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Good morning, everybody. I'm going to call to order the meeting regular meeting of the Austin city council. It is April 13th 2023. It is 10 o'clock in the morning. We are meeting in the city council chambers, located in city hall. Members the and others that are paying attention . But first let me indicate that we have a quorum present. The order of the meeting for today will be the following we will hear the consent agenda and non consent speakers, both of those speaking virtually in those in person. We will then go to the consent vote with brief comments from the members of the council. We will then take up those items that have been pd. Those items currently or items. 45 46 48 77. 45 46 48 77 let me make a

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note members. That item number 43 is still on the consent agenda, but we will be voting unless it's pulled later, but we will be voting on version two. I just want to call that to everybody's attention to make sure that that's clear. We will then take take up the non consent items of. Those items that relate to imminent domain which your items 51 through 54. We will also take up the public hearing items 55 through 58 the associated item to the public hearing item 59. I will. Before we start testimony this morning , I will open unless there's objection. I will open the public hearings on the imminent domain matters and those public hearings 55 through 58. We will close those public hearings at the end of the testimony we take I want to be very clear if I can

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be very clear on this. It's at this time that anyone that is registered to speak on eminent domain. Or the public hearings or the associated item will be heard, meaning they will be heard during the time that we're hearing from the consent speakers and items that might have been pulled. All of that will come, and that's that time. At noon. We will hear public comment, then we'll have live music. At two o'clock P. M. We will take up zoning speakers discussion and in an action members. We are posted to also have an executive session. I would recommend I will. We'll see how things go. But if we have time, I'll just call for the executive session when we can fill that time. My anticipation is that we will probably have the executive session between the live music and the two o'clock pm zoning matters. At this time. I'm going to read the changes in the corrections into the record.

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Item number two is withdrawn. Item number 11 postponed to April 20th 2023 item 28. Will read 7400 north interstate highway 35 pecan gardens and remove the word shelter. Item number 31. Multiple I want to read multiple things here March 6 2023, the trail conservancies collection management policy was recommended by the art in public places panel on a 5 to 0 vote. March 20th 2023 recommended for approval by the arts commission on a 7 to 0 vote with commissioner Garza absent March 27 2023 recommended for approval by the parks and recreation board on an 8 to 0 vote with board members caught and sable hug man and Taylor absent. Item number 33 postponed to April

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20th 2023 item number four should read council member Mackenzie Kelly. Council member Ryan alter council member of Vanessa Fuentes council member Jose Velasquez and adding council member Alison alter. Item 54 withdrawn. Item 58. Applicant postponement request until April 20th 2023 those are the changes and corrections that are now read into the record. As I indicated, the first group of speakers will have an opportunity to testify on consent and non consent agenda items. Also on the eminent domain items and the public hearing items. So those are items 51 through 54 55 through 58. The associated item item number 59. Each person will have the opportunity to speak for two minutes. Speaker signed up on zoning items you will be called

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upon at two o'clock P. M when we call up the zoning items members without objection, I will open the public hearing on the imminent domain items 51 through 54 the public hearings on items 55 through 58 the associated item to the public hearing item number 59. Madam clerk. We can go to the speakers now and all I ask Y to please call on the remote speakers first. First speakers. Misha prerogative ill . Speaking on items 77. Hi my name is Michelle pack adobo, a friend of Jason John he found in ladybird lake on

February 13 2022. The last time I ware, I advocated for life cameras and thank you begin prevent more strategy like that of Jason and martin. Progress was made with dancing and some very lighting,

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however, with the recent tragedy of John's and honey, it's evident much more needs to be done. I'm here in support of items 77 I support and partying just patrolling the trail had area of Rainey support installing more cameras than ringing with the intention of more along the trail. I look forward to June 13th plan. I think that implements solutions. I hope I'm having this plan moved forward. There's also plans to expedite the having. I thought it's a foreign update again. You had your time when Mitchell begs in 2018. We're being short staffed in a record high budget of \$140 million. I propose you reallocate funding from a P D to the cameras and asked for not only help with the lack of numbers on the fourth, but also providing immediate assistance and answers potential tragedies. But another funded and I had emailed over information of companies and their future installations of cameras with internet connection bringing and data surge. Additionally I forwarded over the information of a company

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depends on the campus. I wanted to work together. Evidently, it seems like that's the only way to get things done forever. Your accountability partners, I think so. Next week. Er is I'm going to go ahead and switch over to in person speakers. There are no other remote speakers at this time. Next speaker in person and speakers that are here in, chambers. As your name is called, please make your way to the podium and state your name before you begin speaking, Janelle Rodriguez followed by always as hard and Andy Brower. If your name is called, please make your way up.

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Good morning. On August 21st 2022 my son, Noah Rodriguez passed away from printer not poisoning. He was 15 years old. He took what he thought was a percocet. It ended up being pure fentanyl. In mass responders attempted to revive him. Administered to narcan injections to reverse the effects of the fentanyl. Narcan is the brand name for the medicine naloxone. Although narcan is the most common brand there are others. Naloxone works by removing fentanyl and other opioids molecules from receptor sites in the brain that control breathing and blocks them from reattaching. This in turn restores breathing in the poison victim. Commissioner Kelly's resolution item 43 to supply M S with additional narcan resources will help save lives. Narcan is an effective tool in reversing

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the effects of fentanyl and other opioids but often 34 or even five doses may be needed to achieve results. The mts that worked on Noah only had two doses to administer. Thank you. Always azhar, followed by Andy Brower and Yvonne Weldon. Hi my name is Andrea Brower. Andy Brower. I'm here to speak in support of item 48. I want to talk about the need in our community. I am the mission coordinator at central presbyterian church downtown. We serve about 75 people experiencing homelessness every week. The national alliance to end homelessness. Rep. Huh. Estimates that 20% 2025% of people have severe mental illness. Out of the homeless population, so that would be

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about 1000 people in Travis county that have severe mental health issues that are on housed at this time, so not only is there a need for this pilot, there is obviously a need to go beyond that and dedicate evenmore resources to this. We know there's not enough housing now, and there's definitely not enough shelter right now because we have a wait list and all of our shelters in Austin. I support the housing efforts that the city is doing, but I also think we need to look at building a bigger shelter. More shelters. We can't afford. We're never going to be able to afford the house everybody, but we can give people shelter and give people a bed and connect them to services. There is a thought that you know, people don't want to go into sheltered. I did a survey last week and 15. People said if there was a bed right now, I would go into shelter. So I support council working on not only this resolution in this directive, but, just going ahead and helping to build these and make this happen. We've had

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resolution since 2018 for sprung shelters for sanctioned, camping for shelters in every district, and it just never happens. We really need a champion and we need a leader to get that done because people are dying on the streets or a big city. Now we have big city problems, and we need a big city solution and big city resources where the 11th largest city in the us haven for hope and San Antonio house has a shelter with 1000 beds. They had 738 people that were homeless downtown in 2010, and in 2019 sorry they had 141. I recommend that I think haven haven for hope in Austin is the solution we need and I hope you all will, help make that happen and help our people who are homeless in Austin. There if I may, I hope you were able to complete your thought. If not, I'd like for you to and then I have a question for you. Sure. Yeah yeah, I did. I think you know there. I've been giving the same

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message for five years and it seems like the thinking is to, to go to how you know housing, but we cannot put 5000 people in a one bedroom or studio apartment. We're never going to have the resources we know that we're shifting people are getting pushed outside into the woods. So the least we can do as a humane society is give people a shelter and a bed if they choose to, but they don't even have the choice now. So but anyway, also, I think the question that I had for you was I've been thinking a lot about behavioral health and thinking a lot about because it's directly adjacent to my housing problem. And district one, you know, some folks call it urban removal, but urban renewal, tore down housing projects and never rebuilt them where those people go. Right exactly during the era where we tore down all the state facilities for mental health and rehabilitation. Where did those people go? They live on our streets. They live in the woods,

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so the people that you think are unpredictable and because they are they're not medicated and they are not getting proper facilities. So the question I would have for you and you may not be able to answer it now. Maybe we should talk about it later. But the question I'd like to put out in the public is hmm. Do we need to as a society have more places for people who will never be able to take care of themselves to be permanently housed more institutions where people will monitor your meds and make sure you are safe. And if that's the case that I think that's the next step we need to advocate for, like, you know, our mayor, for example, he's been trying to reactivate ash. You know, Austin state hospital . We have this giant campus with all these empty buildings doing nothing, and I know we're not the only cities so I think if you believe that that's the proper course of action. I wonder if what we should be doing is the rally cry is let's open up places and spaces for

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people who will never be able to take care of themselves. I agree with you. I agree. That should be a solution that's looked at. I think that is what some people need. I think that you know people are the thinking is, let's how's everybody. Let's put everybody as we know there's a lot of unfortunate failures in the permanent housing people aren't ready for it. So yeah, I agree with that solution. I agree with looking at more congregant congress, shelters to help more people. The fact is, we can help more people if we open up bigger. Thank you very much for your testimony today. It's one of our most critical issues. So thank you for coming down. Yeah. Thank you very much. Even Weldon, followed by Armando Madonna and bill Bryce. If your name is called, please make your way to the podium. Armando Madonna. Bill Bryce by on Barris unknown.

