintain that programming, expand it, support it further with staff and materials and so delaying or preventing the sublease does not protect that programming. It actually does the opposite since that programming really relies on functioning partnerships between the city and the nonprofit entities that work on it. And, finally, the misconception that there's no harm in a delay. We started our real estate search mover than a year ago because we knew reserved a larger space to handle the volume of materials we received and the demand for them and because we were not offered a secure lease in our current space. We were ready to sign another lease on a building in September and put that aside in order to see this partnership move forward. We've stayed in our current much too small space with a month to month lease that puts us at risk of being asked to leave in 30 days at any moment. Because we were repeatedly told one more week, one more week. If it were truly one more

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week that would be fine. If it turns out to be seven months and then not a good outcome, it's not responsible management for me as a steward of this organization that's so important to our community to put the organization at risk by delaying a move that needed to happen seven months ago. So for that reason we've restarted our real estate search and it's become clear to us we can't count on any particular time line for this process so we restarted our search and will hopefully sign a lease elsewhere in this month. I'm confident we will find another place but it's unfortunate that this process and the further delays that are happening now have resulted in so much wasted effort on the part of our organization. It's not a good use of the resources of a small nonprofit to have me sitting here all day for one thing, to have months of negotiation and planning go into a move that ultimately won't happen. I understand that that's where we are now, but I ask that if you are not willing to approve the sublease now that you recognize that this likely means it will not move forward so it's not just a delay, it's something that will happen in the future. [ Buzzer sounding ] And ask how you can support Austin creative reuse and recycle reads moving forward. >> Mayor Adler: Was that five minutes? >> That was five. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Was there a motion made to postpone this? Is there a motion to postpone? Councilmember pool makes the motion. Is there a second to make that? Councilmember alter seconds the motion. Is there any discussion on this item? Yes, councilmember Garza first and then councilmember Renteria. Mayor pro tem Garza and then councilmember Renteria. >> Garza: I want to thank the last speaker. This is not the first time we see issues like this and either nonprofits or businesses delaying decisions or waiting because this body chooses to

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postpone. So I'm -- and I appreciate you clarifying some of the concerns that you've heard because many times we just hear one side, you know. It's my understanding that there was concerns about this going before the library commission, so I'm wondering if -- do we know when that next date is and/or is it possible to get them to convene sooner and then be able to post this item for our Thursday strategy work session as one item that we would vote on? I just empathize with the -- either tell us you want us or not, but it is -- it's unfortunate that we are placing a nonprofit in a position like this. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember Renteria. >> Renteria: Mayor. And that's 43 [indiscernible] Was going to be. Are you saying if we delay this two weeks that you will have to pull out of this agreement? >> Until we've signed a lease in another location I wouldn't say we're pulling out of this agreement, but I will say we're actively looking right now and aiming to sign a lease as soon as possible. Because our need to move has been urgent for the past year. And if we felt very confident that there was truly a 1-week delay and then we would know for sure, that would be one thing. But we were told that that would happen on the Thu 31st, happen last week and would happen this week. So from our perspective it's not good management of our organization to delay another week, not because another week will make or break us, but because the delays seem to be indefinite. >> Renteria: Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Councilmember pool. >> Pool: Thanks, mayor. The whole situation is unfortunate, and thank you, you can sit down.

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And part of the problem is that neither the library commission nor this dais here knew what was going on with the library or with recycled reads that gave rise to the library going out to find a sublessor for the recycle reads lease. When we approved it back in '15 -- approved it for I think five or seven years, we're about halfway through it. I don't understand why there were budget concerns about a lease we had approved because I think the money ought to have been encumbered from the very beginning when we approved the lease. It was unknown expenditure by the library department. Somewhere along the way my understanding is that some of the concern that previous councilmembers who are no longer on this dais had expressed about the library earning its own keep seemed to take some role in library staff's determinations, but that was never communicated to us during budget. Which we could have addressed it at that time and maybe clarified the fact that no, in fact a large number of -- I think there are only two or three votes against the contract back in '15 and the ris of the dais was supportive of it so there really wouldn't have been reason for someone to think that the council was not supportive of the program at recycle reads. Because of the lack of communication and some of the unfortunate situation with regard to Austin creative reuse, which I understand is a great organization and I thank you for being here to talk to us about it, we have worked with our new acm, Chris shorter, who just came in on Monday and was gracious enough to join me and some of my colleagues here with staff to talk through this issue with the board. The commission chair, Chad Williams, who happens to be my appointee, as chance would have it, to try to work through all of the various lack of communication issues that have arisen around the

