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is it just you up here? And then they'll come up with okay, great and you're prepared to speak. At least the strong well, yeah, of course. Yeah yeah. Trust me. I know. I know better than anybody . Well, good morning, everybody . Welcome to your city hall. I'm glad to see everybody here and we'll start off our proclamations today by a proclamation related to Austin small business week. And by the way, my name's Kirk Watson for those that don't know. And I want to make sure you all know my name is Kirk Watson. I'm mayor of the city of Boston and one of the great pleasures of being mayors, recognizing the people and, the organizations that make often such a special place, so I'll start off Vietnam that whereas the first week of may is recognizedas national small business week by the small

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business administration and is observed annually to raise awareness of small businesses in our communities. And whereas the city's economic development department small business division is hosting its annual celebration of also small business week may 1st through 5th 2023 to provide business training, educational events and coaching to empower traditional business owners, creatives, nonprofits and cooperatives. And whereas the small business division is proud of its entrepreneurial mark on our capital city and recognizes that local businesses positively add to the vibrancy and authenticity of Austin while promoting job growth now therefore I Kirk Watson, mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim may one through 5 2023 as Austin small business week in Austin. And I've sign this proclamation to declare that as Austin small business week please. Please don't say a few

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words. Thank you. Mayor what? Watson good morning. I'm sylnovia holt-rabb, the director for the city of Austin's economic development department . And I am excited that small business week is just around the corner may 1st through the fifth , and our department has put together a virtual classes as well as in person classes and why so we can strengthen small businesses. You're going to learn about funding. Financial projections, asset protection, creating marketing plans and much more. All classes and events are no cost free. Free let me say that free. Yes yes. So please make sure you sign up . We're going to kick off the week with the breakfast and our speaker for that occasion is small business administrator region for administrator, Ted James, and we're just excited, and it will be followed by a panel discussion again. Sign up

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for these free again, ma'am. Sorry. How much free classes get it. It's small beds, Austin dot org and click on the classes link. But thank you, mayor. Thank you. Thanks for all you then. Thank you all very much. A picture on here. Let's go over here. Hmm. 10% raise. I was because yeah, that's hard, right? This morning. Let me get on this side. Here you hold. Got it. Yeah. After the break. Beautiful. Yeah, thank you. Even more. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you appreciate your little money. I have a good day to sign

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counseling, so I don't know about that. Your Q. Okay? Yes. Yes. All for all four. Yeah. I get to go great. Great. Good morning, y'all. Ah my name is ah , counselor qadri and I'm so excited to be here today. Ah today is the ah, the last day of the holy month of Ramadan. So for those of you and in city

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hall ah, I've been very tired for the past 30 days. Ah but but the work that we do here has kept me energized. Ah but you know, today is the day that two billion ah, folks. 50 billion muslims around the world are observing the final days of Ramadan. And that includes tens of thousands of muslims here in central Texas. Ramadan is a month of fasting, prayer and reflection. It's a time for us to bring ourselves closer to god and cultivate compassion for our neighbors, who are less fortunate. And one of the keystone communities for muslims in central Texas is right here in Austin, and that's noises mask in west campus. It's the oldest mosque in Austin and has served as a nexus of faith and community for thousands of residents and visitors since 1977 1 of the first things I did as a as a U T student was go to

noises mosque. I would often studying the in the library there and other privilege of being a board member for many years ago, when I was much younger and had more hair, as we

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transition from Ramadan to Adolf hitler, which is the ah holiday that will be tomorrow. I'm proud to stand by the invaluable piece of our local tapestry and present this proclamation to them. But before I do that, I would like to. Ah, pass the mic. For you to say a few words. Somali come. Good morning. It's a blessing and honor and privilege to be here. My name is unaware. Imam ah, Imam basically is a Muslim pastor. We lead prayers. Ah, we lead the congregation. My name happens to be Imam. So when people ask me why I do what I do, I would just say I was born for this job. But most of my congregation or U. T students like the councilman mentioned, so they're a bunch of nerds. They called me mom squared. Ah that's a math joke for those of you who don't get it. Ah if you don't get it, then you can probably re enroll to U T and, refresh on some of this math kind of terms, but, Ramadan

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is an incredible moment of community fellowship of charity . Oasis mosque is not only the oldest mosque in Austin, but I'm a bit biased. I also believe it's the most significant, mosque in the city. And its representation of the growing tapestry of diversity in the city and once again into blessing, honor and privilege to be here. So thank you so much for your time and for your patients as America. Great ah, so without further ado, ah, I will read the proclamation being known that whereas Islam is the fastest growing religion in the United States and here in Austin, the council on American islamic relations estimates that 15,000 practicing muslims called central Texas their home and we're as noises mosque in the heart of Austin was the first mosque established in the city and has since 1977 sort of

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thousands of students in central city residents as a place to build long lasting connections. Where their faith, identity and community and whereas the new oasis mosque community is joining billions of muslims worldwide to mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan on April 20th and is taking part in the first ever citywide eat festival on April 22nd to celebrate the breaking of the fast now therefore I counselor qadri on behalf of the mayor of Boston, Kirk Watson. Do hereby proclaim April 20th 2023 as noises master so okay. This figure there? Yeah. And one of us.

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Three oh, sorry. Okay thank you . So, what do you say that. Everyone so you see. Remove on mubarak. At the end of the month. You say either about it. He likes save you. Thank you. Great. Thank you.

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We hope. Sorry. This is. I think it's just the two of us so we can. We can make it easy. Okay you don't want to see any. Okay good morning. I'm Alison alter, and it's my honor to represent district 10 on the Austin city

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council. I'm joined today by cami Kelly from mothers against drunk driving, or add. Tomorrow April 21st is power talk 21 day , an annual day to encourage parents and caregivers to initiate conversations with their kids about their decisions around drinking alcohol and using other drugs. This year. Power talk 21 day has special significance for me. I'm a mom and my son will be going to senior prom this weekend. I recently read in the news about how teen traffic fatalities increased during prom and graduation season, and I can only imagine what it's like to hug your child for the last time when they head out to a celebration or milestone, such as prom. We have been having these conversations. We will be having them, this weekend as well, having honest conversations with our kids can be difficult. But as a parent, I know that they are necessary. Studies show that these conversations can help prevent drug and alcohol abuse. These

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conversations also let our kids know that they can come to us if they need help. So if you're a parent, a grandparent, a foster parent, step parent, other sibling and or uncle or family friend to a teenager. I encourage you to visit mad.org for resources to help initiate a conversation about drug and alcohol safety. I will now read a proclamation. And I'm gonna show the proclamation here, whereas the city of Austin recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol and other drugs in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities. And whereas high school students who used alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important. And whereas 27% of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from eighth grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life, and whereas

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underage drinking contributes to more than 4300 deaths among people below the age of 21 in the U. S each year and whereas the majority of kids say their parents are the primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol and whereas power talk 21 started by mothers against drunk driving add in 2011 is established to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol and using other drugs. And whereas in 2023 mad encourages parents to use power talk 21 as part of power of parents program to create a sustained and prolonged conversation. About underage drinking and other drugs among middle school and high school students. And whereas to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol mad Austin on April 1st through may, 31st will strive to give parents the tools to effectively talk to their children about alcohol and other drugs to

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protect them. And whereas I urge all citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities. Now, therefore, I council member Alison alter on behalf of Kirk Watson, mayor of the city of Austin, Texas, do you hereby proclaim April 21st 2023 as power talk 21 day in Austin? Thank you. Even if it. So we'll just take a picture and we'll keep proceeding. Thank you all for being here.