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Yes I would like to address the issue of being homelessness. Being homeless myself. Armando protect mill, California my complaint is there are not enough to save houses, especially for women. Central calls and Salvation Army down many people don't have enough. No alternative. But but the streets I have witnessed many young women brutalized and infant they feel the drug dealer and thugs. What they prey on helpless victims. With promises of good times and funny women, women and men have have to fend for themselves. I have a special friend. Who would not make it on the street is very dear to me. I am poor. I'm told to please and housing for women. I know 22 instances were my female decided to make it on her own. One day I've seen her swollen red and black guy. If it had been your

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daughter being abused, god knows all the enduring all they endured. My friend is just very peaceful, so people or should say animals prey on innocent victims. Thank you for your taking to listen to someone who is there. Be kind to each other. Resolution. I would like to see you. Housing for innocent victims of the street. Thank you. Bill Bryce, followed by Sean Harrison and crisp you. Sorry. Yeah. Good morning, mayor and council members. City manager I'm bill Bryce, senior vice president investor relations with downtown Austin alliance, and I'm here to speak in support of item 48 on today's council agenda. Downtown Austin alliance represents more than

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1100 investment property owners in the downtown public improvement district and by extension hundreds of thousands of downtown employees, residents and visitors. That enjoy entertain meat and convene in our downtown. We support item 48. Creating mental health diversion center is good public policy. Today 40% approximately 40% of the offenders that are in the Travis county jail or people that have behavioral health needs. The majority of those folks come from city of Austin jurisdiction. Travis county is unfortunately, the largest mental health center in the county. The jail that is today, people with behavioral health issues that become engaged in the criminal justice system are often released back to the streets and quickly reoffend and get in a cycle of reoffending arrest release. Some are put in the jail. If they go to jail. Chances are they're coming out later and maybe in the near future without the issues that

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got the mayor in the first place being addressed and getting the help they need. We strongly encourage you to support item. 48 this is good public policy. Creating mental health diversion center is good for the people it will serve, and it's also helpful to improving public safety across the city. Thank you very much. Yes, sir. Next speaker Sean Barris, unfollowed by crisp you and Joshua Gail. Hello my name is Sean Barris.

Anand. I'm here to speak in favor of items 77. I'm here to also show I'm I was friends with Jason John, who tragically lost his life. In February. I was recovered from ladybird lake. Ah my wife and I moved here in 2020 . And we live near the trail since we've moved here. I've also commented dozens of times that the trail is dark. We feel that it's unsafe. In many places throughout the city at night. We've lost multiple lives in our community and just the past few months alone from people

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drowning in the lake after being out in the entertainment district. Patrolling and securing the Rainey street trail and bulkhead I feel like at this point should be a no brainer for everybody in this room, and I think that should just be the start of it as far as making the trail safer at night. We feel that the city we all know that the city is popular for its entertainment districts and for its nightlife and for its recreation, and I'm here to ensure that my friend's life was not lost in vain. And to push for increasing the safety for our community members near the Rainey street historic district. Thank you very much. Thank you. Crisp you followed by Joshua Gail and Mitchell. Good theaters. Good morning, everyone . My name is Christopher Pio. I'm here to support and 77 from my son, Christopher pew or Christian people who went missing on November 16th 2019 and was found on November 19th 2019. He suffered some very serious injuries and we need

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cameras in the rainy street district to start catching what is going on and what's happening with folks? There's too many people that have gone missing. There's too many people that have been injured. There's too many people that can walk off and we still have absolutely no answers as to what has Happened to any of these folks. Right now. I stand in front of you. Two more people have died since the last time I came down here and talk to you, and I'm gonna bet that we have no video camera on anything that happened with those incidents. And you know and be quite frank with you. My son went off the congress street bridge where tens of thousands of people pass daily. Hundreds of thousands of people probably crossed yearly and there's not one camera down there working, not one so we really need for the city did not only Adam to the Rainey street district, but you need to add them all over the city. I mean, if people disappear out of six street west sixth street any of these areas talk off. Where do they go? If you catch him at the end of the street? No problem. But where do they go? From there? My son walked a mile away from around your Rainey street before he was found. And that really scares me that he walked that far, and the only only camera

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footage that we have is all south first street. The city had to go big out of a hotel to get the information. You know, that's not right. I mean, if you guys were relying on video footage to, you know, conductor investigations, then you need video. More video footage across the city. There's no question about that. And on top of that, I would like to have my sons, you know, accident case reopened as a non accident. I've said this multiple times he got hit in the head. He got his hands were bruised. He was assaulted. There's no question about that. But I have no way of proving it and it was closed as an accident. I can't stand here and continue to say it was not an accident. It was not an accident. I need for somebody to address that and start facing the reality that these are not accidents. There's something that's happening. You know, I don't know exactly what it is, but we need to be able to trace it. So thank you for your time and please go forward without even 77. Thank you, sir. Joshua Gail, followed by Mitchell Gutierrez and Sofia. The little shooting hello. My name is Josh

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Gail. I am here in favor of resolution. 77 in memory of my friend Jason John. As you know. Jason went missing February 5th and was found deceased nine days later and lady bird lake by the current record states, Jason died of an accidental drowning a strongly believe Jason was a victim of the dangers of Rainey street. And what is a was a victim of the dangers on rainy street and was drugged. Every wasn't this tragic accident has still happened way too many times. Why? I appreciate the efforts the city has implemented so far. We have still pulled out two more loved ones since meeting our work is not done. Therefore I support having M S and park rangers patrol the trailhead area of Rainey. Their presence could have saved Jason's or Jonathan's life support installing halo cameras , they could give us answers to these mysteries. I also support the efforts to work with the bars regarding over serving with that program. I would like to see efforts help protect patrons from, potential drug ING's by

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requiring the bars to provide drink covers or test strips. And why the resolution is a step in the right direction. Remember, there will be more work to do. Congressman Doggett wrote in a letter to Jason's family that Austin has a reputation of attracting the best and brightest and Jason certainly embodied so much of what is wonderful about our city. End quote, so let's not lose anyone else that makes us great. In 1964 after a series of tragic drownings, the Austin city council being swimming in town lake in 2023 after a series of tragic drownings, the Austin city council. Only you are can finish that sentence. Thank you. Always as are followed by Mitchell Gutierrez and Sofia Carrillo Judy. Can be a pro tem

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council members. My name is vestas hardness service chair if the project connect community advisory committee today, I'm here to speak in support of item 47. I really wanted to council member Fuentes and all of her ghost sponsors for bringing this item forward, which would allocate 75 million towards our project connect and displacement funds over the next three years. The work that we've done is a project and community advisory committee has really informed this resolution. So I'm excited to see that all of the funding request that we had made are being forwarded today. Hopefully with support from you all the way that the item was created was that we were able to as the community advisory committee do in community gauge mint last year to really bring in multiple ways of looking at displacement. From land acquisition development, affordable housing, but also programs and services that support those communities that are most impacted. We also made multiple recommendations around how we wish to see the staff move forward with a lot of these things in collaboration with the community advisory committee, listening to the

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community as we move forward, also having some flexibility, so we have ability to course correct over the next three years. And then also really be able to look at programs and services in a very comprehensive way, so we're looking at anything from rent assistance to down payment assistance do estate and probate plannin, and so on. So the idea really is how do we have complete services for our communities do really stem anybody. Henschel displacement, impacts of project connect and also make sure that those folks who will more like who are most likely to use transit. Continue to live in those neighborhoods where we will have transit infrastructure. Thank you. Thank you. Mitchell Gutierrez, followed by Sofia there, the Laredo, Trudy. Hello everyone. My name is Mitchell batteri and my little brother was martin guitars and I am in favor of resolution. 77. My little brother went missing November 19th 2018 and was found November 26th after several days of

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searching over 12 hours a day with friends and family. Our family also had to wait 90 days for an autopsy report, which ruled it as an accidental drowning, which I do not believe. My brother and I were best friends, literally finishing each other's sentences. And he actually lived with my wife and I knew him like the back of my hand. And what I saw in that bar surveillance was not my little brother. I strongly and firmly believe that he was drugged at one of the bars on Rainey. And I can't prove it. This was back in 2018 . When I brought up how safety measures needed to be implemented to prevent this from happening again. Not one thing was done. No lighting, no surveillance, no fencing, and worst of all my family, and I felt as if no one cared because nothing was done. Until more people died. Unfortunately, there's been a significant amount since then, according to my basic research, there's been nearly 12 since my little brother. And one is too many. The installation of halo cameras and permanent lighting is no

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longer an option. It's a necessity to provide answers for what is truly going on in the area. Also support E. M S and park rangers patrolling the trailhead areas well on rainy street. I feel this approach will increase safety. Not only for protection but also for medical treatment. I know because I'm a nurse practitioner in ICU here at St David's. And it will help. I've been asking for change for many years, but ultimately it's in your hands. Just remember to hold your children tight when you get home because multiple families like mine don't have that opportunity anymore. And we don't because of the lack of safety measures that should have been implemented years ago. Thank you. Sofia, the low rental Trudy. Okay then I'm going to move back over to the remote. There's a two remote speakers that have called in first speaker is Zenobia Joseph.

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Thank you, mayor, councilors and over your Joseph. My comments are specifically related to total civil rights act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race color national origin as a relief to item 36 way Stacy improvement program. I would just ask off the transit department transportation department to prioritize the area north Lamar and breaker. Move the stop at chinatown south to CVS pharmacy, which impacts residents and district 4 67, and I would ask anyone who is concerned about 88 compliance. Follow the federal highway administration titles. This complaint with Kevin got Wessler at bot dot gov as a relief to numr 47 anti displacement. Funding I just want to recall that October 17th 2019 is when you re zone 1308 affordable units and then you fool the voters with a contract with voters on August 7th 2020. And asked them to recognize \$300

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million in anti displacement which actually is counterintuitive, as released 51 that the eminent domain item you have specifically effectiveness of transit as a justification. I just want to call to your attention that in 2017 and 2018 capital metro unilaterally eliminated while to 40 wetlands. Impacted to a TBS the water burger that you're trying to secure through eminent domain and also St David hospital. I want to, staying there. Specifically house built during 99 will give voters an opportunity to vote again on whether they issue bonds for us and transit partnership, even lied to the public, and I would ask anyone who is concerned. To call representative corporately owned 512463069. And Kim to move this bill out of committee representative John Brian told us that you actually called and asked that this bill not move forward, and I would ask you to

