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Before Mayor Ray Jenkins
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     Transcript of the proceedings held in
the City Council Room at Doraville City
Hall, 3725 Park Avenue, Doraville, Georgia,
Mayor Ray Jenkins presiding, before Theresa
Bretch, Certified Court Reporter, commencing
at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Monday,
August 4, 2008.
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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[2] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Meeting come to order.
[3] Can everybody hear me?
[4] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.
[5] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** All the time.
[6] **MAYOR JENKINS:** How about on your end,
[7] Bryan?
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes, sir, I can
[9] hear you fine.
[10] **MAYOR JENKINS:** I mean can they hear
[11] you.
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Can you hear me?
[13] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.
[14] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** What?
[15] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** No.
[16] **MAYOR JENKINS:** How about on your end?
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Test, test.
[18] You can always hear me, right?
[19] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll, please.
[20] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[21] Alexander?
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Here.
[23] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[24] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Here.
[25] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?

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[1] APPEARANCES:
[2] Doraville City Council:
[3]   Hon. Ray Jenkins, Mayor
        Councilmember Maria Alexander
[4]   Councilmember Brian Bates
        Councilmember Robert Spangler
[5]   Councilmember Donna Pittman
        Councilmember Bob Roche
[6]   Councilmember Pam Fleming
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        Murray J. Weed, City Attorney
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        Ms. Rhonda Blackmon, City Clerk
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[1] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Here.
[2] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Here.
[4] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Here.
[6] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[7] Spangler?
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Here.
[9] **MAYOR JENKINS:** All present.
[10] I want to get the minutes of the July
[11] 7th Council meeting approved. Do I have a
[12] motion?
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** So moved.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Second.
[15] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll.
[16] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[17] Alexander?
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[19] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[21] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[23] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[24] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[25] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yes.
[2]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[3] Spangler?
[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.
[5]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** On our work session, I
[6] talked to everybody about cell phones. Please
[7] cut your cell phones off. We have notices all
[8] over.
[9]   And we're having a problem with the
[10] noise in the audience. That's the reason I
[11] asked about if everybody can hear. People don't
[12] seem to be able to hear, especially in this
[13] area, if you're talking in the audience.
[14]   And on our work session, I allow a lot
[15] of hand raising and whatever. Not on our
[16] regular Council meeting. I have a place at the
[17] bottom for citizens' comments, so please refrain
[18] from raising your hands. If there is anything
[19] controversial, we will give you a chance to
[20] talk.
[21]   I have a recognition that we want to do
[22] tonight. John King is going to come up and lead
[23] that off.
[24]   **CHIEF KING:** Members of the Council and
[25] the citizens, I kind of wanted to recognize two

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[1] individuals that did an outstanding job just
[2] recently.
[3]   On July 31st around 11:57 hours, our
[4] 911 center received a dispatch, a call of a
[5] burglary in progress taking place at the
[6] Pebblewood Apartments on New Peachtree Road.
[7] Two of our officers arrived on the location and
[8] observed two of our neighbors, Juan Flores and
[9] Jorge Reyna fighting with an individual. During
[10] the altercation, Mr. Reyna suffered a stab wound
[11] in the leg and was taken for medical treatment.
[12] The burglar did not want to give up and pulled a
[13] knife and stabbed Mr. Reyna.
[14]   But they held onto the individual, the
[15] subject was apprehended, and he's now been
[16] connected to five burglaries in our city.
[17]   And I wanted to take this opportunity
[18] to recognize them before the City Council and
[19] give them two of our certificates for real
[20] appreciation for an outstanding job well done.
[21]   Mr. Reyna?
[22]   They brought their families with them.
[23]   _ _ _
[24]   (Mr. Reyna approaches podium)
[25]   - - -

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[1]   (Applause)
[2]   - - -
[3]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[4]   - - -
[5]   (Mr. Flores approaches podium.)
[6]   - - -
[7]   (Applause)
[8]   - - -
[9]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[10]   **CHIEF KING:** Thank you very much. I
[11] appreciate it. Without you-all's assistance,
[12] this individual would still be preying on our
[13] community. And thank you very much for
[14] everything you-all have done and the risk that
[15] you took. Thank you.
[16]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** I received the
[17] engineer's report on the wall between the pool
[18] and the Police Department, and I think everybody
[19] kind of let that lay for a while. I got a
[20] couple of comments from some of the council but
[21] not all of them. So I would like to say that we
[22] need to get busy and get together on that and
[23] figure out which way you want to go. There's a
[24] lot of things on that that we can do and cut
[25] down on the price, but some of the councilmen

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[1] want the $160,000 and some want, I believe, the
[2] $100,000.
[3]   But I don't think we're quite prepared
[4] to vote on it, are we? Don't sound like we are.
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Do you want to
[6] vote on it?
[7]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Sir?
[8]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Sorry.
[9]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Are you ready to vote
[10] on it?
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** No, sir. He
[12] asked me if I had made a statement. Yes.
[13]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** You did, yes.
[14]   On the wall, will you make one by the
[15] next meeting?
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Sure.
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** I guess --
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I don't know if
[19] anybody else is.
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** I guess I
[21] have questions in that these are feasibility
[22] drawings and I didn't know if we were going to
[23] have to have construction drawing documents to
[24] send out for RFPs, for bids.
[25]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yes.

[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Do we know
[2] how much those drawings are going to cost?
[3]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** No, no. But we have
[4] three prices if you remember correctly.
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Right.
[6]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** And that was for doing
[7] it three different ways. And I think what the
[8] engineer wanted us to do was to sign on which --
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Which way,
[10] and then --
[11]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** -- direction --
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- we'll put
[13] it --
[14]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** -- we'll go --
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- in the
[16] drawings?
[17]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** -- and then you'd put
[18] it out for RFP.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And then he
[20] would --
[21]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** He gave an estimate of
[22] the price.
[23]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Right.
[24]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Do those
[25] estimates consider project management also?

[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** I don't believe so.
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Because if I
[3] remember correctly from last time, I think, you
[4] know, option three was one option and the
[5] question was whether or not they need bathrooms
[6] there.
[7]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yeah. And they're --
[8] they're really not in too good a shape, I would
[9] say, now that we think about that.
[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right.
[11]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** They may be
[12] refurbished. I don't know.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Mayor, can I
[14] make a comment?
[15]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yeah.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I just wanted
[17] to say thank you for the removal of the burned
[18] out house on English Oak. I didn't know until I
[19] drove by Saturday that it had been completed.
[20]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yes.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I really
[22] appreciate that. I think all the neighbors
[23] around Oakcliff appreciate it also.
[24]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** That's very good. I'm
[25] glad to see it gone too.

[1]   Donna on recycling.
[2]   I'm moving a couple things around for a
[3] few minutes.
[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** The recycling
[5] bins are supposed to be all in.
[6]   Have they started coming in yet,
[7] Rhonda, the recycling bins?
[8]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** No.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Okay. It was
[10] supposed to be in this week, by Friday at least.
[11] They will be distributed to everyone. And then
[12] hopefully by next Friday -- Friday is going to
[13] be the pickup day right now for everyone. As it
[14] increases, it may go to the day that garbage
[15] pickup -- your garbage pickup. But right now,
[16] for everyone it's Friday.
[17]   And we will be prorated for this month.
[18] If you wish to join after, you can start on the
[19] next quarter. That would be our suggestion.
[20] Otherwise, billing will be a nightmare if we
[21] have to include people every other week.
[22]   So we will attach a memo giving all the
[23] information. And again, it's supposed to start
[24] a week from this Friday.
[25]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** We have had a situation

[1] on LEED at our last meeting. We took quite some
[2] time on that. So I'm going to allow 10 to 15
[3] minutes if you will come on up and state your
[4] case or however you want to do it, Bob.
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, actually, I
[6] think we had the presentation at the work
[7] session. I realize everyone wasn't here.
[8]   But essentially what LEED stands for is
[9] Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design,
[10] and I finally got that right. In a nutshell,
[11] what it amounts to is the ordinance -- this is
[12] an ordinance that has passed in Chamblee.
[13] Chamblee is the first city in the state to pass
[14] this. I understand that Atlanta -- City of
[15] Atlanta is considering to pass on the same
[16] thing.
[17]   Essentially what it is is it's a
[18] checklist that any time a -- or when there's a
[19] new building that's going to go up that's over -
[20] - it has to be over 20,000 square feet, so it
[21] doesn't apply to just houses or whatever. Maybe
[22] it should, whatever.
[23]   But any new buildings that come up in
[24] the city of Doraville would have to go through
[25] this LEED checklist and meet at least the

[1] minimum requirements. The whole -- the
[2] checklist has to do with things like energy
[3] efficiency, efficient use of water; location.
[4] For instance, I think you get a lot of points
[5] just for the fact of having a MARTA station
[6] here, public transportation. On and on. I
[7] guess I could go on and on.
[8]   But in a nutshell, it basically asks
[9] for another layer of energy and, as I said,
[10] energy and environmental considerations as we
[11] design new buildings.
[12]   The two gentlemen here are much more
[13] expert on it than I am.
[14]   I think over the last couple of months,
[15] we've had something like 28 or 29 orange-alert
[16] days, which means that if you're a child or an
[17] elderly person or have any kind of illness, you
[18] shouldn't even be outside because that's how bad
[19] the air quality is.
[20]   So we need to stop somewhere, and a lot
[21] of the pollution comes from buildings. I don't
[22] remember the exact percentage. And essentially,
[23] a lot of energy is used up in buildings, a lot
[24] of cost is used up in buildings, et cetera,
[25] et cetera. There's a lot of information on the

[1] Although watered down, it was highly influenced
[2] by LEED.
[3]   LEED basically stands for, as far as
[4] what Councilman Roche was stating, energy
[5] conservation, water conservation, the use of
[6] recycled materials, recycling during demo, using
[7] recycled materials, utilizing natural light so
[8] we don't have to burn fluorescent lighting;
[9] through innovative design, where you really end
[10] up with quality controlled buildings, letting
[11] natural light flow in; having sensors in rooms
[12] of office buildings for when people exit a room,
[13] a sensor will turn all the lights off,
[14] preventing unwarranted use of electricity.
[15]   Transportation is the number one
[16] consumer of oil and energy. Buildings are
[17] number two, and they contribute to our air
[18] pollution as well.
[19]   In Georgia, the vast majority of our
[20] power is fired by coal-fired power plants, as it
[21] is with the Southeast. I'm a pilot, and if you
[22] go up in Atlanta between -- and this has been
[23] going on for the last 20 years -- between five
[24] and six thousand feet, there is a layer of smog
[25] that is disgusting. And when I take new people

[1] web; there's whatever.
[2]   If you could keep it to five minutes,
[3] one of you.
[4]   This is Mark Wedge. He's a city
[5] councilman from Chamblee. And he was very good
[6] about keeping it to five minutes the last time.
[7] So go ahead and talk about it for five minutes
[8] and then we'll --
[9]   **MR. WEDGE:** Sure.
[10]   Good evening. My name is Mark Wedge.
[11] I'm with the Chamblee City Council. Thank you
[12] for having me.
[13]   Councilman Roche, what would you like
[14] to know? How could I elaborate or what would
[15] you like for me to explain?
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** If you could just
[17] give a quick overview.
[18]   **MR. WEDGE:** LEED is a green -- the most
[19] widely recognized green building standard in the
[20] United States of America and it's currently
[21] catching on. Currently there are well over
[22] 2,000 projects. It has been picked up most
[23] recently by the city of Chicago, Washington DC,
[24] Boston, and the city [sic] of California two
[25] weeks ago adopted a green building standard.

[1] up, when we're climbing, they will say, "What is
[2] that? Are we going to fly through it?"
[3] literally in disgust, and I will explain what it
[4] is. It is pollution which is contributed
[5] primarily by transportation but secondarily via
[6] buildings, which can be controlled by the local,
[7] city and state mandates.
[8]   All of us in Atlanta, the pollution in
[9] the air, we're not like Los Angeles where we
[10] have a basin where this stuff is trapped. It is
[11] disgusting. I mean try looking out on a day
[12] like today. The sky isn't even blue; it's gray.
[13] When the light -- when the sun goes down, you
[14] can't even see stars. Now, I know we're inside
[15] the perimeter, but, please; we're contributing
[16] to the problem.
[17]   Also part of the problem involves our
[18] economy as far as within energy, our
[19] environment. And I'm a big believer in global
[20] warming; but if you don't believe in global
[21] warming whatsoever, if you think it's a hoax,
[22] this involves our national security because of
[23] energy consumption in that we're shipping all
[24] our money over to the Middle East and we're
[25] becoming more dependent on Middle Eastern Oil.

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[1] One way, because our federal government
[2] is not doing anything about it regarding the
[3] executive branch and the congress, they're not
[4] doing anything, you're seeing cities and local
[5] municipalities picking up and improving building
[6] standards, something that we can do locally.
[7] Now, you have the wonderful GM plant
[8] that is going to get revitalized, and I'm sure
[9] you all have fabulous plans for it, but you
[10] could really set a standard for green building
[11] standards by mandating LEED for something like
[12] that.
[13] Number one, you're going to end up with
[14] energy conservation of around conservatively 20
[15] percent on that building. So if you're a tenant
[16] or a resident or a business person moving in,
[17] you're going to see savings of that in addition
[18] to water immediately. The ROI is less than
[19] three years, and it pays back.
[20] Secondly, if Doraville and Chamblee
[21] unify together because we do border each other,
[22] we're going to set a standard and henceforth
[23] raise excellent developments for our cities and
[24] give us a competitive edge against all unincor-
[25] porated Gwinnett County and Dekalb.

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[1] If you're moving in -- and we have
[2] 100,000 people moving into the greater Metro
[3] Atlanta area during the course of a year --
[4] where are you going to live if you're looking
[5] for a loft like a lot of people are? Are you
[6] going to move into a loft where your energy is
[7] going to be 20 or 30 percent higher or are you
[8] going to elect to move into Doraville or
[9] Chamblee where your energy conservation will be
[10] there?
[11] It's a no-brainer, folks. Resale value
[12] will increase. You're going to set a standard
[13] which other cities will follow, and surely
[14] you're going to benefit in so many ways. You
[15] have prime real estate. My advice would be
[16] quite frankly to take advantage of the
[17] situation.
[18] This energy crisis is real and it's not
[19] going away, due primarily to the growth of China
[20] and India and the United States since we are the
[21] world's largest consumer of energy. This is
[22] something that we can do immediately as far as
[23] conservation in order to alleviate the energy
[24] crisis and to improve global warming and our
[25] environmental standards.

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[1] I would urge you to follow Chamblee's
[2] lead and become the second city in the entire
[3] state of Georgia and the entire Southeast to
[4] mandate LEED for all private and public
[5] construction.
[6] Are there any questions I can answer
[7] from the body?
[8] COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you very
[9] much.
[10] MR. WEDGE: Thank you for your time.
[11] COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Much better said
[12] than I was doing up here, so --
[13] We actually have an ordinance that
[14] we've drawn up. I believe it's actually ready
[15] to go. And I wanted to try to get a sense of
[16] how the Council felt about this.
[17] Again, I think it's a no-brainer. I
[18] think that the health of our senior citizens and
[19] our maybe-not-so-senior citizens and our
[20] children is at stake here. Every little bit
[21] helps, and it's all about the future.
[22] I think that the GM property is going
[23] to be a catalyst. Once the GM property goes up,
[24] I think that we're going to see a lot of
[25] development and redevelopment all throughout

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[1] Doraville, particularly if we have the annexa-
[2] tion, and I would like to make sure that what we
[3] do is the most efficient use of energy and is
[4] the least polluting.
[5] So again, we have an ordinance and we
[6] basically modeled it off of Chamblee's
[7] ordinance. And if we do this, it will only
[8] apply to buildings over 20,000 square feet, it
[9] will only apply to new buildings, and right now
[10] we don't have anything on the drawing board as
[11] far as what's going to be built next, so --
[12] COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I'd like to
[13] ask Mr. Weed, did you by chance copy this or
[14] review the ordinance that Chamblee has?
[15] ATTORNEY WEED: I'm actually the author
[16] of the ordinance.
[17] COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. He wrote
[18] it.
[19] ATTORNEY WEED: What I did in
[20] preparation of the ordinance, I reviewed the
[21] Chamblee ordinance, did some independent
[22] research with regard to New York, Boston, and
[23] found out some pros and cons of what they have
[24] encountered when they were looking at this
[25] process.

[1] And this ordinance is actually a little
[2] more restrictive than the Chamblee ordinance
[3] that we modeled it on in that there's no mention
[4] of -- there's an alternative program called the
[5] Green Globes program. This sticks to the LEED
[6] program. And so the ordinance in my opinion is
[7] in proper form.
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. And what
[9] happens -- I mean there is a small cost to the
[10] developers to get this certification, adminis-
[11] trative costs or whatever, and just basically
[12] refunds that. So it doesn't actually cost.
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Thank you.
[14] Mr. Wedge commented on that.
[15] Did you say three or four years, the
[16] money was recovered?
[17] **MR. WEDGE:** Approximately, Mr.
[18] Spangler; correct. But I would say the long
[19] term, it would be four years for return on
[20] investment, your ROI, sir.
[21] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Since Mr. Weed
[22] has drawn up the contract [sic], I feel like we
[23] need to go ahead and move forward. If Bob wants
[24] to --
[25] You made a motion?

[1] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** No. I make a
[2] motion that we waive first reading on this
[3] ordinance.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Second.
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** How would it
[6] affect permits that have already been issued?
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** It would not have
[8] any effect; right?
[9] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well, it would -- no.
[10] If a construction permit's already been issued,
[11] this ordinance, if you would adopt it, then it
[12] would go into effect tonight, and anything from
[13] beginning tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock when
[14] City Hall opens, in the future would be covered
[15] by this until it's repealed or amended; but
[16] anything that's already been issued, it's been
[17] issued.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** So what would
[19] be the process somebody comes into? What would
[20] occur?
[21] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well, the short version
[22] is that someone would go through the standard
[23] building application process, and then the
[24] ordinance indicates what the basic --
[25] This ordinance adopts the LEED national

[1] standards. And what we'll do is the building
[2] official will be provided access to those
[3] standards. And as a developer/builder comes in,
[4] as they make progress, when they reach progress
[5] points along their construction schedule, if
[6] they're LEED-compliant, they achieve different
[7] levels or different statuses up to -- the
[8] highest is a platinum project. You're not
[9] mandated to do a platinum project but you can go
[10] up to that level.
[11] And so the enforcement arm of it would
[12] be through the Quality of Life group, which is
[13] our equivalent of a code enforcement unit.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** So they are
[15] refunded something once they meet the criteria?
[16] They're refunded something? I was just reading,
[17] "If the applicant achieves certification status,
[18] the fee shall be refunded to the applicant." Is
[19] that correct?
[20] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Correct.
[21] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** That's the fee to
[22] apply for the --
[23] **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- for the certifica-
[24] tion.
[25] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Okay.

[1] **ATTORNEY WEED:** The government's not
[2] paying them anything to do it, though.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** From an adminis-
[4] trative or a management side, what expectations
[5] or requirements would there be from City of
[6] Doraville staff to either educate prospective
[7] builders on the requirements, checklists that we
[8] would need to provide, training internally on
[9] how to answer questions that are specific to the
[10] LEED program? What expectations would we need
[11] to have in place if we adopted it tonight, for
[12] tomorrow morning?
[13] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well, I think it's
[14] probably unlikely that we would have a
[15] qualifying project that would walk through the
[16] door tomorrow, although that is entirely
[17] possible. And so if a project walked in the
[18] door tomorrow, then there would be an
[19] information gap, an education gap between
[20] current staff and the actual implementation of
[21] the ordinance that could occur.
[22] What I would say is that the ordinance
[23] of course doesn't set out an outline of
[24] educational methods to train staff. That's
[25] something staff will have to acquire. That

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[1] isn't contemplated by the piece of legislation.
[2] All the legislation does is adopt the
[3] program. And how we get to the actual
[4] education, that's beyond my realm of expertise
[5] as a lawyer and the author of the legislation,
[6] but obviously we have -- there are lots of --
[7] you know, there's lots of access and connections
[8] to the national program and I'm sure there'll be
[9] training provided that we can get from that
[10] program.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I think
[12] Mr. Gibert wanted to ask -- Mr. Gibert is the
[13] planner from the Department of Community Affairs
[14] from the State of Georgia. Maybe he could
[15] address this question also.
[16] **MR. GIBERT:** I've been giving this a
[17] great deal of thought in terms of Chamblee's
[18] ordinance, and it looks to me like the ordinance
[19] spells out that the developer would have to go
[20] through all the city permit processes that he
[21] always would have to go through, but he in
[22] addition has to apply for -- he has to register
[23] his project with the U.S. Green Building Council
[24] which is the first step in obtaining LEED certi-
[25] fication.