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I'm gonna step here for another proctor. We have the. Yeah I'd like to invite all the survivors and advocates and representatives from different organizations are here for the sexual assault, awareness month and prevention month proclamation to join me. And many of my colleagues you'd like to join us well. That's good. We had a we had to do out there for Earth day because we had too many and then whatever. So we're gonna squish. We probably should have done ours out there, too. Or you may just get to know we all know each other pretty well. Here will be fun. Yeah we can do

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can we do a, after the crime one. Can we do an outside too? Okay? So what we'll do is we'll get everyone up here, so we'll talk to nobody. Over there people out there. And then, after we have two products that are are related. And so what we'll do is we will do both of those products. And then if everyone wouldn't mind if it's not pouring outside because they're doing on Earth day reception in the

atrium if we can go outside and get a photo out there. That would be great. Council member qadri if you would like to join us, you're you're welcome. We have. We haven't started yet where we have too many people. So we have we have many people, not too many. Okay? All right. Good morning. Thank you, everyone for being here. I'm Alison alternates my honor to rent present central northwest Austin district 10 on the Austin city council, joined here this morning by survivors by

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policymakers, nonprofit partners and representatives from a P D. The county and the D a S office . I have my colleagues. Mayor pro tem Ellis council member Fuentes council member qadri. Who are also up here with us today. We have a lot of people here. And this is a really good example of how far reaching the impacts of sexual assault are in our community. I would venture that each of us came to this work for different reasons. However everyone here has either personally experienced or know someone who has experienced sexual violence. Some of us have reported or helped others to report on an assault. Many in our group have re told their stories over and over. Still more of us may have chosen not to report an assault, fearing stigma, retaliation or simply that we wouldn't be believed. Personally I first came to this work as a mother after hearing from some brave survivors who came forward to share their

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experiences seeking justice and healing and the frustrations that they had I imagine my own daughter trying to navigate these systems. Since then, I've worked with survivors to reform Austin sexual assault response system through budget increases for victim services trauma, informed training for a P D improvements to Austin's DNA testing and collection, policy changes and improved data analysis. The changes we have set in motion and the investments we were hard fought. Several women bravely told their stories over and over. Some of those standing here sued the city we pushed and we advocated at every turn. As part of this effort, we commissioned a third party evaluation of the way sexual assaults are investigated and processed in Austin. The final report was released in November by the police executive research forum, and the per report provides a roadmap to further improve these systems to be more survivor focused. For the first time in a long while. I'm pleased that the people who

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need to be at the table to make systemic change are there. They're working together to create the ecosystem of sexual assault that survivors deserve pursuing a collaborative effort with a shared goal to deliver healing and justice. I want to thank the brave survivors who came forward and relive their traumas so that the others so that others might not have to and to the advocates who supported them. As a community. We could not have come this far without you. As we move forward , let us remember

that we began this process with a very simple idea. No one deserves to experience, sexual assault. And when sexual assault does happen in our community survivors deserve access to healing and justice. You'll hear more from safe Austin in a minute. But if you're a survivor of sexual violence or childhood sexual abuse, there is help available visit [safe Austin .org](https://www.safeaustin.org). I believe that if we persist and collaborate Austin can become a model for other cities seeking to improve their sexual assault

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response systems and ending sexual violence in the first place. I will now read a proclamation. Be it known that whereas one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime, and whereas sexual assault awareness and prevention month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member and whereas sexual violence and abuse are linked to systems of oppression, such as racism, sexism, classism, hetero , sexism, ageism and able ism. And whereas the 2023 sexual assault awareness and prevention month campaign is drying connections, prevention demands equity and the campaign calls on individuals, communities, organizations and institutions to stand against sexual violence. And the systems of oppression that enable it and whereas all communities have a

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responsibility to listen to survivors, established effective sexual assault response systems and promote education and prevention efforts now, therefore, I council member Alison alter together with council members Fuentes, Ellis and kaji on behalf of Kirk Watson, mayor of the city of Austin. Do hereby proclaim April 2023 a sexual assault awareness and prevention month in Austin. Thank you. I would now like to introduce Lesley vargas, president of safe. Right okay. Did you sure? Sure. I'm actually gonna invite Juliana Gonzalez is our senior director of sexual assault and health services. We want to thank the city council council member alter counseling qadri council member mayor for 10 Ellis and council member Fuentes. For the proclamation of this is another one of those things. This may be the month

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for this, but this is the problem year round. In our community and across around the world. I want to emphasize that we have resources available in this community if someone has an unwanted sexual experience that includes are safe line, which is 24 7 and I'm going to mention are texting and chat as well. Because those are getting more popular. The number to call is 5122676. And the text is 737888. 7233 I'm now going to introduce Julia Joanna Gonzales. If you want to say a few words. You know, I'll just add that we're sending all of us are sending, support and advocacy and healing and justice to all survivors in this month, and we are here to support and offer resources to those who need them. We

look forward to continuing to be a partner with the city on this really important element of public safety, both intervention as well as prevention. Thank you. Okay so I think everyone

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staying for the next proxy. Maybe we'll do the next project and then we can do a picture the pictures at the end. Great. Yeah, well, stupid. All right. Good morning, everyone. Good morning. My name is Vanessa Fuentes, Austin city councilman for district two representing southeast Austin today. I'm honored to stand alongside so many public servants and advocates who all have gathered today to honor the rights of crime survivors all across our communities. This week is a time where we recognize the critical need for care and resources for those who have experienced injustices, violence and abuse. Rehabilitation is often overlooked when we think of how to build a thriving society, but the truth is, if we want to create a safe community, we have to lead with empathy. Survivors of crime don't just need but deserved services and safe

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spaces to heal and a dignified manner. Which is why I'm so proud that Austin city council is the first city in Texas to bring a trauma recovery center to our city and later today, Travis county will also be considering funding a trauma. Recovery city charmer recovery center alongside us it is up to us are advocates the city and the county to work together to build a community that cares about our most vulnerable victims. And I, for one, couldn't think of a better group of passionate community members to work alongside with. I want to give a special thank you to terra tucker, Clarence Watson with the crime survivors for safety and justice and alliance for safety and justice for being here with us today, they were strong leaders in bringing the trauma recovery center. And with this, I will now read the proclamation. Be it known that, whereas the term victim is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go alongside with it, and whereas including an elevating the

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voices of survivors and making certain they are heard and seen , creates a path of forging and sustaining community trust. And whereas engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible meaningful and centered on individual needs. Now therefore, I Vanessa of one thing is alongside my colleagues. Mayor pretend Ellis council member Alison alter and council member qadri and the rest of city council on behalf of Kirk Watson, mayor of the city of Austin. Do hereby proclaim April 23rd the 29th of 2023. As national crime victims rights week. I will now pass it on to Adrian o'keefe, who will provide who will accept this proclamation. Adriano keep perfectly right behind me. Yes.