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recognize state law applies and help build doing 40 applies to the public comment and specifically you have a right to have speaker your time has expired on the agenda is not reasonably you have any questions of lately answered the Memphis time. Next speaker is Richard Smith. Good morning mayor council members. My name is Richard Smith. I'm a member of Austin's board of adjustment , and residents of district eight. Speaking in support of agenda Adams 38 43. Public safety is the number one priority of a city council. Items 38 43 are directed to your obligation to keep Austin residents safe. 38 relates. To often fire department staffing of an existing aerial truck. And acquisition of an additional aerial trump. Trucks and trucks that have ladders that can extend up to 100 ft. With the

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tall buildings in Austin. We need aerial trucks to protect residents from fires. 43 relates to adequate availability to emails of north can nasal spray for reversing opioid overdoses. Because we don't seem to be able to stop the influx of opioids into our city. The least we can do is minimize the palette ease from opioids. I encourage you to pass items 38 43 that's consistent with your obligation to keep Austin residents state. Thank you. Mirror that concludes all the speakers. Thank you. Thank you very much remembers unless there's objection. We will close the public hearing on the imminent domain items. Items 51 through 54. Hearing no. And by the way, he got up, okay, item 54 has been withdrawn. So let me let me say that differently. If there's no objection, we will close the

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public hearings on the imminent domain items. 51 52 53. Is there any objection hearing? None the public hearing is closed. Members unless there's I'm sorry council member I just wanted to let you know that you can put 46 back on to get to that in just a second. Thank you. The public hearings on items 55 through 58. And the hearing on the public on the related item number 59 unless there's objection. The public hearings will be closed. Is there any objection in hearing none for public hearings are closed members that will now take us. To the consent agenda. It's my understanding. That item number 46, which was pulled by council member Kelly she's withdrawing her proposed amendment so that item can be placed back on the agenda. I also understand that you want to pull item number 47, although I

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have not seen, the amendment that your office indicates that wants to propose. I believe that the amendment was incorrectly put onto the message board. As for item, 46, so it was correctly distributed

by the agenda office. If that is not the case, and I will leave it on consent. So that we can go through. Well why don't we do this? Because I think what you're telling me is that the amendment that has been labeled item 46 is really for item. 47 let me take a look at the message board. We do this. Let's pull item 47 so that y'all can figure out what you want to amend. And then we'll come back to that. Thank you. Members item number 47 is pulled off the consent agenda. Are there any other items that any members would like to pull from the consent agenda? All right. The consent. So Adam number forties

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six because yes, council member 46 is back on. So is 47. I just figured it out. We're all good. Thank you. Appreciate that. All right. You heard it, folks. The consent agenda will include items number 46 47. Are there any abstentions on the consent agenda by any members of the council? Are there any items that a member of the council would like to recuse themselves from? I see none. Do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda? Council member of Alaska's second are you seconding it? I'll second it and then I want to make remarks. We'll come to that in just a second council member Allyson alters seconds. The motion to approve the consent agenda as it was read. I recognize council member Alison alter. This would be time for brief comments by the council members with regard to the consent agenda. Thank you, mayor. We're all getting used to the to the fast pace and

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the and the different approach. So thank you. Good morning, everyone and colleagues. I'm very pleased to see item 57 on our agenda, which adopts pieces of the wildland urban interface code that were drafted as part of the land development code, but not previously adopted. This item advances our efforts to fortify our communities against the threat of wildfire, and these amendments are responsive to 2022 resolution that I authored. Day and then we code are more generally are very important piece of our wildfire prevention strategy. Wildfire is one of the top natural disaster risks in Austin. Wildfire experts warn that for Austin, it is not a matter of if, but when. The international wildland urban interface code contains provisions and standards to address fire spread enhanced defense ability of structures near high risk wildfire areas. The next version of the we code for Austin is in draft form as we work to align our code with the most recent international we code. I'm really looking forward to that next step in the process

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of fully adopting the we code. Other key steps that we can take as a community include education , personal preparedness and voluntary compliance with wildfire prevention best practices. Next month as wildfire awareness month and I'll be sharing information with households about how they can better

protect their homes and neighborhoods against wildfire, along with specific actions that they can take today to enhance their personal preparedness for before, during and after a wildfire colleagues if you are interested in helping to raise awareness, particularly during wildfire awareness month, please let my office know we'll be happy to share these resources. Lastly I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Austin fire departments wildfire division for their critical work that they do every day in our community. For item 38 the aerial ladders. I want to thank council member Kelly, for bringing that forward and for inviting me to contribute to it . I'm hopeful that it will make a difference in our communities ability to respond quickly to fire emergencies, including why wildfire as a parks advocate, I

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also want to express my support for item. 30 peace parks, annual programming plan for Kingsbury comments and item 31 the trial conservancies arts. And culture plan for the an android butler hike and bike trail, a town lake. I'm proud that this council has developed strong partnerships with many of our parks, nonprofits, including peace, park conservancy and the trail conservancy, and I want to express my gratitude for their work to help our parks thrive. Item 30 on today's agenda is the annual programming plan for peace park, which is now fully in my district. I'm really excited about the many free diverse community events outlined in the 2023 plan, including at least five events with anticipated attendance of over 1000 people invite you to join me in attending peace park squirrel fest this weekend and Shakespeare's birthday the following weekend. There's a fantastic calendar of free events and a whole range of other opportunities for our community to be involved in that park. Thank you so much. Thank you. Councilor council member, Velasquez. Thank you, Mr mayor.

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So when the consent agenda passes, my first resolution on council will have passed. And are you arguing for or against the consent? And I don't think I've ever mentioned this or that any of you all know, but I was born and raised in district three in east Austin. My family , neighbors and friends have seen this city grow at an incredible rate, a lot of positive growth but at the expense of my community. The growth hasn't been a shared burden. Fidelity to the idea of Austin demands fidelity by its leaders to ensure that the people that continue to invest in the idea of Austin the people that keep it moving, can afford to see the promise of Austin. Displacement because of affordability has had a lasting impact on our community, our culture, our schools and our quality of life. When I made the decision to run for council, my priority was and remains affordability. So this resolution, my first or one of my first are the first steps

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towards keeping that promise to the community. It's the first steps towards making sure students teachers. Single mothers are emergency service folks and the people that have feel that they have no voice in this building. No, they have a home in their city. There are three people that I want to thank for the opportunity to get this done. One is, community champions to San Almanza and poder for their efforts and geg the property condemned and helping make east Austin a R and healthy place. Ah Daniel yannis, a friend for bringing this lot to my attention when I was on the campaign trail. And mayor Watson version one for helping east Austin activists condemned this property in 1999. With that. I want to thank, all staff for their hard work as well as my colleagues. Mayor pro tem, my colleagues that joined me on this item. Mayor pro temp, a jealous council member, Ryan alter council member chito vela and mayor Kirk Watson and my amazing team upstairs. UT Lisette, Dora and Jalen for all their hard work. Thank you.

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Thank you. Council member other counselor Kelly, and then I'll come just down the line. Thank you, mayor and colleagues. I want to bring your attention to the importance of the support for public safety professionals that we have on today's agenda. I'm thankful to have authored two items that accomplished that . The first I'd like to highlight his item 38, which directs the city manager to review future aerial truck, staffing equipment and budgetary needs for the Austin fire department. And to report back to council with recommendations. As you maybe aware aerial fire trucks play a crucial role in firefighting operations by allowing firefighters to access fires and tall buildings and hard to reach areas. These trucks are equipped with ladders, hoses and other tools that will enable firefighters too quickly and efficiently to extinguish fires and rescue people who may be trapped in a growing city like Austin with numerous high rise buildings and growing infrastructure. Aerial trucks are essential for responding to emergencies and protecting the public, and I'm happy to support the fire department in this effort, as they grow with the city would

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like to thank my co sponsors. Council member Velasquez council member Alison alter council member Fuentes for supporting me in that effort. But I'd like to also take a moment and express my heartfelt appreciation to council member Alison alter for her unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in the realm of wildfire preparedness. I know you spoke a little bit about it earlier, but I want to make sure that we all know about her commitment to securing critical resources and advocating for training and equipment needs related to resilience. Because it's made a significant impact on our communities, preparedness for wildlife fire events. In 2020, for example, before I was here, council member alter successfully secured at 35% increase in the budget for the wildfire division, which has provided vital resources for fuels, mitigation and data analysis. Following that, in 2021, she allocated 1.5 million in savings resulting from the M S and fire station on loop. 3 60. Davenport's the delay itself towards specific a F, D and E. M S training and equipment needs

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related to resilience, including wildlife fire preparedness, active attacker, situations and generators. I think her sponsorship here on this resolution will also help us incorporate more of a holistic approach to wildfire preparedness with the addition of this fire truck, and we are thankful for that. Briefly I'd like to also explain the second resolution. I'm thankful to have brought forward today, which is item 43 will approve a resolution related to prioritizing funding and resources to purchase narcan, distribute the product and provide training on its use. As we heard today, narcan is a medication used to reverse the effects of an opiate overdose, but the opioid epidemic affecting many parts of the country, including Austin, narcan has become an increasingly important tool for first responders to save lives. It can be administered by even members of the public have been trained to use it correctly and when they have access to it by quickly, reversing the effects of an overdose, narcan can prevent fatalities and give individuals a second chance at recovery and life. I'd like to

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thank all my co sponsors on that, but I'd also like to briefly thank Ms Rodriguez your story and testimony from this morning was truly powerful. And I'd like to thank her for that today. So thank you all very much for your support of passing these two items. I definitely appreciate the support. Tnknk you. Council member council member harper-madison. Thank you, mayor. I appreciate the recognition colleagues. I'd like to make a few comments, in support of some items that are included in our consent agenda this week. I'm glad that we are allocating funding for new lighting along Howard lane. Safety lighting is an important part of a roadway safety program . In fact, studies show that lighting can reduce crashes. By a factor of up to 49% 1 of the highest benefit cost. Benefit to cost ratios of available safety improvements. Another item today that I believe will contribute to increase safety for our residents and visitors is item number 45, which will begin the process of changing the rules on parking requirements at bars.

