

1 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
2 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
3 REGULAR SESSION
4 APRIL 01, 2024
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6 MINUTES
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8 Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe
9 Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and Councilman Roderick Gay; Interim City
10 Manager Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk
11 Shavala Ames
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13 Absent: None
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15 1. Opening Ceremonies

16 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the
17 mayor and city council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom. We have
18 a full quorum present, with Council Members McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay. And so, I will
19 call the meeting to order at this time. It's 7:30, with my continuing objections to the omnibus bill
20 that was passed by this council on January 2nd, and Ordinance 2024-01. So we will go ahead and
21 do the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

22 A. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
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24 B. Invocation by Chaplain Walker.

25 2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, or Changes to the Agenda

26 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is additions, deletions, amendments, and changes to the
27 Agenda.

28 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Are there any?

29 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes.

30 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

31 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I would like to add to the agenda for a motion to reconsider the
32 vote from March 18th, when mayor and council approved the re-zoning of the property at 0
33 Welcome All Road from Business Park to Light Industrial zoning.

34 CITY CLERK AMES: If you could read that one more time.

35 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes. I would like to reconsider the motion that passed on March
36 18th, 2024 where Mayor and Council approved the re-zoning of the property located at 0 Welcome
37 All Road from Business Park zoning classification to Light Industrial - M1 zoning classification.

38 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any other additions, deletions, amendments, or changes?

39 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I think we're having an item that's being moved.

40 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It was moved from workshop though --

41 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: It was already? Okay.

42 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah. All right. Hearing none -- Is there a motion? Hearing none.

43 CITY CLERK AMES: Hearing none.

44 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: That does not get added.

45 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold motioned to add. Reconsider the vote from March 18, 2024
46 when Council approved the rezoning of the property at 0 Welcome All Road from
47 Business Park to Light Industrial - M1 zoning classification, motion died due to lack
48 of a second.

49 3. Approval of Agenda

50 CITY CLERK AMES: Okay. The next item is to approve the agenda. Is there a motion?

51 COUNCILMAN CARN: A motion --

52 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn?

53 COUNCILMAN CARN: Now, are we going to be moving that other item to executive session?
54 Is that --

55 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The workshop item, yes.

56 COUNCILMAN CARN: The workshop item?

57 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah, that's already --

58 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. That's already --

59 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah.

60 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- set to move? Okay.

61 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. This motion to approve agenda as is. And from Council
62 Member Carn, is there a second?

63 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

64 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Council Member Gay, any discussion? Hearing none,
65 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

66 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

67 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

68 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

69 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed?

70 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

71 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you, Council Member Arnold. So,
72 Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn and Gay were in favor of approval of the agenda.
73 Councilmember Arnold was opposed, and so that passes.

74 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Gay,
75 Councilwoman Arnold opposed and motion carried.

76 4. Presentation of Minutes of City Council

77 A. Regular Session Minutes dated March 18, 2024

78 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is Presentation of Minutes, Regular Session Minutes dated
79 March 18th, 2024.

80 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

81 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So moved.

82 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Is there a second?

83 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

84 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn? Any discussion? Hearing
85 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

86 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

87 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

88 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

89 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

90 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Hearing none, that motion passes
91 unanimously.

92 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve Regular Session Minutes dated March 18,
93 2024, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

94 B. Workshop Session Minutes dated March 18, 2024

95 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is Workshop Session Minutes dated March 18th, 2024.

96 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

97 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

98 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

99 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

100 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
101 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

102 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

103 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

104 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

105 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

106 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. I heard all four of you there. That is unanimous.

107 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes dated March 18,
108 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

109 5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques and Announcements

110 A. All-Star of the Month

111 CITY CLERK AMES: Next, we have Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques and Announcements.
112 And we're going to announce the All-Star of the month by Christa Gilbert.

113 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Let's come down and greet her. Everybody gets to see her anyway.
114 This is so exciting. I'm excited.

115 CHRISTA GILBERT: Good evening, Mayor and Council. This employee joined the city of
116 College Park in June 2019, and has been a tremendous asset. Her role is crucial in setting a positive
117 tone and ensuring everyone who enters the doors feels welcome and assisted. Her ability to
118 affectionately direct individuals to the appropriate department, or persons, is a testament to her
119 skills and dedication. Her position requires multi-tasking, and managing inquiries from residents,
120 employees, and business owners. The All-Star of the Month is Ms. Renita Reeves.

121 COUNCILMAN CARN: VIP.

122 (Congratulations and handshakes)

123 CITY CLERK AMES: I would just like to add that she is a member of the fabulous City Clerk's
124 office.

125 6. Remarks of Citizens

126 The next item on the agenda is remarks of citizens. And with the approval from City Manager, we
127 are going to allow Ms. Jordana Arias from Fulton County Government to speak first.

128 MS. ARIAS: Thank you so much. Good evening, everyone. My name is Jordana Arias from
129 Fulton County Government, Department of External Affairs. I am the new Legislative Policy
130 Analyst, and so I work very closely with the Board of Commissioners, going around the cities,
131 connecting with all the 15 cities, reporting back and exploring collaboration of opportunities. And
132 so, I just want to introduce myself to you guys. I already connected with Councilman Carn, and
133 so, I'll be sending an email. I wanted to ask you all (INAUDIBLE) a voter registration bus to
134 come to the city. Anyway, so, just going around the 15 cities, learning more about the community
135 issues, and seeing how the county can best support and work with you guys. And so, I'm excited
136 to be here. I'll be coming more often. And like I said, just looking -- exploring opportunities to

137 collaborate and to establish, you know, a partnership, and faster -- a better working relationship.
138 Anyways, thank you so much for the time, and I look forward to working closely with you guys.

139 CITY CLERK AMES: Thank you.

140 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

141 CITY CLERK AMES: Next, we have Mose James, IV, 1950 Rugby Avenue, to discuss
142 information provided to public.

143 MOSE JAMES: Good evening.

144 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

145 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

146 MOSE. JAMES: Play, please. (Audio plays)

147 "MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So, this is the agenda item addition, with no supporting
148 documentation, to accept \$1.6 million.

149 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Madam Mayor, I don't have these documents with me here --"

150 MOSE JAMES: You just heard the city manager tell the mayor, he would give supplemental
151 documents to a \$1.6 million grant to the city clerk the next day. Our city council went on to
152 unanimously vote to accept a \$1.6 million grant from NextEra Energy, although they had no terms
153 and no agreements surrounding the money. I was interested in this document, so I filed a Freedom
154 of Information Request with our city, and a couple days later, I learned that the city would only
155 receive \$200,000 at once, once they re-zoned 0 Welcome All Road, which they happened to do at
156 that meeting on March 18th.

157 In order to receive their next installment, the city would need to award a construction contract,
158 which would net them \$600,000. The remaining \$800,000 wouldn't come until the city gave over
159 building permits to NextEra Energy.

160 According to my Freedom of Information request, this is a document that our city manager
161 provided in support of that grant from March 18th. I was a little more interested, so I looked into
162 the metadata surrounding this document that the government sent me. Metadata, it provides a little
163 extra information that's hidden inside of a file. In that metadata, I learned, that even though this
164 file was dated on it, or even though it read March 18th, the file wasn't created until March the 20th.
165 That means that our city council, these people sitting in front of us, decided to accept a \$1.6 million
166 grant that was tied to supplemental information that wasn't created until 48 hours after they made
167 the vote.

168 Please play. (Audio plays)

169 “COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: There was a bit of false advertising that was put on social
170 media regarding the -- this grant that we received. A document was circulating -- maybe two
171 documents. It was an email that we were passing back and forth between NextEra and the council
172 members, and someone apparently, who had access, or who saw that email -- well, actually the
173 mayor, put it on her website”.

174 MOSE. JAMES: That right there was the voice of our councilwoman, Ms. Jamelle McKenzie.
175 She insinuated that this fictitious grant was something fake; something that was put out
176 fraudulently by our mayor. The only problem is, I got this information the same place that the
177 mayor got it. I got it through a Freedom of Information request, and I got it from our government.
178 So last night, our councilwoman, Jamelle McKenzie, she put out a new document on her website.
179 In this document it stated what she claimed to be the real agreement, which read: “Southwest
180 Atlanta Energy Stores, LLC, hereby offers to the city of College Park, Georgia a community
181 development grant --

182 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you sir.

183 SHERRY GODFREY: I yield my time.

184 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, Sherry Godfrey’s yielding.

185 COUNCILMAN CARN: Let him -- please let him continue.

186 MOSE JAMES: A community development grant in the amount of \$1.6 million. The payment
187 and timing of which sums shall be made in the company’s sole discretion”. Later it states, “The
188 community development grant award is unrelated to any application of building permits or
189 approvals by the Southwest Atlanta Energy Storage Company”. (INAUDIBLE). “It’s unrelated
190 to any building permits, or other approvals, that Southwest Atlanta Energy Storage may submit to
191 the city of College Park”. It seems like a complete 180 on the document that we saw a week
192 before. So again, I was curious. When did this document come about?

193 Well, even though it was dated March 28th, which happened to be that same meeting that many of
194 us came out to last Thursday. Funny thing is, that document was created earlier that day, about
195 two hours before the meeting started. So even though this council voted on that document ten days
196 prior, it wasn’t created until me and my other neighbors came and sat in this meeting.

197 At -- give me one second. You may look at this action on March 18th meeting, and there were no
198 conditions attached. There was no vote attached. I’m sorry. Go ahead and hit play one more time
199 for me. (Audio plays)

200 “COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: My predecessor, who was an electrical engineer, worked
201 diligently to champion this particular project, and to assure that all of the 13 specific safety
202 protocols were put in as a condition for the facility to take residents in College Park”.

203 MOSE JAMES: That was another statement that our council person said at last Thursday’s
204 meeting. The problem is, when the vote actually went through, there were no conditions attached
205 to this vote. You can go to our city’s action page and see it yourself.

206 But, let’s go a little bit further. Our council person talks about Ambrose Clay and how he was a
207 champion of this. Well, Ambrose Clay just happened to send an email to a very close friend of
208 mine following that meeting. This is what he said: “I was surprised to learn that at this past
209 Monday’s council meeting, Councilman Gay moved to renew the previous motion to re-zone the
210 Welcome All Road property. A second motion was to accept a grant from a Southwest Battery
211 Storage Facility. Both of these motions passed. What concerns me --” and again, this is
212 Councilman Clay talking, “what concerns me, is that there was no indication in the publicly
213 available information that the re-zoning motion that was passed required/included any technical
214 and construction safeguards that I negotiated during last year’s approval attempt. I also wonder
215 whether you and your neighbors were aware that this was coming up for vote again?”. That was
216 Councilman Clay one day after this council met last week.

217 My problem is, you know, the battery storage is something that nobody would want.

218 DOM KELLY: I yield my time

219 CITY CLERK AMES: What’s your name?

220 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dom Kelly.

221 MOSE JAMES: That’s something nobody would want in their back yard. But what the citizens
222 of this community want is transparency from our government. What nobody in this community
223 wants is to wake up one night, and something that you’ve been told by your council members
224 previously, has totally switched the next day, and then to come and find out that it’s all for the sum
225 of \$1.6 million to the harm and the detriment of our community. Thank you very much.

226 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

227 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Lincoln Turner, 1974 Rugby Avenue, to discuss council
228 governance.

229 LINCOLN TURNER: Good afternoon, Mayor and city council members. My name is Lincoln
230 Turner, and there are a few things that have been bothering me since the new council has come in
231 office, and I’d just like to share them. And I would put these under the category of anti-democratic
232 practices.

233 Number one is, you all were elected by the people, and so was our mayor. You all are
234 representatives, and so is our mayor. And I find it very disturbing that our mayor, who has
235 information to share, when we are meeting, to help us make better decisions, is not allowed to
236 speak. I just don't see a rationale for that. To me, that is anti-democratic.

237 The second thing is, adding items to agendas at the last moment. So, when we were talking about
238 this battery storage grant, you all knew there was controversy previously. So, the idea that you
239 would add this without giving the public notice so they can participate in these conversations is
240 also anti-democratic.

241 The third thing has to do with questions not being answered. I've watched a lot of meetings, and
242 a lot of very good questions have been raised, and I'm just not hearing answers. The gentleman
243 who spoke before me just seemed to insinuate that there were documents that were created at later
244 dates than members up here have been claiming. That's a serious accusation, and I would assume
245 that you all, for the sake of our democracy, for the trust that we place in you, would provide proof
246 that he's wrong. Because if you're not providing proof that he's wrong, we have to assume that
247 he's right.

248 There are many other questions that have been asked, and they haven't been answered. That's just
249 one example.

250 Luckily there's a recourse for this, and that recourse is the recall process. In my line of work, if I
251 make a hiring mistake, I need to fix it quickly or else there are grave consequences. I think we are
252 at the point where we, as a community, need to start putting the recall on the table. The reason for
253 that is, College Park deserves better. There's a common saying that the people get the government
254 they deserve. And as a city, we deserve better than this. So, I would just encourage all the people
255 who love College Park, to start thinking about whether we can continue down this road or whether
256 we need to quickly change course via the recall process. Thank you.

257 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames?

258 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Julie McGurk, 1917 Virginia Avenue.

259 Okay, moving on, we have Millie Gosch, 2348 Rugby Avenue, to discuss governance. I'm sorry,
260 Millie, if you don't mind, James Walker is before you.

261 MILLIE GOSCH: Okay.

262 CITY CLERK AMES: 2071 Rugby Avenue, to discuss police cameras and communication.

263 JAMES WALKER: So, to all those that think that this is a racial thing, what you just witnessed is
264 three Morehouse men coming before you, black Morehouse men, telling you about the injustice,
265 and you know who I'm talking to.

266 Councilwoman Arnold, I thank you for your courage to stand up and make an attempt to renew a
267 motion that should not have passed.

268 It's a shame, where we are today, people want to make this a racial thing, and it's not. It's all about
269 doing what's right for the community. So, before you get up here and purport to speak to black
270 men, men that have gone to HBCU and put forth your divisive rhetoric, I ask you to think about
271 your actions. You all were elected to do the will of the people, not the will of yourself. For
272 whatever motives you have, we will be watching.

273 A 2023 report by Morehouse School of Medicine declared South Fulton as a "healthcare desert".
274 Zero pulmonologists, zero cardiologists, zero infectious disease specialists, but yet and still you
275 want to put a battery plant where we aren't close to a Level 1 trauma center, where we are not
276 equipped, be it our firefighters and our first responders. If this fails, if something happens, you
277 have a multi-jurisdictional issue. South Fulton, Clayton County, Hapeville, and College Park, but
278 yet, as my colleague said, this reeks with impropriety. And it's okay when I can sit up here and
279 call the mayor out about something that I don't like, but when I call a file a file amongst council
280 members, you all want to turn a blind eye and act like you don't hear me. You want to look down
281 at your paper; act like you don't see me. You see me. You hear me. And we will not stop. We
282 will be here every Monday, every other Monday, and every Monday if I can come in, to speak
283 about what is wrong with College Park. It is not enough that we have to sit here for the first 60 --
284 90 days and go through this turmoil, and you all know good and well everybody's watching
285 everything you do. And don't act like I didn't try to tell you. Oh, we've had some phone
286 conversations. And Councilman Gay, don't text me anymore, okay? I'm tired of you texting me.
287 Let's talk in public, okay? Enough is enough. I am not here to make friends. I'm here to stand
288 up for what is right in our community, regardless of who is doing the foul play, who is putting
289 forth what we feel is a nontransparent way of doing things. All we're asking for is transparency.

290 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

291 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'd like for him to continue.

292 JAMES WALKER: We deserve it, thank you.

293 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Millie Gosch.

294 MILLIE GOSCH: Hi, my name is Millie Gosch. First of all, the gentleman before me, kudos,
295 thank you very much. I came Thursday night, and I actually got to speak. I was really surprised,
296 so it sort of threw me off guard, because I thought you guys were doing a filibuster for an hour,
297 and not going to let anybody have a comment. So, when they called my name, I was really not
298 prepared, but I am tonight, because I'm going to go on record to say that I want to know why
299 Monday night happened the way it happened, and why you people thought you could get away
300 with that? I just want to -- I want to understand. We're not stupid. I've experienced re-zonings
301 near properties that we owned, and it always has the same process. And we were not at the Monday
302 meeting that this occurred. We were actually driving home the next day and listened to it, and we

303 were like what? What just went down? And so, we played it back, and we're like, surely, surely
304 not, but it did.

305 So, I'm waiting. I want to hear. I want to understand. I do want to understand. The first thing
306 that they tell you to do is try to understand where the other people are coming from before you
307 make a judgment. So, I'm here. We're here. All I saw Thursday night was an attempt to hush
308 everybody up. Oh, and Jamelle, it didn't take any research for me to realize that what happened
309 during the process on Monday night, the 18th was wrong. I didn't have to go research that. And I
310 didn't have to read anybody else's website, or have anybody else try to tell me something, mm-
311 mm. It was obvious by your actions, so.

312 We deserve better. We love this community. We're showing up every time you guys meet. No
313 matter when you try to have a meeting, we're here. We're not going away as Mr. Walker said.
314 Maybe somebody could explain this. Thank you very much.

315 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

316 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Michael Hightower, 1514 Cleveland Avenue.

317 MICHAEL HIGHTOWER: Madam Mayor, Michael Hightower, I was a councilman. I came by
318 to first say a thank you to the city manager and to Ms. Mercedes. This past Wednesday, the 20th,
319 we had -- we held our 22nd annual South Metro Conference Outlook here in College Park. Let me
320 just tell you, it was fabulous. We had roughly 622 people in attendance. And I want to again, say
321 to Ms. Mercedes and her staff, they went beyond to make sure that we were accommodated. We
322 paid the bill and plus some. She charged me a lot of money. But seriously, we -- I wanted to say
323 thanks to College Park having this event.

324 I received a few questions about, why don't you go downtown? I said, this is a place for this event
325 for South Metro. There's no other place, other than the Georgia World Congress Center that can
326 host the Metro (INAUDIBLE), unless you go north of (INAUDIBLE). So again, I wanted to say
327 thank you to the city, its manager, and Mercedes, and we had several great sessions. Feedback
328 was awesome. And everything from AI to -- of course electric vehicles, the angle, state of
329 economy, state of the region. And of course, we also honored several individuals, including Jay
330 Bailey (PHONETIC), I think Mr. Carn, you were there for that event. And we had some of our
331 members, including Kerry Armstrong (PHONETIC) and (INAUDIBLE) Commission. Holly
332 Greenwood spoke. We got a chance to meet him (INAUDIBLE) some energy. We also had one
333 of our local natives -- we call him Old National Highway Mr. Dray Duke (PHONETIC). Let me
334 just say, for the record, we honored him because of his involvement -- not just from hip-hop, but
335 the man from the Public Transit Association honored him as (INAUDIBLE) to having that message
336 sent throughout the country, and explaining the importance (INAUDIBLE) what this means to
337 transit. He also gave a moving testimony about his days in College Park and what public transit
338 meant to him.