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[1] So in the Chamblee ordinance -- and I
[2] believe I saw this in the Doraville ordinance --
[3] the developer must register his project with the
[4] U.S. Green Building Council in order to get a
[5] land disturbance or a building permit. So he is
[6] on parallel tracks.
[7] Now, at the end of the process, the
[8] developer must produce proof that he has
[9] obtained LEED or will obtain LEED certification
[10] of his project. At the same time, he has to
[11] satisfy all the usual building and development
[12] permit requirements that you have in your own
[13] process. So again, you're on parallel tracks,
[14] and you reach a point where these two tracks
[15] come together.
[16] The City of Chamblee requires proof of
[17] the certification or the certifiability of the
[18] project in order to give him his final C.O.
[19] So one other thing I would like to say
[20] about this is that it does not require the City
[21] staff to do anything with LEED. It actually
[22] frees them to do what they do, and the U.S.
[23] Green Building Council is the administrator of
[24] the LEED process. They are the ones who check
[25] the plans and check the documentation as the

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[1] developer proceeds down the path toward LEED.
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, let me
[3] clarify my question, then. A developer who has
[4] a question of the Chamblee ordinance, whom do
[5] they ask?
[6] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Right now, the
[7] enforcement arm is the building inspector, and
[8] that's set out clearly in the ordinance Section
[9] 5-215.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** And how much --
[11] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I hate to be rude, but
[12] my wife has had some surgery recently and I do
[13] need to take this call from her. I'll be right
[14] back (exits meeting room briefly).
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, this is
[16] actually more appropriate for the Chamblee
[17] representatives.
[18] When the ordinance was adopted, was
[19] there documentation that was prepared that
[20] adjusted your permits or your applications or
[21] created a checklist or provided resources that
[22] directed builders and construction personnel on
[23] where to go or how to get additional information
[24] or what the process or policies of the Green
[25] Building Council were, or was it merely adopted

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[1] and everybody was just kind of out there to kind
[2] of figure it out on their own?
[3] **MR. GIBERT:** I will say that the
[4] Council had previously adopted the requirement
[5] that projects of this size would have to submit
[6] a LEED point checklist, okay, but then they were
[7] not required to go further and get the LEED
[8] certification at that -- originally.
[9] **MR. WEDGE:** And they were Mickey-
[10] Mousing around with it, too.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** What I'm getting
[12] at is when you adopted the ordinance, was there
[13] support material already in place to supplement
[14] that ordinance or to educate construction
[15] personnel so that when it was passed, it was
[16] already implemented with information in the
[17] permit application process so that they were
[18] aware of the steps needed to obtain or follow
[19] the ordinance as it had been passed?
[20] **MR. WEDGE:** Right; so they're not
[21] blind-sided.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Right.
[23] **MR. WEDGE:** Yeah. We've done that to
[24] make it clear, because some people are not aware
[25] of it. And it's real easy. You just provide

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[1] the USGBC web site and telephone number and
[2] Green Globes'. We've got the Green Globes as
[3] well as an alternative which is very similar.
[4] But those organizations have professionally been
[5] around forever and they have staff on hand to
[6] provide the most ignorant developer of steps A
[7] to Z how to get to.
[8]   **MR. GIBERT:** Yeah. Let me address that
[9] for a second, too, Councilman Bates.
[10]   I understand your concern. And just
[11] like with dealing with any codes, the developer
[12] must have and will have already a professional
[13] team of consultants -- an architect, an engineer
[14] -- and these folks are already generally
[15] familiar with how LEED works. He may or may not
[16] need to hire a LEED-accredited professional
[17] architect or someone on his team to get him
[18] through the process. It would depend on the
[19] complexity of the project.
[20]   But when he registers his project
[21] online with the U.S. Green Building Council,
[22] they make available to him a set of tools and
[23] templates and calculators and forms that he goes
[24] through and follows like a checklist, and they
[25] will explain to him how the process works.

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[1]   So really, Chamblee didn't put together
[2] a big package of information. It's just another
[3] code like our building code or our development
[4] code where the code's there; you need to follow
[5] it. It's up to you to go and, you know, get
[6] your team together and apply yourself to getting
[7] the certification, and it's not that hard to do.
[8]   **MR. WEDGE:** It's real easy. I would
[9] encourage all of you tomorrow morning, pick up
[10] the phone, call the United States Green Building
[11] Council, "Hi, I don't know anything about it but
[12] I was told this has to be a mandate. Help me."
[13] And see what happens. You'll be surprised.
[14]   **MR. GIBERT:** Did that help with the --
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** No.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, the basic
[17] answer here is --
[18]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Excuse me just a
[19] minute. I get the impression that we need to do
[20] more study on this.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, I guess my
[22] question boils down to what level of
[23] understanding is required of Marcie and of Ray
[24] and of your inspections team in the process of
[25] LEED certification so that if there's a question

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[1] that is asked, that they are competent and know-
[2] ledgeable in order to direct and educate the
[3] construction professional to be directed or to
[4] not say, "I don't know. The Council just passed
[5] it. I am not sure what we're supposed to do."
[6]   I'm looking for a process that if we do
[7] implement this -- and I will go firmly on record
[8] that LEED is a very good program. I've studied
[9] it for a number of years. But if we do
[10] implement it, how do we make sure that it gets
[11] implemented in a very seamless, efficient,
[12] manageable process so that when that project
[13] does come in   -- and it will come in -- that
[14] we have all of our T's crossed and our I's
[15] dotted and our staff internally knows how to go
[16] about implementing and educating and addressing
[17] and walking them through that process to make
[18] sure that it's done in an efficient and
[19] expeditious manner.
[20]   **MR. WEDGE:** That's a very good
[21] question. I can only state to what Chamblee did
[22] and leave it up to Doraville, what you would
[23] like to do.
[24]   Chamblee, I believe we adopted in
[25] January of this year but we've set the go-live

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[1] target date for July 1st of next year, 2009, and
[2] part of that was to have refresher courses and
[3] continuing education amongst our staff so that
[4] they're familiar with it and also because we
[5] didn't want the developers to kind of be caught
[6] "gotcha." That was from my perspective on
[7] there.
[8]   But we have continuing education going
[9] on with our building permit inspector, our
[10] development director as well as our internal
[11] staff, and we felt that that was enough time,
[12] you know, to comfortably take care of city
[13] business but also beef up our staff with know-
[14] ledge, so if in fact a developer comes in that
[15] may have a question, at least they can receive
[16] some type of response and competent answer and
[17] then refer back to the USGBC or Green Globes as
[18] far as to get the definitive details.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Are you saying
[20] you didn't actually implement it right away;
[21] it's a process and you are working up to that
[22] point?
[23]   **MR. WEDGE:** Seventeen months to go
[24] live.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Actually, I

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[1] agree with him. I am very concerned about --
[2] You know, I think it's a wonderful
[3] program. I just think if we adopt it tonight
[4] and hypo-thetically someone walks in in the
[5] morning, I don't think our staff would be
[6] prepared to answer questions, and I was just
[7] concerned about a little bit more training so
[8] they could handle any questions that would come
[9] forward.
[10] **MR. WEDGE:** That, I would defer up to
[11] Doraville.
[12] For Chamblee, we voted on it and
[13] approved it in January of this year and we
[14] wanted the go-live date to be July 1st of 2009.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Mr. Weed, does
[16] the ordinance contemplate a start --
[17] **ATTORNEY WEED:** (Shakes head)
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** All right. Thank
[19] you.
[20] **ATTORNEY WEED:** No. I didn't feel that
[21] I was at liberty to create a sunset provision
[22] about what was done in the past or, you know,
[23] foresee when you'd actually want the -- or a
[24] future effective date.
[25] My fall-back position's always to make

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[1] the effective date the date of passage. That's
[2] easy enough to do.
[3] Chamblee's ordinance did have a -- you
[4] know, a future-in-time effective date, and
[5] whatever the Council feels comfortable doing
[6] that, that's legally possible to write.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I'll be happy to
[8] amend the motion to say --
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Just a minute.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** All right.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Let me ask
[12] Mr. Wedge question.
[13] How long do you think the council and
[14] staff in Chamblee that it would take to educate
[15] staff in the LEED process?
[16] **MR. WEDGE:** I would say six months.
[17] That's fair, you know, because they have other
[18] priorities. These classes are always offered
[19] continuously. And Arthur would know more about
[20] that and their availability and frequency, but
[21] six months would be fair. I just wanted to play
[22] it over-safe, you know, in case we get a new
[23] project in or somebody gets swamped. You know,
[24] I mean, that is a way to play conservative.
[25] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So what I'm

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[1] looking at, we may not have 17 months with the
[2] GM development. Okay?
[3] **MR. GIBERT:** May I address that?
[4] Actually, I was there taking a picture the night
[5] that the council raised all their hands and
[6] voted to pass the LEED because I'd been hopeful
[7] that that would happen for a long time.
[8] The vote was in March of --
[9] **MR. WEDGE:** True.
[10] **MR. GIBERT:** -- this year, and actual
[11] live date is April of next year, so --
[12] **MR. WEDGE:** No, it's July.
[13] **MR. GIBERT:** I --
[14] **MR. WEDGE:** No, that -- huh-uh. No,
[15] no.
[16] **MR. GIBERT:** We can go back and look at
[17] the document.
[18] But the classes are available to -- to
[19] get somebody ready, prepared to take the LEED-
[20] accredited professional test. And the class
[21] takes one day, and it can be taken two or three
[22] times a month, generally through some different
[23] providers of the education. And then the test
[24] itself is taken at a computer testing center,
[25] which, again, you can schedule it any time

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[1] you're ready to go and take it. So really, that
[2] book over there on the chair is about 400 pages
[3] of facts and details, but you don't have to have
[4] all of that to really past the test.
[5] Now, that said, just because someone
[6] passes a test doesn't mean they'll know the
[7] answer to every question. But the U.S. Green
[8] Building Council does provide, you know,
[9] additional education and answers to questions on
[10] a case-by-case basis. They provide, you know,
[11] frequently asked question online and they have
[12] credit rulings based on questions that have come
[13] up for specific items that -- you know, the LEED
[14] credits. All that's already available and
[15] continues to be developed, you know, as they go.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I guess
[17] my question was would six months allow us enough
[18] time to be educated and to be able to handle
[19] that?
[20] **MR. GIBERT:** In my opinion, yes, sir,
[21] because for any question that your staff might
[22] not be able to answer -- and I would anticipate
[23] that there could be some, just like there
[24] frequently are questions about code that, you
[25] know, you get different opinions about -- but I

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[1] would say six months would give you enough time
[2] to get your staff up to speed and they would be
[3] comfortable with the process.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yeah. I was
[5] going to say if we could have this take effect
[6] on the first of the year or February 1st, I mean
[7] if that would smooth things out to get this
[8] thing going.
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Do we know if
[10] LEED was mentioned at all in the GM RFP's? It
[11] was mentioned?
[12] **ATTORNEY WEED:** No. I'm pretty
[13] confident it was not.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** It was not
[15] mentioned in the GM RFP's.
[16] **ATTORNEY WEED:** No. I can't
[17] contemplate why it would have been.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, it was my
[19] understanding that the people who did the
[20] demolition, I remember there was some talk about
[21] making sure that they recycled what they carried
[22] away --
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** That was the
[24] demolition.
[25] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- which is part

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[1] of the LEED process is to do that.
[2] We were talking earlier, I mean just
[3] the fact that the proximity to public transpor-
[4] tation may be enough to get enough points to get
[5] it very close. So I don't really think it's
[6] going to be a big burden here.
[7] I will be happy to amend the motion to
[8] waive the first reading to add the effective
[9] date of, say, January 1st.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Do we think it
[11] would be that long? I mean is there a way to --
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, I'm good
[13] for 90 days. I mean if it's a one-day class and
[14] then you take a test, I may go do that myself.
[15] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well, from the legal
[16] aspect of trying to craft an ordinance, I would
[17] prefer a definitive effective date.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right; of course.
[19] **ATTORNEY WEED:** So whatever that date,
[20] whatever date you feel staff can become
[21] competent enough to administer the ordinance
[22] would be the appropriate date.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Because this is
[24] zoning, does it need to be advertised or not
[25] advertised?

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[1] **ATTORNEY WEED:** No, sir, this is not a
[2] zoning ordinance.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** It's a building
[4] code.
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I would feel
[6] more comfortable with the six months instead of
[7] 90 days. I think that will still give us time
[8] to -- all of us to be educated a little more
[9] with LEED and the procedures.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So do we want to
[11] try for -- so how would I form this?
[12] I would modify the motion to waive the
[13] first reading and add into the ordinance an
[14] effective date of --
[15] **ATTORNEY WEED:** January 1?
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- February 1st.
[17] Six months would be February 1st.
[18] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Can we do that in one
[19] motion or do we have to have two motions?
[20] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I think he just did it,
[21] and I think that's fine. I think if you get a
[22] second to that motion, that's --
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I second.
[24] **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- good enough for me.
[25] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Second.

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[1] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. Now we're voting
[2] on waiving the first reading and adding in but
[3] we're not voting on the . . . right?
[4] **ATTORNEY WEED:** That is correct.
[5] **MAYOR JENKINS:** We've got a second.
[6] Call the roll.
[7] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[8] Alexander?
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[10] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[12] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[14] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[16] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yes.
[18] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[19] Spangler?
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.
[21] - - -
[22] (Applause)
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[24] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** That's just the
[25] first reading now.

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Now we have to make a
[2] motion.
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Now I would make
[4] a motion that we pass this with the modifica-
[5] tions that we made.
[6]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Everybody got that?
[7] Second?
[8]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Second.
[9]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll.
[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Mr. Mayor, can
[11] you be sure to go to General Motors and Caldwell
[12] Banker and make sure that they're aware of this
[13] or CB Richard Ellis?
[14]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** I will.
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** ASAP?
[16]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** That's the only reason
[17] I made the comment I thought we needed a little
[18] more study on this, but if we get a majority,
[19] that's the way it should be.
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Mr. Bates, I
[21] was under the impression that we were getting
[22] ready to --
[23]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** (To the audience)
[24] Excuse me. No.
[25]   Yes, ma'am.

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I was under the
[2] impression that we were getting ready to make
[3] some architectural standards for that particular
[4] area before the development began, and so this
[5] would be part of, I think, the architectural
[6] standards.
[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** I don't disagree,
[8] but they need to be aware that this is -- that
[9] this is in place.
[10]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yes, I will.
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** If I remember
[12] correctly, during the work session when
[13] Mr. Wedge and Mr. Gibert gave the presentation,
[14] that they said that the quality developers would
[15] be more than happy to go along with the LEED
[16] program. And I think this will just ensure that
[17] the General Motors do get the quality developers
[18] that they're looking for and of course we're
[19] looking for.
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Absolutely. And
[21] that's a very good point, you know. Quality
[22] development is not just empty words. I mean
[23] there are ways to make sure that we get quality
[24] development, and this is one of those ways to do
[25] it. And not only the GM plant, but again I

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[1] think that that's the beginning of a whole
[2] redevelopment for Doraville, and I really want
[3] to -- in five to six years from now or ten years
[4] from now, when I'm stuck in traffic out here on
[5] 285 and I look over and see whatever it is we've
[6] built, I want to be able to nod my head, not
[7] wince. You know, this is our legacy. And not
[8] just the people here but the people that elected
[9] us. This is our legacy for the future, and I
[10] think it's very important that we do this.
[11]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Mr. Weed, I have a
[12] question.
[13]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Yes, sir.
[14]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** The last page you have
[15] first reading and then you have second reading.
[16]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Yes.
[17]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** We sign both of those.
[18]   I have mentioned before that why does
[19] not all the Councilmen sign this?
[20]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Mr. Mayor, if that is
[21] the choice of the Council, then we can certainly
[22] -- I can change the execution lines for all of
[23] the ordinances to reflect signature lines for
[24] each of the councilmembers. That's just a
[25] matter of choice for the Council.

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[1]   It doesn't impact the legislation
[2] because the Mayor -- as the head elected
[3] official, you are always authorized, unless
[4] there's some contrary provision in the charter,
[5] to seal, to sign, to represent the government,
[6] and by virtue of your signature, you are in
[7] effect saying that this is an official ordinance
[8] as well as it's attested by the clerk and
[9] approved as to form by the city attorney. But
[10] there is absolutely nothing wrong with having
[11] every councilmember sign it. We can do that.
[12] It's easy enough.
[13]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Well, we can get into
[14] that matter another time.
[15]   Call the roll.
[16]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[17] Alexander?
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[19]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[21]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[22]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[23]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[24]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[25]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?

[1] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yes.

[2] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember

[3] Spangler?

[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.

[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Thank you.

[6] - - -

[7] (Applause)

[8] - - -

[9] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Our next item is going

[10] to be a little controversial. I want everybody

[11] to think about it. We got a --

[12] (To the audience) Y'all let us know

[13] when you're finished.

[14] I want all the councilmen to think

[15] about it. We're going into a budget shortfall.

[16] And I'm bringing this up because I see no

[17] problem with getting it straightened out. I

[18] don't see any reason for a long, drawn out

[19] thing, but I'm going to ask the Council on this

[20] particular thing to work together.

[21] We've got two budgets here, and

[22] Priscilla's going to have to explain to me why

[23] we have two.

[24] Will you do that?

[25] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes, sir. Actually, one

[1] of the reports that you have is the normal

[2] financial that you get every month that's

[3] telling you where we're at right now. That's

[4] the --

[5] **MAYOR JENKINS:** That's the one that

[6] says 6/30. Is it the other one?

[7] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes. And the other one is

[8] the actual budget as it was adopted originally,

[9] the budget revisions that the Mayor is asking

[10] for now, and then what would be the revised

[11] budget if you choose to approve this document.

[12] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. We have a budget

[13] shortfall in the whole city -- correct me,

[14] Priscilla -- $544,294.67. Is that correct?

[15] **MS. MURPHY:** That's correct, if we were

[16] to anticipate these revenues and these

[17] expenditures, the most money that we would be

[18] short is the $544,294.67.

[19] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Now we'll go into --

[20] everybody go to page 2, 2 of 26. That's the

[21] revenues. And the first one in the red is the

[22] police.

[23] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** How much is

[24] that?

[25] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Then on page 4 -- you

[1] got a total on that, on page 4?

[2] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, actually the total

[3] is on page 5, the part where it has a shortfall

[4] is the police. It's on page 5. And the

[5] shortfall is $344,069.41 in their general

[6] operating expenses but they're not short in

[7] their capital improvements.

[8] And what the Mayor done was the other

[9] report that lists the proposed budget revisions,

[10] it goes into each line item, what he would like

[11] to increase or decrease to handle these short-

[12] falls.

[13] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Can we go back to

[14] last year and change the budget after the fact?

[15] **MAYOR JENKINS:** No, but if we get in

[16] trouble, we can pay it off because we've got

[17] money in savings to do that.

[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, I mean this

[19] says budget revisions, proposed budget

[20] revisions. How can we revise last year's

[21] budget?

[22] **MS. MURPHY:** Actually, we can. Up to

[23] 60 days after the year ends, we can make budget

[24] revisions to the prior year's budget.

[25] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So we have to add

[1] $373,000 to the Police Department?

[2] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Three forty-four.

[3] **MS. MURPHY:** 344,000.

[4] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. Because --

[5] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, actually --

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- we have this

[7] other one. Proposed budget revision says

[8] $373,000.

[9] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes. Actually the Mayor's

[10] asking to add a little bit more because there

[11] may still be some bills there coming in, and any

[12] audit adjustments that we have. We don't want

[13] to be exactly asking for what we know we need

[14] now.

[15] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** What bills

[16] would be coming in this late a date or June?

[17] **MS. MURPHY:** We had a few more that

[18] come in on Friday that were still dated --

[19] applied to June, that were just coming in the

[20] mail or something that showed up on a statement

[21] that's dated June 30th, and we're having to go

[22] back and ask for copies of the invoices to get -

[23] - to make sure we include them.