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Excuse me. The hope is really to encourage people to use other ways. One more time. I will disclose. I used to make fun of people with allergies because I thought it was hilarious for grownups to have itchy faces, and but now I have them. It's terrible. So my bad. Another item, you know, is item number 45, which will begin the process of changing the rules on parking requirements at bars. The hope is to really encourage people to use other ways of getting around while it bars such as rideshare , or public transit, which I hope we all make up an active commitment to keeping moving forward in that direction,

regardless of who may try to stall that effort. There are a handful of items on the agenda today that will help move the needle on affordable housing and prevent displacement.

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Ridiculously in my district and on the east side. I have long advocated for us to look at a city owned land. All of the city on land and consider if we can repurpose it to its highest best use, some happy to support item number 46, which directs the city manager to prioritize building deeply, very deeply affordable housing at 4800 bomb road. Item number 47, which allocates the next chunk of project connect displacement funds. Thank you, councilwoman, will again prioritize deeply affordable housing. Explore cooperative housing models. Preserves bases for small businesses and provide down payment and rental assistance programs. So finally, Adams number 56 59 will provide funding on an affordable housing project and district one which I appreciate. And I would just like to again. I apologize to all the people with allergies who I used to make fun of. I feel it now. Karma has gotten me we are even council member qadri

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I will make this very quick mayor. I just want to quickly touch on two items. Items 42 44. They're both the waivers item 40 42 had to do with the arson citywide of Charlotte just happened so I want to thank my sponsors. Council members, harper-madison council member, Alison alter counselor chito vela and councilman Jose Velasquez and also want to thank council members. Chito vela mayor. Kirk Watson and mayor pro tem Paige Ellis for showing up to that if they're they're still about \$990 left. So if anyone wants to contribute, I will not say no. And then item 40 for has to do with the Austin sunshine around and I want to thank my sponsors. America Watson, council members Leslie pool and Alison alter and the mayor pro tem Paige Ellis. We have a celebrity who was an alum of that, event, councilor Jose Velasquez, who did that as a as a child. And for those who don't

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know can we get can get around of laws for Jose? I tried finding a pic of him as a child. And that's why I texted you that and I never got that picked, but it must be somewhere. But for those who don't know, Austin sunshine oh, okay. You're a smart guy. Austin sunshine camps for those who don't know has provided free, fun filled overnight summer camps to kids in the greater Austin area since 1928 for what it's worth. I'm a sunshine camp kid to you. Okay? And that is my fault. We also have Harper counselor. Harper medicine. All summer camp programs are provided free of charge for all campers who meet the free or reduced school meals income. Eligibility guidelines or campers who are in foster here, so I want to thank all my colleagues have chipped in. I want to thank my predecessor predecessor, former council

member Kathy tovo, for starting this fee waivers of this very important event there's still about 14 and \$1450 left. So I invite any of my colleagues who are interested to contribute. If they can. Council member qadri,

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we'd like to offer \$300 towards that. Thank you. Thank you. Council member. Thank you. Comments mayor pro tem. Council member qadri I'd like to add 252 the fdr item. Thank you also add 300. Okay. Great. Thank you. Let's not have a fundraiser during the council meeting. And council member qadri. I'm already donating to our contributing the waivers to both of those, but I will add that both of my kids are volunteers at the sunshine. Great great. Thank you. Any other fundraising or comments with regard to the consent agenda. It's been brought members. You're receiving a light back up. The motion. On the consent agenda. These are the appointments one of the appointments to the human rights commission. The way it was in your backup indicated somebody apparently isn't est Al

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gic. They indicated that mayor Adler was the one making the appointment. It's my understanding. He can't do that anymore. It has been changed to mayor Watson. So but if you have any problems with that appointment call Mary Adler. So we will be voting on the version that was just handed out its version number four that was just handed out is part of the light back up. With that being said. Is there any objection to the adoption of the consent agenda? Hearing none. The consent agenda is adopted unanimously. That will take us to item number 45. The chair will recognize council member of Velazquez for emotion to adopt item number 45 so moved. Is there a second to that motion, seconded by council member harper-madison members? The way I'm gonna do this is go to the there's a proposed amendment, and there's a proposed amendment

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to the amendment. A council member Kelly chair recognizes council member Kelly on amendment number one to item number 45 thank you, mayor. So many of you have probably seen this. I in amendment to the amendment. I inadvertently left off different groups. And so I just wanted to clarify that through my amendment to amendment one, so I moved to amend line 49 to add the insert station of the following be it further resolved while making recommendations to the council, the city manager shall carry out a stakeholder process through relevant city commission or an independent stakeholder process that should include, but it limited to the following organizations. Local bar owners Austin independent business alliance Texas restaurant association. Austin food and wine alliance. Texas craft

brewers guild Austin young chamber of commerce Texas association of business. Texas hotel and lobbying lodging association. Austin L G B T Q chamber of commerce, commerce,

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Austin hispanic chamber of commerce and then the next couple of bullets or what's cast member. Well I want to get the amendment on and then we can have the amendment to the amendment. Council member Kelly moves adoption of amendment number one is there a second to the motion? Seconded by council member of Velazquez. I'll now recognize you on an amendment to the amendment. Thank you, mayor. So in addition to the aforementioned organizations, I added the greater Austin chamber of farmers, the Texas association of African American chamber of commerce, the Texas European chamber of commerce, and the greater Austin black chamber of commerce to the list. Remember Kelly moves adoption of the amendment to amendment number one in the second by a council member of Alaska's is there any discussion or cancel member pool? I was curious, and I thought I knew the names of all the chambers in our in our city. And this one caught my eye. The Texas European chamber

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of commerce and I was curious about that particular group. I have that's a new one for me. Yes they were on a list that I did not want to leave out and so I wanted to ensure they were included theatre is information on their website available about the work that they do. I am not entirely familiar with it, but I felt they should be added because I inadvertently left out others and did not want them to feel like they were left out. I looked at the website as well. And the only thing I could see was I think it was eastern European. Was it bosnia, maybe the or Estonia they were inviting people to look at business development in eastern eah, I believe I just I. It's just a new one to me. And I would note that of course we are always when we when we look at stakeholder processes and talk with various groups in our community, we always say that we should include, but not limited

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to the following organizations which would include any and all . And so I get a little concerned when we have such a specific list because you're bound to miss some people, if we could get some better information about the Texas European chamber of commerce, that would be terrific. And maybe, you know, that could be a group that we've missed for years. But if someone could down right now, just so that you know what's up. A txn is down. I'm being told right now. Okay so if we could get some additional information, that would be great.y, thank you. Is there any objection to the adoption of the amendment to amendment number one for item number 45. Should we check and make sure txn is up

because my staff just let me know that it's down in the office. I'm sorry, guys. It's right. Hi. This is Myrna.
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see it running fine on our end. Okay mayor, can we ask staff to speak to captain mark Kelly's amendment? I'd like to hear their thoughts on this. But she won't say it over. You're talking about who we coordinate with. Right the list of stakeholders stakeholder I mean, those are being enumerated will coordinate with them. So that I'm not familiar. Exactly here we go. We got somebody coming up because I can barely no, I guess not. Well, we there's a list of them. We'll go through them, and we'll coordinate with them if we can, if we can't find anything. To connect with him in a substantive way. We'll circle back to the council, saying we're I'm not sure they're gonna be able to make a meaningful contribution is this is this type of direction to staff helpful when we provide a list of stakeholders in such a manner and we know that there is that possibility. I can tell you in history when we were doing the

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lease with Seton hospital. The council gave me 35 organizations that I needed to work with to coordinate and it was specific. And so it's it is unusual to be prescriptive, real prescriptive. But having been here now almost 60 days. There's a lot of prescription becomes out of items from council. So I would say that thank you. My staff's 80 accent is down as well. Yeah, it might be a city issue because someone just picked me who's watching not from city hall, and they said it's working so it might not be working in the building. Did you guys want to add anything? Veronica and don't be glib. Veronica Briseno, assistant city manager. I was just going to confirm that we are usually work with these stakeholders and can continue to work with them. Thank you. Thank you. Council member pool for asking the question about the Texas European group. I appreciate that. Yeah there any objection to the adoption of amendment number one. The amendment to amendment number

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one on item number 45 hearing. None of the amendment to the amendment is adopted. That takes us back to amendment number one as amended. Is there any objection to the adoption of amendments amendment number one. The item number 45 as amended. Hearing none. The motion is adopted. That takes us back to the main motion made by council member Velasquez on item number 45 as amended council member Alison alter. Thank you, I'd like to be shown abstaining on item 45. Well I see the positive intent within this item, and I totally appreciate the rationale I do have concerns about what prioritization we're studying with staff regarding multiple code amendments. So I have an open mind about the actual amendment. When it returns to us. I'm going to be upstanding on initiating it today.