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Sure thank you. I don't know if I can say anything else that hasn't been said better, but I will reiterate that I'm so grateful to have work with these partners and addressing violence and crime in our city and providing services to survivors . Thank you for the mayor and the city council for giving us this moment, and I'd like to encourage everybody to check out the Austin Travis county start, which is stands for sexual assault response and resource team Facebook page and also the national crime rights. National crime victims. Rights week. Central Texas Facebook page for more information on our events next week again, thank you to everyone for being here and to take a moment and acknowledge the survivors in this community and also take some action to support them. Thank you. I believe. Thank you. So I think that was our last proclamation. Maybe you want to try and do one in here and then go out while I do it like maybe. Yeah you guys

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behind here, but I need you to squish who was. Your dream. Consensual touching. Face. Yeah thank you. Perfect. And if you were outside, I will. Children thank you. Okay, so we're gonna just you have to go back through through security on the way back, but I think there's enough of us. We should do one outside. I am great. Vanessa, did you want. Thank

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you. From the seventh house that we had lived in. Was it for a new job? Or a phd. Mama had a plan. She didn't know. Always tell me. Little.

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Good morning, everyone. I'll call to order the regular meeting of the Austin city council. It is April 20th 2023. It's 10 o'clock in the morning. We are meeting in the city council chambers in city hall, and we have a quorum of the city council present. I'd like to walk through the following order of business for the day so that people will be in a position to kind of know what's going on. First of all off, we will hear the consent agenda we will hear from the consent agenda speakers both virtually and in person. And we will then go to consent vote with brief comments from members. At that point, we will take up the non consent items referred from council committees. With eminent domain items. Public hearing items, which is item number 47. We will close the public hearing and

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take immediate action. I would like to clarify so that everybody understands that anyone registered registered to speak on an item referred from a council committee, eminent domain and or public hearing will be heard during the consent speakers part of this because we believe it's going to be so limited and not when the items are hurt. For purposes of understanding if we believe we have an item where there's going to be a number of people that want to be heard, we will always allow for comment, either at the time of consent speakers or at the time of the hearing on the matter so that we will allow you that opportunity. When we have completed that if time allows, we will recess, the regular meeting of the city council and we'll call the Austin housing finance corporation and the H P F C meetings to order. We'll hear speakers. If we have any. We will act in a journey each corporation meeting individually. We will then take

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up items that have been pulled from the consent agenda. If we get to noon at that point in time, or whenever we get to noon, we will take up public comment and live music. At this point, I'm going to read into the record changes in corrections to the agenda. A hfc item number seven, is withdrawn and replaced with hfc agenda item 10. Item number two. April should read April 10th 2023, recommended by the electric utility commission on an 8 to 0 vote with commissioners Hopkins and virtual absent in one vacancy. April 18th 20 on item number two again April 18th 2023 , recommended by the resource management commission on a 6 to 0 vote with commissioner shove, aria and Harmon absent and two vacancies. Item number three. Should read April 10th 2023, recommended by the electric utility commission on an 8 to 0

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vote with commissioners Hopkins virtual absence and one vacancy. It should also have. April 18th 2023 was not recommended by the resource management commission on a 3 to 3 vote with commissioners Cara gotti, Gary and stone voting against commissioners to vieria and Harmon absent in two vacancies. Item number four April 19th 2023 , recommended by the water and wastewater commission on a 7 to 0 vote with three absences and one vacancy. Item number five April 19th 2023, recommended by the water and wastewater commission on a 7 to 0 vote with three absences and one vacancy. Item number nine April 12 2023, recommended by the airport advisory commission on an 8 to 0 to 0 to 2 vote with commissioner Owens and Hendrix absent item number 10. Postponed to may 18th 2023 item number 15. Withdrawn

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and replaced with items 16. Item number 22 withdrawn and replaced with agenda item 44. Item number 23 withdrawn. Item number 27 withdrawn. Item number 41 postponed to may 4th 2023 item number 42 postponed to may 18th 2023 item number 46. This item should be taken up and it's two pm time certain. Members that completes the changes and corrections and they're all read into the record. Members will now go to the consent agenda. The first group of speakers will have the opportunity to testify on the consent and non consent agenda items and the speaker signed up on zoning agenda items will be called at two o'clock P.

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M each speaker will have two minutes, so let's go to the speakers. Madam clerk, please begin with the remote speakers. And then we'll go to the in person speakers. This morning. We have one remote speaker scheduled at this time. They have not called in yet, so we will. Go to her in person speakers. First up is more Mcdonough an item three with Tim aren't on deck. Good morning and thank you for your service to this fine city. My name is more Mcdonough with 3 60 energy savers. For the last 16 years as a registered contractor. We have proudly work for the city of Austin and Austin energy and doing our part in the multi family program in the weatherization assistance program for single family, low income residents. Specifically

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whether arising these homes and apartment communities to make them more energy efficient, comfortable and affordable. It is an honor and a privilege. To work with Austin energy and doing our small part. And promoting affordable housing through energy efficiency in Austin. We are committed in 100% all in as a company. We have fought through the covid lockdowns. The residents covid fears inflation supply chain issues increased interest rates and soon I assure you a tight squeeze on lending in lines of credit. Despite these unbelievable challenges, the multi famous family program has never operated better these last three years. You have good, caring and passionate people running these programs that Austin energy and they are to be applauded. Incidentally I'm speaking about number three

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agenda item multifamily. Ultimately I'm responsible for 15 families and dedicated team members that are true professionals at 3 60. Through no fault of Austin energy. As a company. We are under

tremendous financial stress due to a procedural item that was previously overlooked and hopefully will be corrected by this council on agenda. Item number three. We have not been paid for work that we started January 3rd in completed February 15th. And yesterday we just completed measures on a 400 unit community. Am I done? Your time is expired. Okay we appreciate you being here and appreciate the comment. Ok? Well nice, complimentary and positive comments. Yes sir. Have gotten the message. We really don't hear that very guns slowly up, okay? Next up, Tim aren't an item three with Gus pan on deck.

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Good morning, mayor and council members. My name is Tim art. I'm here to ask you to pass. I remember three on your agenda authorized the entire 2022 23 budget for energy efficiency rebates in an aggregate for multi family and commercial. Programs. The last time I was here. I came to speak because an individual overseeing the these budgets is Austin energy. Couldn't spend the budget and tried to tell you that there was nothing more that could be done and energy efficiency and multi family. Your director to Austin energy was to do more to encourage these property owners to participate. They listened. I was three years ago. Austin energy has streamlined. Hmm the program and the last few years. They've extended the energy they have exceeded the energy savings and sustainability goals for multi family. Building segment.