[24] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Do you have

[25] an example of a certain vendor or --

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[1] Because when we close our books, if you
[2] have something physically in your plant and you
[3] don't have an invoice --
[4] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- you still
[6] can calculate a value for that item and accrue
[7] the funds --
[8] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- so the
[10] funds hit the books in a month.
[11] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we could do that,
[12] too, if we had purchase orders that had the
[13] dollar amounts on them of what we agreed to pay
[14] for the various items.
[15] Some of the stuff that we just are
[16] adding are things that were charged to a credit
[17] card or charged to like Office Max or Office
[18] Depot, something like that, where we can see
[19] that they were done prior to year end, that type
[20] of thing.
[21] There may not be much more or there
[22] shouldn't be much more.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** About a week ago,
[24] I requested information on comp time that was
[25] accrued but not paid.

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[1] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, I don't have the
[2] numbers for this year.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I was looking --
[4] **MS. MURPHY:** One of the last --
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- for the first
[6] six months of this year.
[7] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, one of the -- one of
[8] the departments turned in their information
[9] today, but I haven't calculated the dollar
[10] amount for what that dollar amount's going to
[11] be. And that's going to hit this also: the
[12] difference between what we have accrued for last
[13] year at the end of June 30th, 2007, versus what
[14] will be accrued at the end of this fiscal year,
[15] the differences going on here.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** But we have no
[17] idea what that number is at this point?
[18] **MS. MURPHY:** Not really.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay; because it
[20] would seem like it might be better to get that -
[21] - to understand exactly where we are before we
[22] vote on making changes. If we have 60 days, we
[23] can do this next month.
[24] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we can make some
[25] changes now and then some changes next month if

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[1] we had to, because only the difference is going
[2] on here -- the difference between what we had
[3] accrued at June 30th, 2007, versus what we need
[4] to accrue June 30th, 2008. It's not going to be
[5] the whole amount because we already have some
[6] listed as a liability and set aside to pay.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Chief, I'd
[8] like to ask you, is there any reason that you
[9] went that much over your budget? I mean what
[10] would --
[11] **CHIEF KING:** There's a number of issues
[12] here. Mayor, if you'd like me to explain some
[13] of them, I can.
[14] **MAYOR JENKINS:** You can. I've got a
[15] few figures myself, too.
[16] **CHIEF KING:** Okay. Sir, first, the
[17] regular employees' salaries. Sir, throughout
[18] the year, throughout last year, there was always
[19] -- and every year before that, we have always
[20] had a mid-year review and there's been a mid-
[21] year adjustment. That did not take place last
[22] year, so there was never --
[23] So any time -- and the previous council
[24] had cut a lot of our contingency funding out, so
[25] we were playing it very, very close to the line.

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[1] So any time, for example, there's an ice storm
[2] to come in, a call for additional officers or
[3] any time -- for example, the additional Council
[4] meetings where an officer is -- all those issues
[5] were not budgeted.
[6] Additionally, we had some additional
[7] people get hired. We had some vacancies that
[8] created additional overtime. So there was never
[9] an adjustment at the middle of the year.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, if you
[11] hired some additional employees, I thought that
[12] was in the budget for hiring. We budgeted you
[13] last year to hire the employees that you needed.
[14] **CHIEF KING:** But there was never an
[15] adjustment, sir, on the budget. You authorized
[16] me, but there was never an adjustment to the
[17] budget. You authorized me, you gave me
[18] permission to do it, but there was never a
[19] decision, "Okay. Now we're going to give the
[20] Police Department additional funding."
[21] Insurance, sir. And Priscilla can
[22] probably can help explain the insurance because
[23] I don't code that to the department. And the
[24] Medicare, workers' comp, those are things that
[25] traditionally are coded here at City Hall, so I

[1] don't have a lot of visibility on those.

[2] One thing, sir, that threw us out of

[3] whack was gas, an increase of gas. I mean every

[4] agency in the state, sir -- it's significant --

[5] they got hit pretty hard over the price of fuel.

[6] That was one of the things that we got hit.

[7] Minor accidents and repairs. That

[8] expenditure went up, but at the same time in the

[9] revenue department, those came in as insurance

[10] adjustments came in, but they are not -- they

[11] are not charged back to that budget line. They

[12] come in as revenues so they don't go against

[13] that accident budget line.

[14] Does that make sense, Priscilla?

[15] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.

[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Which revenue

[17] does that go to?

[18] **CHIEF KING:** Which revenues?

[19] **MS. MURPHY:** Reimbursements.

[20] **CHIEF KING:** Reimbursements, I believe,

[21] sir.

[22] **MS. MURPHY:** Insurance reimbursements.

[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Reimbursements-

[24] legal or just reimbursements?

[25] **MS. MURPHY:** There's an insurance

[1] reimbursement also.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I got three

[3] lines: reimbursements, salary, legal, and

[4] reimburse -- oh, okay. So the total

[5] reimbursements is $11,000, so you actually were

[6] -- $11,220. If I'm reading this, the year-to-

[7] date actual so far that we've collected is

[8] 11,222, which is eight thousand twelve hundred

[9] and thirty-eight dollars [sic] less than what

[10] was actually budgeted for that particular line

[11] item.

[12] **CHIEF KING:** Yes.

[13] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So you're saying

[14] if we had additional accidents, then wouldn't we

[15] have more reimbursements? Wouldn't that be a

[16] higher number?

[17] **CHIEF KING:** That all depends, sir, on

[18] the age of the vehicle and how much the

[19] insurance company's going to reimburse the City,

[20] sir.

[21] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. So the

[22] total reimbursement was -- actual was 11,000 out

[23] of a possible 19,000, so we're talking a

[24] difference of a little over $8,000.

[25] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, sir.

[1] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay.

[2] **CHIEF KING:** Medicare and workers'

[3] comp. Our workers' comp rate increased pretty

[4] substantially. We had, you know, several

[5] officers injured, but I do not know why we had

[6] such an increase. It hasn't been -- I haven't

[7] talked to the workers' comp folks to explain.

[8] We had a couple -- we had folks in the

[9] jail, for example, in the radio, that Priscilla

[10] has reclassified to help reduce that rate for

[11] workers' comp. For example, a radio operator

[12] should not be at the same rate as the jail

[13] people, as the jailers or the police officers.

[14] My department and the Maintenance Department

[15] tend to be higher on the workers' comp because

[16] our employees get injured more.

[17] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** While we're on

[18] that workers' comp -- and Ms. Murphy, this is

[19] going to be a question for you to help me under-

[20] stand.

[21] On the workers' comp, we knew the rate

[22] went up in January. Why did we not do a mid-

[23] year budget adjustment across the board for all

[24] departments to reflect the increase in the

[25] workers' comp?

[1] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, the bill that we got

[2] in January was actually for the 2008 estimate

[3] that we do for the calendar year 2008, not the

[4] fiscal year '07/'08. And at the time, we have

[5] an audit also around the end of April, first of

[6] May, for 2007. So I knew that we were going to

[7] get an audit adjustment or an audit bill for

[8] 2007 based on what we had paid in for estimate

[9] of 2007. And it turned out that we got an

[10] additional premium to pay for 2007, so we had to

[11] pay additional monies on top of our estimate for

[12] 2008.

[13] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Understand that.

[14] But we knew that there was going to be an

[15] overage for the --

[16] **MS. MURPHY:** Right, we did.

[17] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** -- '07/'08 year.

[18] Why didn't we do an adjustment in March to

[19] compensate for the overage across all

[20] departments versus waiting out for year end?

[21] **MS. MURPHY:** We could have. And when

[22] we talked about mid-year review, we didn't

[23] really do any definite adjustments.

[24] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, that's a

[25] $55,000 hit on the Police Department budget.

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[1]   **MS. MURPHY:** And on -- there's some --

[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** And Maintenance,

[3] and --

[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- on Maintenance also

[5] because they have --

[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Sure. I mean

[7] it's --

[8]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- some of the most

[9] employees, yes.

[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** It's across the

[11] board.

[12]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** It affects all

[14] the departments.

[15]   But the largest amount affects the

[16] Police Department and it's --

[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** -- the biggest

[19] line item.

[20]   **MS. MURPHY:** And Councilman Roche, I

[21] want to clarify something else. For those

[22] reimbursements for insurance, part of those are

[23] in insurance. I mean in just reimbursements,

[24] not insurance reimbursements. I think there's a

[25] 23 thousand dollar --

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[1]   **CHIEF KING:** Twenty-five.

[2]   **MS. MURPHY:** $25,000 total.

[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And it was all

[4] reimbursements just for the Police Department,

[5] no other department?

[6]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. So that --

[8]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** While we're --

[9]   I'm sorry, Mr. Roche. Are you

[10] finished?

[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Oh, yeah.

[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** I'm sorry.

[13]   While we're on insurance, how is our

[14] insurance calculated? Because it's a variable

[15] rate from month to month from what I can tell

[16] according to the actual financial statements.

[17] How is it calculated?

[18]   **MS. MURPHY:** What do you mean? Our

[19] group insurance?

[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yeah.

[21]   **MS. MURPHY:** It's made up of three

[22] bills, I think; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, our HMO

[23] and another Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the PPO.

[24] There's life insurance from Greater Georgia Life

[25] and there's Aflac insurance that has the cancer

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[1] on it. And it's so much per person whether

[2] they're single or married or what other

[3] insurances that they choose to have. It comes

[4] out of their check, which goes back against

[5] those against expenses.

[6]   And we get credits sometimes when

[7] people leave and then we get additions when we

[8] add people on, so --

[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Is one of those

[10] three variable? Does it change month to month?

[11]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, it depends if we're

[12] hiring or losing people or if they're adding

[13] dependents or not.

[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** The reason I'm

[15] asking is, as an example, Stormwater, which has

[16] one person in it, the February bill was $365,

[17] the March bill was $13.68, the April -- and this

[18] is from the P & L's, from the financial state-

[19] ments -- April was 353.81, May was 365.90 and

[20] June was 478.43. So you have an up and down on

[21] what was reported in the financial statements.

[22] I'm just curious as to how that bill is

[23] calculated, if it changes month to month.

[24]   Police Department is the same. It went

[25] from 46,000 in February to $164 in March to

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[1] 47,000 in April, fifty-two seven in May and

[2] 58,000 in June. In a two-month period, it went

[3] up 22 percent, and I'm just trying to get --

[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, it depends on when

[5] it's paid, also.

[6]   I was trying to make sure that we

[7] didn't pay -- when we started doing the

[8] financials each month, that we didn't pay them

[9] twice in one month or have them prepaid, and to

[10] make sure we're taking out the proper deduc-

[11] tions. And I can find it here and get you the

[12] detail as to which come out and what was charged

[13] in each month.

[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Thank you.

[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** One of the things

[16] that might help with all this, I mean I think

[17] we're on a cash basis instead of an accrual

[18] basis accounting?

[19]   **MS. MURPHY:** Here, sort of modified

[20] accrual. We end up being accrual only at the

[21] end of the year when we accrue all the comp

[22] time, vacation, sick time, all the liability at

[23] the end of the year. Each month, we don't do

[24] all of those accruals.

[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So if I cut a

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[1] purchase order in March and I don't get the
[2] invoice till June, the money will eventually
[3] find its way back to March?
[4]   MS. MURPHY: No. The way we have been
[5] doing it now is when the invoice comes in and
[6] gets coded, that's when it goes in, not when the
[7] invoice -- not when the purchase order is done
[8] and the receipt is done against that invoice.
[9]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. And I mean
[10] this as --
[11]   MS. MURPHY: I mean against --
[12]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- an aside
[13] question, but --
[14]   MS. MURPHY: -- that purchase order.
[15]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- because I'm
[16] looking for ways to prevent this from happening
[17] again.
[18]   MS. MURPHY: Okay.
[19]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Would it be
[20] better if when you pay -- when you cut a
[21] purchase order for something, you code it and
[22] you hit the account right then and there?
[23]   MS. MURPHY: When we receive the item,
[24] yes.
[25]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: When we receive

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[1] the item, obviously, instead of waiting for the
[2] invoice.
[3]   MS. MURPHY: Then we would have an
[4] accurate liability, yes.
[5]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Exactly. And
[6] that way, we reduce the budget for each line
[7] item --
[8]   MS. MURPHY: Yes.
[9]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- et cetera,
[10] et cetera.
[11]   MS. MURPHY: Right. And that --
[12]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's a side
[13] thing, but --
[14]   MS. MURPHY: -- would also help with
[15] the -- we wouldn't have to worry about coding
[16] the invoices as much; we would be actually
[17] coding the purchase orders --
[18]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
[19]   MS. MURPHY: -- as they're used.
[20]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So who is
[21] responsible for coding the purchase order? The
[22] department head?
[23]   MS. MURPHY: Well, actually, now, for
[24] the most part, the department heads code their
[25] own invoices with the exception of utility bills

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[1] or insurance bills.
[2]   COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And has that been
[3] occurring the entire fiscal year or is that a
[4] new practice?
[5]   MS. MURPHY: No. That's been the last
[6] few years, couple years that it's been that way.
[7]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So do the
[8] purchase orders come directly to you from --
[9]   MS. MURPHY: We keep --
[10]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- the depart-
[11] ments?
[12]   MS. MURPHY: -- a copy of them in City
[13] Hall.
[14]   But the problem that I see with it --
[15] and Rhonda can correct me if I'm wrong -- we get
[16] called for a purchase order number. That number
[17] is given to a vendor. We're given in City Hall
[18] the name of the vendor and what it's going to
[19] get charged to, whether it's Maintenance or
[20] Arena, whatever.
[21]   We don't really get a good description
[22] of what we're getting nor do we get a price so
[23] we can actually take that purchase order and say
[24] this is the negotiated price that we got and
[25] compare it to an invoice that we have coming in,

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[1] which would be another advantage that we would
[2] gain if we would do that. Because I don't
[3] really see the point of us doing the purchase
[4] order the way we're doing it if we're not
[5] putting at least an estimated ballpark price.
[6]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: If we're
[7] putting in a purchase order for a piece of
[8] equipment, we should know exactly what that
[9] equipment's costing on that purchase order,
[10] should we not?
[11]   MS. MURPHY: Well, I think for most of
[12] the things that we buy, we negotiate a price
[13] when someone orders it --
[14]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Right.
[15]   MS. MURPHY: -- but that needs to be
[16] entered on the purchase order.
[17]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: At the same
[18] time. That's what I'm saying. When a purchase
[19] order comes in and it's coded, it should have
[20] the amount, dollar amount of whatever that --
[21]   MS. MURPHY: That would be nice, but --
[22]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- service is
[23] or --
[24]   MS. MURPHY: -- that's not what's
[25] happening now; right, Rhonda?

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[1]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** No.
[2]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** When they call in for a
[3] P.O., they don't give the price of the item
[4] they're asking for?
[5]   **MS. MURPHY:** That's correct, Mayor,
[6] they do not.
[7]   They call in. They tell the vendor.
[8] They want a P.O. number from City Hall to give
[9] to the vendor.
[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So our computer
[11] system has the ability to do that?
[12]   **MS. MURPHY:** The accounting software
[13] does have the ability that you can just add a
[14] module for purchase orders.
[15]   The purchase orders that we're using
[16] now, because we're not given all the
[17] information, it's a manual system that we just
[18] give out a number. It's a form. We have a
[19] purchase order form.
[20]   Because in the past, we've talked about
[21] doing this before, actually getting negotiated
[22] prices, recording on a P.O. and putting that in
[23] the computer system. We've never done that. To
[24] this day, we're still giving out purchase orders
[25] with no price, just the vendor's name, and

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[1] giving --
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** How much would
[3] that module cost?
[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** I'd say around 1200 or
[5] less.
[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** And who would we
[7] need to purchase that module from?
[8]   **MS. MURPHY:** Sage Software.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So your recom-
[10] mendation is or what I'm hearing you say is that
[11] what we need to do from now on is when you get
[12] the purchase order, it should be coded and it
[13] should have a definite price of what --
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, if we're going to
[15] bother to add the module to the software, we
[16] need to know who the vendor is, what you're
[17] buying, where to code it to, and when it's
[18] received, we need the packing slip so we can
[19] receive against it --
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Right.
[21]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- so we can have our
[22] liabilities accrued and then we'll know what
[23] we're expecting.
[24]   Like right now when you ask me what all
[25] are you expecting, I don't know dollarwise. I

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[1] can look at these purchase orders that may or
[2] may not have been matched up to an invoice, but
[3] dollarwise, I can't tell you how much more money
[4] I have out there that may be possibly be coming
[5] in -- bills to be paid.
[6]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** How long would it take
[7] to put that in effect?
[8]   **MS. MURPHY:** As soon as we can order
[9] the software and soon as the Council issues a
[10] policy for that's the way it's to be done, I
[11] would imagine.
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Because you could
[13] just do the -- I mean each department could do
[14] their own purchase orders. I mean you'd
[15] probably want to at least initially review the
[16] coding. The hard part is initially, the first
[17] time you enter a purchase order for a particular
[18] vendor, you've got to enter that vendor
[19] information --
[20]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we already --
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- and all that
[22] sort of stuff.
[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- should have all the
[24] vendors in the system.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Oh. Well, good;

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[1] but the pricing information or whatever.
[2]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Because the way
[4] that would work, then, is once the department
[5] receives it, the department says, "I've received
[6] it," the department is finished. And right then
[7] and there, it's hit that account, and right then
[8] and there, any department head knows exactly
[9] where they are with their budget expenditures
[10] for that line item in their budget. And that
[11] way, there's no excuse for going over budget --
[12]   **MS. MURPHY:** And that would be --
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- at least for
[14] purchases.
[15]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- proper receipting of --
[16] like I think Councilwoman Alexander mentioned,
[17] that once it's received, it becomes a liability
[18] for that period. And that would solve that
[19] problem, also. And these --
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And then all the
[21] invoices would just come straight to City Hall.
[22] When you get your invoice, your purchase order
[23] and your receipt, you triple match; you cut the
[24] check.
[25]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right. Except right now

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[1] all the invoices do not come to City Hall.

[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, that's

[3] something else we'd have to fix.

[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Where do they go?

[5]   **MS. MURPHY:** To the various depart-

[6] ments.

[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. So that

[8] should be stopped. All the invoices should come

[9] in to City Hall. Would that help the problem?

[10]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, if the purchase

[11] orders are coded when the purchase orders are

[12] entered, then it shouldn't be a problem when the

[13] invoice comes in, that it's already coded.

[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Right.

[15]   **MS. MURPHY:** Basically, City Hall knows

[16] what it's to be coded to then.

[17]   Now the department heads are coding the

[18] actual invoice. They're actually coding the

[19] actual invoice and then turning that invoice in

[20] to City Hall to be paid.

[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Are they coding

[22] all invoices or just for material items?

[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** All invoices except for

[24] insurance and utilities and anything they're a

[25] part of like the workmen's comp bill if they're

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[1] part of a big-dollar amount along with a bunch

[2] of other departments. Power bills. They don't

[3] code power bills.

[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** IT consulting

[5] gets coded by the department heads?

[6]   **MS. MURPHY:** It should be. There were

[7] some that were -- if we do something here, for

[8] some reason if we're trying to pay something

[9] here or somebody's out on vacation, if we code

[10] something, we're supposed to put a copy of those

[11] invoices that got coded in that department's

[12] box.

[13]   There were some problems with that

[14] where that may not have occurred during this

[15] fiscal year, that the departments didn't get a

[16] copy of some invoices, and particularly some of

[17] those were those IT invoices and for like BP

[18] gasoline, some like that. There were several.

[19] And then when we have the mid-year review, some

[20] of the bigger departments like the Police

[21] Department, they compare sort of what we have

[22] versus -- what City Hall had versus what they

[23] have and then noted which ones they didn't have

[24] copies of. But since then, pretty much

[25] everything is being put in their boxes to be

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[1] coded and the only thing that we're coding at

[2] all is utility bills, insurance bills, that type

[3] of thing.

[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So what is

[5] your recommendation to help fix the problem that

[6] we have here now?

[7]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, it is good -- I mean

[8] the department heads know where they want their

[9] items coded to. They know what they're buying.

[10] And if we use the purchase order system of

[11] coding a purchase order, after that point, they

[12] would still have to turn in something that says

[13] they've received it or a packing list. And not

[14] everything comes with a packing list, I guess,

[15] so there would have to be something worked out

[16] about that.

[17]   But once we get the invoice and the

[18] packing slip -- and if all the invoices did come

[19] to City Hall, we'd already know where to code

[20] them to -- it would already be coded essentially

[21] so we can just pay the invoice.

[22]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I realize for

[23] 1200 bucks, it's not going to be that fancy of a

[24] software package but --

[25]   **MS. MURPHY:** It's just a module or part

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[1] of our high-end accounting. It's just adding

[2] the purchase order module.

[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right. I guess

[4] my point is what I was saying before is that the

[5] accounting department basically sets up the

[6] coding, because you want to make sure that if

[7] someone orders a box of copy paper it doesn't

[8] get charged to your electricity expense account.

