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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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

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APPEARANCES:

Doraville City Council:

Hon. Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Councilmember Maria Alexander
Councilmember Brian Bates
Councilmember Robert Spangler
Councilmember Donna Pittman
Councilmember Bob Roche
Councilmember Pam Fleming

Deputy Clerk Sandra Bryant

P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR JENKINS: Meeting come to order. Call the roll, please.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Alexander?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Here.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Spangler?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Here.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Bobby, come on up. We'll start with you.

Darlow, would you get together with Bobby and let's go ahead with the Maintenance.

MR. MAXWELL: What?

MAYOR JENKINS: Maintenance Department. You got that ready?

MR. MAXWELL: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Do you have a copy of it, Bobby?

MR. PITTMAN: I've got a copy of what Rhonda gave me a couple days ago.

MAYOR JENKINS: You say you do have, Bobby, or you don't?

MR. PITTMAN: I have what Rhonda gave me a couple days ago, Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Could you tell me how many full-time employees you have?

MR. PITTMAN: Seventeen.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Any part-time?

MR. PITTMAN: No, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm sorry?

MR. PITTMAN: No, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. I'll just start I guess.

I wanted to ask a question about actually there is $10,000 that shows up in the Administration, which happens to be in City Hall, it shows up on the City Hall budget, and

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it's called Grounds Upkeep.
MR. PITTMAN: Uh-huh.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- and it's $10,000, and I was just curious. It's the only department that has that particular item. So I was curious as to whether that's a glitch or whether we should put it into yours or if that's just common maintenance that you normally do for --
MR. PITTMAN: That grounds upkeep, Pam, is a lot of what we do around the municipality, the grounds, sod, planting the flowers.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Is that just for City Hall or is that for all of the --
MR. PITTMAN: City Hall, government. I code 90 percent of that to that Grounds Upkeep.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. Even though -- would that be -- What about, you know, for the arena or what about the parks --
MR. PITTMAN: No. That's --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- upkeep and stuff like that?
MR. PITTMAN: No, no. I let Carol code what goes into the Parks and the Arena.
That's just mainly City Hall, the

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planters, you know, planters around.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: All right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I noticed that the salary amounts have been raised $11,700. The request. I'm sorry. And I think there's -- will there be a separate line item for overtime?
I think we're starting to break those out in some departments. I was assuming we were going to do that for all of the departments. It's not that big a deal. Because here, it just says Salaries-Part-time. I assume we'll --
Mr. Pittman, are you planning on using part-time people or --
MR. PITTMAN: No.
MAYOR JENKINS: You never have, have you, Bobby?
MR. PITTMAN: We have, sir, years ago. We used school boys part-time, which several of them are full-time employees with us now.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I guess my question is this: First of all, do you anticipate any overtime? Do you normally spend overtime? Any idea what that is?
MR. PITTMAN: Well, our overtime is when we have a storm maybe come in or something

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break at City Hall or wherever, we have to -- we do some overtime.
MR. MAXWELL: There was a minimal amount put in the budget. I'd have to go get the details, but it was --
MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.
MR. MAXWELL: -- whatever that -- how many hours you told me. I can't remember what it was.
MR. PITTMAN: Right. And that's just speculation, though, because you never know.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand. It's just that I think we should break out overtime for all departments. That way, we have the same chart of accounts for all the departments.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Would that be the difference between last year's budget and this year's budget, the $11,700?
MR. MAXWELL: There was apparently no overtime budgeted in the prior year is all I can say.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Or it may have just been rolled into one big dollar amount.
MR. MAXWELL: Correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So is that what the $11,700? because that's what I'm trying to get at.
MR. MAXWELL: I don't know how the previous numbers were determined. I know that ours, we went individual by individual, and that's all I can tell you.
I can give you the prior year number but I don't have any idea how it was calculated.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I guess what we're getting at is it appears that you've requested an increase in salaries for this year, and we're just trying to understand how that happened.
MR. MAXWELL: Well, the salaries -- all I can tell you is the salaries basically were by individual at the current amount they are making at this point in time; no increases, no new personnel. And the only adjustment would be -- and I'll go get that number -- was some overtime put in the budget.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. So we can break that out.
We don't need it immediately. It's