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One key factor and simplifying the process of property owners. Hmm participating in the energy efficiency programs that benefits the residents living in their communities that they own and operate. Is that Europe? You approved the budget. As a whole in the past few years. Please approve item number three. And keep the momentum moving. I'm available for questions if you have any thank you for your time. Gus Pena. Items three and 17. On deck. Sarah Rodriguez. Okay mayor. Good morning, Gustavo pina natively starts tonight. Fifth and, and you can you can. I'm not gonna say the other word. But anyway, I, it will be redundancy on my part to

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say or to speak about item number three again. We're all for it. Anything that we can help out the poor. I'm poor. You know, I'm still waiting for my disability from the Marine Corps and I served two tours and numb and the issue is that people are stressed out people. They just don't have any money, so I'm glad that you all are doing this. And, I thank you for doing it. I'm gonna keep it short. And I know that's not like I am usually but I'm gonna keep it up like that. And thank you very much for the hard work that you

all do. And Austin energy and everybody else and Steph. Thank you. Sarah Rodriguez item 15. Roy Whaley items 2023 24 25 26 32.

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That concludes all to name speakers. Thank you very much. Zenobia Joseph and items 8, 18 and 17. Thank you. Mayor. Councilor Zenobia Joseph testifying on items 17 that's Boston transit partnership item against as you're aware it violates title six of the civil rights act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin as a release to items eight and 18 that specifically your \$350 million reimbursement resolution, and once again you'll have your item later today on the public facility corporation, which segregates the city codifies the 1928 city plan. And so that is my opposition. Specifically this is Karen project on current on Cameron road, and it's 100 and 50 items units. 50% area median income and on the west side.

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It's 80% area. Median income, approximately \$61,000 African Americans are in approximately \$42,000 and as it relates to item 49 let me just take a look real quick. Ah that's the pioneer item. Specifically there's no transportation to that area, and it's behind Samsung. I want you to recognize that the 2014 north corridor locally preferred alternative study specified that 58% of the jobs would be in the north corridor by 2020 2035. You have eliminated east west connectivity. I would just call your attention, mayor respectfully last night in the health and human services committee. It was senator hall who said, you've been making your rounds in the capital. And so I would just ask you to recognize the need to do right by African Americans, as opposed to talking to the black preachers, lobbying and trying to get them to buy into project connect, and also to do the right thing, as relates to the African Americans when you're

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going to the legislature house bill 3899 would give the voters another say in whether to issue debt and if you have any questions, I'll gladly answer them at this time. Thank you. You're welcome. That concludes all morning speakers. Thank you very much. Members of the chair intends to take up the consent agenda, minus two pulled items and recusals and abstentions, which I'll ask for in just a moment and any no votes that have been identified. But at this time, I would call upon members of the council who wish to make brief comments. Related to the consent agenda, and the chair recognizes council member pool on item number 24 25. Thanks, mayor. Everyone I want to bring your attention to item 24 on the agenda earlier today, I read a proclamation of Earth day. Earth day is an opportunity for communities to create change

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in human behavior. And initiate global national and local policy changes. With that in mind, I'm bringing this resolution item 24 that will help the city meet its climate goals and net zero emissions. You may not know that concrete is the third largest producer of carbon emissions after China and the United States. And through local policy changes. We can do our best to be a part of that solution. So today with this item, I am asking that the city manager develop a plan to move all city contracts and projects to low carbon concrete. And I'm hoping that Travis County and other entities will follow our lead on this on this initiative. And then my second resolution, Mayor item. 25 simply supports the federal funds that we have here in at the city of Austin. Hope will come our way from the energy efficiency and conservation block grant program. Through

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these efforts. I hope we will begin to see some real addition to change. Thank you, Mayor, Council member. May recognizes Mayor Pro Tim Ellis on item number 26. Thank you, Mayor. I don't number 26 is my resolution about the Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement Project. This site was formerly quarried out and has left section of the Edwards aquifer recharge zone open to the surface since 2002 when the city in partnership with the Hill Country Conservancy purchased it with open space bond funds. This enhancement project will allow the city to reconfigure the site so that rainwater has a chance to be filtered. Before the water gets into the aquifer and modeling suggests this project may be able to recharge more than 100 million gallons per year. This may also help prevent area wells from drying up during times of drought, so I appreciate getting to work with on this project with the Watershed Protection Department and thanks to my co-sponsors, Council member Paul Fuentes and Ryan Altar for working with me on this as well, I'm excited to

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get this underway. Thank you. Mayor. Pro Tim Mayor recognizes Council member Ryan Altar on item number nine thank you very much. Sorry. I had the wrong document up. I would just like to make a quick comment on this and that, you know, I'm happy. We are addressing this capacity constraint but want to ask that once the actual design is done, for the Council to be briefed on those expansion plans, and I'm not looking to hold up the expansion but just to come back and give us an overview of what that design is so we can have any input or suggestions and not wait until something is already constructed to then be able to look and then have our input when it's too late. So that is all I would like to ask and that was it. Thank you. Councilor remembers, I had a conflict in my notes. I wanted to make sure

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that I recognize councilor brought on this, but item nine has been pulled. It was pulled by councilman reveillon will come to that. And I apologize for calling on you out of water , but, one wanted to make sure I had that customer value. You want to say something? Just briefly. I I've spoken to staff about the questions that I've had they have answered them. I did want them to answer them before the entire council. It should, you know, be a very quick colloquy. But I'll go ahead and keep it in the order that I had, and I apologize for that had a conflict of my nose. Council member Alison alter. Thank you. I wanted to ask to be added as a co sponsor for item. 26 thank you, mayor pro tem Ellis for bringing that, and I just want to say thank you to the contractors who came today to speak in favor of item three and the and the changes that have been made to the multi family. I remember a couple years ago, meeting with several of you and trying to think through some of those issues, so I'm glad to see that we're making progress and one Anchorage Austin energy to continue to make modifications

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to the program that make it easier. For multi family, developments and existing apartments to adopt. The energy savings that can come with these type of infrastructure. Thank you. Council member members. Are there any other council members that wish to be recognized for comments on the consent agenda? All right. Is there anyone that wishes to be shown abstaining on any item on the consent agenda? Anyone who wishes to be shown as recusing themselves on an item that's on the consent agenda. Is there anyone wishing to be shown voting no on a specific item on the consent agenda. In that case , I'll accept the motion to adopt the consent agenda. The motions made by council member Ryan alter it seconded by council member pool. Is there any objection to the adoption of the consent agenda is red Singh. None and hearing none. Consent. Urgent is adopted. Members will now go to non consent items. Item number 30 is an item

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referred from a council committee and under our rules that is an item that will not be on the consent agenda will be voted on. Separately it was item referred from the audit and finance committee recognize council member Alison alter for a motion on item number 30. I'm move approval of item 30, which is to reappoint Kevin Mullin as a commissioner and designate. Andy Mormon, is chair of municipal civil service commission. Also want to thank them and the other commissioners for their service. This is a heavy lift commission for folks and it's really important for our employees and our city. So thank you. Thank you. The second is second is made by council member pool. Is there any discussion on the motion to adopt item number 30. Is there any objection to the motion to adopt item number? 30 hearing? None item number 30 is adopted. We will go to imminent domain matters. Those are items 31 32.