[9]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right. Well, the depart-

[10] ments already use codes that have been set up

[11] essentially in the accounting system.

[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And another

[13] thing I would suggest, too, to make it easier

[14] for you guys is when you do set up your purchase

[15] order module is to have purchase order numbers

[16] start with "PD," purchase orders to start --

[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.

[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So that would

[19] make it easier for you guys to do reporting and

[20] sorting.

[21]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[22]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Another

[23] thing, too, is, Mr. Roche, the line item is

[24] where you code the GL of where you want it to

[25] hit.

[1] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right.

[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So that's

[4] another thing.

[5] And another thing, too, that would help

[6] you too when you get close to month end is you

[7] can run an open purchase order report and you

[8] can see the purchase orders issued in that

[9] month, that hey, it wasn't received.

[10] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And that

[12] would be another safeguard for you that I don't

[13] want to accrue these monies yet because we don't

[14] have it. And you can verify if -- call the

[15] respective departments, saying did you get this

[16] in or not?

[17] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Just be

[19] another safeguard to help you also.

[20] **MS. MURPHY:** I agree with that.

[21] And we only have one department head

[22] here tonight, but do you have any suggestions,

[23] Chief?

[24] **CHIEF KING:** We use a module that comes

[25] with our network for, you know, Eagle software,

[1] and that's how we track.

[2] The problem is it's very difficult for

[3] me from month to month because I'm not aware of

[4] the utilities, the workers' comp, those things.

[5] And then because, you know, we didn't have the

[6] mid-year review process or adjustment, I had to

[7] wait till the end of the fiscal year to realize

[8] that we were so out of whack. The fuel increase

[9] was the biggest thing that hit us, but the

[10] overtime was so -- it could have been adjusted

[11] at the mid-year.

[12] But still, when we got all our

[13] contingency amounts taken off in the previous,

[14] you know, budget, that left us no wiggle room.

[15] And I would ask you to please think

[16] along those lines, that we're going to be facing

[17] something similar for overtime cost as things

[18] happen in the wintertime -- festivals, things

[19] like that will come up -- that I ask you to

[20] please consider that and keep that in mind while

[21] you're making your --

[22] **A** lot of remarks are made, "Well, we'll

[23] take care of it during the mid-year, at the mid-

[24] year review." But if that mid-year adjustment

[25] does not occur, it's just basically putting

[1] everything at the end of the fiscal year and

[2] then you don't have any reaction time and we

[3] don't have any reaction time.

[4] **MS. MURPHY:** But as far as coding the

[5] purchase order versus the invoice.

[6] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah, I have no problem

[7] with whatever. Whatever solution we have across

[8] the city, we're going to comply and we will make

[9] it work. I mean that's no -- it's not an issue.

[10] The only thing that I would respect-

[11] fully ask is that I -- clearly, I'm being -- I

[12] get held responsible for managing my budget --

[13] that I have the authority to be the person that

[14] codes my budget lines.

[15] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And you should

[16] -- you should have been doing that all along, I

[17] would think.

[18] **CHIEF KING:** But that's not what has

[19] occurred, sir.

[20] And perhaps some of the things, the

[21] bigger things -- and I'm not using this as a

[22] forum to take pot shots at Priscilla because

[23] Priscilla has been helpful in so many areas. We

[24] sit here very late at night many times trying to

[25] figure out this.

[1] Perhaps taking some of these things

[2] that I don't normally code, like the gas bill,

[3] the electric bill, things that we get one bill,

[4] perhaps those should be -- that budget line

[5] moved to City Hall so that City Hall can manage

[6] that budget line instead of waiting for me to

[7] code it, then having to come to City Hall and

[8] then split across the departments.

[9] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** On the gasoline,

[10] what are our checks and balances on gas in/gas

[11] out?

[12] **CHIEF KING:** I can talk about that,

[13] sir. We have basically a computer system,

[14] Gasboy, and every employee that operates a City

[15] vehicle, that key is coded to their department

[16] and to the vehicle -- or no, to the department

[17] and to the individual. And then every time a

[18] truck delivers fuel, drops fuel, they send the

[19] invoice. That invoice is sent to City Hall. We

[20] send a report from the department on what the

[21] usage has been for each department and then that

[22] bill is split among some usage.

[23] We had some problems with the fiber

[24] optic cable and the connectivity from that

[25] computer, so we've been wrestling with that for

[1] some time.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** So you know if

[3] there's 200 gallons that have been delivered and

[4] you know that there's 200 gallons that have been

[5] used. he checks from the key card --

[6] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, sir.

[7] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** -- shows 200

[8] gallons used. There's a check and balance in

[9] place?

[10] **CHIEF KING:** Yes.

[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Do they stick

[12] the tank? Do they verify --

[13] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah. The Maintenance --

[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- the

[15] amount, delivery?

[16] **CHIEF KING:** Maintenance Department

[17] does the -- you know, they do the stick thing.

[18] And then EPA comes and checks to make sure that

[19] everything --

[20] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Let me ask the

[21] Chief one more question.

[22] Do we check mileage, gallons per mile -

[23] - miles per gallon?

[24] **CHIEF KING:** It can check, sir, because

[25] the computer requires that the employee punch in

[1] the mileage that they're entering.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So do you get

[3] a report on that, Chief?

[4] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, sir. But I'll have

[5] to be fair, sir, it deals with the employee

[6] putting the accurate mileage in.

[7] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I mean I

[8] can't see why they wouldn't. Okay?

[9] **CHIEF KING:** Exactly, sir.

[10] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I mean what

[11] I'm getting at is gasoline was one of your --

[12] **CHIEF KING:** That was a significant

[13] increase.

[14] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- line items

[15] that was pretty significant, and I think that,

[16] you know, we probably could cut that.

[17] I mean I've seen vehicles unattended,

[18] sitting, running, and I've also seen them

[19] sitting in the vehicle and the vehicle running.

[20] I mean I know it's hot out there, but if it's a

[21] place where we're in a position that we don't

[22] need to be sitting in that vehicle and we can be

[23] inside --

[24] **CHIEF KING:** And those are the

[25] instructions that I've given to my employees,

[1] sir, is that during their shift period, to park

[2] the car and to either walk around in the

[3] businesses, or when we install them the bicycle

[4] racks and they're riding their bicycles in the

[5] neighborhoods, even though we're going to put

[6] racks on the cars, to cut down on some of what

[7] you speak, sir.

[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I mean that's

[9] just a, you know, suggestion.

[10] **CHIEF KING:** It makes perfect sense,

[11] sir.

[12] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I'm sure we'll

[13] have some. But anyway, I've had some comments

[14] made to me about that, and I've seen it

[15] personally myself, so I know we could probably

[16] save.

[17] **CHIEF KING:** Please, sir, don't

[18] hesitate to give me a call or call the Mayor,

[19] and we'll correct that when you see that,

[20] because we don't want to see any waste.

[21] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And what I

[22] would really like for you to do is look at the

[23] mileage, the miles per gallon that you're

[24] getting on each vehicle --

[25] **CHIEF KING:** We will do that.

[1] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and that'll

[2] pinpoint who's --

[3] **CHIEF KING:** The problem is, sir, we

[4] will see the mileage per gallon. But if they're

[5] parked, you know, we -- I --

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, you're

[7] still going to have -- you're still going to

[8] have less miles --

[9] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah, you're right.

[10] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- per gallon

[11] if they're parked, so that'll tell you who you

[12] need to look at or --

[13] **CHIEF KING:** Not a problem, sir. I'll

[14] seriously take a look at it and see where we can

[15] do some corrections.

[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** The tires, do

[17] you buy those or does the Maintenance Department

[18] buy those?

[19] **CHIEF KING:** Maintenance Department

[20] buys the tires. We bought the tire installing

[21] machine just recently. And they're stored in

[22] the Maintenance Department, and then as the

[23] vehicle comes in -- we've worked out a system.

[24] We've had some problems with that

[25] system with tires being coded to the Police

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[1] Department that potentially had not gone to the
[2] Police Department. So we're coming up with a
[3] software solution so that tire gets charged on
[4] the invoice to the car that it was used. And
[5] we're also branding our tires with the Doraville
[6] Police Department on it, so that -- it's an
[7] internal control that we have.
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And so you're
[9] going to be -- you're still buying these tires
[10] under state contract and you'll --
[11] **CHIEF KING:** That's correct.
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- be saving
[13] money because you bought a tire changer?
[14] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, ma'am.
[15] **MS. MURPHY:** Councilmember Bates, I
[16] want to --
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yeah.
[18] **MS. MURPHY:** -- clarify on the gas. I
[19] know you sent an e-mail asking about the gas
[20] today similar to what you just asked.
[21] First of all, I want to clarify that
[22] when we get the invoice, it's actually already
[23] coded by the Police Department where to charge
[24] the gas to.
[25] We don't get a report, Chief. On the

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[1] invoice, when they fill up the tank, someone in
[2] the Police Department puts it on there, a
[3] breakdown.
[4] **SERGEANT LOPEZ:** It's never been asked
[5] for. It's just that --
[6] **MS. MURPHY:** Right. But we don't -- we
[7] get it right on the invoice which department to
[8] charge it to. We don't have to take it from a
[9] report or anything.
[10] **CHIEF KING:** We'll provide it. It's no
[11] big deal.
[12] **MS. MURPHY:** But it's not a problem
[13] getting it on the invoice, either.
[14] And to answer one of your questions why
[15] there was so much in June compared to some of
[16] the other months, the Chief just mentioned there
[17] was a problem with the fiber optic line, I
[18] think. You have to get to that computer for it
[19] to do a breakdown. We were not able to get a
[20] breakdown at the end of May for some May gas
[21] invoices, so they were actually paid in June is
[22] so where was so much difference in June.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So you're
[24] saying when you get the bill for the tanker, it
[25] is coded on there, Maintenance --

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[1] **CHIEF KING:** We do the split for each
[2] department --
[3] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[4] **CHIEF KING:** -- based on the report --
[5] **MS. MURPHY:** The key, right.
[6] **CHIEF KING:** -- that we get, from the
[7] key activity report.
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So the key
[9] activity report tells how many gallons that he
[10] used --
[11] **CHIEF KING:** Each department, yes.
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and how
[13] much Maintenance and --
[14] **CHIEF KING:** In the past, sir, I mean
[15] the poor Recreation Department, they probably
[16] fill out once a month, probably fill out. Well,
[17] they were getting a standard split, and that
[18] wasn't fair.
[19] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[20] **CHIEF KING:** So now we attribute that
[21] split to the amount of usage.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And how long
[23] has this been happening?
[24] **CHIEF KING:** We've had it now for a
[25] couple years. But that's what led us to getting

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[1] that computer installed, sir, so we could make
[2] it a fair split across the departments.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** During the
[4] budget for this year, I believe you mentioned
[5] you were trying to negotiate with Quik Trip or
[6] someone to get extra gas savings?
[7] **CHIEF KING:** The problem that I'm
[8] bumping into is that the large suppliers do not
[9] have the small trucks that we need, because we
[10] don't -- this might seem odd -- we don't consume
[11] enough fuel for the large vendors to bring a
[12] truck and drop fuel. It takes a small truck
[13] like Davis and --
[14] What's the other company?
[15] **SERGEANT LOPEZ:** S.A.Y.
[16] **CHIEF KING:** S.A.Y.
[17] Because they have the shorter trucks,
[18] they're the only ones that can -- that will sell
[19] to us.
[20] There was a couple of thoughts about
[21] getting a couple of the cities together and
[22] buying fuel -- you know, fuel futures,
[23] basically, but that's a political decision that
[24] you-all probably need to handle.
[25] **MS. MURPHY:** And the other item that

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[1] the Chief mentioned about the electricity or the
[2] natural gas or things like that that we code
[3] which they have a part of, many years ago, they
[4] used to all be charged to the general
[5] government. Then we had Council members that
[6] say, "No. If we're going to break it down to
[7] all the departments, we want it broken down
[8] through all the departments, what their elec-
[9] tricity and what their natural gas is."
[10]   So is that still the feeling of this
[11] Council?
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, how is it
[13] calculated? By --
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** Usually --
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** -- square
[16] footage? By the number of employees?
[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** Usually, most of them, we
[18] can get the exact amount because it has a meter
[19] and an address and we can clearly tell on the
[20] bill. So it's not that we're trying to
[21] calculate a certain amount ourselves. We
[22] usually have a very good idea, by the address
[23] and the meter, where it goes.
[24]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** There's no
[25] reason, then, we can't get the right amount to

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[1] there's a major adjustment.
[2]   What we did in the past, we would do it
[3] at mid-year review, is that we would bring up
[4] basically what City Hall had and what the Police
[5] Department was tracking, and reconcile that, and
[6] that would be part of the adjustment.
[7]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, that's what we did,
[8] y'all reconciled it, but we didn't ask the
[9] Council for any adjustment.
[10]   **CHIEF KING:** Yeah.
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Why didn't we?
[12]   **MS. MURPHY:** We talked about it. And I
[13] guess because the Council was getting monthly
[14] financial reports, I guess we were going to just
[15] monitor it for a couple months and ask before
[16] the end of the year or either wait till the end
[17] of the year.
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yeah. I'm just -
[19] - like I say, I'm just very, very concerned
[20] about this. I mean budget discipline is just --
[21] I can't stress how important that is.
[22]   I mean obviously there are some issues
[23] like the group insurance or whatever that the
[24] department head may not have control over, but
[25] there are a lot of things the department head

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[1] each department.
[2]   **MS. MURPHY:** There shouldn't be. And
[3] we expect to get the right amount to each
[4] department. And the Mayor, he's going to sit
[5] down with the department heads every month
[6] because there is one thing every -- they can't
[7] track their payroll, either, their salaries.
[8] They're not tracking that, so they're unaware.
[9] And we're willing to give them, instead of
[10] waiting till the end of the month -- even
[11] weekly, whatever, after we pay the bills --
[12] weekly reports about where they are, daily
[13] reports, whatever that we need to do so they
[14] know where they are at all times.
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** You have no
[16] idea now, Chief, the way you've been doing it,
[17] where you stand month to month?
[18]   **CHIEF KING:** It has been very
[19] difficult, sir. I know what my internal
[20] controls tell me I have, because we have -- you
[21] know, we had our coding process. I know the
[22] things that we order that come in, and we code
[23] them and then we send.
[24]   I knew what I had on my budget, but
[25] when things waited at the end of the year, then

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[1] does have control over. And obviously, yes, we
[2] can improve the reporting somewhat, but, you
[3] know, all of our departments I think except for
[4] two were able to stay within budget.
[5]   And I discussed this with the Mayor
[6] earlier, and I was very, very, very concerned
[7] that we need to find ways to make certain that
[8] this doesn't happen again.
[9]   Every day you pick up the newspaper,
[10] the State revenues are down; in every city, the
[11] revenues are down. Gas prices are going up. We
[12] understand that.
[13]   We have to find ways to save money
[14] because we're talking about adjusting or taking
[15] it looks like almost half a million dollars out
[16] of our savings, surplus, whatever you want to
[17] call it.
[18]   And what's our balance now on savings?
[19] About seven million?
[20]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** No. It's less
[22] than seven million because we took a million and
[23] a quarter out.
[24]   **MS. MURPHY:** We haven't taken it out,
[25] though.

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[1] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay, but --
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But we are --
[3] **MS. MURPHY:** It's still there.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- going to
[5] take that out. So --
[6] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- now you're
[8] looking at one point --
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Six million. And
[10] then now we're going to be down to five and a
[11] half million dollars all of a sudden, bang. You
[12] know, that money's gone. It's gone forever.
[13] And I don't want this to happen next year.
[14] And you know, any department head any
[15] time can always come to the Council and say, "My
[16] budget's not going to work on this thing" or
[17] whatever, and the Council would have the option
[18] of adjusting the budget then. And if the
[19] Council says no, then the department head has to
[20] figure a way to manage with less money.
[21] **MS. MURPHY:** The Mayor's also working
[22] on a policy with a budget calendar as to when
[23] the budget's going to get adopted and how often
[24] during the year that it's going to get adjusted,
[25] whether it's going to be monthly, quarterly or

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[1] whatever. I don't think he's going to wait till
[2] mid-year and the end of the year.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, I don't
[4] think it should be monthly. I mean we may as
[5] well not have a budget at all.
[6] Like I said, I'm obviously clearly
[7] upset about this. You know, how can we as a
[8] council set a budget if it's not going to be
[9] adhered to?
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Well, and just so
[11] everybody knows, about 180,000 -- about 180,000
[12] of the overage is in three line items -- group
[13] insurance, workers' compensation and gasoline.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Absolutely. So
[15] that leaves about $270,000 that isn't, that was
[16] directly controllable by the department head.
[17] **CHIEF KING:** But sir, then I would -- I
[18] see what you're saying, and obviously then --
[19] then I'm going to need some guidance about what
[20] services to cut back on.
[21] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** We may have to do
[22] that.
[23] **CHIEF KING:** We cannot have the level
[24] of service that we've enjoyed for all these
[25] years, as the revenues go down and as the budget

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[1] gets shorter, because remember, like I said
[2] before, there's no contingencies. Anything
[3] happens, then there's no flexibility in the
[4] current budget. So I'm going to need very clear
[5] guidance about what services do we need to cut
[6] back on.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, the
[8] contingencies, I mean we had over --
[9] **CHIEF KING:** Sir, there's no contin-
[10] gency planning in this budget.
[11] **MS. MURPHY:** That's another thing that
[12] the Mayor wanted to make sure we added and even
[13] come back in the current year budget that we're
[14] -- he didn't want to bring it tonight, but the
[15] next meeting, he was going to make adjustments
[16] to the current year budget by making sure we add
[17] back a contingency item in case we do have
[18] something that comes up unexpected.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** But what if we
[20] don't have the revenue to pay for it?
[21] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, I guess --
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Are we just --
[23] **MS. MURPHY:** -- the conting- --
[24] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- going to
[25] continue to get lower and lower until we spend

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[1] all our savings?
[2] **CHIEF KING:** We're going to have to cut
[3] back on services, sir.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Then, now is the
[5] time to do it instead of waiting until we come
[6] into a crisis situation. And we're going to
[7] have some hard questions to ask and answer and
[8] there's going to be some things we're not going
[9] to want to do. There's going to be things we
[10] don't -- we have to get rid of that I don't want
[11] to get rid of.
[12] **CHIEF KING:** I understand, sir.
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** But we have to
[14] ask these hard questions and deal with it.
[15] **CHIEF KING:** And I'm listening loud and
[16] clear, sir, but I need some guidance from the
[17] Council. What services do we need to cut back?
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, Chief,
[19] at the end of the year, we had a conversation
[20] about all the departments needing to cut back,
[21] and you agreed, with losing the General Motors
[22] revenues and not only the GM revenues but the
[23] franchise -- part of the franchise fees, too.
[24] And so what do you recommend or what do
[25] you suggest that you could cut from your

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[1] department to kind of not have this problem?
[2] **CHIEF KING:** Sir, the question you're
[3] asking is a political question, and I think it
[4] would be -- I think it's more fitting for the
[5] Council to tell me that John, we want you to
[6] increase your response time, maybe not to five
[7] minutes, maybe ten minutes.
[8] I need that kind of guidance. That is
[9] the kind of -- you know, you got to tell me what
[10] services you're willing to do without.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I think what
[12] we probably need to do is we need to sit down
[13] and talk things out. I don't think we need to
[14] decrease any services, but maybe there's some
[15] corners that we can cut.
[16] **CHIEF KING:** We're working very hard,
[17] sir, but I don't want this to come at the end of
[18] this current fiscal year and you not hear that
[19] I've told you that we cannot continue the level
[20] of service that I think is superior to any other
[21] surrounding areas around us. You know, I can
[22] compare this agency against almost any agency
[23] around us. But when the ice storm comes in the
[24] winter time, when something happens, when I have
[25] a large number of wrecks on the road and when

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[1] we're not doing as much traffic enforcement
[2] because we are carrying out the guidance of the
[3] City, of this board, to get in the neighbor-
[4] hoods, not to do so much traffic enforcement but
[5] work more in the neighborhoods and make more of
[6] a presence, we have done that, but there's going
[7] to be some shortfalls when it comes to traffic
[8] revenues.
[9] I'm trying to reach the middle ground,
[10] that I need to know where is the point of
[11] negotiation and where I can get some guidance so
[12] then I can turn around and manage the depart-
[13] ment and still be able to satisfy what y'all
[14] wish but not also have our citizens feel like
[15] they've been abandoned.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, first of
[17] all, I would never ask you to cut services.
[18] That's not what I was asking.
[19] I just feel like you, being the police
[20] chief and being the police chief of our fine
[21] police department as long as you have, there
[22] would be ways that you could probably cut on
[23] some of these things, like the gasoline that we
[24] were just talking about.
[25] **CHIEF KING:** I agree with you, sir.