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library. And so I have some good optimism that we'll be able to work through all of the tangled nature of the situation with Mr. Shorter's good services and support from Mr. Weeks, the library director, but we do need a little bit of time to work through that and so that's why staff was supportive of our request to have it postponed. We're looking I think in talking with Mr. Shorter, we were looking at hopefully coming back by March 7. >> Mayor Adler: March 7? >> Pool: Yes. >> Mayor Adler: Mr. Flannigan. >> Flannigan: So I saw the media reports and had a couple constituents reach out and did some research on this. I was ready to move forward. I think this is a good thing. I'll be supporting it when it comes back and I'll be voting no on the postponement just as a sign, but I think this is also what we asked staff to do, and -- excuse me? We asked staff to look at the budget, to find ways to create more revenue, to be more thoughtful about how we spend tax dollars and how we can maximize the tax dollars that we're spending and they're gonna come back with ideas and we can deliberate the ideas. I don't think it's unexpected. In fact I think what we asked staff to do, be creative and find new and better ways to spend the money. So I'm excited to see staff taking some initiative here, and maybe there were some process communication elements that could have been better, but I think it's gonna be a challenge if we only allow staff to look at things that have already expired versus the direction I feel like we have given, which is look at everything. >> Mayor Adler: Further discussion? Councilmember alter. >> Alter: I had

understood earlier in the week that this was going to be postponed and frankly would have come with a lot of amendments prepared to

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ensure that the space sharing would allow recycle reads to continue in an appropriate way. I am supportive of a creative sharing. I understand Austin creative reuse is a great organization. I have used them myself. I am frustrated because I went to recycle reads and shown what the space would look like, and it does not match at all what was on here in terms of our picture. The way that it was described to me, there was a large corner that would stay recycle reads and instead that area that was a large corner is 360 square feet and that does not suggest the kind of sharing that is being presented here. The other part is that while I am wholeheartedly in support of the combination of these two groups and think that there could be space moving forward, the rca says that we're going to end our -- we're going to end all book sales of recycle reads. It says we are going to take all of the Austin resource recovery zero waste goals that recycle reads fulfills by spreading these out into our libraries. There are tons and tons of books that get taken up by recycle reads, and there's no plan to continue that zero waste that is clear to and emphasized for -- ma'am, you don't get to come up while I'm talking. >> Can I answer your question about -- >> Alter: I didn't ask you a question at this point, sorry. >> Mayor Adler: You can't do that. >> Alter: The -- you know, we are going to have to

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reinvent it if we don't do it, and maybe I'm wrong and this whole space plan is somehow wrong. But, you know, I actually went there and walked around the space and was shown it. I have been there device -- twice monthly for years, I know the space very well and things don't seem to be adding up. I have been talking with Mr. Weeks for months, been hearing rumors about this, asking questions. We were never told that the end goal was to end recycle reads as a stand alone place, whether it's in that location or somewhere else in the city. And so it's extremely frustrating to arrive at this point. Also for us -- and we have been hearing from constituents, and I don't represent allandale and we've been hearing from a lot of folks who use that and from the library commission with concerns. >> Mayor Adler: I'm going to support the motion to postpone because I don't think that it's ready for us to work through. So I'm going to vote to postpone. That said, I think there's also a bigger issue on this one too, and it goes to what Mr. Flannigan was saying. If in fact we're going to daylight things in this next budget session that we're going to take out of the budget in addition to the things we want to put in the budget, made ever more important with the potential that we're going to have an effective cap put on, we're going to have to figure out how we actually do that, I mean, how do we do that in a way that this council will be able to do that, recognizing that anything that gets cut or called back will have a constituency, constituency for it. At a high level, in terms of direction, I'm a supporter of recycle reads. I don't know enough to know that a different version of recycle reads isn't a better