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Members I will accept the motion with respect to items 31 32 being non consent condemnation items, the motion would be to the effect that the city of Austin authorizes the city council. Boston authorizes 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 described here in is there a motion emotions made by council member available. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, council member harper-madison moves adoption or you are. Do you wish to speak? She moves adoption, the second by council member vela is there any discussion on items 31 32. Hearing none items. Is there any objection to items 31 32 the motion on items 31 32 hearing none items 31 32 or adopted. Members without objection. We will recess the city council

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regular meeting of the Austin city council, and we will now now call to order the board of directors of the Austin housing finance corporation. Welcome resistance. A manager Veronica Briseno, the hfc meeting is posted for 10 30 times certain, so it is a little shy of that blue it, didn't we? Yeah, I'll come back at 10 30. Thank you for doing that. We'll go to item number nine. Item number nine and we I think we need you to speak. Slowly on item. Number nine council member of Ellis said it was just short. But let's let's you know to be about at least eight minutes. Don't you think? I think we can pull that off? Staff that was going to talk to us on item number nine. Here you go. Thank your time. Because a lot of people.

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With all of you. We ought to be able to get eight minutes, so go ahead. Good morning mayor council members. City manager. My name is James Scarborough. I'm with the financial services department central procurement. Council member. You have questions, please. Customer Bela . Thank you, mayor. Thank you. I just wanted to get clarification . I know we're going to have a lot of a major contracts coming out from the airport. I think \$4 billion total expansion somewhere around that that that level and I just wanted to make sure there are some in discussions with some worker and advocates. I just wanted to make sure that the wage and safety protections apply to all of the airport contracts that are being issued. And so agenda item number nine just serves as a as a kind of a good example. Could you walk us through some of the or the list of worker safety and

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wage protections that are part of the contract that's about to be issued. Thank you for the question. Council member. We are very proud of the extent of worker safety and compensation and worker development requirements in city contracts with particular reference to our construction capital improvement project contracts, specifically, some of the areas of requirements that we include, of course, complies with all state and local federal wage and hour laws. We also require compliance. In addition to prevailing wages, we also require compliance with the city's living wage, which currently stands at \$20 an hour. We in for health and safety requirements. We require that all workers received personal protective equipment free of charge. We also require the 10 hour, osha approved construction

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worker safety classes for all construction workers on the project. Additionally require 30 hours of osha approved construction workers safety for all supervisors on the project. As far as, standard benefit requirement. We, of course, require workers compensation insurance coverage for all workers on the site, for worker development skills training. We require participation in, and, deal well registered apprenticeship program. That reasonable efforts be made for up to 30% of the projects workforce. We also require for compliance signage be available in both English and Spanish and in the list goes on. So we feel like we have a very comprehensive set of requirements that address these particular areas of concern. They applied to like I said, all of our construction projects. In addition to, a number of other

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project contracts that city performs, so we're available to answer project specific questions. We have representatives from aviation here, as well as staff that are associated with this contract from, financial services department. Great and so those, protections would apply not to do this contract, which every, capital improvement contract that the airport will be issuing knowledge? Yes, sir. And so the and I think the area of concern is that there may be some situations where someone leasing a third party, you know, private company leasing the airport space and doing some remodeling work. Ah and again, I know that you all may not be prepared to answer that question in detail today, but that was also raised as a concern that there may be some contracts that are slipping through the cracks. So to say in terms of ensuring those you know, worker safety and in wage protections. Are you aware of those distinctions? At this time

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, counselor. I'm not able to speak comprehensively about it. We're aware of the concern and we've started conversations with her colleagues, both in real estate, and at aviation. We will be huddling up with them shortly will be able to provide you more comprehensive answer shortly. Glad to share that

with the rest of council. Okay great. Well I appreciate it. I would like to be involved in those conversations. To the extent that there are, third party contracts that are not covered by those types of worker protections. I would like to, if necessary, get an ordinance to that effect to make sure that they are covered by again. There's just great benefit to be gained. My wife does worker's compensation and I've just seen too many cases and heard too many cases where someone you know seriously injured through a fall, you know, lose a finger. And you know, everybody is just kind of not my problem. Not my problem, not my problem, and you know, there's you know, really lifetime impact and no medical

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support, no wage support? No nothing like that. And I know that Texas is one of the few states it does not have Humana Torrey workers' compensation and so any any space that we have, I think to make sure that workers compensation insurance is applicable to especially construction workers. I think we've got to take that. And I would say even even I've seen a lot of cases with custodians and stuff like that to, you know, like picking up things and moving them around and all of a sudden something slips in the back and, you know. It's horrible. I mean, they don't sound horrible they don't see seem horrible. But in terms of that person, their ability to continue to work, and their ability to get medical treatment . It can be really devastating for the person in their family. So to the extent that that that we can mandate that on city contracts, especially for the big city contracts involving the airport I just think that we should absolutely do that, I'm have no further questions.

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Remember Fuentes, thank you. And thank you. Councilor marbella for pulling this item. I've had a couple of meetings with our aviation team around this issue . I met with a CM CM Bruce mills about this and of course we will continue conversations, but I just want to reiterate, you know , as we go through this multibillion dollar expansion of our airport how it expands is important that the policies that we have enacted before this expansion are held through and so to the extent that staff can take a look at as part of the airport expansion program. If some of that expansion is with Lee sees a sublease sees the tenants and they're doing remodeling work that they are covered within the policies of this council has stood behind because we want to ensure that we have, you know, in the absence of state leadership that here locally, we will continue to provide a safe working conditions and strong worker protections. And so we'll continue that conversation, but just want to highlight. Those are some of the conversations

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we've been having, and certainly if we need to bring forward policy to close any gaps that will do so. Thank councilor council member Kelly. Thank you . I'm just curious to know if there and we're getting

questions from members of my district if there will be any impacts on the airport or the airport patron experience during the construction, and if so, what plans we might have to mitigate those. And I know you're with procurement, not the airport so good. We have represented from the aviation department can probably address that better than I. Good morning . My name is summer Schindler, chief development officer with the airport. As far as impacts for this project. It will be minimal as the project is an expansion onto the west end. There will be some hold rooms, gate areas that will be shut down during that time, so there could be some crowding of those spaces will also be some areas when we're building concession areas that will be shutting down. That will then open up

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into the new area. Minimal impact construction walls, those sorts of things okay. And then another question that keeps bubbling up is during construction. Do you believe that there will be any impact the traffic to and from the airport. For this project. Oh, impact. Okay, great. Thank you very much. Yes, manager. Just so I'm clear I will. I will go ahead and, review this as James has talked about Ed and James and Jim and we'll bring back whatever. Legal not legal, but legislative action to be taken by council so you can review what it is. The changes are and what what the what the financial indications of any but but I understand the direction council . Don't we need for an item from council? We'll bring this back for your consideration. Jasmine villa. Move passage, alright. Members of council member available moves adoption of item number nine. It's second of our council member Fuentes. Is there any further discussion on Adam number nine? Hearing none. Is

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there any objection to the adoption of the motion on item number nine hearing? None item number nine is adopted. Thank you all very much. Oh, member is what I'm gonna do before I resist this and we go to the housing finance corporation. Let's go ahead and take up item number 47, which is a public hearing and without objection, I'll open the public hearing on item number 47. I'll turn to the city clerk's office to see if there's anyone signed up to speak on item number 47 as part of the public hearing. There is not members. Is there any discussion at this point before I closed the public hearing. Without objection, I closed the public hearing on item number 47. Do it. Brother. Member of the ordinances in your light back up, I'll entertain a motion

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to adopt the made by council member pool. Is there a 2nd 2nd by the mayor pro Tim? Is there any discussion on item number 47? Hearing none. Is there any objection to the adoption of the motion?