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[1] The only thing that I -- I'll just tell you,
[2] sir. I can't control the weather. I can't
[3] control --
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** No, no.
[5] **CHIEF KING:** -- emergencies --
[6] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** We're not
[7] talking about that.
[8] **CHIEF KING:** -- and those costs, you
[9] know, because gas was $38,000?
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Forty-eight
[11] sixty --
[12] **CHIEF KING:** I can probably find ways
[13] to cut that, sir, but I can't cut $122,000 worth
[14] of workers' comp.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** No, no.
[16] **CHIEF KING:** I don't know --
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Again --
[18] **CHIEF KING:** -- how to do that.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Again, I'm not
[20] saying that. What we're looking at is --
[21] **CHIEF KING:** I'm 7 percent over on my
[22] budget, sir. We're wrestling with -- and it's
[23] not just city of Doraville, sir. Every town in
[24] the United States is wrestling with this right
[25] now.

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[1] I'm afraid that I can cut 30,000, I can
[2] cut things and cut corners, but I have to be
[3] honest: I can't reach to $122,000 worth of
[4] workers' comp or cut down significantly.
[5] I could probably cut some of the over-
[6] time as we get more staffing. But the problem
[7] is that I pay -- when I get full staffing, I'll
[8] pay less overtime but I'll pay more comp time
[9] and insurance because we have more employees.
[10] It's a very tight situation that --
[11] that I know I can make a difference in some of
[12] the lower budget lines, but, sir, I don't know
[13] if I can cut down the amount that I think the
[14] City would want me to.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So what are we
[16] going to do when we start running out of money?
[17] What are we going to do when our revenues no
[18] longer support our expenditures?
[19] **CHIEF KING:** And that's exactly the
[20] question I'm asking, you, sir. What are you
[21] willing to give up?
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And the answer is
[23] we set priorities and we set goals, and whatever
[24] comes lower on the priority list, we may have to
[25] get rid of.

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[1] **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Find new
[2] revenue.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And I think the
[4] Chief is absolutely right that we're up here
[5] elected to do exactly that. It's a rock and a
[6] hard place.
[7] But not while I'm up here, if there's
[8] any way I can help it, I'm not going to spend us
[9] into bankruptcy. And that's where we're going.
[10] Half a million dollars this year, three quarters
[11] of a million next year? You know, if we work
[12] it, it could be all gone by the time my term's
[13] up, but I don't want to do that and I don't
[14] think anybody else does either.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** There's a real
[16] easy solution if you want to go that route, and
[17] that's to write more tickets, you know. We had
[18] municipal fines that were down by 1.2 million
[19] dollars.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Mr. Bates, I
[21] don't believe I would ask the Police Department
[22] to write any more tickets.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And we just
[24] increased $10 per ticket surcharge to try to
[25] cover these additional expenditures.

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[1] **CHIEF KING:** And sir, I probably will
[2] not do that. I will tell you that. I would
[3] not, you know, and I doubt if --
[4] But what I'm asking you is I need some
[5] guidance on what level of service you -- what
[6] kind of police department you want and what kind
[7] of level of service you want versus what we can
[8] afford.
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, can you
[10] give us some -- and not tonight, not tonight,
[11] but can you go back and look and see -- before
[12] we tell you anything, see where you could cut.
[13] **CHIEF KING:** Mr. Spangler, I will --
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And then
[15] overtime --
[16] **CHIEF KING:** I do that almost every
[17] day, sir. I drive my staff nuts with this.
[18] The biggest thing is the challenge that
[19] I have is I need control over my budget. Now,
[20] that's the biggest challenge I have.
[21] And we're working through it. I think
[22] you already heard Priscilla and myself, what are
[23] the things that we're going to do to control
[24] these issues?
[25] I can give you cost savings, you know,

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[1] but it will all end up at what are your
[2] constituents -- what are they willing to give?
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, you
[4] know, I'm not asking you to give up patrolling
[5] in the neighborhoods. I'm not asking you to
[6] give up any of the services that the Police
[7] Department provides right now. I'm just asking
[8] you is there a more economical way that we can
[9] operate.
[10] **CHIEF KING:** Sir, we are searching high
[11] and low, sir. I assure you of that.
[12] The key is that I would ask you,
[13] respectfully ask you, do not let another fiscal
[14] year go through without having a mid-year review
[15] and adjustment to the budget.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, if you're
[17] going to go over budget, let us know --
[18] **CHIEF KING:** I would, but --
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- within a month
[20] and then we could do something about it, because
[21] we may have to say no.
[22] **CHIEF KING:** But we can do that
[23] decision at the mid year instead of waiting at
[24] the end of the fiscal year like we found
[25] ourselves this year trying to wrestle with --

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[1] and we only have 60 days to make those things, I
[2] mean.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Why can't we
[4] do it quarterly?
[5] **MS. MURPHY:** We can.
[6] **CHIEF KING:** It can be done, sir. I
[7] just don't want a whole year to pass, sir,
[8] without having the review and adjustment,
[9] because there's some budget lines that are going
[10] to go over, unexpected things -- gasoline
[11] prices, a storm that comes in the winter or an
[12] event; name it, whatever it may be.
[13] But there's some things that -- for
[14] example, I know comp time is a hot topic. I
[15] make my people take comp time. That means at
[16] certain times there will be a reduced coverage
[17] instead of -- because, you know, officers are
[18] building this comp time.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Let me chime in
[20] real quick. As of the end of February, which is
[21] the three-quarter mark which is 75 percent of
[22] the fiscal year gone by, there were two line
[23] items on the police -- I'm sorry -- three line
[24] items that were tracking -- four line items that
[25] were tracking above the 75 percent by a

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[1] significant amount. That was workers' comp at
[2] 129 percent, major accident repairs at 153
[3] percent, contract services at 127 percent and
[4] legal expense at 175 percent. There were no
[5] warning flags at the three-quarters mark that
[6] you were going to go over budget. The gasoline
[7] line item at end of February 2008 was at 75.44
[8] percent, which is right at three quarters of the
[9] year. So in looking at this, there were no red
[10] flags for me to say, "Hold up. There's a
[11] problem."
[12] There was a huge jump. And this is
[13] going to be a question that will go back to you
[14] to kind of figure, to both of you. In May, your
[15] regular employee salary expenditures went up by
[16] $80,000 over the previous four-month average.
[17] That's a big jump in a one-month period of time.
[18] I don't know if that was a coding error or if
[19] that was an employee --
[20]   **CHIEF KING:** We hired four people. We
[21] had those vacancies.
[22]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** But that number
[23] didn't continue in June. It dro- --
[24]   **MS. MURPHY:** It's probably a five-week
[25] payroll too.

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Okay. That's a
[2] great explanation.
[3] So I'm saying that there were no
[4] warning flags at the three-quarters mark to
[5] sound the bells and whistles and warning signs.
[6]   **CHIEF KING:** I knew about the major
[7] accidents but I knew how much we had gotten in
[8] insurance payments. So I was comfortable with
[9] that because I knew we had spent so much money
[10] on accidents but we were actually ahead by about
[11] $500 on -- on -- at that time.
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Now, we should
[13] have been going the bells and whistles in April
[14] because that's when we saw some challenges ahead
[15] not only in the Police Department but in other
[16] departments. So I think it's a lesson learned
[17] that we need to be more watchful down the road.
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Again, I would
[19] never ask you to cut any services.
[20]   **CHIEF KING:** By now, sir, I know what
[21] the hot things are for you and I have no problem
[22] discussing ways to cut corners. I just can't
[23] get to that high mark on the workers' comp and
[24] stuff like that.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I

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[1] understand that, but you definitely can do
[2] something. I think you can probably rework some
[3] of the overtime hours --
[4]   **CHIEF KING:** Yes.
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and we
[6] certainly can do something about this fuel --
[7]   **CHIEF KING:** Yes.
[8]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and
[9] possibly some other things that you know what
[10] you can do better than I.
[11]   **CHIEF KING:** We're working on it, sir.
[12] I assure you, we are.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And that's the
[14] only thing I was asking you, Chief.
[15]   **CHIEF KING:** Very good.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I don't want
[17] to see it go --
[18]   **CHIEF KING:** I know that, sir.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** You know, is
[20] this the actual amount that you'll go over or is
[21] it going to be more or --
[22]   **CHIEF KING:** I think that's it, sir.
[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** It shouldn't be much more.
[24]   **CHIEF KING:** I mean all the bills are
[25] turned in.

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And what other
[2] departments were actually over?
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** The Maintenance
[4] Department.
[5]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** The Maintenance
[6] Department.
[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And how much
[8] were they over?
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** 5 percent.
[10]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Priscilla, explain why
[11] the Maintenance is over. It's very easy to
[12] explain.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** 65,000.
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** Councilmember Bates, there
[15] were five payrolls in May.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Great.
[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** I just checked.
[18]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** And because of the new
[19] truck and we shifted the lights and what else?
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, we
[21] didn't get the new truck yet, though, did we?
[22]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, not -- that's going
[23] to be an adjustment in this year's budget.
[24] Now, it's the lawn mower that we did
[25] talk about a mid-year due that we could surely

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[1] find a place to cover the lawn mower.
[2] Maintenance was over on the group
[3] insurance, the workmen's comp again. And
[4] repairs and maintenance, that was on -- part of
[5] that was working on lawn mowers too. And the
[6] other big one was the gasoline and then minor
[7] repairs and auto parts.
[8] The two big things. Street paving
[9] expense, our auditor believes that this should
[10] be included in the Maintenance Department
[11] instead of general government because he feels
[12] like it's more of a public-works type issue than
[13] general government's part of the streets or
[14] roads. Also, he felt that electricity for the
[15] lighting of the street lights should go in this
[16] department.
[17] So that's a big change coming from the
[18] general government over to the Maintenance, and
[19] that's one of the reasons that Maintenance went
[20] over on the audit June 30th, 2007, because the
[21] auditor himself moved the street lighting over
[22] to Maintenance as well as street paving last
[23] year. Even though we didn't, he reflected it
[24] that way in the audit. So we're trying to
[25] follow his suggestions and move the street

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[1] lights and the paving over. And then the other
[2] big item was the lawn mower.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Where was paving
[4] in the general government?
[5] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, actually the paving
[6] didn't occur until June of '08 when we paid for
[7] it, so it wasn't in the general government until
[8] June. The street lights were.
[9] But also I want to say that we did
[10] increase the reimbursements, too, because we got
[11] reimbursed for the street paving. So it was
[12] money that flows in and then we paid it out to
[13] Dekalb County so --
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Revenue neutral?
[15] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So the biggest
[17] expense in Maintenance that actually we
[18] shouldn't be charged for when looked at for the
[19] budget was the $18,000 in street paving.
[20] **MS. MURPHY:** The street paving, and
[21] we're putting the street lights on here which we
[22] just recently learned about.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Why are we
[24] putting street lights on Maintenance?
[25] **MS. MURPHY:** Because our auditors

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[1] suggest that it's more of a public-works type
[2] service or area than in general government.
[3] It's part of the street lighting, the street
[4] paving, the --
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** And that went
[6] into electricity?
[7] **MS. MURPHY:** Uh-huh.
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So do we have
[9] any way of knowing how much that was,
[10] Ms. Murphy?
[11] **MS. MURPHY:** We moved the entire
[12] budget, the line item, from general government,
[13] of 140,000, to maintenance.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So I guess my
[15] concern is this, because I notice P.D. had a
[16] line item added too which was 52, users fee --
[17] petroleum I.D. cards, but that item is not in
[18] our new budget that we just approved.
[19] **MS. MURPHY:** No, it's not.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So --
[21] **MS. MURPHY:** That's part of our adjust-
[22] ment.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- is this
[24] change that has been made to the Maintenance
[25] Department in our new budget or no?

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[1] **MS. MURPHY:** No. That's part of --
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So we need --
[3] **MS. MURPHY:** -- the adjustments that --
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** -- to fix
[5] that also.
[6] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[7] And some of the biggest ones in
[8] Maintenance Department was the workmen's comp,
[9] which Bobby could not control, and the group
[10] insurance too.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So again, if
[12] you wouldn't mind going over it again, when you
[13] get that bill in January, that's theoretically
[14] for six months of our fiscal year.
[15] **MS. MURPHY:** For the workmen's comp?
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Workmen's
[17] comp.
[18] **MS. MURPHY:** No. When we get the bill
[19] in January, it's for an estimate. When we got
[20] it this year, it's for the estimate for 2008,
[21] the calendar year of 2008, so --
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Because right
[23] now, analyzing the budget we just approved, it's
[24] under budget based on the bill we received in
[25] January.

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[1] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** It's only

[3] like $3,000 but --

[4] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And when we

[6] approved the workmen's comp budgets, we did not

[7] approve them based on the actuals that have been

[8] charged to the departments.

[9] **MS. MURPHY:** Right.

[10] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So

[11] Maintenance theoretically is already in the hole

[12] for this new budget on workmen's comp by

[13] $12,000.

[14] **MS. MURPHY:** Right. That's another

[15] adjustment that we're going to have to make.

[16] And this time, I requested more

[17] information from GMA. That actually gives us,

[18] our classification codes, a better idea, and the

[19] auditor himself gave me a better idea of our

[20] classification codes and how much they cost us

[21] per each payroll like clerical versus a

[22] maintenance versus a police officer.

[23] And our workmen's comp also went up 13

[24] percent over what it did from the year before.

[25] And we have a different experience mod which

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[1] increases our cost, too, because the less

[2] accidents we have, the less claims we have, the

[3] better our experience modification, but the more

[4] we have, we are actually charged a little

[5] surcharge because we have workmen's comp claims.

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So on this

[7] workmen's comp, I assume they're going to have

[8] an actuary who's going to work it out, because

[9] right now, we're charging Mr. Buice more

[10] workmen's comp than we are Mr. Chupp. And I

[11] think Mr. Chupp may be in a little bit more

[12] danger. No offense to Mr. Buice, but --

[13] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, you might notice,

[14] too, that some departments actually have a

[15] credit in the current June, I think, under

[16] workmen's comp. I believe E-911 had a credit.

[17] Because after getting more information, I deter-

[18] mined that we were charging too much to them

[19] because they're more clerical and inside and not

[20] like a police officer on the street. So some

[21] departments we did adjust on, and Stormwater

[22] might have got adjusted a little bit.

[23] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Are there guide-

[24] lines from GMA? When we get that lump-sum bill,

[25] are there guidelines that help break down what

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[1] the percentage should be for a police officer

[2] versus --

[3] **MS. MURPHY:** And that's what I was able

[4] to get from our auditor, too, when he come out.

[5] I have a better -- that's what I used to make

[6] these adjustments that I did in June.

[7] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Are we bound

[8] to use GMA for our workers' comp or can we look

[9] at --

[10] **MS. MURPHY:** I guess we could look at

[11] other ones. We've found that over the years

[12] when we've looked at outside ones, we're getting

[13] a lot better rates on being in our self-insured

[14] fund than we have been going outside. Because

[15] also we've been with them so long, and over the

[16] years, our credits or not having as many

[17] accidents or claims has helped keep our

[18] experience mod down. And we have all our

[19] experience with our self-insured fund where we

[20] don't have -- I don't know how much credit that

[21] the outside workmen's comp insurers give us for

[22] our experience mod being inside of our self-

[23] insured fund.

[24] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** The only reason I

[25] ask is the City of Norcross, their public

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[1] safety/workers' comp line item is $44,000 and

[2] ours is two hundred.

[3] **MS. MURPHY:** Oh, really? So that's

[4] equivalent of their maintenance department?

[5] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** No. Public

[6] safety, police department.

[7] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And how many

[8] employees do they have?

[9] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** That, I don't

[10] know. I didn't get the specific.

[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, I think

[12] they have about half as many as we do. I think

[13] there's like 35.

[14] **MS. MURPHY:** Yeah.

[15] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** They got about

[16] half, Chief?

[17] **CHIEF KING:** Very similar except for

[18] they don't have a 911 center. Sworn officers.

[19] **MS. MURPHY:** And it may very well be

[20] that when we go through our audit, because we

[21] gave an estimate or paid a premium for the whole

[22] year of 2008, that we will actually determine

[23] that some of this is prepaid insurance for the

[24] last part of 2008. There may be a little bit

[25] more adjustment there, too, because technically

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[1] we have paid an estimate for January to December
[2] of 2008 in these numbers here that only are
[3] reflected through June 30th of '08.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Do we need to
[5] put a contingency back in this budget we just
[6] approved for 2008/2009?
[7] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes. For the new one,
[8] yes.
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** We did not do
[10] that; right?
[11] **MS. MURPHY:** We did not do that.
[12] That's one of the things that the Mayor
[13] -- it's my understanding that the Mayor is
[14] coming back. He didn't want to try to do both
[15] of them tonight, so he's coming back next
[16] meeting, I believe, with changes to the current
[17] year's budget, which would include a contingency
[18] fund that I think will be housed in the general
[19] government for unexpected items that come up,
[20] that we would have something there that we could
[21] move money from.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So we can take
[23] care of the insurance problems that we have now.
[24] **MS. MURPHY:** Or anything that might
[25] come up.

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[1] At one time in the past, we tried to
[2] have it as a department by itself, so to speak,
[3] called contingency. We're trying to have it in
[4] the general government, a lump sum of money.
[5] We've had it spread out in every department so
[6] there would be a little bit of flexibility in
[7] each department, and over the years, we've had
[8] Council people that have voted to take it out
[9] altogether.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I think
[11] the best thing to do would be have one large
[12] contingency line item in the general fund.
[13] Instead of having it in all the departments,
[14] just have the one.
[15] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, that's up to the
[16] Mayor and the Council.
[17] **MAYOR JENKINS:** We're going to bring
[18] that up.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Next meeting?
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, maybe I can
[21] summarize a little bit. I see two -- I see
[22] three main issues.
[23] First of all, it's accountability. I
[24] mean the department heads need to be held
[25] accountable.

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[1] The second issue is reporting, and I
[2] think we already discussed that, and I think we
[3] can go ahead and make a motion tonight to -- in
[4] fact I'll make the motion tonight that we switch
[5] to an accrual accounting system if we don't
[6] already have that, purchase and implement the
[7] purchase order system, and all invoices come to
[8] City Hall to be able to change to that different
[9] accounting process.
[10] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Can you order that
[11] tomorrow?
[12] **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[13] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Do I get a second?
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Um.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I just
[16] wanted to -- I'm sorry, Ms. Alexander. I just
[17] wanted to ask the Chief.
[18] Chief, you did agree that that would be
[19] better for you?
[20] **CHIEF KING:** That City Hall would code
[21] all the bills, sir?
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** No. You code
[23] them like we talked about. You code the P.O.s
[24] but the bills all come to City Hall.
[25] **CHIEF KING:** The only thing we're going

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[1] to have to work out, sir, is the non-P.O. stuff,
[2] you know, the recurring. You know, gasoline I
[3] think comes in on a non-P.O.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I think
[5] Ms. Murphy said that is handled in with the
[6] utilities and --
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** We understand
[8] that.
[9] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah. So we will have to
[10] work out something. But yes, sir, that's fine.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** So any non-
[12] purchase order invoices, the department heads
[13] would still be responsible for coding.
[14] **MS. MURPHY:** Like the cleaning service,
[15] things like that, recurring services.
[16] **CHIEF KING:** Reoccurring charges, yeah,
[17] I still need to have those, you know, to code.
[18] I have no problem. We can work something out.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Because even like
[20] services. I mean I used to do --
[21] **CHIEF KING:** Well, yes, sir.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- receipts.
[23] Like when I turned in my time sheet, that was
[24] considered a receipt even when I was a
[25] contractor.