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way for it to go into libraries. I recognize it doesn't have to pool all the books in one place but it is distributed. I can't speak to, I mean, having more functions happening in the same space to -- seems to me that makes sense at some level. I think that having now introduced this, this is a topic that probably has been elevated to the whole council and I want to make sure that not some small component of the council decides that issue for the whole council because now we're all gonna be asked that question from our constituents, as to what it is that happened to that. And some resolution, if it doesn't look like we're gonna be able to move forward, then I think to be able to give, you know, an answer there would be really helpful if it really is earnestly coming back then talking and giving them a real feel for that I think would be real important too, but I am convinced given something that has that community interest and the nature of the conversation we're not ready to do it tonight. But we should decide this question as the mayor pro tem said, let this group either go or not go. But I also don't -- I want us to figure out how we're gonna do this long-term, and the budget coming up and making sure that as a council we decide questions and not just a smaller component. Further discussion on the motion to postpone? Let's take a vote. Those in favor of postponing please raise your hand. Those opposed. Mr. Renteria votes no, Mr. Flannigan votes no, mayor pro tem votes no. That's three against. Raise your hand if you were in favor of the postponement again? Altar, Ellis, me, kitchen, harper-madison, 6-3-2.

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This matter is postponed. >> Alter: When was it postponed informal. >> Mayor Adler: I'm sorry. >> Alter: When was it postponed until? >> We have discussed having it postponed until after the library commission. If there's a possibility that they could meet earlier, something that could be worked out it could be postponed until the 21st but likely the seventh. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. All right. >> Alter: Is there anything that we need to do so that you're not led to the seventh -- we had to the seventh if you're able to do it soon center. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Alter: When it comes back can we have clarity on the future of recycle reads, the role of Austin resource recovery, and what the supposed dis percented plan looks like? >> Councilmember, that was one of the clear take-aways from the conversation we've been having over the last week and a half, to have some long-term understanding, even if there isn't a specific plan in place, at least knowing how to create that plan for the long-term vision for recycle reads. >> Alter: Okay. And if -- I will just say that if there is a need to have a special meeting to address it earlier if we're able to, I will make it my business to be there. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. All right. Two items left. Item 38. This is a public hearing on the nhcd5-year -- five-year consolidation plan. Five folks in the public that want to speak to it. Staff want to lay this out first or straight to recognizing folks that have signed up? All right. Gets go ahead and start. Mr. Hirsch. Gus Pena is on deck if he's here. And if not, then David king

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Mr. Hirsch, three minutes. >> Mayor, members of the council, stu from district 2p I'm recommending home repairs and child care vouchers be included as highest priority items in the 2019 needs assessment for the consolidated plan priorities for the next five years. Many low-income homeowners don't have sufficient resources to pay their bills and keep their homes safe and sanitary and accessible. The strategic house blueprint approved by the city council in 2017 set a goal of 600 home repairs a year for the next ten years so the need in this needs assessment is for 3,000 home repairs over the next five years. I also recommend that housing vouchers and child care vouchers be included as highest priority in the 2019 consolidated plan. This is particularly important as the city council considers a resolution later this month that could change land use regulations to promote housing affordability. We're just learning about this this week, but this clearly connects to what you're gonna talk about on the 21st in my judgment. Many low-income renters don't have sufficient resources to pay their rent, utility bills, and also pay for early child care development for their young children. While the strategic housing blueprint approved by council in 2015 set goals for treating and preserving rental housing for the poorest among us it will be difficult to achieve these goals for the next ten years unless there's funding for vouchers for family for rent and child care if the income of these families is at 30% or 50% of Austin's median family income. I've included for you a chart that talks about what do we mean by loam in the --low-income in the state of Texas and Austin Round Rock area and a second chart that describes what do we mean by affordable rent for people are low-income. Everybody always asks what do you mean by low-income and affordable rent so I thought I'd give you a copy

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of what the state says about that because those are the rules and what we get monitored to. I wanted to include that in your packet so I hope when the staff drafts the five-year plan it will take these highest priorities into account. Thank you very much. >> Mayor Adler: Gus Pena is not here. Debbie king, come on down. Is Hannah here? You'll be up next. Mr. King, you have three minutes. >> Thank you, mayor, mayor pro tem, and councilmembers. My name is David king and I'm speaking as a resident of Austin. The following three key points from the university of Texas gentrification study of central Austin should inform the city's consolidated and annual action plans. Number 1, absent major interventions by the city of Austin and other stakeholders, these residents who are largely low-income persons of color will be pushed out farther away from opportunity and dislocated from their communities. In the process, neighborhoods that have historically been home to African-American and hispanic residents will lose their cultural character and become enclaves for largely white and wealthier residents. Number 2, efforts that are equally distributed throughout the city will likely fail to operate at a sufficient intensity to meaningfully offset displacement pressures in neighborhoods that are being swept by rising tied of gentrification. And number 3, meaningfully reducing displacement will require an iron clad and sustained concentration of efforts and resources in the places that need them most. I believe that displacement of communities of color in Austin is immoral. The city has a moral obligation to use every

tool and all resources necessary to stop this displacement. Therefore, I urge the council to expeditiously, number 1, prioritize anti-displacement, stay in place and community-based stabilization policies above