339 So I'm just going to say thank you guys for coming, and I appreciate y'all's support. And,
340 Mercedes, thank you again. And next time, don't charge me so much money. I appreciate it.

341 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you so much. Ms. Ames, before you proceed, I know that
342 the -- there's some important sports developments happening, but I keep on hearing somebody's
343 ESPN tracker, so if you could just silence your phones.

344 CITY CLERK AMES: Oh --

345 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, Ms. Ames, I didn't mean to call you out like that.

346 CITY CLERK AMES: But I need the timer, so --

347 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, okay.

348 CITY CLERK AMES: I'll find another way next time, sorry. Proceed?

349 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am, thank you.

350 CITY CLERK AMES: The next person to sign in is Demetris Taylor, Embarcadero Club
351 Apartments, to discuss town hall meeting.

352 DEMETRIS TAYLOR: Madam Clerk, you may strike my email comments please --

353 CITY CLERK AMES: Will do.

354 DEMETRIS TAYLOR: -- because I'm here in person. Hello, everyone. Hello, hello. You all
355 know who I am. You all know I am not the voice of the people, I am the people. I want to take
356 this time and say thank you for the noble attempt to the council -- what you tried to do with
357 scheduling the town hall meeting surrounding the \$1.6 million grant. Though the attempt was
358 formidable, it missed the mark, because the citizens were hoping to have an interactive dialogue
359 with questions answered that were raised an answer in real time. The perception is increasing that
360 prepared statements are being generated as a "cover up", and we want to remove any suspicion of
361 nefarious dealings.

362 Moving forward, I would recommend that the town halls -- that there is time scheduled to answer
363 questions in real time. Transparency should never be damage control.

364 Madam Mayor, from this point on, there should never be no questions that your voice is silenced
365 ever again.

366 At the last council meeting, the way that you intercepted the discussion, by posing a question for
367 clarity to the city manager prior to calling the motion, has always been your power to do, and was
368 a perfect demonstration that you are not silenced at all, only the contrary. You are very boisterous.
369 You were able to be heard. You were able to establish miscommunications, and you were able to
370 shine the light on procedures. Your voice is not silenced, ma'am. I remember when you and

371 Councilman Carn went through this terrible debate on this style of communication for issues prior
372 to the motion being called becoming new standard procedures. However, you were insistent that
373 the romper's room of order be maintained. So, perhaps this is something that we need to
374 reconsider, and so that this lawsuit debacle can come to an end.

375 As for the public common time, I would like to introduce these considerations for possible options.
376 Either extend the time for public comments from 36 minutes to 60 minutes, so that more people
377 are able to talk and communicate with you. Or, keep public comments at 36 minutes, in person,
378 and still allow for the email comments to be read afterwards, so that it's fair. Those comments
379 need to be read on the record as well. Too many times the email comments are bumped due to
380 timing restrictions.

381 And finally, I would like to ask, how are we collecting from our businesses on all of the back
382 monies owed? When Councilman Jerry Taylor was in office, that was his Achilles heel, his project,
383 and he had gained great significant momentum. But I haven't heard -- well, at least I don't
384 remember hearing what that has been like since, and if we're doing well with collecting monies
385 that are owed from our businesses. Thank you.

386 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

387 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Paul Loveless, 4140 Jeffrey Drive.

388 PAUL LOVELESS: Good afternoon, council. My name is Paul Loveless. I live at 4140 Jeffrey
389 Drive. I'm here to rise in opposition of the lithium ion battery facility proposed at 0 Welcome All
390 Road.

391 Now, what you have effectively -- may do, and I hope not, you have given NextEra a loaded
392 revolver, one shell in it, and they're holding it to the temples of us seniors and the children that
393 live in that 220-unit apartment down there off of Welcome All Road. What you are doing is letting
394 them pull the trigger while the council hope that it don't fire.

395 The problem is, what if it does fire? Like one gentleman says, "Where do we go"? We got garbage
396 transfer facilities down there. We've got trains that block access to 29. We've got 18-wheelers
397 down there. I'm a senior. I've lived in my home over 40 years. Hopefully I could die there, but
398 I don't want to die because of no explosions or fires. And it's been well-documented, even
399 Commissioner Sandra Kennedy in Arizona -- excuse me, COPD. Sandra Kennedy, in the reported
400 Arizona fires in 2019, that a 2-megawatt battery facility is equivalent to 1.72 tons of TNT. Now,
401 that can level stuff for miles. It freaks me out to think that you guys would take our lives for just
402 a little -- 106 -- \$1.6 million.

403 I want to tell you something, we are your parents. We're your grandparents, and sooner or later,
404 we going to be you. That's what you're going to have to remember. When these folks put this
405 battery crap down there, they're going back to Florida. These jobs are temporary. They're
406 construction. Ain't nothing that's going to happen -- they can promise you all this stuff, and you

407 may or may not get it. And from what I understand, you give it in increments. What kind of deal
408 is that? You are -- this is the question, and forgive me, I get upset about this, because I live there.
409 Is there not a fiduciary responsibility for the citizens and not the corporations? That's what I need
410 to understand. It just befuddles me that this keeps coming up. We defeated this, or you defeated
411 that in '21 and again in '23, and here it is back up again. What in the world is going on? What is
412 it that you don't get? Are you so desperate for money? Don't you get funds from other places like
413 the airport, and you got --

414 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

415 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I would like for him to continue.

416 COUNCILMAN CARN: Please continue.

417 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Do you want to make a motion?

418 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'd like to make a motion.

419 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: For him to continue?

420 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: For him to continue.

421 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second?

422 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

423 PAUL LOVELESS: Okay.

424 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Any discussion?

425 PAUL LOVELESS: Do I need --

426 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hearing none -- give me on second, Mr. Loveless. All is in favor?

427 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

428 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

429 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

430 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

431 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's unanimous. Go right ahead, Mr. Loveless.

432 PAUL LOVELESS: Okay. This is -- this is just a really serious matter. The fires -- your fire chief
433 talked about this years ago. In Arizona, they couldn't put the fires out. They had to use tons of
434 cement to extinguish the fire. There's an agent called Purple-K. The fire department knows about
435 that. The fire chief in Arizona said that they defined that as that Purple-K. They can't handle that.
436 In an explosion -- I mentioned that about the 1.72 tons of TNT. In addition to that, the CDC has
437 it that lithium battery fires give off films of dangerous levels of hydro fluoride (hydrogen fluoride),
438 dangerous levels, and that these things are dangerous, not only to seniors but to children. So I'm
439 asking you, you know, whatever they're offering you all, don't be suckers man. Don't do that.
440 Consider us, please. Consider us, please. Thank you.

441 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you Mr. Loveless.

442 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Johnnie Williams, 2241 Lyle Road, to discuss Homestead.

443 JONNIE WILLIAMS: Good evening.

444 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

445 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening Ms. Williams.

446 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening.

447 COUNCILMAN CARN: Evening.

448 JONNIE WILLIAMS: I'm (INAUDIBLE) at the Homestead (INAUDIBLE). I brought you two
449 copies (INAUDIBLE) I got the (INAUDIBLE) --

450 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Williams, can you get a little bit closer to the microphone?
451 I'm sorry, thank you.

452 MS. WILLIAMS: The one I got from College Park is wrong. The amount of money is wrong. I
453 have the one from the news media and other sources. And, anyway, they should not mail those to
454 us. When you do Homestead Exemption, you go in, and they can verify everything in front of
455 you. You just don't mail it back to them, no. You have to have someone -- whoever's running the
456 department, needs to fill those forms out. So I've given you a copy, you can look at those. Thank
457 you.

458 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, ma'am.

459 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you.

460 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you.

461 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Karen Jeremie, 3484 Herschel Road.

462 KAREN JEREMIE: Good evening.

463 COUNCILMAN CARN: Good evening.

464 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

465 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

466 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening.

467 KAREN JEREMIE: My name is Karen Jeremie, and I live at 3484 Herschel Road, and I wanted
468 to talk to you about the Brady Trail. The Brady Trail begins on Herschel Road, and it is poorly
469 maintained. You've invested a lot of money. I only moved here in 2020, but I noticed that in
470 2018, there was a huge improvement done. All of the improvements that have been done to the
471 Brady Trail on Herschel Road were for not. The trail is gone. It's overgrown. You can't even see
472 the bike lane, or the golf cart lane, or whatever that lane is that was there, because -- and there's a
473 snake pit back there. A lot of my neighbors were walking -- I had a neighbor who actually walked
474 and saw a huge snake when he was walking with his dog, so we've all been deterred from using
475 that. It was a very attractive thing for me to -- when I moved here, that I could be able to talk the
476 trail, but now I'm prohibited from doing that, because the trail has been so poorly maintained. I
477 ask you, I plead with you to please clean up the trail, so that the residents that live on Herschel
478 Road can actually enjoy the trail that is Brady Trail. It's a beautiful, beautiful asset, and I hope
479 that College Park really understands that and allows us to have enjoyment of it. Thank you.

480 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

481 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Thank you, Karen.

482 CITY CLERK AMES: Next, moving onto my email comment, I only have one and it reads: "My
483 name is Charles Jefferson. I reside in Ward 4, College Park. I went out to the park yesterday to
484 engage with the citizens, and to check on the appearance of the park, and I noticed three issues.
485 Number one, the need for more trash cans near the basketball courts, and near the pavilions,
486 preferably the green trash cans, that the children painted near the splash pad. They're deep and
487 can hold more trash. Number two, the citizens complained to me about trash cans being full on
488 Saturday mornings, and they don't have anywhere to put trash. Some of them bring their own
489 trash bags and pile them under over-filled trash cans. This brings in unwanted things such as
490 rodents, homeless people, crime, and it gives an ugly appearance to the entrance to our community.
491 I suggest that the trash be picked up from the park on Mondays and Fridays. This would alleviate
492 the problems of trash all over the park. Number three, the community also complained about
493 police presence. Yesterday, there was some young people arguing, and they started shooting inside

494 the park during the most crowded time before I arrived. I noticed College Park Police Department
495 was on the scene, closing down the park. I think increased police patrols around the park would
496 help, because I'm noticing more people are using our park, and some of them are not from College
497 Park. I know this, because I had conversations with patrons of the park. I just wanted to make
498 you aware of what's going on in our community. Below are some photos of what I saw yesterday.
499 Charles Jefferson, Chair of Keep College Park Beautiful."

500 Those are all my comments.

501 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Ames, how much time is remaining?

502 CITY CLERK AMES: About three minutes.

503 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. We've got three minutes left, if anyone else wishes to
504 come up and speak.

505 PAT ZACKARY: Good evening, mayor and council.

506 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

507 PAT ZACKARY: My name is Pat Zackary. I live on Rugby.

508 MS. ZACKARY: I'd like to take a minute to talk about the planning commission. In the meeting
509 on Thursday, Councilman Carn and Councilwoman McKenzie talked about, "we are the experts".
510 And I'm here to tell you, I'm going on my fourth year as a planning commissioner, and I can tell
511 you that we are not the experts. We are citizens that have volunteered our time in hopes of getting
512 the knowledge and experience of shaping what we call and love, College Park. We have two new
513 members on the commission, Councilwoman McKenzie, your appointee, and there is a vacancy
514 that may be filled for Councilwoman Arnold hopefully soon, but all of us on the planning
515 commission have not received any training. We got an email from the planner, her name is
516 Deborah Rogoff-Ezra on the 19th of March that says, "Good afternoon, planning commissioners,
517 thank you for reaching out to inquire about an upcoming meeting date. I was going to send out an
518 email about the meeting today, but I didn't get around to it. We do not have any items on the
519 agenda for this month. I requested funding to be able to enroll you all in the UGA Carl Vincent
520 Institute Appointed Officials 101 Training Course, but there are no available funds until the new
521 fiscal year". We were disappointed to learn that. However, I also noticed that there's an Item I on
522 the agenda for Kimi Construction, a non-budgeted item from Dr. Adediran, which I hope you will
523 take the time to explain that a little bit more in your report today. Thank you.

524 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Is that expiration of time?

525 7. Board Appointment

526 A. Ward 3 Planning Commission

527 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item on the agenda is Board Appointment, Ward 3 Planning
528 Commission.

529 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

530 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes, I would like to appoint Mr. Chase Romley as the Ward 3
531 appointee to the planning commission.

532 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

533 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

534 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: You made the motion, right?

535 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yeah.

536 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So, I'm seconding it, yeah.

537 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Is there a
538 second?

539 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I second it.

540 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any
541 discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

542 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

543 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

544 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

545 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

546 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous, thank you.

547 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes dated March 18,
548 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

549 8. Other Business

550 A. Consideration of and action on a request from the Paint N Sit ATL to host Springin'
551 Forward Community Festival on April 27th, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Charles
552 E. Phillips, Sr. Esquire Park. This is a request from City Clerk Shavala Ames. This event
553 will be held in Ward 4.

554 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item on the agenda is consideration of an action on a request
555 from the Paint N Sit ATL to host a Springin' Forward Community Festival on April 27th, 2024
556 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Charles E. Phillips Park. This is a request from the City Clerk.
557 This will be held in Ward 4.

558 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

559 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

560 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

561 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

562 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Any discussion?

563 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I have a couple questions.

564 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold, go right ahead.

565 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So, do we not get to see the insurance document that's submitted.

566 CITY CLERK AMES: We require it once it's approved --

567 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

568 CITY CLERK AMES: -- we don't require it, because it might be not approved, so we don't require
569 it up front.

570 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: In the statement, where they're requesting the permission to have
571 a stage, are they asking us for a stage, or are they just asking to use one in the park?

572 CITY CLERK AMES: They're just asking to use one in the park.

573 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

574 CITY CLERK AMES: They do know there's a fee associated with that, yes.

575 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. Those were my questions.

576 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any other discussion? Hearing none, we'll move
577 forward to a vote. All those in favor?

578 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

579 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

580 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

581 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

582 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

583 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve a special event permit from Paint N Sit ATL to
584 host Springin' Forward Community Festival on April 27, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to
585 7:00 p.m. at Charles E. Phillips Sr. Esquire Park, seconded by Councilman Gay and
586 motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

587 COUNCILMAN CARN: Quick question, is there a flyer for this or something that we could get
588 out into the community? Is the outfit here?

589 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes, they should be here. Come on.

590 COUNCILMAN CARN: So you don't --

591 CITY CLERK AMES: But, no, we haven't received a flyer as of --

592 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on a second, hold on, hold on. Sir, could you state your
593 name?

594 ELIJAH WADE: Elijah Wade.

595 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Wade, good evening.

596 ELIJAH WADE: Good evening.

597 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn, go right ahead.

598 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I was just curious in terms of -- if you had some kind of community
599 flyer you could get to the city clerk, and --

600 ELIJAH WADE: I can create a flyer. I haven't created one yet. I was waiting on the approval for
601 the permits --

602 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right.

603 ELIJAH WADE: -- so I can continue with quoting, et cetera.

604 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Well, I guess we'd want to get word out in the community
605 that it's going on. This is open to residents, right?

606 ELIJAH WADE: Absolutely. Completely free to the community, family-friendly event that
607 provides free art supplies, so families can come out and paint for free. It's just as a way to promote
608 the importance of the arts for ourselves, also the connection of the mind, body, and soul through
609 activities like yoga and breathwork that would also be included for free.

610 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. It sounds great. You also want to make give the city manager --
611 public information officers -- that way, you know -- all right.

612 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

613 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you.

614 B. Consideration of and action on a request for the implementation of Fee Waiver for
615 Recreation & Cultural Arts for youth of College Park residents with verified income of
616 \$50,000 or less to participate in City programming only for free. This will service all
617 Wards.

618 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is consideration of and action on a request for the
619 implementation of Fee Waiver for Recreation & Cultural Arts for youth of College Park residents
620 with verified income of \$50,000 or less to participate in City programming only for free. This will
621 service all Wards.

622 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

623 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion with discussion.

624 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yep, there's always discussion. Thank you, Council Member Carn.
625 Is there a second?

626 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

627 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold.

628 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Go right ahead, Council Member Carn.

629 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Thank you, Michelle. I've looked through the documents
630 here, and were you going to give the presentation first?

631 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I have the presentation if you want us to review it so the citizens can
632 also --

633 COUNCILMAN CARN: Absolutely, yes.

634 COUNCILWOMEN MCKENZIE: Yeah.

635 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- take a look at what my recommendation is, and some of the reasoning
636 for that.

637 COUNCILWOMEN MCKENZIE: Yeah, right.

638 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So the fee waiver for youth is what we're looking at for qualified
639 citizens that are residents that make less than \$50,000, which was -- so here's just an overview of
640 the presentation. We've got mayor and council actions, types of programming offered, versus city
641 versus contractual, cost analysis, and then the recommendation, then implementation for the fee
642 waiver.

643 So, on January 16th, we were, you know, approved to a policy to implement free recreation
644 programming for all College Park residents in the household income of making \$50,000 or less,
645 and to implement it aggressively and immediately. Next slide.

646 So I wanted to kind of overview the type of programming that we offer. So, we've got city
647 programming, which is programming that's provided by the city that we budget for on a yearly
648 basis, and that city program is supported, you know, solely by the recreation staff that we provide
649 that information out there, and they register through us. Some of those programs: basketball,
650 gymnastics, flag football, cheerleading, and track. Cost to the city of the registration does not
651 cover -- would not cover any additional costs if they would need this, it would just be registration
652 for the participation in the programming.

653 Contractual programming is done on a 75/25 split, and we have several programs -- one of the
654 largest that we have on contractual is Kids Gym USA, our preschool gymnastics program. So
655 we've got a city-run gymnastics program, and we've got a contractual program. So all the funding
656 for that program comes through the city, and we pay out 75 percent to those contractors, and we
657 keep 25 percent for administrative costs or for overhead for those. So those are the difference
658 between the two types of programming.

659 I know when we talked about y'all issued the implementation, there wasn't a discussion about
660 what we wanted to do on for that free programming. We were looking for city programming and/or
661 contractual, so went back and looked at the analysis, based on the information that was asked from
662 me, and -- so our total revenue for last year -- the next slide -- was \$909,000 for recreation, and
663 that's a huge increase from coming out of COVID, so we're being increased people into the
664 programming and increasing programming.