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[1]   **CHIEF KING:** I will need definitely,
[2] sir, on especially the contract services, the
[3] cleaning, all this stuff, it still needs to be
[4] -- if it's going to be coded against the
[5] department's budget, then I need to be able to
[6] code it.
[7]   **MS. MURPHY:** So is the Council saying
[8] that we should have a P.O. for absolutely every-
[9] thing except for utilities?
[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, I don't
[11] know.
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Didn't you say
[13] you coded the utilities yourself and --
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we code that.
[15] Because we get one bill, we code the utilities
[16] across all departments.
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And the
[18] insurance.
[19]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And the fuel.
[21]   **MS. MURPHY:** Not the fuel.
[22]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** The gasoline.
[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** The fuel comes in coded.
[24] The invoice comes in coded.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. So

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[1] there should be a P.O. come to you or come to
[2] the City Hall coded. And at that time, they get
[3] the P.O. or do they already have the P.O.
[4] number? However.
[5]   **MS. MURPHY:** They need the P.O. number
[6] when they place an order.
[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So they code
[8] it and then they send that to you or should send
[9] it to City Hall.
[10]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** When the bill
[12] comes in, you pay it.
[13]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we need some kind of
[14] packing -- a receipt of the goods.
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, when the
[16] goods come in, the goods are going to go to the
[17] Police Department.
[18]   **MS. MURPHY:** The various departments.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Whatever
[20] department they go to. At that time, then that
[21] department when they receive the goods should
[22] bring that invoice to City Hall.
[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, the packing slip or
[24] something.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Right.

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[1]   And then it should be dated when City
[2] Hall receives it.
[3]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And then it
[5] can be paid.
[6]   **MS. MURPHY:** And there's just going to
[7] have to be a way to work out for service like
[8] invoices for the cleaning or something, that
[9] there's some kind of packing slip or receipt
[10] that yes, we received this cleaning or whatever.
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I don't see
[12] why that can't work the same way, Chief.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** But the
[14] cleaning service is on contract, is it not?
[15]   **CHIEF KING:** Yes, they are, ma'am.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** That is not a
[17] purchase item as far as I'm concerned. I don't
[18] know how the rest of the Council feels, but
[19] that's on a contracted --
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Clearly there are
[21] things that don't -- that are not appropriate
[22] for a purchase order. Payroll is not a purchase
[23] order, obviously, you know, maybe electric
[24] bills. And typically -- I mean there's
[25] different ways. You're the expert. There's

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[1] different ways to accrue.
[2]   My interest or I think our interest is
[3] that we make sure that we know how much was
[4] spent in the period that it was spent --
[5]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- instead of --
[7]   You know, when I go out and put
[8] something on my, you know, American Express
[9] card, as far as I'm concerned, I've spent the
[10] money now, not when I get the American Express
[11] bill.
[12]   And that's -- the main thing that we're
[13] trying to get at is so that we can start getting
[14] real financial reports like within 10 days of --
[15]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- the end of --
[17] I mean big, huge companies do that all the time.
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Three days.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Three days;
[20] exactly. You know, and that's where the whole -
[21] - that's the beauty of accrual, plus it enforces
[22] budget discipline.
[23]   So obviously there's a lot of details
[24] that are going to have to be worked out, you
[25] know, with whoever helps you implement this

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[1]　thing.

[2]　　　　But again, for now, though, I just want

[3]　to make this motion that we implement that. We

[4]　still have other things we have to deal with.

[5]　There's no two ways about that. But I think

[6]　that would be a giant step forward to good

[7]　accounting.

[8]　　　　**MAYOR JENKINS:** Yes. Do we get a

[9]　second?

[10]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, let's

[11]　let Ms. Murphy --

[12]　　　　**MAYOR JENKINS:** Let's get a second and

[13]　then we'll discuss it.

[14]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I'll

[15]　give a second. But what I wanted to make sure

[16]　of is what we were making the motion on and what

[17]　I'm seconding the motion on is going to be a

[18]　help to the departments and to the City.

[19]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** We need something in City

[20]　Hall that is coded as to what the -- where the

[21]　department head wants that charged to. If

[22]　that's a P.O., that's fine. We need the P.O. to

[23]　have where it's going to and how much it's going

[24]　to cost or close to what it's going to cost. We

[25]　need a receipt of goods, packing slip or

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[1]　something like that, and then when we get the

[2]　invoice, we will already know where it's to be

[3]　coded to and put that through the system.

[4]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** That part of the

[5]　accounting should already be done, actually --

[6]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** Right, it should.

[7]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- because it --

[8]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** All we have to do --

[9]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- it jumps up to

[10]　the balance sheet.

[11]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** -- the receipt of invoice.

[12]　And a lot of times, we can receipt the goods and

[13]　receipt the invoice at the same time, in one

[14]　step.

[15]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And the P.O. and

[16]　the receipt can happen in the specific depart-

[17]　ment.

[18]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** Yes.

[19]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Like Maintenance

[20]　can order something and then they can receive

[21]　it, bang.

[22]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Is that okay

[23]　with you? I mean you're the only department

[24]　head here.

[25]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** I'm sorry. I don't mean

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[1]　to be speaking for all of them.

[2]　　　　I just want to make sure that, you

[3]　know, if we purchase something off a P.O. -- and

[4]　I think I like the idea of having basically P.D.

[5]　and then the number. That way, you know.

[6]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And code it --

[7]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** And code. And then we --

[8]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and put a

[9]　price on it.

[10]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** Sir, I have no problem

[11]　with it.

[12]　　　　But I just insist and I respectfully

[13]　insist that anything that's going to be charged

[14]　against the Police Department's budget, that I

[15]　get the financial report, the monthly financial

[16]　report, and that I get the opportunity to code

[17]　it.

[18]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And that's

[19]　what I think Ms. Murphy just said.

[20]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** As long as those two

[21]　components are in place, sir.

[22]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** Well, the only thing we're

[23]　coding is electricity, gas -- I mean as far as

[24]　natural gas, and group insurance.

[25]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** If we can get a report, a

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[1]　monthly report of that, I can work with that.

[2]　　　　**MS. MURPHY:** Or you can get it weekly,

[3]　whatever would help.

[4]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But that's

[5]　okay with you for the City Hall to code the

[6]　utilities --

[7]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** As long as we get a report

[8]　of what's --

[9]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- and

[10]　workers' comp.

[11]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** -- being coded, sir.

[12]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. So you

[13]　can work with that.

[14]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** That way, I know what my

[15]　budget like is looking and I don't wait at the

[16]　end of the year and then spring this on you.

[17]　"Hey, I'm going to have to turn the lights in

[18]　the Police Department off for a month to make it

[19]　within the budget." I'm trying to prevent, you

[20]　know crises. If I know throughout the year

[21]　where I stand, then I can make adjustments.

[22]　　　　**COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But I'm saying

[23]　with with the motion and the second.

[24]　　　　**CHIEF KING:** I have to live with

[25]　whatever you-all vote. I mean that's --

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And I think
[2] this'll be a huge improvement. I mean here we
[3] all in August and we still don't have our final
[4] report for July yet.
[5]   **MS. MURPHY:** For June.
[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** For June.
[7]   And that way, if you try to order
[8] something and you've set up your budgets in your
[9] accounts and you go over your budget, you know
[10] at the time you're trying to purchase it. So
[11] you know, it stops you right there, so --
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So did we make
[13] this motion in the correct way, Mr. Weed?
[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Does anyone
[15] remember? To go to the accrual.
[16]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well --
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I'll restate the
[18] motion.
[19]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Thank you. I'd like to
[20] hear it one more time.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I'll restate the
[22] motion.
[23]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** I was paying attention,
[24] though, but I would like to hear one more time.
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I didn't get a

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[1] clear answer. Are we on an accrual basis now?
[2] Sounds like we're more like on a cash basis at
[3] this time.
[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** We're mostly on a cash
[5] basis.
[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. So
[7] essentially we change to an accrual basis of
[8] accounting for purchases and expenditures, we
[9] purchase and implement a purchase order system,
[10] and then all invoices would come straight to
[11] City Hall, and that was the motion.
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But then
[13] Ms. Murphy added to it that when the P.O.s come,
[14] they have to be coded.
[15]   **MS. MURPHY:** They have to be coded to
[16] where the department head wants them to be
[17] charged. And we need some type of packing slip
[18] or receipt of goods, documentation, that we can
[19] receive those goods in the system. Sometimes
[20] that's going to come right with the invoice,
[21] too, but we need some kind of something to let
[22] departments say, "Yes, we got this."
[23]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** There should
[24] be a dollar figure included with that P.O.
[25]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Now, the receipt
[2] process is part of the treble -- is this a
[3] treble-match P.O. system module?
[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** You do the invoice, you do
[5] the receipt of goods and receipt of invoice
[6] against the P.O., and --
[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I mean it's all
[8] in this -- I don't know the --
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** It's all on
[10] the one level.
[11]   **MS. MURPHY:** Right, just like
[12] Councilmember Alexander said, then we would be
[13] able to print reports and say, "These are open
[14] P.O.s."
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Exactly. I just
[16] assumed it was all there.
[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I just wanted to
[19] make sure.
[20]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** But a standard
[22] operating procedure must be done for all
[23] department heads in order for them to implement
[24] the new P.O. system; okay? I know you're doing
[25] the motion and a second, but, you know, an SOP

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[1] really has to be done for all departments.
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I'd like to amend
[3] my motion to add a standard operating procedure
[4] for accounting for all departments.
[5]   I mean that's a valid point.
[6]   Did I do that right?
[7]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Well, you did, but I'd
[8] like to -- can you make -- would you make your
[9] motion again --
[10]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay.
[11]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- with all the --
[12]   And this is useful. All the conver-
[13] sation --
[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right.
[15]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- is useful, but let's
[16] try to break it down to crystallize it into
[17] something.
[18]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I make a motion
[19] -- I'll withdraw the earlier motion and start
[20] from scratch.
[21]   I make a motion that we develop a
[22] standard operating procedure for all accounting
[23] for all departments, that we switch to accrual
[24] accounting, purchase a purchase order system
[25] that will implement and enforce this new

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[1] standard operating procedure, and part of that
[2] is that all invoices will henceforth come
[3] straight to City Hall.
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And --
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** And --
[6] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I'm sorry,
[7] Ms. Pittman.
[8] Ms. Murphy, you want to add to that,
[9] since it is a motion, that we do that with the
[10] coding and --
[11] **MS. MURPHY:** I think in the policies
[12] we'll make sure we put what we need, the coding
[13] and the packing slip, and detail it all out in
[14] the policy.
[15] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I didn't want to
[17] make the whole policy be the motion.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. I'm
[19] going to second.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Well, and the
[21] departments will be doing their own coding with
[22] the exception of what?
[23] **MS. MURPHY:** Everything that a
[24] department orders on a purchase order, they
[25] would be coding that purchase order.

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[1] The things that get coded that come on
[2] what I call a group bill is the group insurance,
[3] the electricity bill, and natural gas and
[4] workmen's comp.
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** But they are
[6] still going to code, for example, the fuel bill
[7] and things like that that don't come in on a
[8] purchase order.
[9] **MS. MURPHY:** Right. When the tank is
[10] filled, we still get an invoice and we still
[11] have to use that report to break that down to
[12] those key cards.
[13] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll.
[14] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[15] Alexander?
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[17] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[19] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[21] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[23] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?
[24] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yes.
[25] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember

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[1] Spangler?
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.
[3] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. Let's get back
[4] to the other motion we need to make.
[5] **MS. MURPHY:** Mayor, I'm sorry. There's
[6] one other department that's over. Did you want
[7] me to mention it?
[8] **MAYOR JENKINS:** How much was it?
[9] It's very small; is that correct?
[10] **MS. MURPHY:** I think it's 45,000.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And which
[12] department is that?
[13] **MS. MURPHY:** Legal. It's due to we had
[14] extra outside legal services for various
[15] lawsuits and things, and then we changed
[16] attorneys too before the end of the fiscal year
[17] and we still had our other attorney also.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Let me ask you
[19] this. In these legal fees or these lawsuits or
[20] whatever, shouldn't that portion of the legal
[21] fees be billed or whatever to that department?
[22] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, it could be, I
[23] guess. But we've always had this department, I
[24] think, in the past, because we had an employee,
[25] so to speak, in this department.

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[1] We could divide legal services up
[2] throughout all the departments.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I think
[4] -- I think what we need to -- in my opinion, we
[5] don't need to divide it up. We need to equally
[6] give whoever uses the services --
[7] **MAYOR JENKINS:** In each department.
[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** -- into each
[9] department. If Maintenance Department uses 50
[10] percent, we can give them 50 percent of the bill
[11] or charge them for their budget 50 percent of
[12] that amount; if the P.D. uses 10 percent, then
[13] give them 10 percent; if the library uses 20 --
[14] See what I'm saying?
[15] **MS. MURPHY:** For example, what if it's
[16] Council members just getting information about
[17] various departments and it's not the departments
[18] that are actually asking for the legal service
[19] and it's not a lawsuit in their department? It
[20] could be Council members doing research about
[21] different questions. Do you still want that
[22] charged to those departments?
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, can't we
[24] just put a line item in each department for
[25] legal services that they use and then leave the

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[1] other portion of it in and just --

[2] **MS. MURPHY:** For the most part, our
[3] outside legal services have been when we have a
[4] definite lawsuit that GIRMA handles for us.
[5] We've had some contracts that got reviewed in
[6] the past. We've had outside legal services
[7] because we was in a lawsuit with General Motors,
[8] but I think that's over with now.

[9] But mainly, then, we just have our
[10] general -- our regular City Attorney bill every
[11] month. But I don't think our department heads
[12] necessarily request legal services from our City
[13] Attorney every month.

[14] Do you, Chief?

[15] **CHIEF KING:** I'm sorry, I wasn't
[16] listening.

[17] **MS. MURPHY:** Do you request legal
[18] services?

[19] **CHIEF KING:** Only unless I have to.

[20] **MS. MURPHY:** From the City Attorney?

[21] **CHIEF KING:** I do. I do bounce the
[22] contracts and issues, but I always talk to the
[23] Mayor first.

[24] **ATTORNEY WEED:** If this is helpful,
[25] this is week 11 or 12 for me. And however you

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[1] extremely detailed.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** That's what I'm
[3] saying.

[4] **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- probably the most
[5] detailed you've ever had, so --

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right.

[7] **ATTORNEY WEED:** -- you could assign it
[8] that way.

[9] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I personally am
[10] happy with that because I think it would be too
[11] confusing to break it down.

[12] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yeah. I would be
[13] hard to know where in the budget to --

[14] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I appreciate
[15] the idea.

[16] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I see Councilman
[17] Spangler's point.

[18] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Well, I just
[19] think that if there's any one department -- my
[20] thought was if there was any one department that
[21] had a huge amount, then they should be charged
[22] in their budget for that. You know, it should
[23] be a line item.

[24] And again, I just brought it up so --

[25] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** No. It's a very

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[1] structure your budget is certainly up to the
[2] Council.

[3] I would prefer that the Council and the
[4] members of the staff -- I've always operated on
[5] an idea that an ounce of prevention is worth a
[6] pound of cure. There are other lawyers who
[7] don't feel that way and hope to make a big
[8] paycheck because, you know, they let their
[9] client, you know, stumble into something. I
[10] don't like to do service like that. In the 12
[11] weeks I've been here, I think all of you know
[12] that. I'd rather you call me up front because I
[13] think that saves you money in the long run.

[14] But I've known some cities who divide
[15] up the total evenly amongst every department
[16] that they've got. I know some that try to
[17] assign legal services to individual departments.

[18] Right now, the majority of the services
[19] that I've provided would probably end up in the
[20] zoning/planning arena, the Police Department and
[21] general admin. That's the majority.

[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** If we wanted to,
[23] we could dig all that out from the invoices. I
[24] mean we could get an idea of --

[25] **ATTORNEY WEED:** My invoices are

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[1] good point.

[2] **MS. MURPHY:** There was four depart-
[3] ments, four areas that were over. We've already
[4] talked about three of them.

[5] The other one is the Mayor -- we done
[6] some work on the Civic Center, and it went over
[7] by $96.44. But we will violate state law if we
[8] do not correct this, so we did ask for a budget
[9] adjustment on that too.

[10] So that brings us to this document that
[11] has all of the budget that was originally
[12] approved and then the proposed budget revisions
[13] in the middle column and then the ending budget
[14] in the third column. And it does provide for
[15] that the most money that will come out of
[16] savings is the $544,294.67, but I don't think we
[17] anticipate that whole amount having to come out
[18] of savings.

[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay.

[20] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** But that does not
[21] include comp time, accrued comp time.

[22] **MS. MURPHY:** Does not.

[23] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And, now, this
[24] is to revise the budget that we just completed;
[25] right?

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** That's right.
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** No.
[3]   **MS. MURPHY:** This is a budget revision
[4] for the 2007/2008 fiscal year which just ended
[5] on June the 30th, 2008.
[6]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So then we're
[7] going to come back and we're going to revise the
[8] new budget.
[9]   **MS. MURPHY:** The '08/'98; yes, we are,
[10] and we're going to put in some the new revenues
[11] that we have, new expenditures and a contingency
[12] for sure.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay.
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** That's the Mayor's plan.
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So then we're
[16] going to -- okay.
[17]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** We've taken money out
[18] for -- we've set aside $1,250,000 for parks.
[19] We've set aside $150,000 for sidewalks.
[20]   So I want somebody to make a motion
[21] that we take $544,000 plus out to bring the
[22] budget up in line.
[23]   Do I have a motion?
[24]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** And you said
[25] this has extra in it?

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[1]   **MS. MURPHY:** It has a little bit. If
[2] we get to a point as we're getting more audit
[3] adjustments or something -- we've already
[4] scheduled for our auditor to come pretty soon --
[5] we're going to come back to you at the next
[6] meeting if there's something else. We believe
[7] this is fairly close, and I'll get those accrued
[8] comp numbers, the time, and make sure. But it
[9] does have a little extra in it just in case the
[10] auditor moves some things around.
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But there
[12] shouldn't be anymore bills?
[13]   **MS. MURPHY:** There shouldn't be.
[14]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I'm just con-
[15] cerned about the accrued comp time. I mean do
[16] you know how many hours total it is?
[17]   **MS. MURPHY:** I can give you last year's
[18] number.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I want to make
[20] the motion that we take the money out of savings
[21] to correct the budget that we just finished in
[22] order to comply with state laws.
[23]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[24]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** And I hope
[25] that through this next budget year that we get a

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[1] lot better handle on it, and I think we will if
[2] we go to the quarterly reviews and do the things
[3] that we need to do and we discussed tonight.
[4]   **MS. MURPHY:** Oh. To answer your
[5] question, the comp time at the end -- the dollar
[6] amount of the comp time at the end of June 30th,
[7] 2007 -- just the comp time, not vacation or
[8] sick; just comp time -- was $92,786.03.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Ninety-two
[10] thousand --
[11]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- seven hundred and --
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- seven hundred
[13] --
[14]   **MS. MURPHY:** -- eighty-six dollars and
[15] three cents.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** And that was
[17] June of '07?
[18]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** So we could
[20] potentially be looking at another almost
[21] $100,000 on top of this $544,000.
[22]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, I think there's
[23] enough flexibility in this five hundred and
[24] forty-four, that we could handle that, the
[25] ninety-something.

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** That'll come up
[2] periodically, not at one time.
[3]   **MS. MURPHY:** Well, this will be paid
[4] out as someone takes the comp time off or if
[5] someone leaves and then they're paid off their
[6] comp time.
[7]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Do I get a second?
[8]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Second.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Can you say
[10] that -- I'm sorry, Priscilla, that date was June
[11] 30th of '07?
[12]   **MS. MURPHY:** Yes.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Okay.
[14]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll.
[15]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[16] Alexander?
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[18]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[20]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[22]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[23]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[24]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?
[25]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I vote along with

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[1] the Council. I'll say yes.
[2] **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[3] Spangler?
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.
[5] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[6] We're going to take a little break, 15
[7] minutes.
[8] - - -
[9] (Recess)
[10] - - -
[11] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Murray, will you draw
[12] up a resolution on the budget amendment?
[13] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I'll take care of it
[14] tomorrow, sir.
[15] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Pam?
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** We discussed
[17] the requesting of the reports in our Council/
[18] staff relations, that we needed to be more
[19] proactive in allowing our department heads -- or
[20] give them an opportunity to let us know what
[21] they did in their department so that we could be
[22] better City Council members. And everyone
[23] should have a copy of the requested monthly
[24] reports. We have received some this evening.
[25] Mayor, I think that was about it on

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[1] that unless you wanted to discuss some specifics
[2] that needed to be determined.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I don't know.
[4] I'm just --
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I think Ms.
[6] Rivera, Corally Rivera, gave us a very detailed
[7] report that I don't think we necessarily need.
[8] I think her summary would be fine. I think we
[9] all received that in their boxes. What does
[10] Council think about just a summary?
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I think so.
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Summary is
[13] fine.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yeah, I think
[15] summaries on all these reports, frankly, is
[16] fine.
[17] Personally, I was wondering how this --
[18] if we're going to get this kind of detail, we
[19] can always get it electronically somehow. I
[20] realize it's going to take a while to get that
[21] together, but for now, summary.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** And the only --
[23] one of the other ones was Parks & Rec, and there
[24] was some residents that wanted a breakdown of
[25] the Doraville residents.