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market-driven housing and development policies. Number 2, create an office of housing and small business stability, focused on helping residents and small local businesses in gentrifying neighborhoods. Number 3, create a public website and establish a 24-hour hot line to help these residences and businesses find and access stay in place and anti-displacement resources. Number 4, encourage local high-tech companies to voluntarily provide \$500 million in immediate funding and \$10 million in annual funding to help these residents and small local businesses. Microsoft recently provided \$500 million to Seattle to help offset the inflationary impact of its high income employees on housing costs in Seattle. Austin's high-tech companies, including Google, Apple, Oracle, Amazon, Facebook, Samsung, and Intel should do the same thing for Austin. All such funding from these companies should go directly to community-based nonprofits with historic ties to communities in east Austin such as Montopolis and Guadalupe development corporations to purchase land and build income-restricted family friendly housing in their communities. Incentives to companies that negatively impact housing costs for low and middle income families in Austin should be eliminated. Austin's high-tech industry has received over \$100 million in taxpayer incentives over the past few decades. [Buzzer sounding] Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Come on down. Is Jeanie Nelson here? You'll be up next. Ms. [Indiscernible] >> Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you today. My name is Hannah Gorgi and I'm here to offer recommendations for the next five-year federal funding plan. I have a 20 year career in education and workforce development, including regional planning, research and data, could go on about

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it. But what I wanted to talk to you today about was that the data here in Travis county is fairly sobering in estimated one in three children live with single parents, most of whom are moms, single moms. Across the state, four in ten of these single moms live below the federal poverty level, and we know how low that really is, particularly for those who struggle to live here in the Austin area. We know Austin is facing a crisis of housing affordability. This is not news to anyone. And I'm sure that addressing housing inequities will be a priority for this plan, which I heartily approve. But the typical housing subsidies can only address the tip of the iceberg, as will the focus on mixed development. I think we just heard some of the ideas from this gentleman before me, you know, really emphasize that. In general one of the key challenges that we face is a lack of coordination among the service organizations, and it limits the potential of these organizations to act in a capacity beyond that of just a safety net. This challenge is that we know it helps the vulnerable from falling, but nets as we know are kind of hard to climb out of and the result is that we really are finding that many of the most vulnerable are not necessarily thriving, they're just sort of getting by if they get by at all and they don't get pushed out. Instead of safety nets we need to create springboards for the entire family, make the leap from vulnerable -- so they can make

the leap from vulnerable to, like. One of the best strategies proven nationwide is 2-generation partnerships that can incorporate and create access, opportunity and strong foundations for the parent, for the child, and as is the case in many of these families, for their grandchildren as well. Given the work that I do I'm privileged to know that throughout Travis county there are cutting-edge examples of these kinds of

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2jen programs whose foundations and whole family approach let them act as proverbial springboards. The beauty of these programs is that their local partnerships that offer place-based supports for critical inflection points that can serve as gateways or gatekeepers for these families, colliding housing, early childhood education, education and job skills, employment or earn while you learn options, guidance and support in building parenting skills, life skills and in building personal empowerment. I encourage the planning committee to highly prioritize these types of two generation programs and partnerships with special attention to the challenges single parents face in not only seeking to improve their lives but raise their children. Thank you. [Buzzer sounding] >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Ms. Nelson. >> Good afternoon, mayor, councilmembers. My name is Jeanie Nelson, executive director of Austin tenants council, and I am a resident of district 2. I'm here to talk to you today about the five-year consolidated plan and to encourage you to prioritize services for Austin's tenants. As I'm sure you know, more than half of Austin residents are renters, and there's a shortage of affordable housing. While I believe that prioritizing affordable housing is important, I don't want us to forget that one of the most affordable ways that we can keep renters housed is to fund programs that provide education, resources and services to assist tenants in maintaining their housing by helping them understand their rights and responsibilities. Because we do have a shortage of housing here in Austin right now, affordable units are in high demand and landlords have little incentive to work with tenants sometimes when disputes arise. Often when we talk with tenants they're really ill-prepared to negotiate for themselves without