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1 only $11,700. It's not --
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Bobby, how many
3 trucks do you guys have? Trucks and then large
4 equipment like the clam trucks. Can you break
5 those out as far as --
6 MR. PITTMAN: Twenty-one.
7 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Twenty-one?
8 MR. PITTMAN: Twenty-one.
9 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Twenty-one
10 trucks?
11 MR. PITTMAN: Vehicles. That's clam
12 truck, street sweeper, chipper truck, every
13 tagged vehicle.
14 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: How many pickup
15 trucks?
16 MR. PITTMAN: Ooh.
17 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Roughly.
18 MR. PITTMAN: Roughly, ten.
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And the average
20 age of those?
21 MR. PITTMAN: Average age, mid '80s.
22 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: As in 1980s?
23 MR. PITTMAN: Some of them. Some run
24 from '70 to 2003, 2005. Most of them are in the
25 '80s, the pickups, and I have a 2003. The last

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1 vehicle we purchased was a 2005. The next down
2 would be a '99; from there on down.
3 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So they're all
4 operable?
5 MR. PITTMAN: They're operable but
6 they're not -- the dump trucks are not safe to
7 hit the highway. They're safe for city use, but
8 we don't have a real safe dump truck to carry
9 any kind of weight if we had to run back and
10 forth up the interstate.
11 The dump trucks, now, not the pickups.
12 We have one dump truck here that was
13 here when I came here. It's a 1970 dump truck.
14 We use it for taking out the residents. We've
15 got some vintage trucks.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Do we have
17 antique plates on them yet?
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm just curious
19 as to whether or not the fact that we're using
20 vehicles that are past their usefulness, does
21 that become any kind of factor when we have to
22 buy insurance as far as even workman's comp or
23 insuring the people that work here or whatever?
24 MR. PITTMAN: I don't know, Bob. I
25 don't know what our insurance runs on those.

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1 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It troubles me
2 that we have our employees on equipment that's,
3 you know, old and unsafe.
4 MR. PITTMAN: I wouldn't say they're
5 really unsafe. They just give some problems
6 with upkeep and maintenance, but we don't put
7 many miles on them. They're mainly used, the
8 older vehicles, to take to residents. We don't
9 haul much material on those.
10 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I can't
11 imagine that we've got very good gas efficiency
12 on any of those vehicles, do we?
13 MR. PITTMAN: No, we don't have much
14 gas efficiency, but we don't put a lot of miles
15 on those dump trucks.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I'm just
17 talking about the pickup trucks in general.
18 MR. PITTMAN: Pickup trucks, yeah.
19 Yeah.
20 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: What are we
21 getting? Eight, ten miles to the gallon on
22 those?
23 MR. PITTMAN: Maybe twelve.
24 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Maybe? Maybe
25 twelve?

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1 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: On line item 14,
2 Electricity, I believe that we'll need to
3 increase that. Mayor, correct me if I'm wrong,
4 but I believe that the street lights or the city
5 lights have migrated from City Hall onto Public
6 Works and that's why the year-to-date number was
7 higher.
8 Bobby, is that correct?
9 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Do you mean
10 line item 15?
11 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Oh. I'm sorry.
12 I missed that.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's up by
14 $15,000, so I was curious as to whether there
15 are other meters that have been attached to the
16 Maintenance Department.
17 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right.
18 MR. PITTMAN: Not as I'm aware.
19 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Pardon me?
20 MR. PITTMAN: No, ma'am. Not as I'm
21 aware.
22 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, they might
23 have been coded incorrectly from one department
24 to another.
25 MR. MAXWELL: I believe that goes back