Thank you remember any other comment? Is there any objection to adoption of item number 45 as amended. Hearing none. Item

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number 45 is adopted with council member Alison alter being shown as abstaining. Members that will take us to item number 48 item number 48, the chair recognizes council member qadri for a motion to adopt item number 48. I motion to adopt item number. 48 council member qadri moves to adopt item number 48 is seconded by council member pool chair recognizes council member Kelly on propose amendment number one item number, 48. Thank you. Mayor I moved to amenne 90 to add the insert action of the following. MM Canterbury. You don't need to read the whole thing. You moved to adopt amendment number one that has been provided to all of council. Thank you. Thank you. Is there a second to the motion to amend is there a second to the motion to amend is there a second to the motion to amend proposed amendment number one fails for lack of a second that takes us

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back to item number 48. The motion has been made and seconded to adopt. I remember 48 . Is there objection to the adoption of item number 48 hearing? None of number 48 is adopted, will now go to item number 77 chair recognizes council member qadri for any moves to adopt item number 77. Is there a second to the motion? Seconded by council member Velasquez chair recognizes council member Kelly for a proposed amendment number one item number 77 yes, council member alter. I was wondering if council member qadri had wanted to address item. 40 didn't indicate that I raised my hand from my apologies, married and I appreciate that. Thank you for the correction council member alter. Thank you, councilor. Realtor yeah, I'll make it super quick. I want to thank the sponsors on this item. Consumer Fuentes vela Ryan altar and counselor. Pool. You know, I'm

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excited to bring this fc forward and for the city to play a role in supporting, you know the county as a partner as we move towards a diversion center, and I want to thank commissioner and Howard and judge brown for all their work on the county level, and probably county commissioners for playing their part. You know, judge brown, I think, as stated several times and, I probably can't say it better if I tried, but the jail should not be the largest mental health facility in their community and that is currently the case. We need to do better by our folks who are on housed. Because housing first approach is a good first step. But if we're not getting them the mental health help that they deserve and need any help. You know, truthfully from any substance abuse issues are we're not. We're not helping them, so I appreciate

everyone's support on this item. Thank you. Council member folks. We have an amendment that's being offered and so typically in the reason I

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would like to wait on discussion of that is until we get to the back to the main motion. And so that's. We're on item number. 77 council member, Kelly has a proposed amendment. I was hoping to make a really fast on 48. I also missed the opportunity. When we finished 48, it wasn't sure when to say comments. Let's see. How about we do this? Let's get this the motions that we have on the table off the table and then come back. The chair had recognized council member Kelly on a proposed amendment to item number 77. Council member, Kelly moved to adopt Kelly amendment one for item number 77 is there a second to the amendment? Is there a second to the motion? Is there a second to the motion hearing? None of the proposed amendment number one to item number 77 fails for lack of a second council member qadri just want to make a few words

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about items 77. I'm going to go a little bit off script. My my dad passed away 10 years ago, and I remember when he passed away that having that last opportunity, you know, to hug him to hold him. Did you kiss them and knowing what happened to him? And I can't imagine what so many families in the city go through and have been going through that that we have heard from in truthfully that we potentially never hear from who have lost loved ones and all. They're looking for his answers and clarity and enclosure and I , it's almost like living groundhogs day where we are, you know my first month or so we had to deal with Jason John's disappearance and his tragi death. And hearing more stories of folks who have passed away since Jason you know, I wanna clarify for all those who are watching, as was as folks you know, our folks in the press.

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There's no reason to believe that there is any foul play going on. But there is something going on and I'm very thankful for this dais. For interim city manages his cart pound Garza , and mayor Kirk Watson and his team for being very proactive on this, but but there's the job's not over. The job wasn't over when there was temporary, you know, lighting put up and fencing and signage. The job's not over once we pass this past this, you know, resolution. So I want to thank everyone on the diets. But we have a lot of work to do. Thank you, council member. Any further discussion on item number 77. Is there any objection to the adoption of item number 77. Hearing none. I don't number 77 is adopted. I apologize if I moved on to 77 to quickly, council member Ryan alter no worries. I'm still figuring out when the right moment is, but I just also want to thank council member qadri

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and also the Travis county commissioners court for really leading on the issue of this diversion center. I know it's been a really important issue for judge brown commissioner Howard commissioner Travillion the rest of the court and you know, on Tuesday, we heard about the sobering center and how the city and the county came together to address a real public health need and provide alternatives to incarceration that result in improved outcomes and cost savings to our emergency response system. And here we have opportunity to engage with Travis county, integral care and others to do something again, as relates to mental health and diversion for a new alternative to incarceration, and I think that we have the ability to partner and really serve our community through something like this. And so I just want to thank the council member and Travis county for leading on this, and I look forward to where it is. Great. Council member of Fuentes. Thank

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you. Thanks mayor. I appreciate how you are getting us through these meetings very quickly, but we're missing our opportunity to weigh in. And this one is a of importance when I think Kathryn qadri for bringing this forward on the mental health diversion center, and we know that our city has a track record of working with the county on a variety of issues. And with this big initiative, one that this council unanimously stands behind we will have an opportunity to explore the details of what that partnership could look like I'm bringing a mental health diversion center to our city and our county at our next public health committee meeting will have officials from Travis county join where they can provide us. Yes more details and more information on what that will look like. And that we, as a counselor can also have the opportunity to talk about what the city's commitment will look like. In that effort. Make mental health awareness month and so it's also an opportunity for us to elevate the conversation around mental health awareness. I will be with a few others launching a mental

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health first aid initiative with the community of the intimate network. That same day when we're going to try to skill up our community to get certified on mental health, first aid, super excited about that initiative, and we will be sharing more details out in the coming weeks, but just wanted to offer that as well. I will make this very quick. I would be remiss not to thank the people that make all this possible. So I want to thank my co sponsors again, and both resolutions are relating to resolution. 48 you know, when I think all the stakeholders that our office spoke with one of thank office staff, especially our chief of staff, Sarah barge and want to thank former council member and kitchen who has been very kind with her time and her and her immense knowledge on the subject. And then really into items. 77 also want to

thank the co sponsors. Staff, especially Sarah Burge, who also very much worked on this resolution, and then also all the families that are here today, really,

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especially appreciate Mitchell. Josh and Misha, who is not here today, but there's always a friendly presence through emails and phone conversations. So thank you all for your advocacy in your love of your loved ones. Councilor Alison alter. Thank you. I wanna thank council member qadri for bringing both of these items forward and a co sponsor of 77. I wanted to just speak briefly to 48 really looking forward to see where this collaborative conversation as a community can go with respect to the mental health diversion. I think we've been trying to move as a community to a space where we're bringing the right resources. The right person at the right time. And being able to think about not only what provides the best quality of care, but what is most effective from a cost and just an overall resource perspective. So I'm really looking forward to those conversations continuing and for

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the city to be a part of that larger conversation that the county's leading. Before we go to the next item. Is there any other comments on the items that have been we've adopted? Members will go to items number 51 52 53 the imminent domain items. Recall that item number. 54 which was originally on the agenda has been withdrawn. With respect to items 51 52 53 being non consent condemnation items. Is there a motion to the effect that the city council of Austin authoriz the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire the property set forth and described in the agenda for the current meeting for the public uses that are described here in council member pool moves adoption. Is there a 2nd 2nd about council member harper-madison. Is there any discussion on the item? Is

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there any objection to the adoption of items 51 52 53 as moved by council member pool hearing none. Those items are adopted. Members the next items are items 55 I'm sorry, Adam 59. Which is related to items. 56 the public hearings we had on items 56 57 58. Just 56. I'm sorry. Just item number 56.

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Council members, item number 56 with the public hearing. Related to item number 59. Is there a motion to adopt items 55 57 58. Then I will come back to 56 59 council member harper-madison moves approval of items 55 57 58 at seconded by the mayor pro tem is there any discussion on items 55 57 58. Is there any objection to the motion? Hearing none. Those items are adopted. Item number 56 59 is their emotion to adopt items number 56 59. Second motion is made by council member harper-madison is there a second by council member? Mayor we just need to note that item number 58 is postponed. April 20th. Okay?

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I wish people have told me that's where that's where I'm from the. The motion to adopt those items on Adam number 58. It was a postponement of item number 58 as opposed to the substance of item number 58. We have a motion on the floor. With regard to items 56 59 is there anybody that wants to say anything about items? 56 59. Is there any objection to the adoption of items 59, which is the related item? Hearing none. The motion is adopted. Members the next thing that we have is a time certain of 12 o'clock noon is there any objection to the city council? Well, let me do it this way. The city council has

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is now going to go into a closed session. To take up one item and pursuant to section 551071 of the government code. The city council will discuss legal issues related to item number 78 , which is in the addendum the city of Austin 2023 labor contract negotiations. Is there any objection to going in to a closed executive session on the item as announced? Hearing none . The council will now go into executive session.

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It's 12:01 PM the next item on our agenda is public comment. Public communication and we will follow that with live music. In the closed session. We discussed legal issues related to item number 78 city of Austin 2023

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labor contract negotiations. Will now ask the city clerk if you would start calling our public communication participants. First speaker, Sean guests. Please make your way up to the podium. How's it going? But thank you very much for allowing me to speak in front of you today. I just want to take a few minutes to talk about something that's kind of developing and my neighborhood that I would like to, ask to the council for assistance with I live just a few 100 yards away from the on topless bridge in east Austin. And the frequency with which unpermitted. Live music shows raves, parties, you name it, are starting to increase in frequency significantly. I've I've been there now for about seven years

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, and occasionally there would be some unsanctioned and permitted activity that would happen on that bridge. It's obviously a beautiful bridge. It's got a commanding view of downtown. Certainly, I can see why someone would would would want to hang out there. However as these parties have increased , so too, has what I feel the safety of our neighborhood has has started to become jeopardized and there seems to be a little bit of, I guess uncertainty as to who may be in control of monitoring this particular asset of our city. I I've been told that this is really under the purview of the central Texas mobility, regional mobility authority. And I can tell you that they're pretty unresponsive when it comes to reaching out to them about WHA could be done about this. So just to back up a little bit. I

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think that's really all came to a head for me. On March 17th when at 1 40 am there were about seven gunshots that rang out just outside my fence. And you know that was amidst. Probably, I don't know 200 illegally parked vehicles. Not all illegally, some on the street. But there was definitely a party of 350 to 400 people going on. At the bridge at that time. And it was something that you know we had as a neighborhood. You know, felt like, well, this is this is something that's happening, but I think that that particular night it became more of a safety issue from for myself and my family. Sorry. I have two small children, and, I would like for that not to happen. In front of my house. So

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I guess one of the most disturbing things about that was that I did call 911. And this is like I said 1 41 45. I saw a police officer enter into the neighborhood. Drive down to where the bridge kind of starts at the end of the road. And I'm sorry. My time's up, and turn around and leave, and the party continued for another. Probably 2.5 hours. Thank you for being with us. Yeah there's a couple of assistant managers

right behind you get all your information, okay? Follow up with you. Okay I do. I would like to ask who told you it was crazy responsibility. Well that's Travis county actually told me that because I called Travis county 111 night. We haven't sorry. Sorry. I see. I see our police. Assistant chief of police back there. Yeah. Take him to lease. Thank you. Next