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education and resources they make decisions that can jeopardize their housing. Examples of this are things like breaking a lease because it seems hopeless that a repair will never be made. Withholding rent because the tenant thinks that that will encourage the landlord to make a repair and not understanding that might lead to an eviction and not fighting an eviction where the tenant was not given proper notice. In every one of these cases ill informed decision can lead to costly consequences that can lead to homelessness and keep the tenant from securing housing in the future. Funding services like tenant education, counseling, repair and emergency mediation services, eviction intervention programming and programs to negotiate down housing debt is a relatively cost effective way to keep Austin's renters - in stable and safe and decent housing and I ask as you're developing this plan that you prioritize services and funding for tenants rights programming. Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Ms. Nelson, congratulations on your new role. >> Thank you, mayor. >> Mayor Adler: Thank you. Those are



all the speakers that we had signed up to speak on this item number 38. It was just to receive citizen input on community needs and priorities. So we are now done with that item. 38. That gets us to -- >> Garza: Mayor, sorry, I have a question. >> Mayor Adler: Go ahead. >> Garza: I just wanted to understand the process. I understand this is just the public hearing. Are we going to get what the actual plan is at some point and then approve that? >> Good evening. My name is Angie Summers, neighborhood housing community and development. Forgot where I worked. Yes, ma'am. Yes. So the plan is we'll bring a draft to council April 15. So right now we're just in

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the community needs offended hear citizen input. >> Garza: Okay. And I understand this is just a public hearing, but of those who spoke tonight of course the priorities that ring loudest for me were need child care vouchers, as well as housing vouchers, as well as the issues addressed with tenants. It's usually the eastern crescents 1, 2, 3, 4, families facing highest evictions so thank you and I look forward to reading the plan. >> Thank you. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. That's great. Gives us the last item here, 50, this is to conduct a public hearing, consider an ordinance amending city code to modify definitions of administrative services. Is there a motion to approve this item? Mayor pro tem makes that motion. Is there a second to that motion? Mr. Flannigan seconds that motion. >> And close the public hearing. >> Mayor Adler: We have no one signed up for the public hearing so the motion includes closing the public hearing. Any discussion? Those in favor please raise your hand. Those opposed. Unanimous on the dais, with councilmember tovo gone. Those are all the items we have on our agenda. I would point out to you we have some significant proclamations tonight, including recognizing Dr. Wong, who will be leaving the city. And tomar and the Fcs Ares R gonna be give us a little music at 5:30 and that's when we will be back. At 4:38 this meeting is adjourned. [ Adjourned ]

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>> Good evening. Everybody. I'm Jimmy Flannigan. I'm councilmember for district 6. If the mayor is watching, I'm ready for you to come down anytime. We can go ahead and get started. Joining us today is tomar and the fcs, a soul band from Austin, formed in 2015. Tomar Williams got his start singing lead on the chitlil circuit as vocalist and producer on the Austin scene. The band made its live debut in 2015, they've produced two recordings and performed throughout Texas and beyond. The third record, rise above, supported by a grant, is due out this year. So please join me in welcoming tomar and the fcs. >> Thank you so much, y'all. This song here is called shine your light because today we're blessed to have

some light shined on us for this beautiful day, tomar and the fcs day. Thank y'all for hanging out with us.  
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[Applause] >> Thank you so much. >> Mayor Adler: That was great, man! So, that was wonderful. Thank you. If somebody is watching on TV or they see this recording later and they want to find you, do you have, like, a website or Facebook page or something? >> Yes. Tomar and the fcs, Facebook, also Instagram, tomar and the fcs. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. >> Pretty much tomar and the fcs, you can pull us up and find us. I'm out of breath here. >> Mayor Adler: If somebody wants to get some of your music, how would they go about doing that? >> iTunes, Spotify, band camp, it's pretty much everywhere. Yeah. >> Mayor Adler: And if people wanted to come hear you play, where's your next gig around that people might know? >> The next show in Austin, Texas, the legendary alcoholic sea boys, legendary, not too far from here, the 15th and 16th of this month. >> Mayor Adler: Okay. Well, great. Hey, we have a proclamation here. Be it known that whereas the city of Austin, Texas is blessed with many creative musicians whose talent extends to virtually every musical genre, and whereas our music scene thrives because Austin audiences support good music produced by legends or local favorites and newcomers alike; and whereas we are pleased to showcase and support our local artists, now, therefore, I, Steve Adler, mayor of the live music capital, together with my colleagues on the council here today, do hereby proclaim February 7th of the year 2019