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1 into where Rhonda has said she gets the, you
2 know, gigantic bill and has to go in and code it
3 and break it out. So it could be the allocation
4 process.
5 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That was said
6 the other night regarding the phone as well as
7 electricity, but I can't imagine that that would
8 take more than a half an hour for either of the
9 two bills, so hopefully we can get a handle on
10 that.
11 There were two areas that I wanted to
12 ask whether we could reduce. Line item 7 is
13 Repairs & Maintenance, and the initial request
14 is $15,000. Last year's budget was ten, and as
15 of 6/18, you're at eighty-three, and I was
16 wondering whether we could drop that back down
17 to ten again or if you anticipate needing the
18 $15,000 for repairs and maintenance.
19 Have you got the same line numbers that
20 we do?
21 MR. PITTMAN: Uh-huh.
22 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. I wanted
23 to be sure.
24 MR. PITTMAN: Yes, sure do.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: In fact, I'm

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1 surprised we can do it with 15 grand, $15,000,
2 with all the old equipment.
3 MAYOR JENKINS: Well, the equipment is
4 only driven a short distance, the ones that
5 we're referring to. We might go to a house,
6 then go to the dump and back to Maintenance.
7 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.
8 MAYOR JENKINS: So it's not a matter of
9 they're on the road to be torn up.
10 MR. PITTMAN: Well, the repairs and
11 maintenance, I don't code it under this. Most
12 of the vehicles is on line item 20, Minor
13 Repairs, and then some of them on 17.
14 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, I
15 felt that that was the case as well so --
16 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I see.
18 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- I was sort
19 of wondering --
20 MR. PITTMAN: Kind of distributed out,
21 because it's hard to categorize. The Repairs &
22 Maintenance, most of it is from the building
23 itself that we have. The equipment -- if it's a
24 vehicle, under item 20. If it's equipment that
25 we have, I put it under item number 17.

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1 MAYOR JENKINS: The parts that's under
2 20, that wouldn't go into any of the parts that
3 Shane uses, would it?
4 MR. PITTMAN: No.
5 It would if it's for our Maintenance
6 Department, for Public Works.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: But only for that. It
8 wouldn't be for the Police or anything else.
9 MR. PITTMAN: No. Or the Arena or any
10 of the vehicles. That's just strictly Minor
11 Repairs & Parts is for Public Works.
12 MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So back to 7,
14 since that's primarily building, are there
15 structural problems that you're having that need
16 repair, that you're aware of at the present
17 time?
18 MR. PITTMAN: I noticed that privacy
19 fence, security fence around the maintenance
20 shop is going to need some repairs. The posts
21 on it are beginning to -- The company that put
22 that up, I don't know where they got the
23 material. But it wasn't their fault. It was
24 straight lumber when they bought it. But it's
25 twisting and it's getting not very secure.

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1 We do need to make some adjustments on
2 our fence out front, but --
3 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So you feel
4 certain that fifteen -- You want to stick with
5 the fifteen is what I'm trying to --
6 MR. PITTMAN: I'd like to, yes, ma'am.
7 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: On that fence
8 repair, would you consider doing a chain link
9 with the vinyl slats?
10 I don't know the difference in the
11 cost.
12 MR. PITTMAN: The chain links are very
13 expensive. We did the wooden privacy fence, and
14 I think Gwinnett did that for us a couple years
15 ago. I don't remember exactly what the cost
16 was. Around $4,000 to do it.
17 But some of that, we can replace. You
18 know, the warranty is well past. Getting the
19 time to repair it is our problem. Sometimes we
20 contract it out and get it done while we're
21 doing something else.
22 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, some of
23 our --
24 MR. PITTMAN: Good winter project.
25 Excuse me, Bob.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Some of our departments have said that they're fully staffed. Do you feel like you're fully staffed or overstaffed or understaffed?

MR. PITTMAN: Fully staffed right now.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. The next one that I had was 13, and that's Natural Gas. And we had $15,000 in last year's budget, and of course we've just brought over the same $15,000 for the initial request for 2010. And it appears that you've only spent $5,429 or let's say $6,000 by the end of June, and I was wondering if we could reduce that to ten.

MR. PITTMAN: I don't see why not on that, Pam.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you. So that would be minus $5,000 from line 13.

MR. PITTMAN: On our up-and-down doors, our pull-up doors and all, they're beginning to get a lot of use on them. So that's another item on your Repairs & Maintenance that we may have to go in and do.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.