665 The number of participants currently in the program was 5,860 participants through the fiscal year
666 of 2023. Of that amount, 617 were city residents. When they register with us, they put in their
667 address, which we can check, and verify, and run, and also can check and verify by programming
668 who was a city resident in our programming. This is not any income verification, this is just people
669 that are residents. And they could be grandchildren of grandparents that (INAUDIBLE), not
670 necessarily in here, so there's no verification if they're an actual resident paying water or power
671 to us.

672 The cost for the fee waiver program -- so, for city programming breakdown, it was about \$30,000,
673 based on the information that we pulled from for the 2023 numbers. Contractual payout for 75
674 percent was about \$26,000. And then the cost for both was about \$54,000. So if we looked at
675 implementing just the city, it's around \$30,000. If we looked at doing just contractual, which
676 would be \$26 -- \$27,000, and then the total cost was \$54,000. Again, this is all just an estimate
677 based on the numbers that we had.

678 The loss of revenue -- just wanted just to include, if we did do free programming, we have a loss
679 of revenue, close to \$30,000 for the city, contractual about \$8,800, and the total was \$39,000. So,
680 the next slide.

681 So with the recommendation, based on programming, this is not just for -- we're looking at just
682 doing the city programming. For contractual, it would be different -- it would be difficult to ask
683 our contractals to hold spots, and then have to pay them out not knowing if those people are going
684 to participate. So, you know, implementation can certainly look at both programming, but I would,
685 you know, I'm thinking we're going to have an increase, that's what we want, is residents
686 participating. I think with a good start, we would start with our city programming. So we're
687 looking at \$30,000, implementation from May 1st, if this is approved, provide a cap for each
688 programming to be decided per programming, and that would be different, depending on teams.
689 You want to make sure, because a lot of teams may bring their whole teams from somewhere to
690 register, so we want to make sure we can provided a team basis for those kids. Attendance -- we
691 would ensure attendance. We'd make sure that we take rolls for those that are participating to
692 know that they are coming to the free programming. And then, recommendation for approval,
693 giving it a 30-day process. We certainly want everybody to fill out the information, verify that
694 they are, and get them in as quickly as possible. But once we have them verified, we can give
695 them a code that it would make it easier to register for the coming registrations to get in.

696 So we're recommending a \$15.00 yearly registration fee. And so out of the 5,860 number of
697 participants for 2023, taking out the 617 residents, we would be looking at 5,243 at \$15,000, and
698 it would generate about \$78,000 to help cover the free programming for the cost for them.

699 So then, we were looking at an application form. And this is similar to what we do with the pavilion
700 rentals. They have to provide the driver's license. The driver's license must match their utility
701 bill to prove that they're a resident. And then, a copy of their tax returns, which, from my
702 understanding with speaking with finance, it's very simple; that they're doing that with a senior
703 tax credit to pull that offline and provide that as verification. And then, that they would need to
704 reapply each year to make sure that they had not moved from their residence. And then, we would,
705 you know, approve that, and meet requirements before the registration time to implement them in
706 the free programming.

707 And then, I did go through just that total, which I just broke down, with what they would need to
708 do to provide proof of residency, so are there any questions?

709 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Questions? Council Member
710 McKenzie?

711 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah. I guess, the biggest thing for me, I guess, is just looking
712 at -- I would think that -- my concern is the contractual. And I understand the whole piece, but,
713 you know, there are some programs that I think would be advantageous to our youth that are
714 contractual, and I just still want to kind of see if there's some way we can -- and I hear what you're
715 saying, in terms of having them put out these different -- you know, leave out these slots, and what
716 if they're not filled? So -- but I still wish that there was some way that we could get our young
717 people -- have them to have the opportunity for those sports, or those programs. So, that's the only
718 thing -- that's my -- that's where I'm on the fence with this, but otherwise I think that you put
719 together -- thank you again, because this was a big undertaking, and, you know, I just appreciate
720 you getting this to us. Thank you, Michelle.

721 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Sure, thank you.

722 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

723 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Thank you, Michelle. Great presentation. This was something
724 that I pushed for, and I thought it was long overdue in the city of College Park. I believe that every
725 kid in this community that wants to participate in parks and recreation should have the opportunity,
726 and income should not be a barrier. So I'm glad that we're here. This was a great presentation.
727 I've got a few concerns and tweaks here that I'd like to see adjusted to make this a little more
728 workable, in my opinion.

729 Let's see here. I guess, we'll go to Packet Page 106 here. Essentially, and my understanding,
730 you're recommending for us to waive the fees only for the city programming and not the
731 contractual. In my head, I'd like to see fees waived for all of the sports and the opportunities.
732 Some of the contractual are some of the most popular sports that the kids actually want to play.
733 And if they're not free, we kind of, I guess, defeat the purpose, so to speak, so I would like to see
734 that. And I understand the total revenue loss we're talking about is about \$40,000, \$39,000?

735 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Well, plus loss of revenue too. So, we would, you know, anything --
736 we've got revenue on that side too. We get 25 percent on that revenue.

737 COUNCILMAN CARN: Is this \$39,000 the 25 percent, or was this another number? What is
738 this? The \$39,000, is that the 25 percent from contractual?

739 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct.

740 COUNCILMAN CARN: And the 100 percent from city?

741 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So with the loss of revenue for the contractual was about -- you know,
742 less than \$10,000, but that was just for that one year. Now if we have an increase, it would be
743 more loss.

744 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. I completely lost you.

745 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Okay.

746 COUNCILMAN CARN: The \$39,268 number, is that for waiving the fee for the city and --

747 MICHELLE JOHNSON: And the loss.

748 COUNCILMAN CARN: And the what?

749 MICHELLE JOHNSON: And the loss of our 25 percent.

750 COUNCILMAN CARN: And the loss of 25 percent.

751 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Right. So then you would look at our city fees that we would lose, plus
752 the loss of the revenue from the 100 percent from the city, plus the 25 percent, and the payout.

753 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood. Now, the \$65,879, that's if it's free totally, is that right,
754 both --

755 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct.

756 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- both programs.

757 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Based on these numbers that we pulled this year.

758 COUNCILMAN CARN: Based on the numbers --

759 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct.

760 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood.

761 MICHELLE JOHNSON: That's why the implementation of the 15 would cover --

762 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood.

763 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- either/or, whether we choose the city or the contractual; both.

764 COUNCILMAN CARN: Gotcha. Well, I would like us to choose both obviously. I want the
765 options open for all of our children to participate in all of the sports programming. The more
766 popular ones are the contracted ones, so we don't want them to miss out on those as well. So, in
767 terms of this cost, the \$65,000, now, doing my math here, we bring in \$909,000 a year, thereabout,
768 \$65,000, that's seven percent of a loss here that we're talking about. So, I don't think that's going
769 to, you know, put us in the poorhouse in terms of doing damage here. But the idea is to make sure
770 our local children, our local kids have the opportunity to participate in these programs. Again, all
771 of the kids that participate that don't live in the city, well this is great for them. But my obligations
772 are to the residents of this community first and foremost. And if we have some extra room, then
773 the out of town kids are more than welcome. But I want to take care of our kids first. And this
774 \$65,000 is seven percent of what we bring in. I don't see a problem with that. I want us to go full
775 tilt with this, and make sure the doors are wide open for our children first. Looking at the number
776 of participants right now, you've got about 6,000 participants total. Out of that 6,000, you've got
777 about 600 that are local residents. In other words, 90 percent of our program are for kids out of
778 town. And again, that's great for the kids out of town, only 10 percent of our kids get to participate.
779 Now, ultimately, I want to see a goal of us reversing those numbers.

780 What I'd like to see in the future is 90 percent of our children participating in our programs in our
781 city, and 10 percent, or 15 percent of the kids that want to come in and participate, that's great,
782 come on in, but I want to cover our children first. One of the reasons I think we haven't been able
783 to cover our children first is because communication, education, and awareness. Education and
784 awareness. You know, parks and rec and sport is not just about sports and health, it's about keeping
785 these kids out of trouble. It's about afterschool daycare, and afterschool care, and giving them
786 something to do. There are a lot of temptations out here on these streets, and I'm talking about
787 any city in any state. And I think we want to do our utmost to make sure we cover all of our
788 children first, and a seven percent loss is not a sacrifice at all in terms of what I see. So, I want to
789 go for the full deal.

790 And keep in mind, you know, this only works, this only works if communications are covering our
791 residents properly with the message that it's available. What's out here? You know, with 75
792 percent rental in College Park -- I say that a lot, but I want people to be aware of that. So we have
793 a turn style operation going a lot of the time, so there are new people coming in every month.
794 We're steadily working to make improvements in these apartment communities and upping the
795 standards. Free parks and recreation is part of upping the standards, so this is a part of that
796 component. Again, Parks and Recreation -- I always say, you know, yes, it's health and fitness,

797 but it's also public safety, and Public Works, Dr. Emmanuel. That's part of public safety too.
798 Public safety is not just police and fire. It includes parks and recreations, and public safety includes
799 good communications, solid communications so that you cover these residents in the method that
800 they get their communications, whatever that is. So it's public safety -- parks and rec is public
801 safety as well. That's why it's so important, and that seven percent is insignificant as far as I'm
802 concerned, it's well worth the stretch. Because at the end of the day, one of the big reasons I'm
803 supporting putting budget into parks and rec is to lessen the chance of all heck breaking loose out
804 here in this community. So it's part of public safety too. And it's very important that we keep the
805 doors as wide open as possible, and making sure all the programming is available, and whatever
806 new programming we want to put together. I've got a list from parents that talked about some new
807 programming, and I had never thought about that programming. And, the good part about some
808 of the suggestions that I got from these parents, in these communities, on these blocks, some of
809 that type of programming that they want to see is less costly than some of the programming that
810 we got now. So, yeah, I want to go full tilt with this thing.

811 The last thing I got here, Packet Page 108, and this is important stuff. I mean, this is a big game
812 changer for this city. You want to better the standards, these are the type of things we've got to
813 work on and do. Packet Page 108, Number 3 here. Driver's license address within the city limits.
814 Okay. Now, a couple issues with that. I've been out -- I've been here -- I've been around a while.
815 And in particular, in our apartment community, which again, this city is 75 percent of, a lot of
816 folks never change their driver's license address from where they moved from. And it is -- as
817 common places upwards of 30, 40, 50 percent in some of these apartments where they don't have
818 a driver's license that's current in College Park. And a lot of people, it's hard for them to do that.
819 Sometimes they can't do it. Sometimes they want to do it. So, we're aiming this at folks that can't
820 afford things. These are our residents \$50,000 and under. A lot of them -- a lot of people don't
821 understand the concept of folks not being able to get ID. That is a concept that's foreign to people.
822 But let me tell you all something, there are hundreds of people that, for whatever reason, have a
823 strong difficulty with their hands on ID, you know. We've got a lot of our community that's doing
824 well, but some don't get ID. So, a driver's license within the city limits would be something that
825 would be a barrier to some folks being able to have their kids participate. So, instead of a driver's
826 license with a city limit, we can do -- we could verify with the leasing office where they live, and
827 they're on the list, yes, they live here, they're on the lease. I think that's a pretty solid way of
828 knowing that we've got somebody that lives in the city. The utility bill, that's a good way as well.
829 However, what if the utility bill isn't in that person's name, but they live on the property? See, a
830 lot -- there are different circumstances on some of these properties.

831 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So we deal with that a lot with the pavilion rentals.

832 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yeah, yeah.

833 MICHELLE JOHNSON: And these are the requirements that we have for the pavilion --

834 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood.

835 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So this is just a guideline that was provided with that --

836 COUNCILMAN CARN: I follow you loud and clear. And the pavilion rental makes sense,
837 because those are out of towners.

838 MICHELLE JOHNSON: No, only residents can reserve a pavilion rental.

839 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood. Well, we get a lot of out of towners that come in, and
840 somehow they manage to get pavilions, but that's a whole other talk for another day. A copy of
841 the lease, maybe, I understand. But I think, in addition to that, if their name is not on the lease,
842 which a lot of folks don't have their names on the lease, and some families don't put all of their
843 children on the lease for whatever reason. So, maybe verification with the leasing office, that
844 would be a good one. Tax returns I think are good. I think -- now, there's some people, you know,
845 there's an IRS threshold at a certain income amount that you don't have to file taxes. We're talking
846 about some of our low-income residents, so we've got to keep in mind that that threshold exists,
847 and some people do not file taxes. Now, we could also ask for a W2, paycheck stub; something
848 like maybe if they don't file taxes. Because there are -- there are some people that don't file taxes,
849 because they don't reach that financial limit where they have to file taxes. I know at one point it
850 used to be like \$8,000 or something like that annually. I don't know what it is now, but let's look
851 at that.

852 The last thing I'll say, and I'm sorry if I'm a little long-winded, but this is very important to me.
853 People trickle in and out of our rental community all the time. It's an operation. I can turn around
854 two months from now, and I've got new residents coming in, I got new residents coming out. So,
855 I like everything else that we're doing, but again, I want to go for the full amount, the \$65,000,
856 which is seven percent of what we bring in every year, and I want to work towards reversing those
857 numbers. You know, by this fall, I'd love to see it 50/50, where the numbers are turning the other
858 direction. You know, I don't expect it to turn overnight, but I want us to push this very hard and
859 make progress. So, let's get the communications out if we're going to do this, and let's make sure
860 folks know what's available, and ask them if they don't want to participate in what's available,
861 again, what would they like to see that they would put their children in, that they think they're
862 children need as well. So we want to hear some of the programming needs from their point of
863 view, from their concerns for what they think is best for their children to keep them out of trouble.
864 So, that's all I got.

865 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold.

866 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I have a question --

867 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Sure.

868 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- for the recommendations on Page Packet 107. The last item
869 that has the number of participants times the \$15.00. Is that -- was that -- is that generating
870 income -- of course it reduces --

871 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So it would be --

872 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- reduces --

873 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- yeah.

874 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- the number is reduced by the 617 College Park residents, right?

875 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Right.

876 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Is that to help to fill in --

877 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Help cover the cost --

878 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- that gap?

879 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- yes, correct.

880 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Right, okay.

881 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct. So, it would be a one-time, per year, per family \$15.00 for
882 those that are not the 617 -- the residents.

883 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

884 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So just to help generating to help cover the cost for those people
885 participating for free, since we're going to lose, if we do the contractual, we'll have a loss of
886 revenue, so just to help cover the cost --

887 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: All right. So --

888 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- those that are not residents.

889 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. And I like that. Okay. So, basically, if we were to go
890 with Councilman Carn's proposal, then that means that we would really make our sales whole --

891 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct --

892 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- right?

893 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- which was my -- my goal was to --

894 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

895 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- to not put more on the residents to provide free programming for
896 residents.

897 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

898 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So that was -- that was the task that I was trying to help do.

899 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay, thank you.

900 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Sure.

901 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

902 COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

903 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I have a comment.

904 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie?

905 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. I just was thinking about this after I said this to you.
906 Is there a way -- and I wrote this down. Is there a -- okay, in terms of going back to the contractual
907 services, is there a way that we could -- those slots that you were talking about, is there a way that
908 we can make the slots available for our residents, but they would have a time where -- you know,
909 you have to apply by a certain deadline --

910 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Correct.

911 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- and then, if the deadline is not, you know, met, then you
912 open it up to other people.

913 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yes.

914 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So, that's --

915 MICHELLE JOHNSON: That's the discussion, yes.

916 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. So that --

917 MICHELLE JOHNSON: It's exactly what we were trying to figure -- what's the direction y'all
918 want us to go in -- wanted to provide, what we're looking at the cost, and then absolutely we can.
919 We would have to have a deadline so that -- we wouldn't want, you know, we want to make the

920 contractual are making what they're making, but we don't want to make them whole by not filling
921 those spots --

922 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Right, right.

923 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- with one of our residents.

924 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah. So my thought, I guess if we just plan in enough time
925 to have a certain deadline for persons who are applying for the free slots --

926 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yes.

927 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- and then, if that's not met, open it up. Because I really want
928 to be able to see our young people participate in all of the programs that we offer --

929 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yes.

930 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- through recreations, and not necessarily to, you know, to
931 keep them from that. So that would be my suggestion.

932 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yeah, and the problem also with just the contractual is, it's not our staff
933 checking --

934 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Right.

935 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- checking rosters --

936 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Right.

937 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- and making sure those people that are giving, you know, we're
938 providing that program to --

939 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Gotcha.

940 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- that they are coming.

941 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

942 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So, you know, we're going to have to work on those partnerships and
943 make sure that they're providing if somebody is not coming. But they're, you know, taking
944 advantage of what we're providing for them.

945 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah. My hope is that by next year, when we sit here, we
946 don't have only ten percent of the recreation participants coming from our city, but at least that
947 we're at 30 to 40 percent. And I know Councilman Carn is saying 90 percent. That's a tall order --

948 MICHELLE JOHNSON: He's passionate about this.

949 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- but we really want to see -- see the difference. To have all
950 of these amenities and programs in our city, and our young people can't even participate. And it
951 may encourage other persons, who are not even in the \$50,000 threshold, to get involved. I just
952 would like to see more of our College Park youth involved in our College Park programs, and
953 that's it.

954 COUNCILMAN CARN: I have one more thing.

955 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

956 COUNCILMAN CARN: On Page 108, the application must be -- you just talked about that --
957 "Must be approved and meet requirements before registration time period for programming". I
958 understand that. You want to get them all in when the classes start, or when the practices start, or
959 whatever have you. I understand that. Again, we have to cater to the socioeconomic dynamics
960 that we have. People trickle into our apartment communities all of the time. So, we want to leave
961 some slots open, or the next open slot. Okay. Let's say, basketball starts May 1st. I don't know
962 when it starts. Let's say it starts May 1st, basketball starts May 1st. Okay. You get 75 folks that
963 want to -- kids that want to play basketball. May 1st starts, you got 75 kids starting basketball.
964 Now June 15th, 20 more kids move into the community and, hey, well, they want to play basketball
965 too, but they missed the deadline because they weren't living here then. So, I want us to make
966 sure we're fluid enough and flexible enough.

967 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Okay.

968 COUNCILMAN CARN: Now, if it's full, it's absolutely full, and I understand that.

969 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Well, part of it is deadlines for uniforms --

970 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm sorry, you -- I must have interrupted you, go ahead.

971 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I'm sorry, Councilman Carn, go ahead.

972 COUNCILMAN CARN: No, it's okay.

973 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I'm passionate just like you, I'm sorry.

974 COUNCILMAN CARN: No, ladies first.

975 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I was just going to say, some of those deadlines that we need in order to
976 uniforms, and size them to do that, so there are going to be some deadlines that we cannot
977 accommodate them in programming.