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speaker is Armando Marghera. Madonna. Hmm. After Armando Madonna's Brian Leah. If you're here, please make your way to the podium. Followed by Diana Prankster. Good afternoon. My name is Diana Prechter. And I'm here to talk about hotel occupancy tax funding and my request for an event audit. At the end of 2023. Hotel occupancy tax funds commonly referred to with the shorthand HOT are given to the arts in three categories. Thrive, Nexus and Elevate. This year. Approximately \$4.4 million is going to be spent under Thrive and Nexus by intentional

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design. Both of these city programs encourage applicants who are nascent emerging cultural arts organizations. Or groups that have been dormant in recent years. Many groups with proven track records of delivering cultural events will not be funded this year. I'd like to know by the end of 2023. How these newcomers and dormant groups have delivered on their promise to create events or public art in Austin. As a little background information. Hotel occupancy tax funds require recipients to create events and public arts, such as exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes and camps that include a performance or exhibition that is open to and marketed to tourists. Public art projects. The events must be open and advertised to Austin residents, visitors and tourists. I have learned that

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the only website where grant recipients must post their events is [Austin, Texas .org/ events](http://AustinTexas.org/events). The website of the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau. We the citizens of Austin should be able to perform an audit of city funded events at the end of 2023. You the mayor, manager and council members might also want to be able to perform an event audit. \$4.4 million is a lot of money and someone might want to know how successfully it was spent. At present, this audit can't be done because the official event calendars functionally flawed in two ways. So here is my elevator pitch one. The events calendar needs. The addition of a filter called funded by the city of Austin. Two. We need to be able to search back to the beginning of the year. I'm asking the council to locate the programmer responsible for the city's event

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calendar and request that these two improvements be made as soon as possible to Austin, Texas .org/ events. Thank you. Thank you. I'm going to call a few speakers that I've called to get just once again, Armando Mcghan . If you're here, please make it right at the podium. Brian Leah. Jonathan Davidson. Hello I'd like to add to what Sean guest the first speaker was saying his neighbor. The events at the bridge have more than just an impact on the safety of my family and his family and other families that live there. There's a major impact on the safety of th people who are actually at these events, and some of them have been professionally produced and promoted through the south by southwest, not website. But through the general organization

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of unofficial events, but. Those those are the events that have gone till six in the morning with gunshots and, and other sort of issues. There's also a lot of vandalism issues, but there's also a lot of shows where there's 13 to 15 year old kids in the hundreds. Using a lot of drugs using a lot of alcohol. I'm a parent of a high school student. I've been there with him. He's a student at lhasa right across the river. Basically the same neighborhood. And a lot of these kids at the bridge are they're doing chicken fights on their shoulders. They're doing crowd surfing. You can see open drug and alcohol use. I know that's a reality of teenage life. And I'm not judging it, but I'm saying that in the city right now there's a big perhaps on warranted conversation about why people are ending up dead in the river

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. And I think a lot of that is really because of irresponsible drug and alcohol use in and around the corridor of the river, and in this particular case, it's a bridge. That's 100 ft. Over the over the water with kids using multiple drugs, multiple alcohol driving in and out of there. A lot of the bands are Austin high bands and you know, I like to be supportive of live music and counterculture. But I am worried that it's a matter of time before something really terrible happens not just to a resident of the neighborhood, but someone on the bridge and there's gonna be a lot of outrage. That nothing was done to prevent it, and I think that there's many proposals that we have within our little neighborhood. Perhaps a representative from central Texas regional mobility authority. Maybe pard, maybe a P. D. I don't think that the police necessarily even to be need to be involved if the organism organizers of the events can be spoken to as the event is starting. Perhaps lead

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when they're setting up the gear. I mean, they're bringing in huge amounts of generators and lighting sound equipment. I can show people from the city manager's office Instagram videos that document all of this like it's really it's not it's not hyperbole. It's extremely concerning and it you know, it's impressive and fun to some, and I understand that. But it's just disaster waiting to happen. And you know, I think the live music capital of the world needs to be more responsible when it comes to things like this, I think often can. Promote without being responsible about it. So thank you, sir. Brian Leetch. Followed by Kate barrow and Susana Almanza. I was going. My name is Brian Brian Leetch. My family owns 7500 bluff springs road. It's a property in south Austin. I've been here before. I've been on the news. A couple of times like we're getting flooded with mud from this apartments being

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built next to us spring villas because they have no retention ponds been in revision for two years, but and they recently spilled diesel everywhere and diesel like you went to the retention pond, but it also bypass the retention pond came straight to my property down pipes that it's not supposed to have any. You know anything but natural, clean water but diesels down there and it's been two months and they can't clean it up. They don't want to scope the pipe. They keep saying they're gonna do it going to do it, but so the diesels been there for two months. But on December 1st, my engineers submitted a signed and se document. I've sent it to you a bunch of times, Mr Garza. It's a report showing that spring villas and aspen heights apartment complex next to each other can't handle the two year storm. The water retention. So like a two year storm, be like 23 cfs 23 cubic feet of square feet of water coming through per second. They can't handle 23. It has to handle 100 year storm. It's like 144. So aspen heights is what it was originally called. Now it's called courtland at bluff springs to change names. But if you look up the records gonna ask tonight's people in that parking lot they've lived there. Since she was 1700 year storm

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they could die. They could get swept off right now today. So and then spring villas isn't open yet. It's one right next to it and independent of that they didn't do all their boundaries. My engineers did. There's no argument boundaries, the boundaries they set for the water come into their property or completely inaccurate. They were counting for tons of water, and then they definitely weren't accounting for aspen heights to not have adequate so. People they want to move people in there in the summer, and that's people could drown there. And then I'm the property right next door to it. Thank god. I know this information. If there's like a 25 100 strong, I'm gonna have to abandon my house because I'll drown in my house. People that live in the courtland bluff springs. They don't know they could drown in their house. But they are have submitted that signed and sealed engineer report from Saxon Loomis. They got, office right there of south congress. If you want to talk to him, and it's been, you know, I'm trying to don't want to drown and die. And so I enjoy people swami, the city engineer . He's contacted my engineers. But then he stopped talking to him. He says he needs to talk to the city law like I don't know if you even pay attention, Ms morgen, but she said, I need to talk to you first before he can

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talk to us about me dying in my house. You know, I don't understand that and beyond that, like when I talk to inspectors inspectors saying, well, we're still dealing with the revision from a year ago. In previous covers comply off, you have to have like 60. Concrete buildings 40 present. They don't have that and they're building it. They have all this. They tried to use porous concrete, but the forest concrete you have to have all these. You know, things set up and they didn't have tt,t, so they're putting Dallas porous concrete, not to code, Mike Macdougall said. He's rejected it like 13 times, but there's still building it. It's almost completely built. We want us them to start building it and to fix the problem, and this is like the other problem is they have this pipe that goes underground and it can't drink. There's always thousands of gallons of water in this pipe that cannot drain and that's the pipers posters have natural water coming from the forest under their property. Somehow diesel fuel got into it because their gutters all the water that goes in their gutters. It goes to the pond, but then it crosses this pipe. And they didn't have the elevations. Right? So I just made it a four way so it just but, yeah, I mean, people could die on bluff springs. Assistant manager bacere. Very very

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senior will visit with you about development services reviews that satisfy what the individual right behind you. Kate barrow. Speaking remotely. Okay yeah. My name is Kate. Can you hear me? Yes. Okay I am speaking to follow up with put both Sean gas and Jonathan Davidson rt reported on about the increase in the month. Topless bridge parties. I don't really have any new information. Both of them covered pretty much, all of it. But there is a safety concern from the standpoint of just the number of vehicles person whether or not if there were an emergency. I think there would probably potentially be an issue of an emergency vehicle being able to access it. There is a safety standpoint. In the neighborhood of the increased gunshots, and, they're kind of relationship to the increase in the bridge parties and then

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there's obsly that they'd be concerned of the drug and alcohol use and just to be nature of the parties themselves, which again I'm not against any kof like music. I think that that a fantastic thing to risk is hello. Endorsed but obviously in a responsible manner. So, I am just one of like just again. The concern that both Shawn and John already brought up. We're concerned as a neighborhood. We don't want anything to happen to the people attending the party, but we're also just concerned kind of our own safety and protection of our home and our neighborhood and then not to mention the fact that people are, you know, really just taking advantage of this free venue. And they're charging people to participate

in this and you know, there's they have O overhead. There's no trash collection. We're going out of the neighborhood and picking up trash after the parties, you know, recently,

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they put up that's really great kind of historical. History of the neighborhood, and the bridge itself would be plaques and already a lot of the black graffiti all over them in it. It's just disrespectful. And do it obviously appreciate one. Some clarification on who is actually in charge of this piece of property, whether it's the central Texas mobility authority , or, you know an a P B tells us that exam and they tell us that they don't have any jurisdiction . It's just confusing and we're not sure where does concerns which is like were present today so that's all I have. And I appreciate your time. Thank you. You're welcome. Suzanne Almanza , followed by Amanda cardio, and then Carlos Leon. Good afternoon, mayor and city council members. I am Susana Almanza, director of people organized and defensive, Earth and her resources as a partner

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of asd. You're causing great harm to a I S D identification is displacing families from Austin a I S D schools. Many east Austin schools have already been closed the developments developments that you are constantly approving, or for one bedroom units and a small amount of two bedroom units. The developments are not serving families. These developments are out of reach for families due to size and cost of the units. There's nothing really affordable for families. A I S D will continue to suffer due to the lack of attention to retain families, especially families of color in Austin. You and many of your core backers often claimed that higher density results in lower housing prices and more affordable housing nor affordable housing, has he has resulted from rezoning single family neighborhoods to allow for 4 to 6 units per lot. I need different concern. I have been asked by the man topless

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community to inform you about the racial profiling occurring in the man topless community by dps troopers. We have more troopers patrolling the school patrolling than schools and our community, more troopers and face based institutions. More troopers and grocery stores, more troopers and health clinics more troopers than playgrounds. People of color and the immigrant community are being targeted by dps troopers. We need an immediate investigation into this matter. Dps trooper are following governors abbots mandate by harassing the immigrant community and people of color. We need an investigation. We are . Where are they stopping and why are they patrolling? Of the thousands of people they have stopped and are arrested. Where did these incidents occurred in mental apus in east Austin? We

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may need to call in the justice department to investigate the harassment and racial profiling people of color and immigrant community. We need to straighten the oversight of the police department and dps troopers and encourage accountability. And I just want to add that it is not the Latino or people of color that are organizing those events on the mount topless bridge, so I just want to make that clear to the listeners that it's not our communities, but I really I know I have an appointment would achieve Chacon next week, but I do want to bring this to your attention. Because we are being overrun by the dps troopers and our community and our immigrant community is very afraid about what's happening. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next speaker Amanda Correo. Can you hear me?