Hearing none. Item number 47 is adopted. Now I really will recess the Austin city council regular meeting and I'll call to order the board of directors of the Austin housing finance corporation.

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Members unless I'm mistaken. We have no business that we can take up at this point in time because the next item on our agenda would be a noontime certain for public communication. Without objection

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. The city council of Austin, Texas, is in recess until 12 o'clock noon. Thank you.

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City council meeting here at 12 02. Pm the mayor is down at the capital currently so I will be presiding over this 12 o'clock moment that we have here, but he will be back for zoning at two P.M. So I am joined on the dais by council member Kelly Fuentes. They love Velasquez and Alison alter, and if the clerks could go ahead and call names for public comment, we will hear them. Thank you. The first speaker is silver white mountain in person. Noon council. The last time I was here, I said, I thought that police needed to have a breathalyzer installed into their vehicles. To be sure they were not drunk on power and unless it registered humble than their police cars wouldn't start. I know that this test does not exist yet, but I'm here to make a point. This happened on March 8th 2023, an ambulance

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and to Belize cars, blocked the entire entrance and exit to some streets on Ben white as if they were involved in a heavy rescue operation. Just a little later I saw the same ambulance license plate 1 49 73 10 get on the frontage road with no siren on going southbound in the opposite direction. Any hospital. Therefore, they cost a big old traffic jam. Ben white and south congress. There was another M S vehicle and state trooper. They allowed enough room for vehicles to safely pass by and both situations they were attending to people living on the street. So now I would like to add emergency vehicles to the list of breathalyzers. I have a job at the federal level where I get paid, but I do this for free as a hobby, because it's fun watching roller movies and all the mistakes that are made. Some are really good comedy. It's candid camera all over again. Let me tell you about the best real life movie I've seen so far

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this year. It could have been taken from Shakespeare himself. It lasted for over two days. It was a silent, dramatic thriller. Keep in mind. I marched to a different drummer. I watched young and old, all sizes, all racist people came in droves by the hundreds, thousands. They went into grocery stores, department stores, flower shops and more. You guessed it. It all happened on Valentine's day. Some people enjoyed buying gifts for their sweetheart, but you should have seen the body language and others to drive the decision making the search. The seriousness on men's expressions. Is this going to be enough? Did I make the right decision? You could tell their anxiety was going up and they were dealing with the fear of rejection. One gentleman was

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looking at some flowers. But I could tell what he was thinking . I better buy the right flowers may not get any supper. Or maybe sleeping on the couch. Another said to himself as he was walking out of the store. These flowers were kind of expensive than shook his head and said, but I didn't have a choice. That line was gold. To get or not to get a gift. That is the question. Or not to get the right gift and then get a slap. This role I movie deserves an academy award. Next time I will have a continuance. The officers followed each other and almost fell off the cliff. Thank you. Nyla sankofa. Ruben Rivera Clemente, senior.

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Here we go again. I was going to read this letter. It's gonna basically it's all the situations that I've been dealing with. With organized crime. You know, Boston police department. And I believe I stated before the mayor knows who I am. I've talked to Joe. What's his name? Cassie evo and told him what I went through. And I want to make this clear what happened to me. Hadn't to somebody else. I talked to an attorney, Bobby Taylor, and I told them what they've done to me. You know his response and I quote, heard of this before. Unquote. So I'm not the only one. And like I said before two complaints chief chuck along about two complaints against commended using, but Jason Brian , lieutenant grocer and lieutenant herrings, the other one tender also Honda, who he is I'm not here to make a name for myself. And I want this to stop.

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I'm leaving this letter here already got a copy of it. You're like I still got the copy of what I gave chief Chacon on August 19th 2021. Got? Excuse me, man. Irritation about the old post. I'm angry. Because they ruined my Easter Sunday. You know, being harassed and harassed, and then they lie to your face. And that in been even threatened to go to jail. Talking to the former city manager by a team called the

crisis intervention team. The first one that showed up and I made it clear to them or maybe I need to go to jail so I can make a point of stop harassing me. And guess what he said. Oh, you don't want to go to jail. I guess that's a threat on top of the threat. And I've been threatened by these police officers and what happens. As soon as they threat. I don't see him no more. They're gone, you know? But me. I have to continue to deal with this corruption.

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And I told the commander Jason Brian, I left messages. Either you charge me or you leave me alone because they've been way over a decade and I'm not the only one. I've heard of another person that being harassed by the police over a decade. I have been threatened. Of salted chef. I had my windshield smash. You know, plus I'm pretty sure you could talk to the mayor about what happened to me. This was the police that doesn't it? And the only thing they're doing is covering up. That's all they do is a couple up. You know, and it needs to stop. I want the same thing that everybody here and everybody listening on a V 8.7 is listening to the same thing that when you go to your home where you lay your head that you have tranquility, but I don't have that. And these are police officers, and I told commander Jason Bryant, I know too conscious quinces of making a false statement to the police.

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And I made this to the police chief, former and present. I even talked to the director of the police oversight, former director this has to stop. Thank you, sir. I'm leaving this letter. You can have it. Like I said, I got a copy of it. Give it to boost mill at least the last time I got in contact with him. The harassment went to intermediate. Thanks, sir. Jordan's king. Good afternoon, everyone. I want to talk and address the dps partnership with the Austin police department. This partnership was put in place to help APD with their low staffing situation. Dps is supposed to help and focus on faster response times traffic enforcement and to help lower violent crimes and hard rated zip code areas. High crime rate

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is the code areas. They deployed dps to those hard crown Brady zip code areas when in actuality these high rated zip code areas , high corroborated zip code areas or nothing but the black and brown communities in Austin. You say dps is in seven of your non sectors, but I don't believe that what we do know is dps is driving up and down old to orf, Riverside on top elice and other majority of my name, minority neighborhoods doing nothing but stop and frisk. They also hard to sit in apartment interest is stop signs and gas stations. I have seen three or four people pulled over at the same time, all on the Riverside alone. Dps is not seen anywhere else around town, but only in the black and brown communities. The number we have as of now is that dps has pulled over more than 4000 people. It is

very over, policed. Gps does not follow the same policy. That's a pd, which is dangerous. The city had put sanctuary policies in place and

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the city has taken steps to end the justice and discrimination. Dps is a state agency. It does not have to abide by any of those, which is why it's dangerous. Dps is known for racial profiling. We all know what happened in Dallas, and we won't realize we made a mistake until dps kills one of our officers, citizens. I was against the defunding of our police department. I repeat, I was against the defunding of our police department. The city is growing, which means we need more officers. This week. Also police chief announcer said that the partnership with dps has dropped crowned by 31% in week two. He announced that as if it's good news but there's actually a huge embarrassment to our city. Yet alone, a huge embarrassment to the police department, the Austin police department. The fact that our own city police can't properly and effectively policed our city is sad and disappointing. We need to quickly refund our police department back. So the a

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P D can take back control of our city. We need to support Austin pd provide them whatever they need, so that our officers can protect us. Thank you. Thank you, sir. That concludes noon. Public communication. Thank you very much members that concludes the public communication period of the agenda. The next item on our agenda is a time certain, and that's the zoning items. However now is the time for us to have some live music. So without objection, the city council will be in recess until two o'clock. But please stay for our live music, which will as soon as it gets set up that will begin. We're in recess.