978 COUNCILMAN CARN: I understand.

979 MICHELLE JOHNSON: There's -- absolutely, we'll have to wait until the next sign-up.

980 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I understand. And uniforms are important, and all of that
981 important, and being in proper order. But what's more important, are getting our kids into these
982 programs, uniform or not. You've got some shorts and some sneakers, and I want my kid in these
983 programs, and I want them off the streets and out of trouble. If you ain't got a uniform, and this is
984 just me, speaking for myself --

985 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I know, but you're not a young child without a uniform.

986 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'll let you finish, I'm sorry again.

987 MICHELLE JOHNSON: No, but they want to be -- they want to feel like they're whole in
988 participating in the program too. So, I mean --

989 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, we'll get them uniforms. And if we have to put that in the budget,
990 we'll do that too. It's that important.

991 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yes.

992 COUNCILMAN CARN: We put our children first. Now the other children that come, the 90
993 percent, they can afford uniforms. Wherever they're coming from, they can probably afford it,
994 and they have a stable home where they can come in on time. But I've got hundreds of parents
995 and families that move in and out of College Park month after month. So again, I want us to adjust
996 to our dynamics and not be so rigid. The date starts here, you get your uniform, if you're not there
997 May 1st, you can't participate. No. We want to be flexible enough where, that next open slot, if
998 it's full, you put them in there if they want to participate. We don't want to turn anybody away, so
999 let's just be a little flexible on this thing. I want you to -- I know it's your department, and you've
1000 got to stay organized, but I want to make sure we don't leave any kids out that want to play, that
1001 could have been playing, instead of out there getting in trouble. So, just keep that in mind.

1002 And we do a contract with these partners, yes. The \$65,000 covers the partners and our program,
1003 that's seven percent. We need to require that they verify those residents, in the same manner, if
1004 you're a city resident, and you're getting the free, whereas your out of towners are paying the
1005 contractors, we need to verify those kids that are coming in from the city.

1006 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yeah, the registration goes through us, but it would be verified by us.

1007 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. All right. Now we're talking. All right. I don't want to leave
1008 anybody behind.

1009 MICHELLE JOHNSON: I understand. Thank you.

1010 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hearing no other discussion --

1011 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I just --

1012 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- or, Council Member Arnold, sorry.

1013 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I just have one suggestion. Can we make sure that we keep the
1014 records, and collect data, and consider -- maybe we consider in the future, extending this same
1015 waiver, if you will, to our senior citizens?

1016 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Oh, (INAUDIBLE).

1017 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yeah, that's the only suggestion that I have.

1018 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Is that what -- I mean, if that's the direction of the body, yeah.

1019 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Well, I guess, after we collection the information, the data, just
1020 to see how, you know, whether or not if it's working, you know, that we consider extending it to
1021 the senior citizens as well.

1022 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yeah, some of the senior programming is free.

1023 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

1024 MICHELLE JOHNSON: So, you know, there's -- I'm mean, maybe the weight room --

1025 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Right.

1026 MICHELLE JOHNSON: -- there's not a lot of programming that's charged for the seniors. So
1027 that's certainly something that we can address.

1028 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay, thank you.

1029 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Madam Clerk?

1030 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes.

1031 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Motion was made by?

1032 CITY CLERK AMES: Councilman Carn and Councilwoman Arnold second.

1033 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'd like to modify that motion a bit. My modification, I guess, it's an
1034 amended motion here. So, I do want to approve programming -- free city programming, as well
1035 as the free contractual program, and I know the estimated amount of the \$65,000, which is seven
1036 percent of the revenue we bring in. That may be, you know, adjusted and moved here or there, or
1037 whatever, but that's where we at now, and let's start there. And again, we need robust
1038 communication to our residents, so that they know this programming is available, and I want us to
1039 be open to other programming that would appeal to bringing them in the door. So, I modify my
1040 motion (CROSSTALK).

1041 CITY CLERK AMES: So, for clarity, Councilman Carn, you want to approve the program with
1042 free city programming and free contractual programming?

1043 COUNCILMAN CARN: At the 65 -- the seven percent amount, \$65,879; that's the estimated cost.

1044 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And does the second still hold?

1045 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Can you read the motion again, please?

1046 CITY CLERK AMES: To approve the program with free city programming and free contractual
1047 programming.

1048 COUNCILMAN CARN: And the amount? I want to make sure what the amount --

1049 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Can we -- yeah, can we have that cap on that?

1050 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- the estimated amount, so that there's no misunderstanding.

1051 CITY CLERK AMES: Estimated amount is approximately \$65,000, does that work?

1052 COUNCILMAN CARN: 879 -- yeah, what -- the number that Michelle has on here, that'd be fine.

1053 CITY CLERK AMES: Okay. Michelle, what's the number, please?

1054 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Hang on a second, sweetie. For both of the programming -- where is
1055 it? I think it was in the --

1056 COUNCILMAN CARN: Packet Page 99 there at the bottom.

- 1057 CITY CLERK AMES: \$65,879.60.
- 1058 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Thank you.
- 1059 CITY CLERK AMES: You're welcome.
- 1060 MICHELLE JOHNSON: It's horrible, thank you.
- 1061 CITY CLERK AMES: The motion is to approve free city programming and free contractual
1062 programming at the estimated cost of \$65,879.60.
- 1063 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 1064 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. All those in favor?
- 1065 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 1066 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 1067 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 1068 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 1069 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I heard all four of you. Thank you. That is unanimous.
- 1070 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve free city programming and contractual
1071 programming at the estimated cost of \$65,879.60 for College Park residents,
1072 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)
- 1073 C. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the invoice for Proof of the Pudding
1074 for \$18,700 for the Black History Program. This item is requested by the Director of
1075 Recreation and Cultural Arts, Michelle Johnson. This is a budgeted item that was hosted
1076 at the Gateway Arena located in Ward 2.
- 1077 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item on the agenda is consideration of an action on a request to
1078 approve to pay Proof of the Pudding \$18,700 for the Black History Program.
- 1079 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion.
- 1080 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.
- 1081 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second.

1082 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1083 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Discussion? Council
1084 Member Arnold?

1085 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes, the agenda says \$18,700, the back-up says \$18,750.

1086 MICHELLE JOHNSON: You're correct, Council Member (INAUDIBLE), sorry.

1087 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Is it -- is it --

1088 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Yes, it's \$18,750 by the invoice, my apologies.

1089 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

1090 MICHELLE JOHNSON: And I was unclear if this had been approved, so I just wanted to make
1091 sure to follow up, because it was added additional funding to, but anything over 10 has to be
1092 approved --

1093 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

1094 MICHELLE JOHNSON: My apologies for the delay.

1095 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. So the -- the motion should be for \$18,750. All right. Any
1096 further discussion. Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1097 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1098 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1099 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1100 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

1101 MICHELLE JOHNSON: Thank you.

1102 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the invoice for Proof of the Pudding for \$ 18,750
1103 for the Black History Program, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion
1104 carried. (All Voted Yes)

1105 D. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the annual invoice for Flock Safety
1106 in the amount of \$72,000.00. This is a request from Chief of Police, Connie Rogers.
1107 This is a budgeted item. This will service all Wards.

1108 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is consideration of and action on a request to approve the
1109 annual invoice for Flock Safety in the amount of \$72,000.00.

1110 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1111 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

1112 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

1113 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1114 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion?

1115 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes.

1116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie?

1117 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, I just wanted to bring this out, because it was said
1118 publicly last meeting, and I spoke to Chief Rogers this morning about it, and just wanted to clear
1119 the air.

1120 Last meeting, we did have some citizens that were complaining that they were told, when they had
1121 incidents at their homes, that the Flock cameras -- the tag readers were not working. And so, I had
1122 concerns, because if we had tag readers that were not working, you know, why would we renew a
1123 contract for \$72,000.00 with a company that's not, you know, doing what they're supposed to do.

1124 CHIEF ROGERS: We have 27 units in the city and all are operational. The information that was
1125 given out at the last meeting, we found an internal issue that I have addressed, and it won't happen
1126 again.

1127 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. And that was the only -- I just wanted that to be -- to
1128 clear that air that our cameras are working. So, that's all. I just wanted to bring that out.

1129 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor?

1130 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1131 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1132 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1133 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1134 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

1135 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the annual invoice lock Safety in the
1136 amount of \$72,000, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All
1137 Voted Yes)

1138 E. Consideration of and action on a request to approve Central Square 2024 Annual Renewal
1139 Contract in the amount of \$132,354.32. This is a request from Chief of Police, Connie
1140 Rogers. This will service Ward 4.

1141 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is consideration of and action on a request to approve Central Square
1142 2024 Annual Renewal Contract in the amount of \$132,354.32.

1143 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1144 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

1145 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second.

1146 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

1147 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Any discussion? Hearing
1148 none, we'll move -- oh, I'm sorry.

1149 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I just had a quick question.

1150 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1151 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: What is Central Square?

1152 CITY CLERK AMES: Central Square, it handles all of our record management system. It covers
1153 everything as far as how the officers -- our CAD, how they input incident reports and accidents.

1154 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay, thank you.

1155 CITY CLERK AMES: You're welcome.

1156 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All those in favor?

1157 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1158 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1159 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1160 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

1161 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Central Square 2024 Annual Renewal
1162 Contract in the amount of \$132,354.32, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
1163 carried. (All Voted Yes)

1164 F. Consideration of and action on a request to place four-way stop signs at the intersection
1165 of Herschel Road and Lakeshore Drive. This is a request from Chief of Police, Connie
1166 Rogers. This will service Ward 4.

1167 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is consideration of and action on a request to place four stop signs at
1168 the intersection of Herschel Road and Lakeshore Drive.

1169 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1170 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion.

1171 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

1172 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

1173 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Any discussion?

1174 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Question.

1175 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1176 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Is the labor also --

1177 CITY CLERK AMES: Everything would be done through the city --

1178 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. So there's no additional -- no --

1179 CITY CLERK AMES: There's no additional cost.

1180 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- labor. Okay. All right. Thank you.

1181 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
1182 those in favor?

1183 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1184 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1185 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1186 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1187 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

1188 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve the installation of four-way stop signs at the
1189 intersection of Herschel Road and Lakeshore Drive, seconded by Councilman Carn
1190 and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

1191 G. Consideration of and action on a request to purchase the equipment and tools for the New
1192 Ladder Truck currently being manufactured at an approximate cost of \$31,626.68. This
1193 is a budgeted item. This will service all Wards.

1194 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is consideration of and action on a request to purchase the equipment
1195 and tools for the New Ladder Truck currently being manufactured at an approximate cost of
1196 \$31,626.68.

1197 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1198 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

1199 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

1200 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

1201 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you Council Member Gay. Any discussion? Hearing none,
1202 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1203 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1204 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1205 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1206 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1207 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

1208 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the purchase the equipment and tools for the
1209 New Ladder Truck currently being manufactured at an approximate cost of \$31,626.68, seconded
1210 by Councilman Gay and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

1211 H. Consideration of and action on a request to designate city streets for resurfacing under
1212 the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Local Road Assistance
1213 Administration Funds (LRA) in the amended fiscal year 2024 budget. This item is being
1214 requested by Highway, Streets and Storm Water Superintendent, Raymond Cotton. This
1215 request will service all Wards.

1216 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is consideration of and action on a request to designate city streets
1217 for resurfacing under the GDOT Local Road Administration Funds in the amended fiscal year
1218 2024 budget.

1219 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1220 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion with discussion.

1221 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

1222 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1223 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Council Member Gay?

1224 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have a question. I'm a little confused, so bear with me. Do we have
1225 streets already scheduled to be paved from an earlier allocation?

1226 RAYMOND COTTON: Yes, that was the thing for the LMIG. This right here is for the new
1227 request that came from the government legislature that approved \$218,000.00 with no match.

1228 COUNCILMAN GAY: So, all these streets can't get paved with that amount, right? So how --

1229 RAYMOND COTTON: The one I submitted, the one that you have in your package, they -- like
1230 2/10th of a mile, 1/10th of a mile, so hopefully that -- to try to get them all paved with that \$218,000.

1231 COUNCILMAN GAY: Got it. And since we have you, when will the selection start to pave the
1232 previous streets?

1233 RAYMOND COTTON: Say that again, Councilman.

1234 COUNCILMAN GAY: When are you all going to start paving the other streets early that we
1235 approved?

1236 RAYMOND COTTON: We try -- hoping I can get those out after our budget meeting, because
1237 the funds that cover that, the LMIG is in this year's budget.

1238 COUNCILMAN GAY: And my last question is, are we allowed to change our streets?

1239 RAYMOND COTTON: Yes, you can change streets any time.

1240 COUNCILMAN GAY: Because I had promised residents on Williamsburg that they would be --
1241 Williamsburg Drive, they would be next.

1242 RAYMOND COTTON: Just be on the -- just be -- you all be aware of, when you -- the length of
1243 your streets --

1244 COUNCILMAN GAY: Right.

1245 RAYMOND COTTON: Asphalt paving milling has gone up and you got like five (INAUDIBLE)
1246 and if council want to have the street 1/10th of a mile, Carn got one 2/10th of a mile, McKenzie got
1247 maybe 2/10th, and your street is 5/10th, it go over that amount. I'm sorry, but it's going to have to
1248 come off, unless you come up with some kind of funds to cover it. So that's why I try to keep it
1249 down to a minimum to make sure all wards get something.

1250 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm changing mine to Williamsburg Drive.

1251 RAYMOND COTTON: So you want to take Alexander off from Skyline to Lakeshore to what
1252 now?

1253 COUNCILMAN GAY: I want to add Williamsburg from -- from Skyline to -- what is it, Arlene?

1254 RAYMOND COTTON: From Skyline to who? Say it again, Councilman.

1255 COUNCILMAN GAY: From Skyline to Arlene. What's the street behind Fredericksburg?

1256 RAYMOND COTTON: Arlene Avenue, Arlene.

1257 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yeah.

1258 RAYMOND COTTON: Yeah, that's --.

1259 COUNCILMAN GAY: And make a note, sir that if it takes us over what you expected, then the
1260 alternative street would be Winthrop Drive, and that will be from one end to the other. That should
1261 fit. That should be --

1262 RAYMOND COTTON: Yes, I got you, just keep my -- I got your Winthrop and Winthrop --

1263 COUNCILMAN GAY: Let Winthrop be a backup if Williamsburg take us over.

1264 RAYMOND COTTON: Okay.

1265 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1266 RAYMOND COTTON: All right.

1267 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

1268 COUNCILMAN GAY: Any additional discussion?

1269 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes.

1270 COUNCILMAN GAY: Council Member McKenzie?

1271 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes, I -- the street that I -- the street that I have here,
1272 Parkview --

1273 RAYMOND COTTON: Yes, ma'am.

1274 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- Drive. One of the concerns I had with that street is that
1275 we've had roots coming up, that's what kind of caused the break, so are we going to be able to
1276 remove those trees, or those roots --

1277 RAYMOND COTTON: Yes, yes, ma'am.

1278 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- okay. So that's the part of the prob -- yeah, because that's
1279 really what's caused the --

1280 RAYMOND COTTON: (CROSSTALK) yeah, when they do that milling --

1281 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

1282 RAYMOND COTTON: Yeah, that will take out that -- the root system.

1283 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. So the removal of the roots is included in the cost for
1284 the --

1285 RAYMOND COTTON: Yeah, correct.

1286 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: That's -- okay.

1287 COUNCILMAN CARN: You may need to consider removing that tree, depending on how close
1288 it is.

1289 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, well that's what I'm thinking it's --

1290 COUNCILMAN CARN: I don't know what the problem is.

1291 RAYMOND COTTON: Because we found out a lot times, when we went over there one time
1292 before and dug it out, it wasn't no root, it's the way the street was made when it was first built --

1293 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

1294 RAYMOND COTTON: It's got old, heavy-duty rocks that done penetrate up --

1295 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

1296 RAYMOND COTTON: -- and that's basically what it -- usually it's not roots. It's just there were
1297 old rocks from that old base for that old road.

1298 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, okay. Thank you.

1299 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? All right. Hearing none, Council Member
1300 Gay, did you want to amend your motion?

1301 COUNCILMAN GAY: To -- to add Williamsburg Drive and Winthrop Drive as the alternate.

1302 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And remove Alexandria Way?

1303 COUNCILMAN GAY: And remove Alexandria Way.

1304 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Okay. Does the second still hold?

1305 CITY CLERK AMES: It was Councilwoman McKenzie.

1306 COUNCILMAN GAY: (INAUDIBLE).

1307 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, I'm still second. I'm still (INAUDIBLE).

1308 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. All those in favor?

1309 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1310 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1311 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1312 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1313 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous. Thank you.

1314 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve the designated city streets for resurfacing under
1315 the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Local Road Assistance
1316 Administration Funds (LRA) in the amended fiscal year 2024 budget with the
1317 removal of Alexandria Way and add Williamsburg from Skyline Drive to Arlene
1318 Avenue with an alternative of Winthrop Drive, seconded by Councilwoman
1319 McKenzie and motion carried. (All Voted Yes)

1320 I. Consideration to approve Kemi Construction Company proposal for the Sanitary Sewer
1321 Main installation at SR Georgia 314, West Fayetteville Road, Phoenix Boulevard at
1322 approximately \$420,850.00. This a request from Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This is not a
1323 budgeted item.

1324 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is consideration to approve Kemi Construction Company proposal
1325 for the Sanitary Sewer Main installation on State Route Georgia 314, West Fayetteville Road,
1326 Phoenix Boulevard at approximately \$420,850.00.

1327 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion with discussion.

1328 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

1329 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

1330 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Council Member Gay, go
1331 ahead.

1332 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right, gentleman, I got a couple questions, so let's get through this.
1333 The memorandum is dated December the 23rd. The packet paid 183, but the invoices is dated
1334 March of 2024. My question is, aren't there earlier invoices that we've already approved for this

1335 work? And why are the new invoices taken in account any cost overruns plus the old invoice?
1336 Why aren't you giving us -- why aren't you giving us invoices for what you are telling is overrun?

1337 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: I think you're speaking of quotes as opposed to invoices.

1338 COUNCILMAN GAY: Well, this what you want us to consider tonight. These amounts is based
1339 on what you included in the packet.

1340 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: None of this work has been performed, so these would be quotes or
1341 proposals.

1342 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes, sir, but you want us to vote based on the quotes?

1343 UNKNOWN SPEAKER 1: Yes, the difference in the quote that was initially given, and the quote
1344 that has an increase was due to the requirements of GDOT.