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as tomar and the fcs day in Austin, Texas. Thank you. [Cheers and applause]

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>> Mayor Adler: And, Debbie, come on over here too. This is pretty neat. Austin energy and the regional science festival days. I'm going to read a proclamation and then Debbie is going to tell us a little bit about the program and the people, the sponsors and the winners, and then we have some certificates of appreciation to give out. Proclamation: Be it known that whereas the Austin energy science regional festival 2019 will showcase the talent of more than 3,000 elementary through high school students from public, home, charter, and private schools throughout the greater Austin area, and whereas 2019 marks the 63rd anniversary of an Austin regional science fair and the celebration of an event in of the city of Austin remains one of only two U.S. Cities to bring a regional science festival to its community, and whereas science fairs, like the Austin energy science regional festival 2019, with the theme exploring genius helps spark an interest in children to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math careers, and whereas we can congratulate the participants, especially those with winning projects, will go on to

state and international commissions, and we thank Austin energy, our community-owned electric utility, for sponsoring and organizing this important event for the 17th year in a row; and we thank the Austin science education foundation for its crucial role in securing sponsorships which aid in the funding; now, therefore, I, Steve

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Adler, mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, together with my colleagues on the council, do hereby proclaim February 20th to the 23rd of the year 2019 as Austin energy regional science festival days. Pretty exciting. Deb, you want to talk about it? [Applause] >> Thank you, mayor Adler. Have I told you lately how much I love my job? Especially this part of my job? Thank you so much for this recognition as a publicly-owned utility, we're honored to again host an event that supports education in our community. And I've heard you say before, mayor, how special the spirit is that surrounds this community, and that really embodies the science festival. For 63 years, as you noted, we've brought together the largest gathering of the youngest and sharpest minds in the Austin area. These students are our future, of our community and our economy, they're the ones that will continue to make Austin so special and this the best place in the country to live. And while these students are focused on what we call stem, science, technology, engineering, and math, it's the volunteers and the sponsors that add in the art to make it all happen. So I've got some of our sponsors back here. We've got our lead sponsor, Intel, John. Raise your hand. [Applause] Two of our gold sponsors. We've got 3M and synopsis who are both our gold sponsors. And thermal fisher scientific, and your daughter with you, who are also the sponsor in the special category I never did very well in school with this category, cellular and molecular biology. So thank you to those sponsors and to the hundreds, the roughly 800 volunteers that we have that

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will be supporting this event later on in the month. I also want to extend a special thanks to the Austin science education foundation, a board on which I'm honored to serve, and our president, Paul strange, there standing in the back. [Applause] All of the support makes what we do with the science festival a possibility and a terrific -- my favorite event every year. It paves the way for future accomplishments of these students. And I'd like to invite the students, all of these remarkable young women that went to the international fair, would you mind stepping forward here? Because I really want to call you all out. [Applause] We have ren in her aljamal, rushima holk, megancantwell on the end, and simshutsa -- I knew I'd mess that up. Thank you so much. They went to the international festival. They received awards and scholarships, their projects are so impressive, so if any of you have the opportunity when the science festival is being hosted at the end of February, please go over to the palmar event center and see what these wonderful people do. It is very humbling. We also happen to have on our website some more information about these young ladies. They're truly impressive. Thank you again, mayor Adler,, for

acknowledging these efforts and we would love the opportunity to take a photo with you and hopefully some of your councilmembers. >> Mayor Adler: Let's do that. >>Et's do it. [Applause]