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Okay? You're ready for me to read ready to kick us off. Starting in Gainesville, Florida in 2007, Michael shalom formed a band of pskov, reggae and world musicians to play his brand of original and cover music from these genres over the years, refining his sound to flow between all three genres seamlessly encapsulating the audience to dance, listen and enjoy the different beats and melodies Michael shalom and his band, the peaceful brothers now reside in Austin, Texas, with a cast of diverse musical backgrounds. Michael's latest release. Positivity is available exclusively on band camp. Rule for the day is to spread good vibes and positivity wherever you go, and to all the people you interact with upcoming shows are Austin reggae fest Sunday Sunday, April 23rd, two pm flamingo cantina on July 6th Houston reggae fest on August 12th and social media is linked

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tree Micah shalom. Michael shalom proudly plays Austin wins instruments and appears as a featured artists on their website. Give thanks. Austin Texas Michael shalom peaceful brothers are here. We're gonna spread some good vibes for you today. This one is called universal them. Mhm. MM hmm. Hmm
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you, universal. Hey it doesn't matter. Whether you're black, white brown brother. No way. To my brothers and sisters around. That's the only thing that yeah , in the morning and. Thanks for another day. Yes I want to make it good. Good day. Come on, Austin. Yeah all my people that say. Bring it now. Universal talking about using universal? Yeah all the way, universal.

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Along time. On my way. Yeah it's been a long, long, long, long, long time gone. Alright so many , many have gone I got to show some love brought me along when you're feeling down and out, you know, I got to say this to you now keep on fighting through. People fighting through. Oh yeah . Yeah you got to keep on fighting. Don't ever give up. No, no. Don't you ever give up? No way. No way. Keep on keep on

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through Walkes. Oh, yeah. Why. Yeah. Give. Thanks, Austin. Nothing

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but good vibes over here. I am Austin's mayor, pro temp a jealous and I will now read the proclamation. Be it known that, whereas the city of Austin, Texas, is blessed with many creative musicians whose talent extends to virtually every musical genre, and whereas our music scene thrives because Austin audiences support good music, produced by legends are local favorites and newcomers alike. And whereas we are pleased to showcase and support our local artists now, therefore I pay jealous on behalf of Kirk Watson, the mayor of live music capital, do hereby proclaim April 20th 2023 as Micah shalom and the babylonians day. Would you like to say any additional words or let us know where people can find you on social media so you can find this? Of course. Instagram Facebook under minus alone. And please go to our band camp and pick up our latest track. Which is that

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positivity that you spoke of earlier exclusive on the band camp. Only there. You can't even streaming nowhere else. So it just got to go there and we give thanks for that. Because, of course, musicians get the most of the cut. If you do buy it from us there. And we really appreciate the Austin music office for helping us get in here and give thanks. For all the peaceful brothers, you know. We get to give thanks regular tests. Of course this weekend Sunday will be there at two P.M. So fantastic. Okay?

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The city council is in recess until two o'clock, we'll reconvene promptly at two o'clock.

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Award. Back to order the Austin city council meeting. It's a regular meeting. It's April 20th 2023. It's two o'clock. Pm. Members the item on before us is the two o'clock times certain matter related to zoning, and I'm gonna ask staff to make a presentation. Thank you. Mayor Mary council, joy harden with the planning department. You're zoning agenda begins with item number 36. He went four HD 2022 0176, and there's a step postponement request to your may 18th council meeting item. 37 is N P a 2022 9.1 step postponement request to your may 18th council meeting. The related rezoning item is number 38 C 14 2022 0149 . This item has been withdrawn from this agenda only it will be placed on your 18th council meeting. To be considered with the notice, and so no action is

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required on this item. Ah I don't 39 has seen went for 2022 0168. This item is being offered for consent. 2nd and 3rd reading with the following motion sheets that I will now read at the following conditional over light apart to read except for side yard and rear yard setbacks of the property development of the property must comply with neighborhood commercial our site development regulations. And with that, again staff is offering this item for consent. 2nd and 3rd readings and 1/40 C 14 2023 0006. This will be a discussion. I don't speak to the merits of the postponement requests. That was made by the neighborhood to your may 18th council meeting. Moving on to the addendum items item 46 61 4 2022 0203. This item is being offered for consent. Third reading council supported this item on second reading last week and to continue discussions. And

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there has been an agreement with some of the neighbors in the applicants. So with that again, this item is being offered for consent. Third reading, although I do think we do have a few speakers on this item, 48 is seen 14 2022 0076 again. This was I don't pass last week on first reading only, for continued discussions, and although this item has a valid petition, we did receive an email from the neighborhood. A neighborhood representative withdrawing their opposition and there is a signed agreement and so again, we can offer this for consent. 2nd and 3rd readings and lastly, item 49 has seen went for 2022 0040 in their applicant postponement request to your may 18th council. Members. Anybody have any questions of staff? All right. We will go to the consent items of the consent items or items 39 on 2nd and 3rd reading with the amendment as read by miss harden , item number 46 on third reading item number 48 on 2nd and 3rd reading. Item number. 40

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has been pulled that we will hear first from those speakers that wish to speak on the consent items, then we will call our call up. I don't number 40 and we will hear from speakers on item number 40. So with that I'll ask the city clerk if we can start the speakers on the consent agenda. At this time. We have no remote speakers, so we will take up in person. Thank you. Mohammed rahmi and item 39. Hello again. Hello how are you being here last time and raise my opposition to cs one zoning. And I wrote to everyone have you sent you an email? I spoke to one of the staffers. And explain

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to him what am I? Why am against it? And he told me that I have an option of stay, oppose or apply for rezoning for my property. And pay the fear again and I told him I already paid the fee. I don't want to

pay the fee so I stay opposed. And my opposition is to the fact that there is a rules in the book. Prevent such a jump from L 02 cs one and I couldn't get that it was just last year and they told me there is a rules in there, too, will prevent that comply with that. And then six months later. There is an application and they're asking the same thing and getting approved. And I really don't understand this. This is like, double standard here. Why can't I get it? And then the other party can get it. The boot rules in the book. You

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guys are the old prisoners created the rules. The other side is self telling me that the rule is old needs to be changed. I have no problem with that. Somebody needs to do that within you, all departments of zoning or whatever, not an individual basis. I come and ask you somebody else. Come and ask you. You cannot do one of the time. You change the rules. We all you know I babied it. That's all I have to say. As far as my opposition if you wanna give these things to the supplicant, I have no problem with it. Apply that same to me. I already pay my fee F \$12,500. We are next door neighbors. Thank you very much, sir. Appreciate your confidence. Ana a gear on item 46 on deck, Francis Acuna.