1345 COUNCILMAN GAY: And I don't have a problem with that, because I know the history. What
1346 I'm trying to understand is, why aren't you providing us just two estimates for the cost overrun.
1347 You've gotten it for \$1,210,000, which includes -- and then \$1,120,000.

1348 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Councilman Gay, the first quote that was quoted was \$700,000,
1349 and when GDOT reviewed the permit, they said we have to (INAUDIBLE) and that's what
1350 increase the cost

1351 COUNCILMAN GAY: I see. So, I'm mistaken here. So, the original price is approximately
1352 \$700,000?

1353 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1354 COUNCILMAN GAY: And the overrun --

1355 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Is the \$400 --

1356 COUNCILMAN GAY: Right, an overrun --

1357 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: From the manhole right there by the new 400 apartment
1358 complex coming onboard all the way to Phoenix Boulevard.

1359 COUNCILMAN GAY: And I don't disagree. All I'm saying is, it seems to me that you all would
1360 provide us -- we've already voted on the original amount.

1361 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes -- yes, sir.

1362 COUNCILMAN GAY: It seems like you would provide us, tonight, an invoice for just the new
1363 cost, the new overrun.

1364 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: The \$400,000.

1365 COUNCILMAN GAY: The \$400,000.

1366 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: That' what you meant.

1367 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: That's what it is.

1368 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: That's what he's saying.

1369 COUNCILMAN GAY: My notes --

1370 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah.

1371 COUNCILMAN GAY: -- don't have it. Mine's -- I mean, so you want us to do the math --

1372 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Essentially, that's what they're saying.

1373 COUNCILMAN GAY: He want us to do the math?

1374 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: (INAUDIBLE).

1375 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: The -- can I?

1376 COUNCILMAN GAY: Well, let me ask you this.

1377 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. The estimate is for the full amount, not just for the
1378 \$700,000 that was budgeted originally.

1379 COUNCILMAN GAY: You know, I absolutely get it. But I'm saying, as a matter of clarity --
1380 and I normally see people just give you -- we've already voted on the first set of monies, but
1381 tonight -- let me see -- we've already voted originally on a certain amount of money, to the minutes.
1382 So tonight, you want us to amend that amount and increase it to 120, or you want us to get you
1383 another \$1,210,000?

1384 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No, no, no.

1385 COUNCILMAN GAY: Because that's how the invoice reads.

1386 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: There's no invoice that is -- it's a quote.

1387 COUNCILMAN GAY: That's how the quote reads.

1388 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay, let me direct your attention to the actual
1389 agenda item. Because the amount that they're asking for approval for is \$420,850 --

1390 COUNCILMAN GAY: Ma'am --

1391 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- because we've already approved the \$700,000 in January.

1392 COUNCILMAN GAY: I get it. But, for me, not them, they waive -- for me. I want to see the
1393 invoice for the difference. If you tell somebody to paint your house, they tell you they're going to
1394 charge you \$300, and then they come back and say, hey, I got to charge you a few more hundred,
1395 because I didn't -- I just want to see the difference. Because what you got on the agenda item does
1396 not match the invoices.

1397 COUNCILMAN CARN: Councilman --

1398 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member -- Council Member Carn?

1399 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I don't know. I don't know.

1400 COUNCILMAN CARN: I understand what you're saying. He wants to see -- send the
1401 Councilman the separate invoice of the \$420 K --

1402 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: But these are --

1403 COUNCILMAN CARN: I know it's -- I know it's connected, I get that, but, you know, we did
1404 the \$700,000, and I know it wasn't in December, it was in January because we had that meeting.

1405 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm talking about, let's look at it another way --

1406 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on, hold on, please let him finish.

1407 COUNCILMAN CARN: Just a suggestion, we get that exact separate invoice of the additional
1408 amount. Now, after you -- one thing I want to just get cleared up so we kind of understand this
1409 whole thing. So, we know we had the collapsed sewer, right? I want to just make sure everyone
1410 follows so we know what's going --

1411 COUNCILMAN GAY: (INAUDIBLE), they just answered my question.

1412 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Well, I want to get a full understanding. So we had the collapsed
1413 sewer. We took a look at it. We put the bids out. They came in, the bids, and the best lowest bid
1414 was the \$700,000, right?

1415 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1416 COUNCILMAN GAY: Got it. Now, GDOT came back and looked at this project for approval,
1417 which is on a State Route, West Fayetteville Road, GDOT said, not Kemi Construction, not the
1418 city of College Park, GDOT said there's additional repair that has to be made, which ended up --
1419 that's the additional 420 that we're looking at. Now Althea, all of this money is MOST tax funds,
1420 is that right?

1421 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Correct.

1422 COUNCILMAN GAY: And I want to make that clear for the residents. That MOST tax fund --
1423 that's a special, restricted fund, that money cannot be used for general fund, expenditures, or
1424 anything else, but Water and Sewer. I just want to make sure everybody's clear on that. So we're
1425 spending money specifically for that. It can't be spent anywhere else. So this is precisely what
1426 it's for. So, the addition came from GDOT, not from --

1427 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes.

1428 COUNCILMAN GAY: -- Kemi, and not from us.

1429 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Uh-huh.

1430 COUNCILMAN GAY: They said we have to do this.

1431 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: We processed on day 1 the (INAUDIBLE).

1432 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1433 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Not that I'm saying opening a plant on the side of the road, you
1434 know, affecting traffic, that invoice a total different process.

1435 COUNCILMAN CARN: So --

1436 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Hold on, one second. Hold on, one second. Council
1437 Member Gay wasn't finished --

1438 COUNCILMAN GAY: I was not finished.

1439 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- and so I want to -- and I want to come back and let him finish.

1440 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm sorry.

1441 COUNCILMAN GAY: And respectfully, I want to get finished before anyone -- write it down,
1442 and then you answer. Now listen, if you have a cost overrun, I expect that cost overrun to be
1443 brought to us for approval.

1444 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: That's what we're doing now, Councilman.

1445 COUNCILMAN GAY: I get it. But the way I would like to see it, is not in an estimate for the
1446 total project. Because here's what I didn't get to say. The descriptions on both invoices is the
1447 entire job. The description don't say anything that a normal person out there would know why
1448 you need 450 more thousand dollars. It just says -- it's just a paragraph.

1449 And my thing is, we on the news every week for a million dollars, but tonight we're just going to
1450 approve \$1,210,000 with a paragraph. My point is, as Councilman Carn said, and you've told me,
1451 if GDOT came and charged us with additional work --

1452 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: GDOT did not charge us anything. GDOT changed the process.

1453 COUNCILMAN GAY: Well, if GDOT changed the process --

1454 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1455 COUNCILMAN GAY: What I expect for you to show is an invoice that reflects the difference
1456 between the original scope of work versus the additional scope. All -- they may not -- they may
1457 understand it, because they just saying okay. But I'm saying to you, you don't come and bring us
1458 an invoice --

1459 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: That's a quote to complete the work. That's not
1460 (CROSSTALK) --

1461 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Let me get to the second question. What I'm saying to you -- this
1462 is what I'm saying.

1463 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1464 COUNCILMAN GAY: For my vote.

1465 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1466 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm not going to vote unless you bring me an estimate that's specific for
1467 the change in cost, along with documentation. This is just you telling us this in a few minutes --
1468 to spend -- to give you -- give y'all \$420,000 out of our MOST tax. So in good faith, I'm going
1469 to say to you, sure. But in good faith, we spending all week with the media trying to explain
1470 another set of money.

1471 So my point -- and I'm making this point for a reason --

1472 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Councilman Carn --

1473 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, I don't think he's finished.

1474 COUNCILMAN GAY: City Manager?

1475 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes.

1476 COUNCILMAN GAY: What I'm -- City Attorney, the bottom line is, not -- for me, anytime
1477 there's a cost overrun, I want to see the estimate for the cost overrun with a description of what --
1478 why is that cost sufficient? I don't want to see the same statement that we approved almost six
1479 months ago. Because I want them to believe us, like you want us to take your word for it, because
1480 we know it's in good faith. But there's nothing here that says anything, but just I want you all to
1481 give us 420 more thousand dollars. But I got no documentation to tell you why, but Councilman
1482 Carn saying, "GDOT came and told us we need this".

1483 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

1484 COUNCILMAN CARN: You're right, you're absolutely right. Dr. Emmanuel, I think that maybe
1485 our on-call, Kemi, can produce us a separate invoice in the amount, possibly of 420 -- the 420
1486 amount, that way we can just see the additional work some kind of way -- or they could probably
1487 manage something along those lines.

1488 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: That's no problem.

1489 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay.

1490 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: You can get it tomorrow.

1491 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay.

1492 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: (INAUDIBLE) along the 400 apartment --

1493 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: They come online?

1494 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: They come online.

1495 COUNCILMAN CARN: Let's get that in the morning. I'm sure they'll produce it, since that's
1496 how they're going to get paid. So let's make that happen tomorrow.

1497 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay, no problem. No problem.

1498 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

1499 COUNCILMAN CARN: All they need is a computer and a printer, and they should be able to
1500 produce that, so.

1501 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1502 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
1503 those in favor?

1504 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye. With the proviso bringing in the 420, the separate invoice from
1505 Kemi in the exact amount.

1506 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Are we getting -- we're getting two different estimates, right?
1507 We're going to have the estimate with the \$700,000, and the estimate with the \$420,850, right?

1508 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah, yeah.

1509 COUNCILMAN GAY: That shows the cost overrun.

1510 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Right, right. That's -- right.

1511 COUNCILMAN GAY: So, right. We're getting two estimates. Well, we already have an
1512 estimate, because we voted on it.

1513 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Wait, we have the \$700,000 already.

1514 COUNCILMAN GAY: I just want to see an estimate for the cost overrun.

1515 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No problem. You'll get it tomorrow, yeah.

1516 COUNCILMAN GAY: Well, ma'am, I'm going to remove my motion.

1517 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve Kemi Construction Company proposal for the
1518 Sanitary Sewer Main installation at SR Georgia 314, West Fayetteville Road,

1519 Phoenix Boulevard at approximately \$420,850.00, seconded by Councilman Carn but
1520 motion was withdrawn.

1521 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. He's withdrawn his motion. Does anyone else wish to
1522 make a motion?

1523 COUNCILMAN CARN: I make the substitute motion that we approve, contingent upon Kemi
1524 Construction, our on-call provider, producing us a separate invoice in the amount of the 420 K for
1525 the additional work.

1526 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No problem.

1527 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1528 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second with discussion. If it's okay with you all, I would like to see any
1529 document whatsoever that GDOT gave to us via email, correspondence that substantiate this
1530 overrun. Anything that GDOT has provided --

1531 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1532 COUNCILMAN GAY: -- that substantiate this --

1533 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah, the drawings -- we sent you the drawings.

1534 COUNCILMAN GAY: No, that's not what the, no.

1535 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: That's what -- that's what they -- the drawing was what they
1536 approved. They want that (INAUDIBLE) not counting the --

1537 COUNCILMAN GAY: Right. But I want to see that conversation. I want to see exactly what
1538 GDOT says to costs us to pay Prime Engineer, to redraw something that we didn't figure in
1539 December, that costing us \$420,000. I want to see that documentation.

1540 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No problem, sir. No problem.

1541 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
1542 those in favor?

1543 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1544 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Opposed?

1545 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1546 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1547 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any abstentions?

1548 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1549 COUNCILMAN GAY: Abstain.

1550 CITY CLERK AMES: Who (CROSSTALK) --

1551 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on, one second. Hold on, one second.

1552 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: (CROSSTALK) wait until we have the information before we
1553 (CROSSTALK).

1554 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on -- hold on, one second, hold on, hold on. Discussion's
1555 closed. We're moving to a vote. All those in favor?

1556 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1557 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Opposed?

1558 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1559 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1560 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1561 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So, the motion fails. So, Council Member Carn was in
1562 favor. Council Members McKenzie, Arnold, and Gay opposed.

1563 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve contingency of Kemi Construction Company,
1564 our On-Call provider with proviso of production of a separate invoice in the amount
1565 of \$420,000 for the additional work to show cost overrun, seconded by Councilman
1566 Gay, Councilman Carn voted in favor and Councilmembers McKenzie, Arnold, and
1567 Gay voted in opposition and motion failed.

1568 COUNCILMAN CARN: Council Member Arnold said aye. I don't think the motion failed. What
1569 did you hear, City Clerk, because I thought I heard differently, but --

1570 CITY CLERK AMES: Councilman Carn moved to approve the motion, contingent upon Kemi
1571 providing separate invoices showing cost overrun. When called for a vote, all those were in favor,
1572 except for Councilman Gay, Arnold, and McKenzie.

1573 COUNCILMAN CARN: Voted what?

1574 CITY CLERK AMES: They opposed.

1575 COUNCILMAN CARN: They opposed?

1576 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes.

1577 COUNCILMAN CARN: Oh, I'm sorry. I must have heard -- I thought I heard Council Member
1578 Arnold say yes. I'm sorry.

1579 CITY CLERK AMES: Council Member Arnold said opposed first, so you probably didn't hear
1580 it. She opposed first.

1581 COUNCILMAN CARN: The second vote that the mayor just did --

1582 CITY CLERK AMES: Yeah, she opposed it. That's what happened.

1583 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So, we're done.

1584 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. All right.

1585 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: So, for clarification, this project is --

1586 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, well, I make a second substitute motion, and this is just a
1587 suggestion here. If you bring this back to us at the next council meeting, with the information --
1588 the email from GDOT indicating that there was an additional issue that would require additional
1589 cost, as well as the invoice from Kemi, maybe we can put the wheels back on the wagon here. It's
1590 important to have the documentation. It would have been good to have something from GDOT
1591 stating what happened. I mean, obviously, that's great -- not that I don't believe you, I believe
1592 you. And I'm sure -- and GDOT does this all the time when they're reviewing the State Route.
1593 So, I'm sure it's there. You don't have any reason to make that up. So I trust, if you can bring
1594 that back to us -- we need that letter. How long -- now this was something that happened in
1595 December, so, we're in April. I just -- if we can get it done as fast as possible, that's great. Now,
1596 Council Member Arnold, it's your district. If you don't want to do it all, I'm fine with it, but --

1597 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: (INAUDIBLE).

1598 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- whatever you think. It's your area.

1599 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1600 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Can we table this until we have the information?

1601 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, that's what I'm asking, to table it.

1602 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Right. You know, I don't want to do any substitute motions, but
1603 table it until we have the information so that we can take an appropriate (CROSSTALK).

1604 COUNCILMAN CARN: I rescind my motion. I rescind my motion.

1605 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It's already -- the motion's already been made, seconded, and
1606 voted upon. The motion failed.

1607 COUNCILMAN CARN: My substitute-- I make a substitute motion to table this item --

1608 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry, I'm sorry, stop. Everyone, please. Madam Clerk.

1609 CITY CLERK AMES: The substitute motion is to bring the item back. By Councilman Carn
1610 made the substitute motion to bring the item back for consideration with documentation from
1611 GDOT to support this proposal with the invoice request.

1612 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second? Motion dies for lack of a second.

1613 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to bring the agenda item back for consideration with
1614 documentation from Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) to support the
1615 proposal with the requested invoice but motion died due to the lack of a second.

1616 COUNCILMAN CARN: That's essentially tabling it until the information --

1617 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's not what you said.

1618 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Well, I will make a third substitute motion. I'll support the
1619 table -- table this item.

1620 COUNCILWOMEN MCKENZIE: I'll support to tabling it.

1621 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. There's a motion to be tabled. It's already been defeated.

1622 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: You can't table a motion that's defeated; it's beaten, it's dead.
1623 So, I mean, you can bring it back --

1624 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You can bring it back.

1625 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Just bring it back.

1626 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah, like we don't have to --

1627 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: (CROSSTALK) once you defeat it.

1628 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- like we're beating a dead horse here.

1629 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Just bring it back.

1630 COUNCILMAN CARN: Bring it back.

1631 COUNCILMAN GAY: Bring it back.

1632 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right.

1633 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right.

1634 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No problem.

1635 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

1636 9. City Attorney's Report

1637 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is City Attorney's report.

1638 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: So, there's been conversation as it relates to meetings of a
1639 quorum of the city council. And I just felt it was appropriate this evening just to say a word about
1640 that. The members of council are sometime unclear what they can and cannot do. And there are
1641 clarities exacerbated when, you know, citizens see three council members sitting at a Waffle House
1642 and say, ah-ha-, they're meeting illegally, they're eating at Waffle House. And the council
1643 members sometimes don't know, well, can't we go to Waffle House, or does that constitute an
1644 illegal meeting in violation of Georgia Open Meetings Act?

1645 Well, first and foremost, let's start with what the Open Meetings Act does not prohibit. The Open
1646 Meetings Act does not prohibit certain social and civil gatherings of members of city council.
1647 Sometimes you are attending a funeral of a fallen colleague, and all five of you may be present.
1648 That does not constitute and illegal meeting. Sometimes you go to Waffle House. That does not
1649 constitute an illegal meeting. The Open Meeting Act sets its face against gatherings of a quorum

1650 of a governing body where the goal is to discuss the official business of the city or to take official
1651 action.

1652 Sometimes you may be traveling. For instance, you're going down to Savannah to go to GMA,
1653 or traveling to DC for National League of Cities, and you've been driving a car together, or on an
1654 airplane together. Those gatherings of a quorum of you, does not constitute an illegal meeting in
1655 violation of the Open Meetings Act. Only when you gather to discuss the official business of the
1656 city of College Park, or to take official action, that is what the law sets its face against, and you
1657 should be mindful of that.

1658 I think that best practice is to avoid the gathering of quorum whenever you can. Sometimes that's
1659 unavoidable. Sometimes that's not desirable. So my advice to you is, to consult with me whenever
1660 you're unclear. But, as a general matter, whenever a majority of you, a quorum gather, it is not,
1661 per se, an illegal meeting, but it is with a goal and the purpose is to discuss city business or to take
1662 official action.

1663 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

1664 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is city manager's report.

1665 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I have a question still for the attorney on your report.

1666 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie?

1667 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. So, basically, just to get the clarification. If we -- for
1668 instance, if one of the council members has a community meeting or a town hall, and they invite
1669 other council members to attend, and then those council members are on the program to give
1670 words, remarks, or whatever it may be, what would be the procedure for something like that?