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>> Flannigan: We're going to honor our ems explorers program and the resolution that councilmember pool sponsored that we got to approve today, expanding the stop the bleed program. And really, thanks to the hard work of these kids and adult volunteers that make this happen. So we have a proclamation to read. Y'all look so good -- come on in. Squeeze on in. There you go. Let me read this proclamation with my colleague standing here. So be it known that whereas the austin/travis county emergency medical services explorer post 247 is an organization for youth aged 14 to 21 years in the central Texas area to learn about careers in emergency medical services through hands-on training, ride-along opportunities, and providing public and community service at local events, and whereas the explorer post 247 is currently run by a small group of dedicated atcems professionals who volunteer their own time as advisors to monitor the program, most of the work is done without any monetary compensation, in addition to their full-time department at job assignments, that equates to a 42-hour work week, and whereas the explorer post 247 has had many graduates who now work for act ems and bring the noble cause of stop the bleed to all high schools serving the city of Austin, now, therefore, I, Jimmy Flannigan, for the mayor Steve Adler and my colleagues, do hereby proclaim February 7th, 2019, as act ems explorers day in Austin, Texas. [Applause] >> Thank you, councilmember Flannigan. The explorer post 247 has been in existence since 2010. In that time we've generated seven city employees who continue to serve our department and have provided excellent examples to the community of what this program can be. We are a diverse group.

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Kids come to this program from all backgrounds and every one of them get something different out of it. But motto is challenge yourself. I watch these kids every day challenge themselves to be better than they were yesterday. And every day I watch them succeed. Today I'm glad to see THA they're taking on the goal of challenging not only themselves to be better but challenging themselves to better their community, and I greatly look forward to watching them succeed in that endeavor. Also, I'd like to present you with a coin on behalf of the youth for your support. We appreciate it. >> Flannigan: Thank you. Thank you so much. [Applause]

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>> Mayor Adler: So I know on occasions like this you're supposed to say congratulations on this great next opportunity you have and godspeed and we're excited for you and all those things are true, but it is

also very sad that you're us here in Austin after what has been just incredible service to this city. You know, so many times in my five years as being mayor, I've been with you as we've dealt with some of the more significant challenges that the city has had to deal with, but also looking prospectively at some of the greatest opportunities we have to make this city profoundly better and healthier. You have always been in so many places in activities in this city, not only the ones that fall directly under your charge, but ones that do not as well. You are someone that I know has such a high level of respect and -- and faith and trust from me and colleagues on the council, when you would come and present to us. You are a unique public servant that we know so well in this city, and those of us in the city don't really appreciate the extent to which you are so well-known around the country and beyond. This community has been so fortunate and lucky to have you with us helping to keep us

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healthy and safe for such a long period of time. So I'm going to read a distinguished service award and then give you a chance to say hi. The city of Austin distinguished service award, for his contributions and commitments to the residents of Austin during his 11-year tenure as a dedicated employee of the city, Dr. Philip Huang is deserving of public acclaim and recognition, and this certificate is presented in acknowledgment and appreciation thereof, the 7th day of February in the year 2019. Signed by the city council of Austin, Texas. Dr. Huang, thank you so much. [Applause] >> Thank you, mayor Adler, for such kind words. It truly has been an honor to work for the city and to serve as the health authority for these past 11 years. I've been through a lot of different events, whether ebola or H1N1, west nile virus, Zika, -- west nile virus, Zika -- Zika. I know it's in good hands and I'm looking forward to keep collaboration, just up 35 in Dallas, it's not goodbye, I think there's a whole lot more opportunities in the future so thank you very much.

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>> Alter: Good evening. My name is Alison Alter. I'm the councilmember representing district 10. It is my honor tonight to present a proclamation for central Texas discover engineering and engineers week. And accepting that will be Dustin goes of Pape-Dawson engineers. Be it known that whereas Austin industries, based on engineering and technology, feed our local economy and retain highly educated workers in our area because engineers play such a vital role in our society, it is important to ensure that children discover careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related fields, and whereas volunteers from local companies, organizations, and institutions are making classroom visits during engineers week and will continue through the rest of the school year providing hands-on activities and discussion about the importance of engineers in society and career opportunities available, and whereas we applaud the engineers and scientists who volunteer for classroom visits and other outreach activities and support their efforts to inspire students to pursue careers designing our future and improving our world, now, therefore, I, Alison Alter, on behalf of Steve Adler and my colleagues on the council, do hereby proclaim February 17th to 23rd, 2019, as central Texas discovery

engineering and engineers week. I'd like to invite Dustin Goth to come up and accept this, but I want to say as a mom who has made my fair share of gummy things and tooth pick sculptures and launching rockets and stuff, I know how much these engring days and these experiences mean to students and how impactful they are for future engineers. So thank you and your colleagues so much for doing this. [Applause] >> Quickly, I just want to say thank you to the mayor and the council for recognizing the importance of engineers in our community and for recognizing central Texas discovery engineering and its mission to

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excite central Texas students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Thank you. [Applause]