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Francis Acuna and deck Mario can too. Mario can too. Monica Guzman. Item 46. Good afterno on marine council. I'm Monica Guzman, policy director at go. Austin bama's Austin speaking on item 46 to elice is not in the gave zip codes of focus, but we stand in solidarity with adjacent eastern crescent communities, experiencing rapid gentrification and displacement of deeply rooted residents. This morning, we received the news they successfully negotiated an increase in three bedroom units from 5 to 20 developers. Added 10% of the units at 60% mf I bringing it to 30. Building height is capped at 75. Beat and

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they'll make a lump sum contribution of 75,000 to the community benefit. But it is still a less than optimal deal because it shouldn't because the community didn't get everything they wanted or needed. We are a work we are aware of work has been done for several weeks, and it is fortunate they were able to further improve the agreement, but it shouldn't and doesn't need to be finalized at the proverbial 11th hour. Going forward. We are urging council to slow down the process. Instead of rushing by consent with no discussion. You must protect and respect the public process encouraged developers to take time for authentic community engagement, especially in districts went through for in the eastern crescent, a rush process lacking community participation in the public process is a recipe for disaster can

and will set dangerous precedents leading to gentrification and displacement. Last week council approved the project connect anti displacement funds roadmap. Such

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roadmaps are dangerous when lacking a public process led by vulnerable and impacted community members included reduced funding the community based organizations and moved it to land acquisition. That's disappointing, since cbos can provide direct support to vulnerable residents. We encourage counselor to consider using the land acquisition funds in public private partnerships. To ensure truly deeply affordable housing, especially in the eastern crescent and other vulnerable communities. Also you've already heard a few names. They and others who registered as opposed or neutral to this development, but may not , or will not be able to make it at all. It needs to be stated clearly of physical presence does not equate lack of concern. Thank you. Thank you. Tanya pain item 46 with Caroline Crume and deck. Caroline Crume item 46 with Barbara Macarthur on deck.

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Barbara Macarthur. Roy wailea. Misael Ramos. Cynthia Vasquez. Tono Vazquez. Kalu James. And tech. Erica Reyes. David king. Betsy Greenberg. Jill parish. Helen plastic. Bill bunch. Jolene. Kielbasa. Jonathan Kenny. Zenobia, Joseph. Item 49.

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I think 49 is postponed. Mayor, your comments would be on the merits of the postponement alone. Thank you, Mary council. I'm Zenobia Joseph. Speaking on the merits alone to item 49, which is 1001 7.5. That's all I wrote. Specifically I would just ask you as I have in the past to look at transportation when the item comes back before council and I gave you written testimony that gives you some background information on the transportation, but I appreciate the postponement. Thank you. If you have any questions, I'll gladly answer them at this time. Appreciate your testimony. Thank you. Welcome. The only remaining speakers on item 40. Very good. Thank you. Remembers we will take up as I indicated the consent agenda. And. Let me start by asking if there's anyone who wishes to discuss or

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speaking on one of the consent agenda items. That being the case is there? Yes customer qadri. Yeah I just want to quickly touch on item number 48 . I just want to say I'm very pleased with the outcome of the case. I'm very thankful. For the neighborhood and the neighbors and their involvement. You know everything they brought up, you know, were legitimate concerns about the applicants proposal, but I know that a lot of good faith conversations occurred, in an involving all those negotiations from the neighborhood association to the applicant to terror own staff in the nine office, and Melissa and Natalie. Ah effort was put in and work was done, so I'm glad we're able to get to an agreement that satisfies everyone's interest. It's a great example of how collaboration in the city can lead to, you know, great, productive solutions that will make Austin a more livable. In and lively city, so I just want to thank the applicant again.

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The neighborhood association and for Natalie Melissa on our team for their hard work. Engagement and that's why we have the positive results. We do. Good deal. Thank you very much. Council member. Anybody else want to be heard on any of the consent agenda items? Is there anyone that wishes to be shown abstaining on any of the consent agenda items? Anyone wishing to be shown as recusing themselves from an item. Is there anyone wishing to be shown voting? No on any of the consent agenda items? That being the case is there a motion to approve the consent agenda as it was identified and red? Council member Velasquez moves to adopt the consent agenda, the mayor pro tem seconds that motion, cast member harper-madison I see you appreciate that, is there any objection? To the adoption of the consent agenda is red. Hearing none. The consent agenda is adopted, will now go to item number 40, which was pulled item

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that was pulled for discussion on the postponement, and I'll recognize Ms harden mayor so I know 40 again to see 14 2023 0006 that is wind line, single family and we have the neighborhood representative Mr Dickerson here to speak on, that was the neighborhoods request on my 18th. So we'll have him here speaking to that, and then we'll have the applicant to speak. Against that proposal. Right here. Council members. My name is Jeff Dickerson. On behalf of the Matthew lanes, neighborhood association, neighbors and average committee. We respectfully asked for a postponement. The case to me 18th to allow for more discussions to address concerns with density. Traffic pedestrian

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street safety and Bradley deed restriction issues. Well, you're still hopeful. In continuing negotiations with the advocate and the applicant Asian with the concerning the unit agreements with the agreed

upon sf three zoning we're getting conflicting information between you have contagion in the applicant. Themselves. When speaking with the nearby neighbors on how many units that we want to put on that property. Opposites and members of this organization to prior commitments that conflict with the date today in the past , when the roads bless her heart would send us. Two weeks before the meeting a noticed, sign in notice. We didn't get it this time because we are still learning the ends and out of the new people that are moved into her position. Matthew lane

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neighborhood associating and also reached out to district five representatives and their staff for assistance but past two months okay, navigate this process, and we have not had any success in getting emails or phone calls back. We received and surprise email last week. From the city of Boston development. Services department. That's it. We offer our services to help you out. Since it was just last week. We have not been able to set a time with them. So these are the reasons we were asking for a postponement. Thank you very much. Thank you, sir. Good afternoon commissioner council members Victoria hac with rubber design on behalf of the landowner. We are opposed to the neighborhoods request to postpone this case. We reached

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out to the neighborhood in November last year to notify the representatives of the neighborhood association that we were filing these cases. The cases did have noticed the filing go out in January, and, we have not had any further communication with the neighborhood. They have not reached out to us to talk about negotiating. And I will say that when we went to hearing with zoning and planning commission, we made it very clear at that time that we were not interested in limiting density for this sf three rezoning that we're requesting, so we would actually ask that this case move forward today, if at all possible. Thank you, ma'am. Recognize councilman Ryan alter? I just wanted to say to our last African I our previous, testifier, my chief of staff been Leffler is right there if you want to talk to him, we I asked him specifically if we had heard from anyone this individual and included about

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this case we've had no emails and no miscommunication on our end. That doesn't mean that we might not have missed something. And so I encourage you to please talk to Ben. So we can make sure that everyone's on the same page moving forward. The question is on the on this item is whether or not there's a postponement. Is there a motion with regard to this item. Counselor Ryan alter. I moved to postpone for two weeks to the day. 4/4 sorry, may 4th. I don't know my calendar's sign. It's seconded by

council member Alison alter. Is there any objection to the motion to postpone to may 4th? Hearing none of the motion carries in the item is postponed to may 4th. Miss harden. I'm gonna look

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at you and make sure we have covered all the items that you care about. Yes we got him. Thank you. Thank you members there being no further business to come before the Austin city council at this regular called meeting. Unless there's an objection. This council meeting is adjourned hearing no objection. We're adjourned in his 2 19. Pm