1671 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: I would, out of the abundance of caution, advertise it as a public
1672 meeting. If there's going to be a quorum of the city council present, it would be difficult to argue
1673 that a town hall meeting, or a community meeting, where you're specifically discussing the
1674 business and affairs of the city of College Park, would not trigger the Open Meetings Act. And
1675 it's fine to do these things, but you just have to simply advertise it as a public meeting, give the
1676 public adequate notice, and then you're fine. Now sometimes, there may be a town hall meeting
1677 where members of the city council are present, a quorum is present, but not all members of that
1678 quorum are participating in the meeting. Some of you may be sitting in the audience. It might
1679 be -- I don't know, the Ward 3 meeting, and others just sitting in the audience as ordinary citizens,
1680 that would not trigger the Open Meetings Act. So it's sort of a case by case basis, so I cannot say
1681 in every case, here's the outcome. I would have to look at all the prevailing circumstances before
1682 I could give an opinion. But, my -- as a rule of thumb I would say, it's always best just to advertise
1683 the meeting, when you have knowledge that a quorum of governing body is going to be present.

1684 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: And the reason also is, last week, we had an information
1685 session here, and three members of council were present. When the information -- the media
1686 department reached out to see whether or not -- I guess they were in communication with the clerk,
1687 city clerk, about whether or not this should be advertised as a public meeting or a community
1688 meeting. We had more than 24 hours to be able to announce that to the public. I was informed by
1689 the media, that they were told by the clerk that it should just be -- it should be a community
1690 meeting. So it was advertised as a community meeting, but it was not advertised as a public
1691 meeting.

1692 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Council, what I would say to you is, the Open Meetings Act is
1693 not drawing distinction there.

1694 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

1695 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: The only one thing, a meeting, and a meeting is a gathering of
1696 a quorum to discuss the official business of the city. So the (INAUDIBLE) is not going to distinct
1697 between a public meeting, or a community meeting, that that's not a distinction the law embraces.
1698 And so, when you know that there's going to be that gathering of a quorum, I would strongly
1699 encourage you to advertise the meeting as such. It was not my intention to talk about that specific
1700 gathering --

1701 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

1702 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: -- because I don't have all their facts. I'm not able to render an
1703 opinion on whether that was problematic or not. I was just trying to give some overall guidance
1704 to cover you going forward.

1705 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Well, thank you --

1706 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have a question.

1707 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- I just, you know, again, for clarity, because it's just that we
1708 need to know. We all need to be on the same page in sort of understanding this for future purposes.
1709 Thank you.

1710 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have a question.

1711 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

1712 COUNCILMAN GAY: What constitute advertisement and notice?

1713 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: So you have to publish it on the website, a conspicuous place,
1714 where the meeting is going to be held at city hall, and if it's a meeting not at the normal place,
1715 you'd have to publish it in the lead more.

1716 COUNCILMAN GAY: So, is the city's website considered --

1717 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yes.

1718 COUNCILMAN GAY: Because I know when my meetings are put on the website, weeks in
1719 advance, that notice certain elected officials may come and render remarks, so notice is allowed
1720 on social media?

1721 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yes, sir. I mean, putting it on the city's website is part of a
1722 news report.

1723 COUNCILMAN GAY: Good. Because I know during the civil rights, they used to march, and
1724 they locked them up, and they said, well, we gave you all notice. They said, well, we just got here.
1725 And the man said, no, we put a sign on the tree; gave you all notice. So, this is very ambiguous
1726 when you start talking about notice, but I will say for the record, ours was on social media, so there
1727 it is.

1728 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Attorney, you know, last year, we had what I felt was an improper
1729 meeting. This was in December, and it was a BIDA meeting that we knew that more than -- three
1730 council members or more were going to be at the meeting. And I said to myself, I said, we need
1731 to make this a joint meeting, because we know that there are going to be three of here for sure.
1732 And when we got to the meeting, I asked -- first of all, I suggested that we call this a meeting for
1733 council and mayor, because we had four members of the elected body there, in addition to BIDA.
1734 However, I was, you know, the meeting was not called as a meeting by mayor and council, but
1735 now we've made some changes where three council members can call a meeting when we deem it
1736 necessary, in terms of, you know, transparency, that when there are three there, we need to call it
1737 a meeting. So, we want to make sure that we're able to do that. This is one of the reasons we
1738 made that change to the ordinance from my experience last year in December, where were there
1739 at the BIDA meeting, and we had to hamstring something together where a couple of members
1740 couldn't speak, and they were there as citizens only. And, you're right, we need to streamline it,
1741 that way that does not happen again. But I did insist that we call that -- that's an official meeting
1742 of council and mayor, but everyone didn't feel that way, so -- but now we can get it together, and
1743 we have the authority to do it as well with three votes. So, all right.

1744 CITY CLERK AMES: May I ask something? I'm responsible for posting the meetings of mayor
1745 and council. I'm not responsible for posting the public forums or community forums. That's not
1746 something that has been under my purview.

1747 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

1748 CITY CLERK AMES: So, when it came to me, I was not aware of the meeting whatsoever. So
1749 when I asked one of the Communications staff members, do you know anything about the meeting?
1750 And they said, no. I said, well, it's not a meeting of mayor and council, so we cannot post it as
1751 such. My suggestion was a community forum, because I did not know of any other options,
1752 because it's not a special called meeting, and it's not a special public meeting that requires action.
1753 So that was my suggestion --

1754 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, that's what you said.

1755 CITY CLERK AMES: -- if there's any other way you would like to do it going forward, I'm open
1756 to it. But meetings of mayor and council, I'm responsible for getting that information out to
1757 Communications, and they push it out to the public.

1758 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understandable, understandable. So, City Attorney, City Manager,
1759 we're going to make that change in terms of any meeting when there's three or more --

1760 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: And I have to add this part. The penalties under The Open
1761 Meetings Act -- criminal penalties -- so this is serious and important. And so what I say to you is,
1762 if there's going to be a gathering of a quorum, I believe that the meeting should be advertised, we
1763 want to discuss city business and so, Mr. City Manager, my advice and recommendation would
1764 be, whether it's an official meeting, or a called meeting, or whatever the case might be, when we
1765 know that there's going to be a gathering of a quorum, that we advertise that meeting as such.

1766 COUNCILMAN GAY: And the City Attorney, you know, back to you, as far as town hall
1767 meetings, if it's published that members of council may come by and render words, I want to just --
1768 for the record you're saying that, if it's on the city's, as well as other social media sites, that
1769 constitutes notice?

1770 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yeah, we have notice requirements that require publication on
1771 the website and in a legal wording.

1772 COUNCILMAN GAY: Wait a minute, you just --

1773 CITY CLERK AMES: In the building. Okay.

1774 COUNCILMAN GAY: -- you just said something different five minutes ago.

1775 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: No, I didn't. I mentioned legal wording the last time.

1776 COUNCILMAN GAY: So -- so my question is, if you have a town hall meeting, and you put it
1777 on the city's website, is that satisfied notice?

1778 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: That may not be sufficient. You may have -- depending on the
1779 location, you may have to put it on the website and the legal -- there might be a two-step process.
1780 But what I'm saying is, once you notify the staff that there's going to be a gathering or a quorum,
1781 we will figure out precisely how to advertise for that event.

1782 COUNCILMAN GAY: And if our clerk, or our city manager -- or I'm -- elected officials who
1783 may be smarter than we are, see that someone is having an event, where elective officials have
1784 been invited, wouldn't that not trigger the professionalism standards of somebody who knows
1785 better? I mean, you say, hey, this guys is having a town meeting. Oh, I see, there's elected
1786 officials. Let's also -- I mean, what I'm saying is, in the spirit of what we're trying to say and do,
1787 I would expect that other people, who have knowledge of this, if you see a flyer that sees pictures
1788 of elective officials, if you know that that's a constitute, then somebody need to also take a lead
1789 role here. I invited you, okay?

1790 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yes, you did.

1791 COUNCILMAN GAY: So, you know, we a team.

1792 COUNCILMAN CARN: It sounds like we fixing it right now. It sounds like we've got it fixed.

1793 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So can we just decide now that -- I mean, maybe the time we
1794 need to take a vote or whatever, just make a consensus that any meeting that we have should -- it
1795 should be publicized going forward on a public organ, as well, anything that's going to go on our
1796 website advertising a meeting. Because even like on -- on Friday, we had the women's program.
1797 And we had all four council member and the mayor, all of us were there, and all of us spoke.

1798 COUNCILMAN CARN: I would agree with you -- 90 percent of that. I would say, any meeting
1799 that we suspect that there may be more than three at a meeting, you know. If I'm having a meeting
1800 at one of my apartment complexes, I pretty much know that there's not going to be a quorum there.
1801 I mean, you know, so -- so -- but those meetings that are obvious events where we suspect it's
1802 something, we'll let you all make the judgment with Communications, and make sure that these
1803 apartments (CROSSTALK).

1804 COUNCILMAN GAY: Why that is a rule of thumb, any elected official to have any meeting
1805 whatsoever, becomes the responsibility of the clerk and the city manager to post it --

1806 CITY CLERK AMES: Yeah, I agree. I agree.

1807 COUNCILMAN GAY: -- and the city ordered it, and that's you all's responsibility.

1808 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Everything, every single meeting.

1809 COUNCILMAN GAY: And that's it.

1810 CITY CLERK AMES: Meetings, not events, for clarity.

1811 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Anything. Anything where an elected official is sponsoring;
1812 going to be there, you know a colleague could possibly come by, it needs to be posted.

1813 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, events.

1814 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'd rather err on the side of caution.

1815 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: That might be -- I mean, it's y'all's call. And that may be going
1816 a bit far, because, I mean, you could have any event where -- I think the key is, when we know
1817 that there's going to be a quorum (CROSSTALK) --

1818 COUNCILMAN GAY: I went on your Easter egg hunt, Joe, what if Jamelle had stopped by, and
1819 you had a quorum?

1820 COUNCILMAN CARN: (CROSSTALK).

1821 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I think the distinction here -- I think the distinction that you're
1822 missing here --

1823 COUNCILMAN CARN: It was an event though. I think that's --

1824 COUNCILMAN GAY: Ah, man, that's a stretch. It wasn't a community meeting.

1825 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I think the -- the event -- the distinction that you're missing is, if
1826 you're talking about business.

1827 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right.

1828 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I mean, the women's history event on Friday, due to the raging
1829 pollen in the air, I said my greetings, and then I left. And there wasn't -- I mean, there was a movie
1830 shown. I think that's different than having a meeting talking about business. So, it is incumbent
1831 upon us as elected officials to be cognizant of the laws that govern us, and the ways in which we
1832 can conduct ourselves when there are -- when there's more than one of us around. And so, I
1833 mean -- I think placing the onerous on our staff to track our movements, to have every single event
1834 noticed, is unwieldy, unreasonable, and unduly burdensome.

1835 COUNCILMAN GAY: And you are right. And I just want to say this for the record. There was
1836 a public comment that said, you have a voice. Now this has been recorded publicly, that you have
1837 an opportunity to express, and you have done that publicly throughout tonight. So, it needs to be
1838 incumbent that you are clearly demonstrating that you are not silence. That's all I have.

1839 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So -- and again, I guess back on this subject. Again, last
1840 Thursday, and that's probably going to come back up again, we -- on Wednesday, we had more
1841 than 24 hours advance to give notice. The media team was asking whether or not this should be
1842 advertised as a public meeting or a community meeting. Keisha is not here now, but I don't know,
1843 Ms. Cameron was -- Ms. Preston was aware that we were trying to determine whether this meeting
1844 should be advertised as a public meeting or a community meeting.

1845 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: (INAUDIBLE) Councilwoman, as many of you know, this
1846 matter was kind of touched on in a matter that was submitted to the Georgia attorney general, and
1847 I'm in the process of responding to the attorney general right now. And so -- and that's why I
1848 specifically and purposely did not get into the specifics of the event that just happened --

1849 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay, okay.

1850 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: -- and I don't think it's prudent to do so.

1851 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right, then I -- I'll let that go.

1852 10. City Manager's Report

1853 CITY CLERK AMES: City Manager's report.

1854 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, I sent you an email earlier today at 1:32 p.m., asking
1855 you to forward any subsequent correspondence that you had received from Southwest Atlanta
1856 Energy Storage or NextEra, regarding the 0 Welcome All Road re-zoning since Thursday, March
1857 21st, correct?

1858 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, and I sent the documents to you.

1859 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And then, you attached a letter received after March 21st, and then
1860 you said the former documents were dated March 18th and 19th, and that was at 3:24 p.m., is that
1861 correct?

1862 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The initial -- yes.

1863 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

1864 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: And then after that, I send you --

1865 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And then I asked you to forward the correspondence in which you
1866 received the letter, correct -- the most updated letter that Mr. James was talking about, correct?

1867 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah. Yes, I forwarded that document to you, yes, ma'am.

1868 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes. And I asked you to send the correspondence in which you'd
1869 received the letter, correct?

1870 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: And I sent that to you, it was hand-delivered.

1871 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And I asked you by whom, is that correct?

1872 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Ma'am, you requested for the document, and I gave you the
1873 document.

1874 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I asked you --

1875 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: And I'm not obligated to tell you -- I told you I received it. It
1876 was hand-delivered. And I -- you know, I --

1877 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And I asked you by whom, is that correct?

1878 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I --

1879 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I asked you by whom at 3:31 p.m., is that correct?

1880 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, you did. But you asked for the document, and I give you
1881 the document --

1882 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And then, your response at 3:33 p.m. was that, "Mayor, you
1883 requested the document, and you got it", is that correct?

1884 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes --

1885 COUNCILMAN CARN: (INAUDIBLE) --

1886 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm still on my report, sir.

1887 COUNCILMAN CARN: Point of order.

1888 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Nope. Sir, this is my report.

1889 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Attorney, with all due respect, I think this is a matter City Attorney
1890 that probably needs to be discussed in Executive Session.

1891 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There is nothing regarding litigation, real estate, or personnel.

1892 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: To me, it seems like --

1893 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, it was a suggestion.

1894 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran? Dr. Adediran.

1895 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: This is crossing the line, you know, becoming like harassment,
1896 that's what I --

1897 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran?

1898 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: -- you asked for a document, I gave it to you. Did I give you
1899 the document? Yes or no?

1900 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And I ask -- yes, sir, you gave me the document --

1901 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay. All right.

1902 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- and then I asked you from whom you received it? And now,
1903 since you didn't answer me, I'm going to ask you again.

1904 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Mm-hmm.

1905 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Who hand-delivered the document?

1906 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It's right in front -- I gave you the document you asked for.

1907 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, I'll ask you again, who hand-delivered the
1908 document?

1909 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: As I stated, it doesn't have anything to do with the document.
1910 I gave you the document you requested for, and that's it.

1911 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, who hand-delivered the document?

1912 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Ms. Mayor, you asked for a document. I gave you -- I gave you
1913 the document, and that's it.

1914 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Are you refusing to answer my question?

1915 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: You call it whatever you want to call it, but I -- you crossing
1916 the line of -- to me, now it seems like you're trying to harass. That's you know -- and City

1917 Attorney, I want to file, you know, a motion, because it's getting ridiculous now. You asked for
1918 the document. I gave you the document. Did I not give you the document?

1919 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, you did give me the document --

1920 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay, so --

1921 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And then I -- and then you told --

1922 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: What -- I mean, what does it have to do with where I got the
1923 documents from?

1924 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, there's a great deal of community interest in this
1925 particular issue. I'm asking you one more time, who hand-delivered the document to you?

1926 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Whoever gave me the document don't have nothing to do with
1927 anything. I gave you the document you requested for, and that was it.

1928 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, the document you sent me -- because Mr. James is
1929 not the only person who can handle metadata.

1930 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Mr. James is not the only one did that what?

1931 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That can handle metadata. That document wasn't hand-delivered
1932 to you.

1933 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes it was.

1934 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Because -- because --

1935 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: If you were here Thursday you would have gotten the same
1936 document I got.

1937 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The document you sent me was created by Melissa Schroeder on
1938 Thursday. The metadata reflects that.

1939 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: And --

1940 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So, Dr. Adediran, I'm going to ask you one more time --

1941 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1942 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- please send me the correspondence.

1943 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It was hand-delivered.

1944 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: By whom?

1945 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I -- I don't have to answer you, ma'am. I gave you the document
1946 you requested for, and that's it.

1947 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Why do you not want to answer this question, sir?

1948 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It's not relevant to anything, and that's why. It's not relevant.

1949 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Hicks? Hi, Mr. Hicks. How are you?

1950 MICHAEL HICKS: Good, how are you?

1951 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm doing well. And Ms. Ames --

1952 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes, ma'am.

1953 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- I will be making a request for any emails from Melissa
1954 Schroeder, and please understand that I will need to see those as quickly as possible. Because the
1955 metadata does not reflect that this was a hand-delivered document, and I'm very concerned about
1956 the -- what's being represented in regard to this particular issue. And I'm deeply disappointed that
1957 you consider a direct question, by whom was this document hand-delivered, harassment, because
1958 it's very straightforward.

1959 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I gave you an answer. You requested for the document. I gave
1960 you the document, and that should be the end of it. Where -- how -- you know, I mean --

1961 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: But it's not.

1962 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Why not?

1963 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It is not.

1964 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Well, to me, it is.

1965 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: One of us is here to represent the citizens of College Park.

1966 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1967 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And if you can't answer that question tonight --

1968 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1969 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- I believe there's probably some people who are watching this,
1970 or who will watch it tomorrow --

1971 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1972 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- or the next day --

1973 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1974 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- who will want that same answer.

1975 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1976 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

1977 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Thank you.

1978 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

1979 CITY CLERK AMES: For my clarity --

1980 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am.

1981 CITY CLERK AMES: -- you said all emails from Melissa Schroeder. Is there a specific timeframe
1982 and receiver?

1983 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any -- any receiver.

1984 CITY CLERK AMES: Oh, you said any.

1985 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any receiver from Melissa Schroeder from NextEra Energy.

1986 CITY CLERK AMES: Got it.

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1988 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So, I want to wish everybody -- I hope they had a great
1989 Easter, Happy Ramadan to those who are celebrating. I want to echo Michael Hightower's
1990 comments about South Metro Outlook, it -- Development Outlook, it was a great conference. We
1991 had over 600 attendees, ranging -- and we talked about AI issues; economic development. It was
1992 absolutely a great time for the GICC and the southside to shine.

1993 I want to congratulate "Keep College Park Beautiful" on another successful clean-up day on June
1994 23rd. Congratulations to all who got their hands dirty. They got in waders and everything else to
1995 make sure that our community is better than when they found it. We keep on building the
1996 community that we deserve.