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Hi my name is Amanda career I live on Mccauley nigh live just a few 100 ft from where the tanks are currently being built . It's been a year since it's been built. We've had lack of communication promises have been broken. Every time I go out into my yard, I see these tanks that have been built and I worry. I worry about my health. I worry about what's going to happen to me in the future? They say that that that people that live on the east side we have a lower life expectancy is, expansion. Well that's because of the council that allows the cluster of pollution of activities to come to poor communities and people of co. These things do not go unnoticed by us. The airport has promised. Community and engagement and nothing has happened at all. They promised a green team. It's been 12 months. We have no green team, but they have this wonderful journey with us, to make marketing team.

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There's been mud water. We have not been notified about that. Until several months later, there is lack of communication which really looks bad on you guys airport again does not engage with us. They they've decided they wanted to million dollar fence. They didn't ask us about no \$2 million fence. What upsets me more right now. Coming to you guys is the lack of promin and transparency of the audit of yachts. Conflict of interest. We're being audited at the same time. Was high hiding public information about this tank farm. This makes me not trust my city. It's run by corrupt and deceitful people. I think that yes, approved anything that she has approved. There were a violation of code should be canceled. Or delayed. Since they were fraudulently approved for further

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investigation and audit. I think the airport staff is you know? It's hoping that will go away so that you can make your money for the private private airline. Contractors while my family and neighbors are being exposed to admissions traffic by these tank farms. But we're not going to go away. I'm going to continue to come here and you're going to hear from me of what's going to go on in our worries and the mental health that you guys are going to have to pay for in the future. Understand me? I invite the new council members to come out and visit our community. And again this is going to affect our mental health that you guys are going to have to put more money into. We want communication. We want transparency, and we want it now. But most of all. Again I invite all of you guys to come

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out to the community and engage with us. Especially councilwoman harper-madison. Thank you very much. Have a good day. Thank you. Next speaker is Carlos Leone, followed by August. Here's. Brodie Carlos Leon, first and foremost gracias. Adios for letting me speak truth to power. Mayor Watson two point oh, bouncing cronk and his crew and replacing them with your law abiding loyalists is right on city clerk Rios your new hire. Marie Prado helped me professionally positively and promptly the way it should be in city hall. City council. Don't breathe climate change peril before keeping alien came trails out of Austin airspace public at large boycott galaxy cafe top

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notch and so called low eateries out of existence to rightly starve out Kelly chapel for wrongly banning me. March 13th, the galaxy cafe on Mesa guilty high school, white female server psychologically and verbally attacked me initially withholding my paid for cookies from to make me wait on her, though she is paid to wait on me. Several minutes later, she asked me if I had received it, though she knew I hadn't because she saw my order number on a stick was still on my table, but no cookie. Meaning she tried getting my attention and making me answer her unnecessary question to follow her mislead to accommodate and serve her. It's her job to answer my necessary questions and follow my righteous lead to accommodate and serve me the paying customer in a timely manner on a slow night. In response to my follow up email to galaxy in front of you now council. Chapel wrongly banned me instead of rightly

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retraining or removing her claiming I scared her, meaning she allegedly cried, bullied him to vilify me to project her guilt onto me to avoid accountability for her passive aggressive brought words and actions that I rightly rejected. Then he tried gaslighting me saying she didn't attack me. Did I was there? I know what happened. Adult women stupidly feminist flirting with me a straight Christian alpha male to try confusing and controlling me too effeminate. Emasculate me is bad enough. But when middle school

mean girl gaslighting and emotional manipulation tactics get rewarded in the workplace instead of punished. Time to shut that business down. Go woke, go broke. God bless president. Trump who won the 2020 election in a landslide, counting each and every legal

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legitimate vote one time only with equal weighting only make America great again by making America straight, masculine again under god. Trump 2024. In Jesus' name. I pray. Amen thank you, lord and god bless Austin. Last speaker. August Harris. Good afternoon, mayor, mayor pro tem and council the downtown. My name is August. Harris. I'm here is chaired downtown commission. The downtown commission passed the recommendation at its March meeting before you today that council should direct city manager to create a dedicated anti graffiti unit and that it include a minimum appropriation of \$2 million to fund the unit. This may not be enough, frankly. We adamantly urged council to

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prioritize this item in the 2023 24 budget. Let's be clear graffiti is a crime of vandalism . Under the state penal code. It ranges from a class C misdemeanor to felony based on the extent of the damage, it often involves the crime of criminal trespass. It's terribly difficult to catch the criminals in the act. So the rate of prosecution is very low. There are few consequences. Note that for whatever good they are diversion options are available in lieu of sentencing. Public and private property across our city is being vandalized martin defaced by vandals and vagrants. That we see a very high concentration of this vandalism and district nine. It insidiously pervades every district. Nationwide damage. Estimates range from 12 to \$14 billion annually, part and building services alone spend nearly \$1 million of our taxpayer dollars. Other city departments spend additional funds. So that's not well tracked. The downtown Austin alliance spends tens of

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thousands of dollars annually in their P I D alone. Text dnd ctr may spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on their facilities as well annually. The damage to private property is absolutely incalculable. You can't travel any artery in our city without seeing property marred by these vandals and vagrants. The city of Austin currently has no unified effort to address the significant problem. Part of the exception has been proactive throughout our beloved parks with a dedicated team. Best practice dictates that graffiti be evaded within 24 hours. Vast damage to private property is more of a challenge. Failure to bait and bait timely creates an attractive nuisance for this and other criminal activity and adversely affects our citizens and our businesses alike. The downtown commission working group met with city staff and

stakeholders to understand what the city was doing and to understand where the opportunities might lie. Pierre cities such as San Antonio have very robust programs and dedicated resources to tackle

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graffiti head on. Austin needs both urgently and now. We have T out a comprehensive set of priorities that you'll see for the anti graffiti unit. What we failed to address was an interim plan to tackle this growing crime between now and the beginning of the fiscal year. Summer typically sees an increase in this type of vandalism, so it's imperative that we have an interim solution. Working with city staff. We've discussed the creation of a pilot project targeting heavily vandalized areas outside of D a's pit. We ask that you direct the city manager to dedicate any available funding, just streamline the 311 process for graffiti reporting to expand existing 3rd 3rd party contract . Don't know you don't get to do that. You're finished. Okay? Yeah thank you for your comments . Yeah, I need you to thank you. Thank you. That concludes all the speakers. Thank you. Thank you very much members. As you just heard that concludes the

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noon public communication portion of the agenda for those that are watching. We are now going to set up for live music. We don't have anything on the agenda, that we can take up right after the live music until two o'clock time certain on zoning matters. So unless there's objection, we will recess, the Austin city council mayor, singular objection. I see this gentleman reacting. I wonder if maybe he signed up to speak and didn't get cold. Did you sign up to speak one? Then I'm sorry, then I can't. I'm sorry. I can't recognize you under our rules. Well I'm I'm sorry. I can't recognize you under our rules. Your office. Great. Thank you. Please do that. Thank you, council member. Are there any? Is there any objection to recessing the Austin city council until the two o'clock time certain. Hearing none were recessed until two o'clock, but please

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everybody join us for live music after it's set up. My name is Ben Buck, too so, but family in the building. That's great. How long you been? How long you've been doing ? So I've been beatboxing for about 10 years now I started when I'm you know? 14 15. I'm 25 now, so we're doing it profonally for a long time for sure. We're really happy to have you here and I want to be able to proclaim, whereas the city of Austin, Texas, is blessed with many creative musicians whose talent extends to virtually every musical genre, and whereas

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our music scene thrives because Austin audiences support. Good music produced by legends are local favorites and newcomers alike. And whereas we are pleased to showcase and support our local artist now therefore I Kirk Watson mayor, the live music capital of the world, do hereby proclaim apr 13th 2023 has been bucked day in Austin. 10 buck. City, Boston how we feeling? Alright it's an honor and pleasure to be here today. My name is Benjamin buck. I come from Austin and we're here to rock. It's an honor and pleasure to be here today. My name is benjam buck come from Austin, and we're here to rock.

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MM hmm . We're feeling good, y'all

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the meeting of the Austin city council. The next item on our agenda, or the two is the two o'clock time certain zoning and neighborhood plan amendments and I will recognize staff to report to us. Yes mayor and council joy harden with the planning department. You're zoning agenda begins with item number 63 C 14 2020 0143. There's an applicant postponement request to your may 4th council meeting item. 64 C 14 2022 0049 again. Applicant postponement request to your may 4th council meeting. 65 is in pa 2022 31.1 the science being offered for consent on all three readings. The related rezoning is item number 66. He won 4 2022 0117. This island is being offered for consent on all three readings. Items 67 61 4 2022 0154. This item is being offered

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for consent on all three readings. 68 is C 14 2022 0053. This item is being offered for consent at all three readings. We do have a few speakers signed up to speak to this item. Items 69 14 2022 0203 this silence being offered for consent. Second reading only this item will be back on next week. Get your 4 20 council meeting and this will allow for additional discussions to occur and again. They're speakers signed up for this item as well. 70 or C 14 2022 0171. This item is being offered for consent on all three readings. Items 71 is the 14 2022 0132 is being offered for consent on all three readings. 72 assuming for 2022 0070, this sinus being offered for consent on all three readings, and that's the staff recommendation of CSN P M 73 is C 14 2022 0015.