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[1] Is that correct, Ms. Alexander?
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Might be a
[4] little bit difficult. Ms. Stephens said out-of-
[5] county might be a little bit easier than just
[6] out-of-city-of-Doraville because of our 30360s
[7] even reach into Gwinnett County, so --
[8] And then of course utilization of the
[9] arena right there, Pleasant Valley Drive, the
[10] right-hand side of Pleasant Valley which is
[11] right across the street from the arena is not
[12] Doraville at the present. So it's a little bit
[13] difficult for her to determine who's actually in
[14] Doraville versus out. It's going to be easier
[15] for her to do out-of-county.
[16] So is the out-of-county acceptable or
[17] do you want her to pursue --
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** No, I think
[19] that's fine with me.
[20] And I guess, too, one of the things
[21] that I personally -- like the residents have
[22] stated, "I've seen out-of-county tags." But
[23] when I would be walking there, I didn't know if
[24] that was a city function or if it was a North
[25] Dekalb Youth Association function, which there's

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[1] two different, because that's a separate entity
[2] that just uses our facilities.
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Were there any
[4] others on this list that anyone had any
[5] questions or wanted to add or delete?
[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Did we add the
[7] one about the comp time for the departments,
[8] accrued comp time?
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I put that on
[10] here. Breakdown of accrued hours and monies per
[11] department, not per person but --
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Right.
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** -- per
[14] department so that we could -- instead of
[15] waiting for a year to find out where we were on
[16] accrued time. Is that something that can be
[17] done, readily available on a monthly basis or
[18] no, Ms. Murphy?
[19] **MS. MURPHY:** Well, we'd still need a
[20] little bit of Council clarification on some of
[21] the policies that y'all were looking to about
[22] vacation, sick and comp. And at this point, we
[23] still are relying on our department head to give
[24] us the most accurate information of what someone
[25] has. But hopefully, you all will look at those

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[1] policies and get those in place for January of
[2] '09 at least.
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** We'll work on
[4] that. Thank you.
[5]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Mayor --
[6]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Yes.
[7]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** -- can I clarify one
[8] thing under City Inspector?
[9]   The stop-work orders are going to come
[10] from places -- because Chuck doesn't issue many
[11] of them anymore. They're issued by Quality of
[12] Life. So I will get the numbers from what we
[13] issue, and then we'll have to add that under
[14] police because that's -- they do the majority of
[15] the stop-work orders now.
[16]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Okay. So
[17] Mayor, during your departmental meetings when
[18] you have them monthly, they should be reporting
[19] to you these particular reports.
[20]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Right.
[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Okay. And then
[22] number 5 is mine. That's the goal-setting and
[23] priorities retreat.
[24]   And Mr. Bates, I'll turn that over to
[25] you.

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes, ma'am.
[2]   We had set a November date for the goal
[3] setting, and I'll be working with GMA and the
[4] Carl Vinson Institute to get that confirmed.
[5]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** What date? November
[6] what?
[7]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** I don't have that
[8] date.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Can you --
[10] before you finalize it, can you make sure
[11] everybody can go that wants to go?
[12]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yep.
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** This weekend I
[14] had an opportunity to talk to Miss Kitty and
[15] Gordon --
[16]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Maner.
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I'm sorry?
[18]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Gordon Maner.
[19]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes. He went,
[20] "I'll do it. I'll do it." So I don't know
[21] whether he wanted to do it or not, but he was
[22] real enthused, the president of GMA.
[23]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Want me to go
[24] ahead?
[25]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Pam, are you finished?

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[1]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** We talked about
[3] at the work session setting up a volunteer base
[4] for the citizens that might run into problems
[5] they have where they can't cut their grass or do
[6] something. Maybe one or two times they might
[7] need something.
[8]   City Hall is going to maintain that
[9] list and the citizen will be able to call and
[10] get the list from them, and they can contact the
[11] person themselves. It's not something we do all
[12] the time, but occasionally people get ill. We
[13] have some elderly people that do not have
[14] families close by that could use our help once
[15] in a while. So I think we've already started
[16] the list. We talked about that in the work
[17] session. I think that can go ahead and be
[18] implemented.
[19]   The trash can ordinance. A citizen
[20] brought it to my attention that the trash can
[21] ordinance possibly -- the way it reads is your
[22] trash cans can be brought from the curb and set
[23] in the front yard, and there would really be
[24] nothing -- if they want to challenge it, it
[25] cannot be enforced.

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[1]   I think Mr. Weed hopefully was going to
[2] work on something to be able to fix that?
[3]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Yes, ma'am. I did do a
[4] draft ordinance, and it should have been sent to
[5] the Council by now. It's marked as a draft.
[6] These ideas that I had, it actually modifies
[7] Section 15-44 Subsection 5, and it's short, so
[8] I'm happy to read it if you would like me to.
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Please.
[10]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** Okay. "It shall be the
[11] duty of the occupant to remove containers from
[12] curbside location to storage location" -- and
[13] obviously there are definitions about what those
[14] things are -- "which storage location shall be,
[15] A, located within an enclosed garage; B, located
[16] at the rear of the building and serviced in such
[17] a manner as not to be visible from street
[18] frontage of the property or from side frontage
[19] if the relevant lot is a corner lot; C, located
[20] within a fully enclosed storage shed or a fully
[21] enclosed storage rack but only where such
[22] accessory structures are otherwise allowed by
[23] ordinance or deed, located within a wholly-
[24] enclosed rear or back porch.
[25]   "In the alternative, as long as health

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[1] codes and other local ordinances are complied
[2] with, where the storage location cannot be seen
[3] by the public at large from street frontage
[4] and/or side frontage on a corner lot, such
[5] location shall be presumed to comply with the
[6] section -- the provisions of Section 15-48
[7] regarding disabled persons shall apply to this
[8] section."
[9]   So essentially, the short version of it
[10] would be the garbage cans cannot be left where
[11] they can be seen from street frontage, which I
[12] think was the ultimate goal. But I'm trying to
[13] give enough different mechanisms to comply that
[14] would cover the vast majority of situations most
[15] people would find themselves in.
[16]   COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And I'll just say
[17] that if this passes, then I'll be in violation
[18] because my garbage can is in my carport, it's
[19] unaccessible to get the garbage can behind the
[20] house, and so I guess just every month I'll just
[21] get a ticket.
[22]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, what is
[23] there, you know, just to pull it to the side of
[24] the house? because I know he's not the only one
[25] that has that issue because --

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[1]   COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: My elderly
[2] neighbor that I roll her trash can up for her
[3] every week, it's up at the top of her driveway
[4] on the side of her house.
[5]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, we
[6] actually have a past Council member that he has
[7] no back yard, really, and he has to pull it to
[8] the side.
[9]   ATTORNEY WEED: That's why we have
[10] these conversations. That's why it's a draft
[11] form.
[12]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We just don't
[13] want it in the front yard or setting on the
[14] front porch, basically.
[15]   ATTORNEY WEED: I mean if you -- I
[16] could make a modification and add an "E" that
[17] the can shall be located no further than one
[18] foot away from any side of the house, preferably
[19] not where it's visible from the street frontage.
[20]   COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I -- even then, I
[21] would be in noncompliance and --
[22]   ATTORNEY WEED: There is no perfect
[23] statute.
[24]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: How about just
[25] to the side of the house or, you know, if you

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[1] can, in the back of the house, not on the curb
[2] or not in the street.
[3]   ATTORNEY WEED: Well, again, we have
[4] not in the -- we definitely have not on the
[5] curb, not on the street. That's covered.
[6]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Not in the
[7] front yard.
[8]   ATTORNEY WEED: That was already
[9] covered. In the front yard is now covered too.
[10] The only remainder would be I can eliminate --
[11]   Once again, the only thing I can think
[12] of would be saying it's okay to leave it on the
[13] side.
[14]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, and I
[15] think that --
[16]   ATTORNEY WEED: That's easier said than
[17] done, but --
[18]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah. I mean I
[19] would love it to be out of sight, but we have a
[20] whole street that has no back yard.
[21]   ATTORNEY WEED: It would still -- we
[22] still need to assign how far away from the side
[23] of a building it can be or else once again
[24] you're back to it in the middle of the yard. So
[25] whether it's one foot, 10 feet, 12 feet, you

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[1] know --
[2]   COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So within my
[3] enclosed-but-not-hidden carport --
[4]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: You can just add,
[5] "Except for Brian Bates' and Ginny Calvert."
[6]   ATTORNEY WEED: Or we could have -- I
[7] could modify it to read "within an open carport
[8] but not easily visible from the street
[9] frontage." I could do that.
[10]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, how are
[11] you going to make it --
[12]   - - -
[13]   (Multiple overspeaking)
[14]   - - -
[15]   ATTORNEY WEED: I cannot hear the
[16] Council with the audience comments.
[17]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Right.
[18] Presently now we've covered we needed to move
[19] their trash cans by a certain time that same day
[20] that the trash is removed --
[21]   ATTORNEY WEED: Yes, sir.
[22]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- and they
[23] can't put them out before a certain time the day
[24] before.
[25]   ATTORNEY WEED: Right. That hasn't

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[1] changed.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. And

[3] they cannot leave them in the front yard.

[4] **ATTORNEY WEED:** That hasn't changed

[5] either.

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So I think

[7] what we need to do is we need to look at

[8] Mr. Bates' situation and some of the other

[9] people's situation, because once we draft this

[10] or we do this ordinance, then we want to make

[11] sure that it's enforceable with the Quality of

[12] Life unit.

[13] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Did we get the

[14] Quality of Life people to try to get the

[15] information from them?

[16] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Of course.

[17] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Okay.

[18] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I promised you that I

[19] would, and of course I did.

[20] This was the best the two of us could

[21] come up with through Quality of Life. There is

[22] no perfect ordinance. And there will be some

[23] people who are negatively impacted by the

[24] ordinance; you're right.

[25] Now, once again, we could do, you know,

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[1] Were there any other concerns with

[2] Council?

[3] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yeah. If you

[4] could just redo it and we'll talk about it next

[5] time.

[6] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I'll try to add those

[7] two things.

[8] With regard to the other items that are

[9] in it, are those items acceptable? Are there

[10] any items that you would like deleted? Because

[11] once again, I've tried to give options. It's A

[12] or B or A, B or C. It's not just -- you don't

[13] have to apply all of them. I've already given

[14] four options as to -- well, actually five as to

[15] get to compliance.

[16] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** You know, I

[17] really think the biggest complaint is the fact

[18] that the people do not remove their trash cans

[19] after the pickup.

[20] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Well, again,

[21] the citizen that -- people may remove them off

[22] the curb, but if you leave them from the front

[23] yard and the middle and it's further from the

[24] curb than your house, then you really --

[25] according to the old one, you were complying.

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[1] by the side of the house; we can do within an

[2] open carport as well. You can create as many

[3] exceptions as you care to.

[4] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Well, what we

[5] want to do is for people like Mr. Bates and

[6] several others. Like I said, we have a whole

[7] street that has no back yard. Nothing. Their

[8] only option is to have it on the side of the

[9] house. So if we could draft something that

[10] would help those people out --

[11] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I will attempt to do

[12] so. That's all I can say.

[13] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** But at the

[14] same time, you're going to have to address the

[15] people in the situation that Mr. Bates has with

[16] the carport.

[17] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** He said

[18] carport.

[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** You said side

[20] yard. I didn't hear you say the carport.

[21] **ATTORNEY WEED:** What I think I'm

[22] hearing from the Council now would be to try to

[23] look at an amendment that deals with side yards

[24] and with carports which are open and cannot be

[25] otherwise enclosed.

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[1] **ATTORNEY WEED:** And the only way to

[2] address that is to actually say how near to the

[3] home or the building the garbage can be, how

[4] near or from. There's no other way to legally

[5] address that.

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Could you adjust

[7] it by having it read it can't be located in

[8] front of the house so a carport is --

[9] **ATTORNEY WEED:** It already says that.

[10] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** But it doesn't

[11] stipulate -- a carport is behind the front of

[12] the house, if that makes sense. If you look at

[13] the front door as being the front of the house,

[14] a carport is technically behind that line.

[15] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Councilman, if you say

[16] so, that's fine with me.

[17] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** In some

[18] respects, the gentleman that wanted to enclose

[19] his carport was on the line of his front door,

[20] was it not?

[21] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I believe so.

[22] **ATTORNEY WEED:** What I tried to do was

[23] to deal with it by street frontage. It seems to

[24] be that the negative would be having the garbage

[25] can in front of the building. Now, obviously

[1] there are some occasions where that cannot be
[2] helped.
[3]   And so the next in my mind -- the next
[4] alternative would be how near the building the
[5] garbage can must be, away from the street and
[6] away from the curb, and that can only be done by
[7] saying it can be one foot away from the
[8] building, two feet away from the building, three
[9] feet away from the building, or from the
[10] reverse, meaning it must be 10 feet away from
[11] the curb, 12 feet, et cetera. And we can do it
[12] however you care to, but those -- seems like
[13] that those are the options.
[14]   Therefore, in that case, if it's in
[15] your open carport, it would be X amount of feet
[16] away from the curb, which would accomplish
[17] Councilman Pittman's goal and still -- you have
[18] to be able to keep it away from -- keep it out
[19] of the front yard, so to speak.
[20]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, there's
[21] no way you can put a certain feet from a curb
[22] into the carport because everybody's lot's going
[23] to be different, everybody's home's going to be
[24] different. So you can't say a specific 35 feet
[25] or 50 feet.

[1]   ATTORNEY WEED: Well, I mean you could.
[2] Now, where the actual trash can gets located
[3] might be more offensive on some lots than other
[4] lots. In other words, if it's 35 feet away from
[5] the curb, it may be two feet away from the
[6] building or it may end up being 12 feet away
[7] from the building on some people's, you know,
[8] lot, arguably. But it still would be 35 feet
[9] away from the curb, and that might improve the
[10] situation, arguably.
[11]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I guess my
[12] question would be -- and I know we discussed
[13] this at the work session -- where did this come
[14] from? I mean is there someplace where trash
[15] cans just look terrible? I mean what problem
[16] are we trying to solve?
[17]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It came from a
[18] concerned citizen where people pull the trash
[19] cans off the curb into the front yard and not
[20] taking them either to the side -- they're just
[21] in the middle of the front yard.
[22]   And to enforce that, if they wanted to
[23] challenge it the way it was written, technically
[24] they were okay. I mean they could have gotten a
[25] ticket for it, but they were further away from

[1] the curb than they were the house so they didn't
[2] have to pull it completely out of the front
[3] yard.
[4]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So if it was
[5] behind the front line of the front of the house,
[6] would that do it?
[7]   MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah.
[8]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I mean maybe it's
[9] in a carport, maybe it's on the side of the
[10] house, but at least it's not in the front yard.
[11] You said the front of your house, the front door
[12] or whatever. As long as it's behind there, it's
[13] not sitting in the front yard.
[14]   MAYOR JENKINS: Beyond the front of the
[15] house.
[16]   ATTORNEY WEED: I'll try to -- I'll
[17] make another stab at language. I'll try.
[18]   MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
[19]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm sorry. So
[20] we're not making a motion. We're going to --
[21]   COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We're going to
[22] go back.
[23]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
[24]   MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead, Bob.
[25]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Status on the

[1] Central Avenue sidewalk. First of all,
[2] Councilman Fleming has done a great job. We're
[3] starting to try and get some information on
[4] maybe some sources of funding maybe from the
[5] County or whatever or possibly from the State.
[6] I don't know. They're kind of broke right now,
[7] but that's okay. But we want to exhaust every
[8] possibility as far as getting this thing funded.
[9]   One thing that did come up was that we
[10] need to make sure our audits are up to date
[11] before we can -- when we go after some of this
[12] money, apparently.
[13]   So I think, just curious, our audits are
[14] going to be scheduled fairly soon for this year?
[15]   MS. MURPHY: September that we
[16] supposedly start. He's coming on site in
[17] September.
[18]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: But I think --
[19] Mr. Roche, I think the Mayor said after the Park
[20] Avenue sidewalk's completed, then we start on
[21] Central --
[22]   MAYOR JENKINS: No matter what.
[23]   COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- Avenue.
[24]   COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's fine.
[25] That's good.

[1] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Well, I was
[2] just trying to pursue possible joint ventures so
[3] we wouldn't have to use all of our own money.
[4] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Luke is also looking
[5] for grant money for sidewalks.
[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Excellent.
[7] So as far as, you know, after the Park
[8] Avenue thing, we haven't done any drawings or
[9] anything like that at this point for Central
[10] Avenue?
[11] **MAYOR JENKINS:** (Inaudible)
[12] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Is there a way to
[13] put this like on the agenda going forward like
[14] maybe under just Mayor's comments? I don't want
[15] to have to add it to the agenda every time.
[16] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay.
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Just follow-up
[18] of sidewalk maybe.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** The status on
[20] Longmore/Buford Highway intersection for safety
[21] and traffic, that's the famous intersection.
[22] And I have a memo here from John King. Unless
[23] you'd rather just talk about it, I could read
[24] the memo.
[25] **CHIEF KING:** Which memo, sir? I think

[1] there's the one on the number of citations, sir?
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** No. This is the
[3] one about meeting with Dekalb.
[4] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, sir. We have asked
[5] for a meeting with DOT.
[6] In the meanwhile, the Department of
[7] Transportation -- it's a situation because
[8] Buford Highway is on State DOT and Longmire is
[9] on the County DOT. Basically, they're pointing
[10] a finger at each other.
[11] What we're trying to do is -- they will
[12] not change anything based on tickets. They will
[13] only change things on any roadway, both
[14] departments, based on crash data. So what we've
[15] done is we went and pulled the crash data, the
[16] accident reports, and submitted it to them. We
[17] are waiting for them to respond to us now on
[18] what things they can re-engineer for that
[19] intersection.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay. So we'll
[21] get some kind of response even if it's "no."
[22] **CHIEF KING:** Even if it's "no," sir.
[23] We will continue asking them. And Captain Brown
[24] basically is following up on getting us a
[25] response, either "yes," "no," or "We can't deal

[1] with it right now. We're dealing with other
[2] stuff."
[3] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I guess my only
[4] concern there would be if we say we had four
[5] accidents in ten years, that's fine, but the
[6] potential, because it's almost all tanker
[7] traffic, it only takes one.
[8] **CHIEF KING:** That's a problem, sir,
[9] that perhaps I'm probably going to need -- I'm
[10] going to need some political help on that one,
[11] sir, because DOT looks at a police department
[12] and says, "Hey, you don't have the crash data
[13] for us to do anything."
[14] It's like getting Buford Highway speed
[15] limit all one speed limit across the city. They
[16] will not touch it based on crash data or speed
[17] data. It had to take political pressure on DOT
[18] to even get them to, and it had to take both the
[19] City and the County together to try to get that
[20] changed, and it's finally getting changed but
[21] it's still very slow.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay.
[23] **CHIEF KING:** So I might need to come
[24] back to you-all and ask for a resolution or some
[25] assistance getting in touch with DOT to make

[1] that, because the crash data, so far, sir, I
[2] don't think it's going to support any change,
[3] any engineering changes on it, so it's probably
[4] going to need to get some political pressure
[5] behind it to get them to react.
[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Do you think you
[7] may be able to at least get a meeting?
[8] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, sir, I think they'll
[9] meet us. But don't set your hopes very high,
[10] sir.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** We'll contact
[12] the rest of the Council and --
[13] **CHIEF KING:** They're very difficult to
[14] deal with sometimes, especially if you don't
[15] have --
[16] We have the crash data on Buford
[17] Highway to reduce the speeds, 17 fatalities, and
[18] they still would not want to change. That's how
[19] difficult they are.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I understand.
[21] **CHIEF KING:** Okay, sir.
[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** City Inspector
[23] salary adjustment. This is the one that after
[24] we went through the budget process, I found
[25] three memos, three e-mails in my mailbox talking

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[1] about the salaries for city inspectors. And I
[2] think the last time, some comments were made
[3] about wearing multiple hats, et cetera,
[4] et cetera. But in the meantime, we've also --
[5] And that's why I put it on the agenda,
[6] you know, because we did make several salary
[7] adjustments during the budget process, and that
[8] was one that I felt that we overlooked, frankly.
[9] So this is nothing evil. Just like I said, I
[10] did it in response to something I found in my
[11] mailbox.
[12] In the meantime, I think we've talked
[13] about looking at all of our job descriptions and
[14] salaries and making adjustments for the mid-year
[15] budget review. So I'm good with that if
[16] everyone else is.
[17] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** I think that was
[19] all I have.
[20] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. Bob?
[21] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Personnel
[22] matters is not mine, I don't believe.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Number 11,
[24] merit raises?
[25] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Personnel matters