1997 I want to thank superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools, Ms. Carter, for setting up the
1998 trip to Morrow High School, because we had an opportunity to see the absolutely outstanding
1999 aviation program at Morrow High School. First of all, the newly revamped Morrow High School
2000 is absolutely amazing. But the students within this program have an opportunity at Morrow High
2001 School to see aviation from the ground up, taking written tests to become FAA certified, and then
2002 going through three different stages, and they actually have flight simulators at the high school. I
2003 got the opportunity to actually sit in one. They wouldn't let me fly it, but it was outstanding.
2004 We've got kids who are headed off to the Air Force, who are going to four-year institutions, and
2005 going through junior ROTC, and have plans to become pilots at Delta and other airlines. So it is
2006 an incredible opportunity for kids to have the chance to reach all new heights right in Clayton
2007 County. I want to thank everyone who is a part of the program. It is -- it is something to see. And
2008 thank you again, Ms. Carter, for setting it all up.

2009 We had our South Fulton Municipal Association meeting last week. Tharon Johnson from
2010 Paramount Consulting was there, talking about all of the information that was going on back and
2011 forth, because we were there for -- in Fairburn, at the same time that Sine Die was happening,
2012 which is the end of the legislative session in Georgia for the year. And so, there are a number of
2013 bills headed to the governor's desk, and several of them that have particular importance to those
2014 of us in municipalities. The chief will be happy to know, well, Chief Rogers, will be happy to
2015 know that there was a bill that the Georgia Municipal Association fought back that would have
2016 prohibited municipal governments from using radar on interstates. So, we're happy that didn't
2017 pass, because we are all focused on public safety, and we know we have a lot of interstates that go
2018 through College Park, and so that would have certainly negatively impacted us. And we appreciate
2019 the efforts of GMA and others, to make sure that local control always reigns.

2020 And House Bill 581 is a state-wide floating homestead exemption that local governments can opt
2021 out of, but it also amends the taxpayer bill of rights to afford greater clarity for millage rate
2022 considerations. Because every single year, when we are choosing to adopt a millage rate, we have
2023 to post it in a way that tends to reflect something that may not be actually happening. Like when
2024 we have our millage rate at the same rate, because of the appreciation in home values, we have to
2025 advertise it as a tax increase, even though the city itself is not doing anything to increase taxes.
2026 And so, House Bill 581, if the governor signs it, would afford greater clarity to that process. And
2027 there are a number of other bills that were considered, and that have passed, and that are waiting

2028 on signature from the government. And so, you can find out a lot more about those through the
2029 AJC, or the Georgia Municipal Association. But there's a lot of things that absolutely impact us.

2030 I want to thank ATL Plus Magazine. They made me one of the 50 most powerful women in
2031 Atlanta, along with the other mayors of Clayton County, we had a fun time at a photo shoot a
2032 couple months ago, and they had the launch party last week. But I had to do business first, so I
2033 was at the South Fulton Municipal Association, because we had to make sure that we were
2034 connecting with all of our colleagues in the South Fulton region.

2035 Thank you to Recreation and Cultural Arts for all of your hard work on the Women's History
2036 Month, and appreciation, and the annual Easter egg hunt, both of which were great. And I want
2037 to thank College Park Main Street Association for all of their hard work, and Ashley Bella, and
2038 her entire team at Artsy Bella for the amazing Virginia Avenue mural that we cut the ribbon on
2039 over the weekend. It was a fantastic culmination of all of her hard work, and a real community
2040 effort. I want to thank the Main Street Board for their vision; their planning to get us to this point.
2041 Christy Deen, from Drip-Thru Coffee was -- was one to note that this is the culmination of a plan
2042 that they did back in 2022. And so, it just shows what goes into making sure that we get great
2043 projects in our city. It takes planning. It takes thought. It takes a level of execution. It takes a
2044 great team.

2045 So, that's all that I have. Council Member McKenzie?

2046 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening, everyone. Today is April Fools' Day. And
2047 I'm actually sitting up here right now and saying, are we being April fooled? On the 1st of April,
2048 which occurs every single year, today, we celebrate -- and it's been celebrated for several centuries,
2049 throughout different cultures, April Fools' Day. No one really knows the exact origins of how it
2050 began, but, you know, what happens is, actually Chaplain Walker did it, you know, somebody says
2051 something, and then it's not true, and they -- they say, "April Fool's" at the end. Some historians
2052 believe, or speculate, that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the
2053 Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. And what happened is, for almost 90 days, how
2054 hysterical, almost 90 days where we are right now, people who were slow to get the correct news,
2055 or failed to recognize at the start of the new year had moved to January 1st, so they were thinking
2056 that April 1st was the beginning of the year, and so they were waiting for April 1st to celebrate a
2057 year that had already begun on January 1st. And they became the butt of jokes and hoaxes, and
2058 they were called April Fools'. So, I just wanted to give you a little bit of history of April Fools'
2059 as we are on April Fools' Day.

2060 I also have a question, because I want to ask the city attorney if you could really assist us? You
2061 don't have to answer this question now, but we really need some assistance with understanding
2062 and interpreting our charter. Because according to the charter, elected officials are not to give
2063 directives to city staff; that we give it to the city manager, and the city manager in turn -- so I
2064 would like a -- but I don't need it now, but I would like an interpretation. I think there's a lot of
2065 things that we are experiencing. We're under quite a bit of scrutiny, and we all want to make sure
2066 that we are following the legal bounds that are expected of us as elected officials here, including
2067 like for down to the meetings, everything, because our city deserves better.

2068 Anyway, just to go through a few of the things that have happened this month, or these last couple
2069 of weeks, I want to -- I did hear Pat Zackary mention the fact that it seemed as though that they
2070 were not given the opportunity to take the classes for the Planning Commission. I did send Pat a
2071 text while we're here. My commissioner, Tina Hill, reached out about wanting to take a course.
2072 And I want to thank City Manager Adediran for actually setting that up, and allowing her to -- the
2073 city will fund that. And I think that any planning member -- we're only talking \$190 for a class
2074 that will help persons. I was not aware that our Planning Commission, BIDA, we have to go
2075 through training within a prescribed time. So, from the perspective of BIDA, we are trained to
2076 understand what we're supposed to do. And if we have persons on boards and commissions in
2077 this city, and they don't have the foggiest what their role is, or what the -- the documents -- I've
2078 had board members still looking for documentation to understand what the different boards -- so
2079 we've got to do better. But also I believe that we should make available the training that's
2080 necessary. Because as a council, we are depending on our Board representatives and appointees
2081 to come to us with recommendations. When the BZA brings us something, I'm not going to be
2082 looking -- having to do their work again. I'm expecting them to give me a recommendation. I'm
2083 expecting the Planning Commission to give me a recommendation, so that I don't have to do the
2084 work that they've already been given to do.

2085 So, I heard about the clean-up of the Brady Trail and, Karen, that is something we're going to
2086 focus on. Because John did a great job in getting that trail to where it could be walkable; beautiful,
2087 and I know that this is an off time of the year, but I am requesting that, you know, Dr. Adediran,
2088 that we look into the Brady Trail, and whatever needs to be done, we want to -- one of my
2089 objectives is going to be beautifying College Park. When we dedicated, or we cut the ribbon of
2090 that mural on Virginia Avenue, it was just amazing. And just looking at the beauty. This is a
2091 beautiful city, and I just see murals. I see artwork. I see cleanliness. All the things that we think
2092 of when we think of beauty, that's what I'd like to see in our metropolis.

2093 I had the opportunity, in the last two weeks, to share with some amazing fifth graders at Feldwood
2094 Elementary School. That was on March 19th. I went class-to-class. And the funny thing was, as
2095 I started speaking to them, you know, they wanted to know what I do as an elected official. I don't
2096 know if I messed up. By the time I finished, none of them wanted to be an elected official, so
2097 that's just kind of funny. It's a hard job. If it was easy, I guess everybody would want to do it.
2098 And then when they heard about the pay, they just couldn't believe that you do all this stuff. So,
2099 you know -- so, it's -- it's lower than minimum wage.

2100 So, I attended a recycling meeting on March 21st. And again, that is one of my perspectives. I
2101 really want to see us really take care of the planet over the next four years. If nothing happens, I
2102 want to do things that bring clean energy to our city; that make sense on our Main Street corridor.
2103 I want to thank John Duke, who's really kind of become a big brother to me, and just the advising
2104 and -- you know, we got a lot of work to do, but -- and I would invite anybody that wants to see a
2105 beautiful city, please reach out to me. Let's do this thing together. Let's take care of our city
2106 together.

2107 Of course, we know that I did attend several -- two town hall meetings, one for Councilwoman
2108 Arnold, one for Councilman Gay. We also attended the Minority Business Awards Banquet on

2109 the same night as Councilman Gay's meeting. Favor House had a wonderful giveaway -- food
2110 giveaway at the Tracy Wyatt Rec, and I'm sure that Councilwoman Arnold will talk more about
2111 that. She sponsored that -- or hosted that as well, and just grateful for the amazing things that are
2112 happening.

2113 We had "Keep College Park Beautiful" -- we had our city-wide clean-up last Saturday. And we
2114 don't have the numbers, because we didn't keep up with the bags that were collected, but I know
2115 we made a great dent in our city during that time.

2116 Also, Nexus Church under the leadership of Pastor Harris. They had their opening service on Palm
2117 Sunday. I was able to attend that. The place was packed. That church is on Main Street right
2118 where Spice -- I think Jerk House is, across the street from there. And there were cars all up and
2119 down the street. And we're just happy about new ministries, new projects; new initiatives. People
2120 wanting to come to our city. And that's it. I'm not going to get into too much today. I think that
2121 I've shared enough. But it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the great people of Ward 1
2122 in the city of College Park. This is my 91st day in this seat, maybe it's 92. I'm starting to lose
2123 count. But I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to sit here, and to speak, and to make
2124 decisions. And yes, I will do better. That is my plan to do better every single day. But I need
2125 your help. And again, I invite anyone and everyone that has anything that you need to discuss, or
2126 any idea, reach out to me. But let's do it in a matter of kindness and mutual respect. Thank you
2127 very much.

2128 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

2129 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right, thank you. First thing, happy Easter. Hope everybody had a
2130 great Sunday. I did church, and it was -- the weather was absolutely perfect. I mean, it was really
2131 something on Easter. I mean, that was a great Easter, I got to admit. We had a great service,
2132 obviously; packed house. Myself and Congresswoman Williams, we're the only elected officials
2133 that attend our church, so she -- her and her family were there, of course, and my wife and I, and
2134 we just really enjoyed ourselves; a good, relaxing Sunday. I sent happy Easter's out to everybody.
2135 Mayor, did you get my happy Easter message? I'm glad you got it. I sent it to every -- I think I
2136 sent it to just about everybody. Also, Saturday we had a great Easter egg event in the community.
2137 It was at Willis Park, and we had 80 -- 85 folks turn out. They came in for -- we went over the
2138 time limit actually, and Michelle, I want to thank you so much for the eggs. I'll say it again, I want
2139 to thank you for the eggs and the baskets. They did not go to waste. I'll tell you, we kept putting
2140 out rounds of those eggs, and it got to a point where some of the kids were following us around
2141 when we were trying to hide the eggs, so we had to pull a diversion move, which was pretty good.
2142 We gathered them all in one spot, and I did some giveaways with all of them in the crowd while
2143 the parents were hiding the eggs, so it went pretty well.

2144 Kenny, I want to thank you for your help there -- helping out in the community. Great event.
2145 Great community turnout. Just really great event.

2146 Also, the Women's History Month event. That was absolutely incredible. You could feel the
2147 power up on that stage and in that crowd.

2148 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: What you said.

2149 COUNCILMAN CARN: I mean, could you -- was it just me?

2150 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: It was awesome.

2151 COUNCILMAN CARN: I mean, it was like, you know, your hairs were standing on your skin
2152 there. It was really -- there was something in the air there. That was really -- that was really a
2153 special, special event. And, you know, it's so important that we recognize our community folks.
2154 You cannot do this without community residents and community partners. Folks, if you depending
2155 on government to solve all your problems, let me tell you right now, you're going to be letdown,
2156 because government cannot do it alone, no government. It takes community partnerships. It takes
2157 volunteers. It takes the churches. It takes all of these nonprofit organizations to make it happen,
2158 and I'm just so happy that we do have that in this city. We're not a perfect city. But we're working
2159 hard, and I'm always going to be doing the best that I can to make sure that we get it together and
2160 keep it going.

2161 A couple of things I did want to touch on. The young lady that came at public comments from
2162 Fulton County, she's the Fulton County Municipal Liaison, the policy person. When I was County
2163 Commissioner, that was a position that I asked my colleagues on the Fulton County Commission
2164 to create and establish that position, so that someone from the county would be in constant contact
2165 with all 15 cities on a weekly basis in the county, so that the county could know what was going
2166 on in these cities, and what was happening, because it affected the county level. So
2167 communication, cross communication; that's important. It took a couple of years for them to get
2168 the position, but it finally rolled around. I know I pushed for that all the while I was Commissioner.

2169 City Manager, I want to be sure to replace the road street signage with the proper Lottie Miller
2170 Drive signage. I understand that signage was ordered, you know, before the name change, but we
2171 want to make sure we change those signs from the road street signs to the proper -- the Lottie
2172 Miller signs. We definitely want to make sure we take care of that and cover that.

2173 Couple other things. I know we talked about how we're collecting for my businesses in terms of
2174 owed monies. And that's been something we've been working on for a while now. A couple of
2175 meetings ago, we did approve our collection agency outfit to pursue the delinquent bills that are
2176 due. Althea, I don't know if that's under you, but I guess -- do we got -- we have that up and
2177 rolling, because I know we approved that contract, I guess it was February, no, March, the first
2178 meeting in March I think. So are they out -- in at it, or?

2179 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Yes.

2180 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Well, we want to keep tabs on that and see how they're doing,
2181 because they promised a better percentage clip than the previous outfit. So we're looking forward
2182 to getting those collections in. We need all of the money that we do. And we want to make sure

2183 we're following up on every penny. So, City Manager, we got to make it our business to make
2184 sure that happens.

2185 A couple other things that we talked about. The Brady Trail, it does need work. I'm one of the
2186 few people that walk that thing on a regular basis. I know I always would run into a guy. It was
2187 a guy named Phil that would walk sometimes; he had a dog. And I would see him kind of often.
2188 Every now and then I would see another person, but it is cut regularly. Now, can it be done a little
2189 more often? Sure, but it does get regularly cut, so you do keep it cut. I do walk it -- again, regularly
2190 myself. Now, there are -- some of the railing and some of the fencing, that at some point a tree
2191 fell on one of the railings and bent it -- it's an iron railing. So we want to -- and my thought is, it's
2192 probably salvageable. My guess is, if you take that iron railing, and you heat that thing up, you
2193 could probably get -- you know, bend it back, because it wasn't totally damaged, but it -- part of
2194 it -- the tree fell on it, if you go walk down the trail, now there's some mesh fencing that another
2195 tree is leaning on, and that tree needs to come off of that, and I guess re -- replace that. So we
2196 want to definitely get down there and make some maintenance and some repairs there.

2197 We talked about the incident in the park. I know that came up. And Roger -- I know -- you know,
2198 that happened in Phillips Park there. You know, during these warm months, in particular,
2199 obviously, I think we need to, you know, have an officer do a walking patrol, Chief, in these parks.
2200 And I guess, we have the park rangers, so I guess they can kind of give us a feel for the ebb and
2201 flow of what might be the best times, so on and so forth, since they're in and out of there every
2202 day, I would imagine, so --

2203 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Councilman it will start tomorrow.

2204 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Well, let's --

2205 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The park attendants not rangers.

2206 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Well, it's warm, I don't think winter's coming back, so we
2207 want to make sure we've got coverage out there in the parks. But parks are very, very popular,
2208 even with folks that don't live in the city. Usually our city folks do okay out there with any
2209 problems to speak of, but every now and then, you know, you're going to get, you know,
2210 knuckleheads.

2211 I want to try to find out what the Planning Commission -- what exactly is the reason they haven't
2212 received any training. And if someone did tell Deborah, our City Planner, that funds were not
2213 available, I want to find out what happened there. We want to make sure that there are funds
2214 available for training. Those are not expensive sessions of training, but we want to make sure they
2215 do have the proper training. If you ask them to volunteer, we want to make sure that they're trained
2216 properly to know -- you know, know the rules and regs, and get the proper training like any other
2217 appointed city planners do.

2218 The other thing, Public Works. At some point, I want to look throughout the city. Some of our
2219 street signs, they simply basically need to be power washed. They need to be power washed. They
2220 got -- some of them got some mold on them and things on them. They don't necessarily need
2221 replacement. They're in good shape, but they need a -- so we want to make sure some of those
2222 street signs, speed limit signs, stop signs -- I'll see some every now and then, I'll stop at a corner,
2223 so we want to maybe do a round of power washing. With all this pollen in the air, I think it's
2224 definitely time, but some of them still have some mold on them from the winter, and so we want
2225 to make sure we cover that.

2226 The legislative session has ended. Mayor touched on some of the issues and some of the things
2227 that they did accomplish. I was at the South Fulton Municipal Association meeting, as this body
2228 designated me as a representative. So I made it there, and then I went to Sine Die. I always cover
2229 the end of the session, and I'm down at the Capitol several times. One of the big bills I was pushing
2230 was with a state representative by the name of Casey Carpenter. He's a republican, but, you know,
2231 you got to work with it -- whatever's going on underneath the gold dome. Also, Mary Margaret
2232 Oliver on the democratic side -- probably one of the best bills that came out of this session for this
2233 city was House Bill 404. It's like our area code, House Bill 404. What is that House Bill? Well,
2234 I'm glad you asked. I think it was almost custom-made for the city of College Park. Essentially,
2235 it's some regulatory requirements for rental apartments, which again, we're 75 percent rental, so
2236 this bill was pretty much right up our alley. And I was so glad that it happened. I was so glad that
2237 we got it -- that it passed, almost unanimously. I think it was only maybe two votes that were
2238 against this bill. Some of the basic requirements of it is that any contract or lease agreement -- and
2239 we have hundreds of them in College Park, it has to include the provision that the unit is fit for
2240 human habitation. In other words, a decent unit, a decent apartment unit. Why is that important
2241 to us? Well, we've got some apartments that are 45 years and older. I've got one apartment
2242 complex that was opened in 1968 when King was assassinated. And it's still there with some of
2243 the same electrical in those walls, and plumbing. When electrical gets that old, let me tell y'all
2244 something, sooner or later, some of those circuits are going to fail. Now, you know, we need to
2245 look at these things in terms of raising the standards in these apartments. This bill helps make that
2246 happen. The other pieces in the bill -- it's called the Safe at Home Act, House Bill 404. So we're
2247 looking forward to what that means for us. It also has a provision where it's -- it kind of makes
2248 the squatting thing possibly a thing of the past. And I think that's a good thing for our
2249 communities. We've got lots of apartment complexes where they're just squatters that have
2250 commandeered a unit, tear up the unit, and it's a long, drawn-out court process to remove someone
2251 that's really trespassing in the units. This is trouble for the neighbors and folks that actually rent,
2252 and are paying the rent, when you have that kind of trouble. So, this circumvents, theoretically,
2253 some of the court process, the long, drawn-out court process.