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Again this final spin golfer for consent on all three readings. The staff's recommendation of see SNP I'm sorry to interrupt you but on 72 changed from recommendation of being postponed to consent on all three readings. Yes 72 Springdale commercial. Is that correct? Yes yes. That is consent on all three readings. Thank you. Yes yes. So 72 is consent on all three readings. 73 is consent on all three readings. 74 is in P a 2022 5.2 . There is an applicant postponement request to your June 1st. Council meeting the related rezoning as item 75. That's C one for 2022 0114 again. Applicant postponement request to your June 1st council meeting. 76 is seen 14 2022 0076 . This item is being offered for

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consent. First reading only. Again there, speaker stand up for this item, and this is items coming back for 20 your next week's council meeting and again for additional conversations to continue to be had during this time, and then you're a dentist item is item number 79. He went for 2022 0040, and there's an applicant postponement request to your 4 20 council meeting. Yes, councilor pool. Miss harden . Could you double check on item 70 the district on there? I'm thinking that might actually be district seven shell creek boulevard. I had you're saying it should not be district seven. Well I think it is district seven, but the list has district three. Oh the council agenda. Assist district seven. So good. Okay council. The council of my guess is it happens? Okay so okay. The council agenda is

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correct in that does the district seven. So you're correct? Thank you, council member. Let let me make an announcement that and I'm not sure who I'm announcing this to people can't get on. But a txn is apparently out again. But I'm told that people can still use the website link and be able to monitor it. Is that correct? Good. Thank you. Okay so is there. Is there any objection to opening the public hearing? On items. 65 sixties. 6 67 68. 69 70 71 72. 73 76. For those that might want to testify. On the other items, you'll be allowed to comment, but you're limited

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to speaking to the merits of the postponement only. Is there any objection to opening the public hearings on the items as I read them? Hearing none. The public hearings are open. I will now turn to the clerk for calling people to speak to us. First speakers. Jonathan kidney on items 76. There. Can you hear ? Yes. Go ahead. Okay? Kenny and I'm speaking on behalf of the heritagighborhood association. Neighbors reached an agreement with the applicant , but it can't be signed by the association without a

vote. Fortunately we have a meeting already announced for Monday, and council is meeting again next Thursday. We asked that

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today you approve items 76 on first reading only so that the heritage neighborhood can vote and sign the agreement in accordance with our bylaws. 76. And next speaker. We're going to move on over the actually, I just have one more that just called in. Zenobia, Joseph. Thank you, Mary council. I'm Zenobia Joseph Mike Starr specifically related to the rits of the postponement for items 63 that's 12121 north age 35. I would just make a comment as it relates specifically not to the item, but just to transportation. I just want to ask counsel to ider comments that have been made in the past

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. And specifically, there was a comment made after I got off the line this morning. So my response to Natasha harper-madison is that on October 20th 2021 mayor Adler as the Austin transit partnership vice chair, said quote it's possible to go into court on ballot language. There's going to be somebody who says hey, wait a second. I only supported this voting for this because of the representation that you gave to me, and so I would ask you to do your homework before this idol comes back before council and look at the transportation as it relates to the item. Thank you so much for allowing me to make my comments. If you have any questions of loving answer them at this time and Natasha to Madison. If you have something to say to I'll stay on the line. Thank you. Thank you. All right, moving over to in person speakers. We have bill Meacham, followed by Carlos Austin and Patricia. Michael if you're here, please make your way to the podium. Marianne Sanchez.

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Followed by Adrian Macias. Followed by Valerie Maynard. If you're here please make your way to the podium. And please state your name so that we know who you are. Good afternoon mayor, city council members. My name is Adrian Macias and I live on vargas road. I am the coordinator for producers. Young scholarship justice. I am concerned that the young people in my community will not be able to afford to continue to live in man toplless at the current rate of your so called affordable units. For a single person at 60% medium family income, which is \$46,000 380 yearly. They would have to be earning at least \$22 an hour to rent an appointment, they would have to be earning 61,800 yearly at an

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80 medium family income or approximately \$29.50 an hour. You need to work to achieve lower levels of affordability. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Once again. Marian Sanchez, Valerie mannered, followed by Carlos pinion. And Pedro Hernandez Jr. If you're here, please make it right on the podium. Hello mayor in city council members. My name is Pedro Hernandez. And I am I am the president of the Vasquez fields neighborhood association. Metropolis and I have two major concerns about the development. On the east Riverside and vargas. Apartment units. The 600 units. First of all, we need to

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lower level we need to lower levels of affordability that matches the median income. For the metropolis residents which is 30 to 40. MM. Flying mhm. Secondly, theact that apartment units to the east west and north are all being built at the same intersection of argus road and east Riverside drive without a traffic traffic signal light you must install a traffic signal light at that intersection. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker's Eric Paulus , followed by Daniel yanis. Followed by Fred McGee and Susanna and monza.

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Before I start. How much time do I have? Two minutes. Good afternoon. I'm sasana man. So president, man tapas neighborhood plan. Contact team , 66 Chinese Riverside drive zoning cases, located them on tapas community and is in the project connects anti displacement so and in the east Riverside corridor plan the per capita income from the top asses 20,859. The medium household income is 43,000. 42,344 and we have a childhood poverty rate of 26.4 and 32% for our seniors. As you know, the city council adopted the east Riverside quartered or plan as a corridor , as is the corridor was vacant of human life over 2000 low income and working for most people color have been displaced to make room for new, higher density and higher income wage earners. Approximately 600 units will be built at the 66 10 at vargas road 300 of them market

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rate, which would be 260 to 1 bedrooms and then 300 so called affordable apartments with 261 bedroom units. Total apartments that will be built is 523 1 bedroom units, 72. Two bedroom units and 53 bedrooms units and you can see at 80% medium income for a family of four. You would have to be making \$88,250 which we said that is not to serve them on topless community as again I talked earlier about not making room for families and how a S D is taking a hit and losing students. Gentrification due to not building units for families and, of course, not having it at an affordable rate. Here is the amount

for 30% mf five persons. Four persons is 33,180% for fr persons is 88,000 to 50 if you look at 40% which mostly are people live at 30 to 40 Amman topless. A family of four is 44,100 people. If this

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development is to serve them on top of this community. We need deeper affordability levels we need more to and more three bedroom units. If you look at their plan thank you so much. Thank you appreciate it. Next speakers, Monica Allen. Followed by Jane Rivera, followed by Susan Lippman and Noah alias please make your way to the podium. Good afternoon council. My name is no alias and president of the metropolis panca neighborhood association and speaking on item 69 66 10, east Riverside. Our community needs more affordable housing for our working families. The average family income in topless is about \$42,000 a year in this development, the developers have proposed affordable housing at 60 to 80% mf I, which means you

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have to be making 60,000 to 80,000. A year to be able to afford these affordable units. And the majority of those are actually only one bedroom, which, of course, that does not, provide housing that's much needed for our families. We need deeply affordable homes for our families and this community. This means homes for people making less than \$50,000 a year. This means, apartments with two and threeroom units. Ah this community is facing extreme pressures from displacement as you can see the map that Mr Almanza put up and this development will not alleviate those pressures. So I ask you to please stand with our community. Please stand. And ask the developers to developers to negotiate with us so that we can provide this much needed housing and stop the displacement of our families in one topless. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker's Alexandra Lopez, followed by Diego Contreras, followed by

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Carl money, and Betsy Greenberg. I've called your name. Please make your way to the podium. Next speaker is Kenneth Hawthorne and then last speaker Helen Levitt. Anyone here? Then that concludes all the speakers. Mayor thank you very much. Members is there any objection to closing the public hearing? Public hearings on the items as I announced them. Hearing none. The public hearings are closed members. The chair intends to take these items, including the postponements on a consent on consent, and unanimous consent is very motion to adopt items 63. Through 76 79. Is there. A motion made by Alice council

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member Alison alter, seconded by col member harper-madison. Is there any objection to the motion? Yes please. Council member we heard from a I think it was the president. Of the neighborhood concerning asking for first reading. Only on we're going to talk about items 76 right. We can talk about items 76 76 is being offered on first reading, which was the request of the speaker. Okay, good. So we are doing perfect. Perfect so, the motion will be that item 65 be taken on all three readings. 66 all 3 67 all 3 68 all 3 69 2nd reading only 70 all 3 71 all 3 72 all 3 73 all three and 76 on first reading only is there any objection to you

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don't. Is that okay? We won't have we have emotion and second on the floor. Is there any objection to the motion to adopt hearing none. The motion is adopted members unless there's objection. We are adjourned. Is there any objection? Hearing none. We are adjourned. Thank you all very much.

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Alright I'll call to order the special called council meeting of the Austin city council. It's April 6th 2023 were currently meeting in the boards and commissions room at city hall. The city council will now without objection go into a closed section session to take up one item. Pursuant to section 551.71 of the Texas government code. The city council will discuss legal issues related to item one city of Austin 2023 labor contract negotiations. Is there any objection to going into executive session on the item is over, announced it hearing none. The council will now go into executive session. Members were going to do this. Virtually you have received the webex link and so that everybody can get where they want to get. Why don't we say that? We will convene at 11 45. Without

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objection. We are going into executive session, I will return or the mayor pro tem will return at the end of the executive session for purposes of adjourning the meeting. Thank you all.

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We're on. Good deal. We're out of the closed session in closed session. We discussed legal issues related to item number one city of Austin 2023 labor contract negotiations. Without objection. The city council special called meeting for April 6 2023 is adjourned at 1 20. Pm .