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[1] was taken off the agenda.
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Okay. Merit
[3] raises. I want to postpone merit raises and the
[4] budget at this time, but I do want to go with
[5] the correction on the June 2nd minutes. I was
[6] here.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Still? Are you
[8] sure?
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I'm positive.
[10] I was thinking July 2nd, so I just wanted to
[11] make that correction on that.
[12] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. Did you make it?
[13] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes, sir.
[14] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Mr. Weed.
[15] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Mr. Mayor, I'll try to
[16] make this as brief as possible.
[17] I inherited ten projects from my prede-
[18] cessor, two of which are in my opinion prepared
[19] to the point that the Council can make a
[20] decision on them tonight, one of which is the
[21] Code of Ethics. As you recall, I mentioned at
[22] the work session there's an adjustment that the
[23] Council had wanted to make to the Code of
[24] Ethics. I have already contacted the relevant
[25] committee at GMA. We do not have to resubmit

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[1] the ordinance to GMA to get an official ruling
[2] from them with regard to the Code of Ethics, but
[3] they would like a copy of it. As the president
[4] of the city attorney's section of GMA, I was the
[5] president of that committee at one point in my
[6] career so I know in great detail the workings of
[7] that committee.
[8] With regard to that, you've had this
[9] ordinance since -- the first version since mid
[10] July, my version since July 29th. I don't know
[11] if you have any other comments or concerns about
[12] it, but this ordinance is ready to be passed if
[13] you so choose.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Can I ask
[15] that you put -- that we get detail on your items
[16] because I didn't bring any of those documents.
[17] **ATTORNEY WEED:** (Presenting) Thank
[18] you.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Is there some
[20] reason why we can't review this and bring it up
[21] and pass it at the next meeting?
[22] **ATTORNEY WEED:** Absolutely not. And I
[23] had sent the Council an e-mail about what your
[24] preferences would be. What we can do if you
[25] prefer, we can always put these items on the

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[1] agenda not underneath my heading but as
[2] individual agenda items.
[3] And what I do -- what the protocol has
[4] been so far, when I complete a draft ordinance,
[5] I submit it to the Clerk, and the Clerk forwards
[6] it to your attention, and they're all marked as
[7] drafts. So hopefully, you will have time to go
[8] over it.
[9] Now, if you would like to make sure
[10] that these individual items are placed on the
[11] agenda as items in their own right, that's
[12] certainly fine with me. I'll be glad to do it
[13] however you decide.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** That would
[15] certainly be my preference.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Mine too.
[17] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** The last agenda
[18] that we had, you had specified the ordinances
[19] that you would be discussing, and we probably
[20] all pulled them out and had them in order of
[21] sequence and were ready to proceed with that.
[22] So I agree. They need to be listed so we can be
[23] prepared.
[24] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** We could get some
[25] things maybe done. If I understand, if I

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[1] remember correctly, when I reviewed this new
[2] change, essentially what it does is it makes the
[3] Ethics Ordinance apply also to employees.
[4] **ATTORNEY WEED:** That is correct.
[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And I don't
[6] remember if there was any other significant
[7] change to this.
[8] **ATTORNEY WEED:** That's the primary one.
[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** That was the main
[10] thing. And I was hoping since it's been kind of
[11] on the back burner for a long time, since it's
[12] just that change -- it's almost more of a
[13] wording change than anything else -- I'd like to
[14] make a motion that we waive first reading on
[15] this and go ahead and pass the new version of
[16] the Ethics Ordinance. It's just more -- I see
[17] it as a technical correction or a typo
[18] correction.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I think we
[20] would all feel better if we had more time to
[21] look it over and bring it up at the next
[22] meeting.
[23] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Okay.
[24] **ATTORNEY WEED:** In light of that, I
[25] have no further items.

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[1] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay.
[2] **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Can you discuss
[3] the car lot?
[4] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** The car lot?
[5] **ATTORNEY WEED:** I'll be happy to, but
[6] I'm not sure that would be appropriate in light
[7] of the policy.
[8] If you care for me to do that, I will
[9] be glad to.
[10] Mr. Mayor, what's your preference?
[11] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Do you want to?
[12] **ATTORNEY WEED:** They will appear on the
[13] next agenda as individual items.
[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** I thought the
[15] car lots was on the agenda we were e-mailed.
[16] **ATTORNEY WEED:** It's not on the agenda
[17] I have in front of me.
[18] **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Oh, okay.
[19] **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I have a whole
[20] different agenda than that.
[21] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I do too.
[22] **ATTORNEY WEED:** We'll put them all out
[23] there individually.
[24] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay. John, do you
[25] have anything?

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[1] **CHIEF KING:** I just want to make sure
[2] that the Council had all the reports that they
[3] needed from the Police Department and if there's
[4] any questions about any of those reports.
[5] That's all I had, Mayor.
[6] **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay.
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** I do want to
[8] ask just one quick question.
[9] **CHIEF KING:** Yes, ma'am.
[10] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** The fees that
[11] you are collecting from inmates from Johns Creek
[12] and Sandy Springs, I was wondering where the
[13] calculation of $2.08 came in per hour.
[14] **CHIEF KING:** What happens, ma'am, is we
[15] -- what we did is we agreed on $50 per day as a
[16] starting point because the federal government
[17] fee is $47. So Johns Creek and Sandy Springs
[18] were willing to pay us more per prisoner.
[19] What we did is we broke it down to --
[20] and we don't charge them by the hour. We charge
[21] them by four-hour blocks. So if you get
[22] arrested and you're brought here to our jail,
[23] they're going to pay a four-hour minimum. If
[24] you get bonded out in an hour, the City made
[25] that -- you know, that extra two hours, three

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[1] hours. But if you stay, for example, four
[2] hours and thirty minutes, you're going to be
[3] billed for an eight-hour block. So it's in
[4] four-hour blocks. That way, they could do the
[5] billing cycle. I'm not sure where the two hour
[6] -- two dollars --
[7] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** $2.08.
[8] **CHIEF KING:** I think that's just --
[9] they just did the math, ma'am. They broke it
[10] down.
[11] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** $2.08 per hour.
[12] That's why I was a little bit --
[13] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah. It's $50 per day,
[14] ma'am. That's what the agreement is. And I
[15] think they just broke it down by the hour.
[16] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** And I don't
[17] know how Council feels, but a summary on that is
[18] fine with me as far as the number of inmates --
[19] **CHIEF KING:** Okay.
[20] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** -- for Johns
[21] Creek and number of inmates for Sandy Springs
[22] and then what your billing is.
[23] **CHIEF KING:** What we do, ma'am, is we
[24] get -- we calculate it, and then what we do is
[25] we send it to the Clerk so they could bill those

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[1] agencies.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Oh, I see. So

[3] they receive that particular --

[4] **CHIEF KING:** Yeah. We --

[5] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** -- document.

[6] Okay. That's fine.

[7] **CHIEF KING:** We didn't want to get into

[8] the flow of that money cycle.

[9] **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Excellent.

[10] **CHIEF KING:** We submit the bill to City

[11] Hall and then the Clerk would bill those cities

[12] and receive that money directly from them,

[13] ma'am.

[14] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** And when you set

[15] the dollar to $50, was that based just on the

[16] federal?

[17] **CHIEF KING:** That was based on the

[18] federal standard, sir. Now we have a provision

[19] -- and I think the City Attorney is in the

[20] process of negotiating with them to increase I

[21] think to fifty- --

[22] **ATTORNEY WEED:** $52.

[23] **CHIEF KING:** -- $52. The cost of doing

[24] business has gone up, so we -- basically, we

[25] have that provision in the contract that we can

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[1] adjust based on the CPI.

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Do we know what

[3] other municipalities that own jails charge?

[4] **CHIEF KING:** The City of Roswell was

[5] charging $78, and that's why they came to us.

[6] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, would they

[7] come to us for $68?

[8] **CHIEF KING:** That's -- sir, that's up

[9] to the Council to make a decision on that. I

[10] don't have a dog in that fight, sir.

[11] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** According to

[12] the information you gave me before the meeting,

[13] Chief, you're still making, what? Twenty-six

[14] something?

[15] **CHIEF KING:** We're making about $26.

[16] You know, like I told you, sir, obviously we're

[17] not making any money off the prisoners that we -

[18] - the people that we arrest. But before we got

[19] into this business, we weren't getting any

[20] additional funds. We were -- you know, this was

[21] costing the taxpayers monies. We were paying

[22] for the same amount of staffing whether the jail

[23] was full or empty. This way, we can recover

[24] some of those costs and benefit the city.

[25] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** So there's no

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[1] additional cost as far as staffing.

[2] **CHIEF KING:** No, sir. Food is the only

[3] thing. The only thing that has increased is

[4] food and the NurseFinders which is the contract

[5] nurse who gets called in if there's any kind of

[6] -- and those are requirements that we would have

[7] even if it was our prisoner.

[8] **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Right. And

[9] that figure you gave me would be --

[10] **CHIEF KING:** Yes.

[11] I don't want to make -- as a

[12] recommendation, I would recommend that we look

[13] very carefully at trying to make more money.

[14] I hope you don't mind me saying this,

[15] Mr. Roche, but we have a good thing going with

[16] these agencies. Yes, it's cheaper for them to

[17] house their prisoners with us than to build a

[18] jail and staff it, clearly, or to run all the

[19] way to Rice Street in Fulton County. But we've

[20] got to be very careful because we're not the

[21] only show in town.

[22] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Well, that's what

[23] I'm saying. If we had an idea of what the other

[24] shows are charging, then we could be ahead of it

[25] maybe.

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[1] **CHIEF KING:** Well, sir --

[2] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** It's worth asking

[3] the question --

[4] **CHIEF KING:** Yes

[5] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- because just

[6] like I said -- we just went through this --

[7] we've got to find ways to --

[8] **CHIEF KING:** Exactly, sir.

[9] **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** -- enhance our

[10] revenues and reduce our expenditures.

[11] **CHIEF KING:** The city of Sandy Springs

[12] is going through a lot of turmoil right now, and

[13] I probably -- once they get stabilized a little

[14] bit more, sir, I will approach it. But I

[15] probably need -- we need to let them stabilize a

[16] little bit more with their police department.

[17] **ATTORNEY WEED:** And Mayor and Council,

[18] I have a little input on this.

[19] I've been in direct contact with Cecil

[20] McLendon who's the Sandy Springs attorney. And

[21] what I would ask would be if you are going to do

[22] a survey, now would be the time to get the

[23] results back to me so that if I'm going to

[24] include any changes, I need to know that as soon

[25] as possible.

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Donna had something
[2] about --
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** You can go the
[4] library and pick up a card. It's like checking
[5] out a book. And you can take it. You still
[6] have to return it in the same time you return
[7] your books. But it will get you into any state
[8] park -- Vogel Park; does not include Stone
[9] Mountain but the ones in the state of Georgia --
[10] for parking and entrance in for free for one
[11] person. It's something that not many people
[12] know that the library has. Again, you check it
[13] out just like you do a book, which you can take
[14] to any of the state parks. And yeah, it's
[15] something new.
[16]   And also we have some information up
[17] front about Chick-Fil-A's going to be having a
[18] back-to-school night with free food and a dance
[19] contest and everything. So the information I
[20] believe has been placed at the front desk.
[21]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Committee reports?
[22]   **MR. CRAWFORD:** Mayor, City Council; Ben
[23] Crawford.
[24]   Just to remind everybody, Thursday
[25] night at 7 o'clock we're going to have a

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[1] Planning Commission meeting here at City Hall
[2] and we'll be discussing the M1 and M2 zoning and
[3] I'd like to get the input of the citizens of
[4] Doraville.
[5]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[6]   Anymore committee reports?
[7]   Citizens comments?
[8]   **MS. CALVERT:** Okay. I've been tromping
[9] the grounds out there in Northwoods. I just
[10] finished Addison Drive and McClave. Now, if I
[11] missed some of you for this, for the flags and
[12] all, if I have missed some of you, it's because
[13] you haven't been home.
[14]   Now, I would like for you to be able to
[15] tell people they can call City Hall, get an
[16] application, or City Hall can call me. I will
[17] be glad to take the application to you.
[18]   Another thing I wanted to find out,
[19] too. We discussed the garbage can deal. What
[20] about the people that go to work at 6 o'clock in
[21] the morning and they miss the truck and the
[22] garbage cans have to sit out there all day until
[23] they come home at night? Are they going to be -
[24] - is the Quality of Life going to get onto them
[25] about this or what? Because I have taken the

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[1] garbage can across the street, to her house, and
[2] I know she leaves early in the morning.
[3]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I don't think
[4] that's ever been a real issue. I think if it's
[5] left out two or three days, it might become an
[6] issue.
[7]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** It's 7:00 to 7:00.
[8]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Yes, 7:00 p.m.
[9]   **ATTORNEY WEED:** We're not changing that
[10] at all.
[11]   **MS. HOFFMEISTER:** Honorable Mayor and
[12] City Council, thank you for passing the LEED. I
[13] think it's a first step towards, I hope, better
[14] zoning ordinances and policies and procedures.
[15] I commend you.
[16]   And number two, there are some weeds on
[17] the south side of Buford Highway on the
[18] sidewalk. We've got the street cleaned up now.
[19] Is there something we could do about the
[20] sidewalk there? You know, there's the sidewalk
[21] and then there's like a bank so that people
[22] don't fall over into the parking lot there at
[23] the union site, and there's a creek that goes
[24] there and there's weeds that are about two and a
[25] half, three feet tall. If we could get those

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[1] cleaned up, I'd appreciate it.
[2]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Okay.
[3]   Yes, sir.
[4]   **MR. KOONTZ:** I know all of y'all are as
[5] concerned as Mr. Roche and all of y'all were
[6] talking about being as over budget as we were
[7] and having to take our savings to go into --
[8] basically going into debt for the first time
[9] since I think I've lived here; that every year,
[10] they've balanced the budget and this is the
[11] first time they've had to go backwards.
[12]   The GM plant's leaving. It's going to
[13] get worse. The economy's bad. The revenues
[14] aren't as much. And you know, you're saying
[15] about cutting services.
[16]   And you know, Pam, you had touched on
[17] like what's it costing the City of Doraville to
[18] house these prisoners. And then Chief King said
[19] something just now that sounded kind of odd to
[20] me, that it's cheaper for these other places to
[21] send their prisoners here than to build and
[22] staff a jail.
[23]   Is the same thing true for us? I know
[24] we've got this jail, but I know a lot of the
[25] budget was staff, comp time, insurance and all

[1] that for all the extra police to run the jail.

[2] Are we losing money? I mean is this -- I used

[3] to own a small business, so I look at is this

[4] making money or is this losing money? Is us

[5] running a jail for the surrounding area --

[6]   I don't see having a jail in the city

[7] as being like a big bonus to have as far as, you

[8] know, being a status kind of thing, and is it a

[9] money loser? And if we're spending, you know,

[10] mil- -- I don't know how much the jail versus

[11] like the actual Police Department, you know, how

[12] that would split up. But if we're spending

[13] millions of dollars to have this jail and it's a

[14] money loser, why are we doing that?

[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** I understand

[16] what you're saying, but if we don't house our

[17] inmates, then the next choice would probably be

[18] to send them to Dekalb County and then you've

[19] got to pay Dekalb County --

[20]   **MR. KOONTZ:** Oh, I understand that.

[21]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** -- and take the

[22] time out from our staff to transport those

[23] prisoners over there.

[24]   **MR. KOONTZ:** But if it's cheaper for

[25] Roswell to bring them over here than to have

[1] their own jail, why is it more expensive [sic]

[2] for us to have them than to send ours to

[3] somebody else?

[4]   That's just a question I'm asking. It

[5] doesn't make sense to me that it's cheaper for

[6] them to bring their prisoners over here and to

[7] not have a jail, where but for us, it would cost

[8] more. That doesn't make any logical sense. You

[9] see what I'm saying? And maybe we need to

[10] rethink this whole thing about us even having a

[11] jail here if we --

[12]   I would rather see that than have them,

[13] say, cut five of the patrol officers and have

[14] nobody patrolling neighborhoods so we can have a

[15] jail. You know, I don't see the jail as being a

[16] service that benefits me. That's -- and it's a

[17] nice jail.

[18]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** I think these cities

[19] will have a jail as soon as they can get

[20] organized and can afford them.

[21]   **MR. LIVINGSTON:** Charles Livingston.

[22]   If I understand the situation

[23] correctly, you're going to go ahead with

[24] recycling come hell or high water. Now, if this

[25] is true, my question to you is have you thought

[1] about or maybe you already have in place an

[2] ordinance to regulate these containers that are

[3] going to be on the street? What is the quick

[4] answer on that?

[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I think we can

[6] get the answer from Mr. Weed right now since

[7] he's going to redo the --

[8]   **MR. LIVINGSTON:** Well, you know, my

[9] question is, if you don't have something for

[10] that, I'm wondering if you couldn't piggyback

[11] the containers for the recycling onto the

[12] existing trash can ordinance.

[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I'm sure that

[14] could happen.

[15]   **MR. LIVINGSTON:** It's the same thing.

[16] We do not want to look at them. I mean it's bad

[17] enough to have to look at trash cans that are

[18] not brought in like they're supposed to be. And

[19] so if you can do that, I think that would be

[20] good.

[21]   The second thing I just want to mention

[22] real quickly, you had a little conversation here

[23] just a minute ago about the ordinance as Murray

[24] has drawn it up about bringing trash cans in

[25] from the street.

[1]   I think that what he has written is

[2] exactly what we need. Basically, the concept

[3] that I think all of us would like to have is out

[4] of sight. And this means behind the building if

[5] you can, in a garage or wherever. Places like

[6] properties like Councilman Bates has, there's a

[7] few of these around. To me, the way to handle

[8] this is leave it like Murray has written. Don't

[9] water it down so that you have so many feet from

[10] the street or on the side of the house, because

[11] if you can do that, people are going to do that.

[12] If they can put it behind the house, that's

[13] where it needs to be. So don't give them that

[14] option but just leave it like Murray has written

[15] and put exceptions will be made for properties

[16] which are situated such that you can't get it

[17] behind something. You know, just exceptions

[18] will be made. There's going to be exceptions.

[19] So you know, just leave that in there. Leave a

[20] little loophole and they'll judge each one of

[21] those individually.

[22]   But don't water it down to where it

[23] doesn't mean anything. I think what he had

[24] written about being out of sight, all the things

[25] that he had was good, and let's go with that.

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[2]   I have a lady that's going to be a
[3]   citizen. Would the Council allow her to speak?
[4]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Certainly.
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Absolutely.
[6]   **MS. CRANE:** I'm trying to be a citizen.
[7]   I'm Eleanor Crane and I live in
[8]   Sequoyah Woods which is a half a mile outside of
[9]   Doraville. And I come here and I listen to what
[10] you are talking about, idling cars and the
[11] police in hot uniforms and all that equipment
[12] and they're supposed to turn the car off to save
[13] a few dollars in money. And remember, too, we
[14] are a national entry for the drugs that come in
[15] here. So let's don't be pennywise and health
[16] foolish.
[17]   And how many of you if you are in a
[18] line for the bank are turning off your motor in
[19] between or going in and out of parking decks or
[20] turning off the motor? It's wonderful to have a
[21] five-minute answer system. When I found my
[22] husband down on the den floor, it took between
[23] 20 and 30 minutes for Dekalb to get there.
[24]   So annex me. Thank you.
[25]   Be glad for what you got.

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[1]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Thank you.
[2]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** I make a
[3]   motion that we adjourn the meeting.
[4]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Do I get a second?
[5]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Second.
[6]   **MAYOR JENKINS:** Call the roll.
[7]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[8]   Alexander?
[9]   **COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER:** Yes.
[10]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Bates?
[11]   **COUNCILMEMBER BATES:** Yes.
[12]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Fleming?
[13]   **COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING:** Yes.
[14]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Pittman?
[15]   **COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN:** Yes.
[16]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember Roche?
[17]   **COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:** Yes.
[18]   **CLERK BLACKMON:** Councilmember
[19] Spangler?
[20]   **COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER:** Yes.
[21]   - - -
[22]   (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
[23] approximately 10:20 p.m. the same day.)
[24]   -o0o-
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