2254 Chief, I'm going to be meeting with state legislative council to get an understanding in terms of --
2255 the way the bill was created, it's so that counties and municipalities can create their own set of
2256 standards for decent habitation. And everybody may have a different definition of that. I mean,
2257 this is a statewide bill. You may have some apartment complexes in a rural county in south
2258 Georgia where, you know, they're dirt roads. And that's acceptable, because 75 percent of their
2259 roads are dirt roads. So they're -- what's fit is going to apply for them. Our what's fit is going to
2260 apply for us. With us, it's mostly with the age, excessive deferred maintenance, and neglect, which

2261 is what we're dealing with. So, we're looking forward to using that tool to make sure that we
2262 better our community. So I'm very -- we're very happy about that.

2263 We talked about the parks and rec thing, and Michelle, I'm glad we're going to -- I wanted to make
2264 those tweaks that we talked about, so let's look at all of that. I looked up the head of household.
2265 So, if you're head of household, and you're under 65 years old in 2024, you don't have to file
2266 income taxes if you make less than \$20,800. And there's some people that don't file their income
2267 taxes, because, you know, they're under that threshold. It's not something we're proud of, but it
2268 is what it is. We want to make sure that our requirements don't leave anybody out, so we just want
2269 to keep that in mind.

2270 I understand we have the FACAA person. Is that with finance, Althea, FACAA, Fulton Atlanta
2271 Community Action Authority, you know, with the resources for utility help and rental assistance
2272 and such? So we have a trained individual that's trained with Fulton County's FACAA that people
2273 can apply directly with the city. In other words, you don't have to go downtown to Memorial
2274 Drive to the FACAA headquarters to apply for utility bill assistance. We are a pilot program for
2275 FACAA, the first of its kind in Fulton County where you can come directly to the city and apply
2276 for utility bill assistance; for some rental assistance. So that's a first. And we're the guinea pig.
2277 And I don't know who the individual is that we have trained up there, but I'd like to meet them
2278 and just get a feel for how we're looking at updating that.

2279 One thing we want to actually also do as well, City Manager, more communication, more
2280 communication. Getting the word out that you don't have to go downtown now if you need rental
2281 assistance. FACAA is here onsite with a trained person with FACAA contractually obligated to
2282 make sure those funds are spent. And FACAA has millions of dollars that they're trying to give
2283 away every year. Some years, they're not able to give away all of the utility assistance money.
2284 Did you all hear what I said? Some years, they have so many millions that they have to give some
2285 back to the state. Now, I don't want them giving any back. And I wanted to make sure that College
2286 Park, and I made it my business to make sure that College Park was the first city to have a
2287 contractual onsite FACAA person, so that money is available. I'm going to say it again, that
2288 money is available. But, City Manager, if they don't know about it -- so we're going to make sure
2289 we get the word out.

2290 Last couple of things I'll just touch on here, in regards to the little conversation we had there. You
2291 know, the City Manager works for the governing body, and there is probably not a week that goes
2292 by that we all have conversations or correspondence with the City Manager, where we have a
2293 private discussion that remains confidential. You know, that same applies regarding discussions
2294 with our City Attorney, just like any other government. Some discussions are privileged, and we
2295 have to be able to operate the government where we can work through our issues, and work with
2296 our challenges, and that's just, I guess, par for the course more or less. No city is perfect. Are we
2297 perfect? No. But I do believe, once again, that we are working hard to do the best job that we can
2298 in our purview, to do the best for this city, and to put our residents first and foremost above all
2299 other things. So, we're going to continue to work. We're going to continue to make progress in
2300 this city, and that's all I got for this evening. Thank y'all.

2301 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold.

2302 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you. At the meeting held on March 18th, 2024, this
2303 council considered a renewed motion to re-zone the property located at 0 Welcome All Road from
2304 the business park zoning classification to light industrial zoning classification. I voted in favor of
2305 the re-zoning at that time. However, since March 18th, I have become aware of facts that cause
2306 me great concern. In fact, the actual circumstances surrounding the re-zoning are not what I
2307 understood them to be when I voted on March 18th. I cannot, in good conscious, allow my vote to
2308 stand when I -- excuse me, in truth, I opposed this action. Therefore, I hereby formally request to
2309 change my vote, cast on March 18th, 2024, from approval of the re-zoning to denial of the re-
2310 zoning. Madam Clerk, please make sure that my statement is recorded verbatim in the minutes.
2311 I've also sent you this statement, in writing, to be added to the official records. And this is not an
2312 April Fools' joke.

2313 Now to my updates. The past two weeks included me participating in various meetings to discuss
2314 items about our Ward and participating in events, including the Georgia Minority Business Award
2315 Ceremony and Councilman Gay's Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting. I also joined Favor House in a
2316 food giveaway at the Tracy Wyatt Recreation Complex where we served well over 50 families. I
2317 participated in the Women's History Month event, where both Ms. Kara Hill and Ms. Cynthia
2318 Hightower shared words of wisdom on behalf of Ward 3. And I'm sending a special thank you to
2319 each of them for their participation.

2320 I held a strategic meeting with my appointees, where they shared updates, and I shared updates
2321 with them; addressed opportunities for growth and improvement. I also joined the College Park
2322 Main Street Association in Aerotropolis in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Virginia Avenue
2323 mural. This was an excellent culmination to the Women's History Month with the recognition of
2324 the beautiful artwork of Ms. Ashley Bella and her team.

2325 On the 27th, I held my own town hall meeting for Ward 3, where residents received updates from
2326 each of my appointees, the City Manager, the Director of Building and Property Sustainability,
2327 long title, the Chief of Police, and me. During the meeting, I addressed questions and shared
2328 information about the ongoing community survey that we have going on for Ward 3.

2329 I shared with the group that I hosted my last set of conversations with residents about the Planning
2330 Board position, and informed them of the individual who was selected for this position. For those
2331 who were not selected, I extended an invitation to them to join me in a kick-off meeting for the
2332 Ward 3 Thrivers, a community volunteer team. This meeting will be held on April 13th at 11:00
2333 a.m. at the Tracy Wyatt Recreation Complex, and it's open to all Ward 3 residents who want to
2334 join this volunteer team.

2335 Finally, I want to share my sincere gratitude to Dr. Emmanuel and his entire staff for the
2336 outstanding support with the Ward 3 Town Hall and the food giveaway; impeccable team. I look
2337 forward to continuing to work together and achieving greater things in the future. Thank you.
2338 Those are my comments.

2339 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

2340 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you, Mayor. I'll be brief. I ain't know where to start. So, when I
2341 was -- I'm just trying to keep this lively. You know, there's some apartments on Roosevelt
2342 Highway -- it's 2601 Roosevelt Highway. It used to be the worst apartments in the city. They
2343 were gang-related; it was like a third world country, and probably that's where I got most of my
2344 votes from when I first ran and got elected. And most of those people don't even live there no
2345 more. But my point of bringing this up is that, two guys got to arguing, and one shot through the
2346 door and killed the guy. And I went around there and looked at the door; I saw the bullet hole in
2347 the door. So that morning, the media was out there, early the morning; they was out there real
2348 early. And I noticed a cameraman. I noticed -- he said, do you live out here? You want to give a
2349 statement? I was like no, no, I don't want to go -- I don't want to get -- I don't want to let them
2350 know I'm an elected official. But he had his camera, and I think a rat or something rolled by, and
2351 he took his camera, he started trying to record the rat, right. And I said, hey, what the rat got to do
2352 with somebody done lost their life? So, I said that to our camera people. They'd rather see the
2353 rats than the substance of what took that boy's life. That's all that man wanted footage for rats.
2354 He wanted to compare rats and rodents to a story. And I noticed when there was some bellyaching
2355 a few minutes ago, our cameraman jumps up, and he want to make sure they get that footage. But
2356 how I feel about it is rats.

2357 Second thing I want to say is that, you know, I too voted against NextEra twice, over two years,
2358 but I did not vote them because of the facts, I voted against them because of ignorance. I was mad
2359 at my colleagues. I didn't want to see them advance. Y'all just straight mad and straight ignorant.
2360 So that's why I voted against them. Actually, knowledge is what made me understand the
2361 importance of clean energy. I can tell you, these lights that you see right now, these lights that are
2362 on right now, the lights when you go home, the lights in your deep freezer, all this power in this
2363 whole region come from a nuclear reactor. They come from a nuclear reactor that has had an
2364 explosion, that's several billion dollars -- that our city MEAG and others -- MEAG cities have had
2365 to cover the costs. But like I said, I voted against it because of ignorance. And ignorance is not a
2366 bad word, just knowing. So, I much rather seen clean energy than be dependent on fossil fuel and
2367 nuclear plants. And I'm proud that we have a city where Fortune 500 companies see the value --
2368 and I do want to share this for the -- for the people, talk about ignorance.

2369 I asked, why they got to be down there? Why you got to be -- why do you got to be in Stone --
2370 why do you got to be in that location? Have anybody want to know why they got to be down there,
2371 because quite frankly, they can come on Global Gateway, on the 100 acres on Global Gateway,
2372 there ain't nobody from Ward 4 going to be here, because they trust their council member. Because
2373 they know it don't emit any radiation, no ozone. Hell, the dump burned in Stonewall there for a
2374 year. They couldn't even put that out.

2375 I see cars on the side of the road burning. They can't even put cars out, or don't want to. So, I
2376 would love to have the battery storage on Global Gateway and them 100 acres. I'd put trees around
2377 it; fence. But the reason why they want to be down there, is what I learned is, there's a connection
2378 that's unique to most anywhere in this whole region (INAUDIBLE). God forbid, something would
2379 happen at the nuclear reactor and we lost our power like we lost our water, and this whole region

2380 is out. Please don't call NextEra and tell them to cut their switch off, or you're going to be in the
2381 dark. No, I'm just joking, but. You know, I want to say this real quick. The Tourist Stadium, the
2382 Battery -- we call it the Battery, Cobb County, you think this getting a lot of attention, just pull the
2383 footage that the naysayers, the haters, the opportunists said about Kasim Reed and the
2384 commissioner who sponsored the battery plant. Just go back and look at that footage. Oh, Kasim's
2385 a crook. The commissioner's a crook. He didn't even get re-elected, and he sponsored the
2386 legislation. You can't keep our children from over there. One of the most successful projects in
2387 Cobb County is Tourist Park. And what do we get when we lost the Braves? An awesome
2388 expansion to Georgia State campus, where children from all over the world have decent housing.
2389 And now, the economics is so great, Ms. South Fulton Neighbor News, that they done expanded
2390 retail. You go in some here, you don't even know some here. All because one man got in bed
2391 with a developer, because they had a vision. You've got to make hard choices up here sometimes.
2392 And you got to look past the naysayers and opportunists, the haters, the one that want to use it to
2393 satisfy their personal dislike. Same thing with the Gulch. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms don't
2394 even want to be a mayor. She don't even want part of governments, because she single-handedly
2395 negotiated the Gulch, because you hating on her, because she had the wherewithal to negotiate the
2396 Gulch, a billion dollar project. Now it's about to be Atlanta's number one project, the best thing
2397 since the civil rights.

2398 And lastly, I'll tell you this. Do not go down to MEAG anybody on council, anybody -- do not go
2399 down to MEAG and enjoy the old people nice things, because guess what, they're going to tell
2400 you about the battery. Georgia Power said the need for power is so great with 2.1 million residence
2401 to provide power for. That they're looking for solar; wind, and battery plant is going to expand
2402 80 percent in just the next two years. And I am so grateful that we are on the leading edge of that
2403 technology.

2404 Next thing I want to say is that, you know, y'all was talking about a complaint. Mr. City Manager,
2405 if you were so concerned about the open records complaint, you could have kept your comments,
2406 because you know when you talk about it, we going to talk about it. So if it's so sensitive, be a
2407 little bit more selective the next time you have something to say.

2408 The next thing I want to say is that, we had an election. It's over with. Mr. Walker, you lost. Ms.
2409 Stoner-Gay, you lost. Ladies that ran against these people, you lost. It's over. Move on. Move
2410 on. Nobody's here for Ward 4, because they love and they trust their council member. It's not
2411 that they don't care about the battery plant, that's not it. (INAUDIBLE) called me the other night.
2412 We had a long conversation. They trust us. They trust our integrity, and they trust our character.
2413 We're in our 60s. My friends die every day. We ain't trying to go to God and say, hey, we sold
2414 out -- but -- no, no, we trying to provide clean energy, and anything south of 20, anything south of
2415 I-20; anything south of I-20. I could not even listen to TV Sunday morning to the preacher for
2416 them planes. That's how loud they are. What I'm going to do about it? How do you think my
2417 cousin, who is the mayor of Riverdale, feel when they took a whole city to build a fifth runway?
2418 What she do? She started coming down here bellyaching, she built stuff, and she get elect -- she
2419 don't even have to put a campaign sign up. But they took all of Riverdale. That's where you live.
2420 This where we live. What you think would happen with that pipeline? You all see that yellow
2421 pipeline that go all the way up and down -- what you think that is? That's centrifugal flow of gas.
2422 If any one of them fuel tanks up there by Spondivits catch on fire, you think we going to put them

2423 out, Chief? Me and you talked about it. You going to put them tanks out? But guess what, it ain't
2424 going to make you stop flying tomorrow. I'm going to get on my 6:30 flight to Jackson,
2425 Mississippi in the morning. So let's cut this nonsense out.

2426 And that brings me to my next point. There was a case called City of College Park versus Alan
2427 Gravitz. When I first got on council, there was a group of people that came from Ward 1, and all
2428 they did, all they did was complain, and lie, and spread vitriolic, liable, slanderous gossip. Man
2429 used to sit in his yard with signs. He would not stop. I had Fritzen (PHONETIC) coming in my
2430 office my first year -- want to investigate you, and you, and all of y'all. This young man, back
2431 there, all of them. My first year in office. Now they don't speak up, because (INAUDIBLE) lying
2432 on me, poor me. And now my point is, Speak Up College Park, in my opinion, is a hate site. It
2433 ignites the ideology of sick people, in my opinion. And what do I mean by that? It is no different
2434 that true social media. Read it. Yeah, it's freedom of speech, but it's a line that goes -- why you
2435 think it's bulletproof up under these things up in here? This is bulletproof. We got bulletproof,
2436 because you never know when some sick puppy is going to come up here and say, I'm tired of you
2437 stealing. I'm tired of you taking these people of mine -- bam, bam. They did it on a Sunday to
2438 Dr. King's mama. Somebody evoked the weak testamentated capacity of some sick person. Stop
2439 it. The easiest thing it is, is to insinuate hate. That's why you got Tulsa Mass -- in our history, it
2440 is so easy to insinuate hate. Right here in College Park, this battery storage is no more than just a
2441 big, convenient way to continue to spew your hate, your ideology, your ignorance. When Clay
2442 and Ambrose championed this, the Mr. MIT from -- the electric engineer, oh, he was a champion.
2443 Ain't nobody said -- nobody cared from Ward 1, not one person, not one person. And then, you
2444 got these opportunists. You lost the election. It's over with. Wait four more years, and if you still
2445 feel like you want to do it, do it, but don't come down here every night with this dog and pony
2446 show. Go take care of your family, because you getting nothing here.

2447 The next thing I want to talk about is this property tax. So, Councilwomen, who new to council --
2448 I came down here, my first year, and I seen an auctioneer, right here, auctioning off (INAUDIBLE)
2449 property tax. Your delinquent property tax was being auctioned. It gets auctioned right here in
2450 this City Hall. And one of the largest buyers is one of our elected officials' family. And some of
2451 our elected officials got properties right now -- offer to back these property taxes, right now.

2452 So, Lakeitha one time, when you point your finger, three more point at you. These elected officials
2453 with these narcotics in these warehouses, we know all this. So we going to ask for a moratorium
2454 to stop the selling and auctioning of people's delinquent taxes. Just send it to Invesco, or hold the
2455 debt until they can pay it, but you cannot make a person whole if they done bought a \$300 tax for
2456 \$20 or 30,000. That's what you ought to be getting mad about. That's what you need to be down
2457 here angry about. You think a company that's worth a billion dollars is going to damage their
2458 reputation by getting in bed with elected -- with some -- with us? You think -- you think really
2459 they care about us?

2460 So, Mr. Kasim Reed, kudos to you for your vision to see the battery plant and Georgia State. You
2461 said it was going to be transformational, and you were right.

2462 I just got two more things. If we sell Jim Evans baseball field, or any other of our city assets, they
2463 need to be recompensed. They need to be replaced. If we sell a ballfield, you need to put it back
2464 somewhere. You don't just come here and buy our assets, and you don't just sell them, you replace
2465 them. And quite frankly, I don't care where you put it, just replace it.

2466 But the last thing I want to say -- the last thing I want to say is, I don't think nobody up here -- I
2467 think everybody up here are law-abiding citizens. Everybody up here a law-abiding citizen. If we
2468 wanted to steal, we wouldn't be in this profession. There's a lot other ways to break the law. I,
2469 myself, have been law-abiding for the last four decades. I'm appalled that someone will insinuate
2470 on social media that our integrity -- I'm appalled that my daddy, in his grave, son -- his seed is
2471 being questioned. I'm appalled. And I will say this, respectfully, nothing is going to happen to
2472 us, because when you do right, and you got mercy and grace, y'all can do whatever you want. And
2473 you opportunists out there, you know who you are. You know who you are. I'm looking at you.
2474 You know who -- these opportunists. If you're going to start influencing people, influence them
2475 with the whole story. Don't do it to maximize your agenda. And that is my minutes.

2476 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. I think we have one item regarding cyber security
2477 to discuss in the executive session. Is there a motion?

2478 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

2479 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

2480 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

2481 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
2482 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor.

2483 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

2484 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

2485 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

2486 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

2487 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous. We'll enter into executive session
2488 to discuss cyber security.

2489 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie motioned to enter into Executive session for the purpose
2490 of Cyber Security at 10:37 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion
2491 carried. (All Voted Yes)

2492 12. Executive Session
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2494 ACTION: Councilman Carn motioned to end Executive Session at 11:24 p.m., seconded by
2495 Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All Voted Yes).
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2497 ACTION: Councilman Carn motioned to approve the Executive Session minute for April 1,
2498 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Gay and motion carried. (All Voted Yes).

2499 13. Adjournment

2500 The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

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