MR. PITTMAN: In the long run -- The automatic door openers are a little expensive,

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but in the wintertime, they save a lot of energy; keep the doors down instead of having to go out. A lot of people will not close the doors sometimes when they're going to be going back. When they got the automatic doors, they close right back.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Are those installed on the maintenance shop right now?

MR. PITTMAN: No, ma'am. They're just a chain pull-up-and-down door.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Now, when you go to replace, you would go to those?

MR. PITTMAN: I would like to, yeah. When we replace one, not do them all at once but do it one at a time, so eventually --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Unless they give you a really good deal.

MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I talked to, you know, another company that they said they save a lot of energy with their automatic door closer. They don't have the hassle of jumping off the track, and they're just that big a door.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Those are all the items that I had questions about for Public Works.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: The Capital Expenditures, that's just the sidewalks for $10,000?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And we transferred that from Executive.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

So you're not anticipating buying, replacing any equipment, no vehicles or anything this year?

MR. PITTMAN: Not anticipating.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.

MR. PITTMAN: We do need a dump truck, but I don't know if we can work it in our budget this year or not.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Can you give us an idea what that would -- A dump truck sounds expensive.

MR. PITTMAN: Around $70,000.

MAYOR JENKINS: Didn't we talk about, Bobby, and maybe we'd look again at that again at mid-year and see where we're at --

MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- on the $70,000.

This listed here as $101,000, what was that? The one we bought before.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That was the clam truck.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That was a clam truck.

MAYOR JENKINS: It's already been bought.

MR. PITTMAN: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I will say -- and this has nothing -- I understand you're working with the resources you have available to you, but I think at least twice over the last year or so I've heard comments that the pickup trucks particularly, I mean they look their age.

And again, I understand you're doing what you can with the money we give you, which is probably not adequate. But I'm just saying in general, that, you know, some of the trucks look embarrassing, you know. And it's not the Maintenance Department's fault. We just seem to be unwilling to invest any kind of cash or any kind of anything into the Maintenance Department. And maybe hopefully some day we'll look at that.

MR. PITTMAN: Most of the municipalities that you see, you know their vehicle

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when it's coming. They're usually all the same color.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right, exactly.
MR. PITTMAN: We got -- well, you know what we have.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, I know what we have.
Actually, I think we -- didn't we pass an ordinance that said all taxicabs had to be the same color? You know, I think if we're going to do that, then we probably should do the same thing for our city.
MAYOR JENKINS: Bobby, let's go back up to the Electricity and Street Lights. Is that your electricity or just street lights or is that just electricity for the street lights? Is that what that's supposed to be?
MR. PITTMAN: I don't see that bill.
MAYOR JENKINS: Sir?
MR. PITTMAN: I don't ever see that electricity bill.
MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, you don't see it at all.
MR. PITTMAN: No, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, okay.

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MR. PITTMAN: I think Rhonda codes that.
MAYOR JENKINS: The one directly above it, you used $25,000 last year and we got it for eleven this year.
MR. PITTMAN: I would say that's maintenance, just the maintenance bill.
MAYOR JENKINS: Just the buildings --
MR. PITTMAN: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: -- at the maintenance.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But if our actual is $25,000, how can we budget $11,000?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Maxwell made the comment that that might be a coding error.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That was my question originally, to raise it to twenty-five, but it might be a coding error. And if necessary, we can change it at mid year.
MAYOR JENKINS: Well, that's true, but that's more than double what it was for the last two years.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And Uniforms, that's just the purchase of uniforms? It's

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number 19.
MR. PITTMAN: What number?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Number 19.
MR. PITTMAN: Uniforms. That's from Cintas.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's what you guys wear?
MAYOR JENKINS: Is that the cleaning and the uniforms, or they furnish you uniforms and they keep them clean?
MR. PITTMAN: That's the uniforms and then keep them clean, and our boots.
MAYOR JENKINS: They replace them when they're worn?
MR. PITTMAN: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, that's running pretty well even all the way.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: On the Contractual Services, line item 22, what would that have been?
MR. PITTMAN: Contractual Service, I don't know. Hadn't seen that.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: You code some of your bills to like --
MR. PITTMAN: Oh, the contract

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services. Oh, okay. That's our water --
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Telephone.
MR. PITTMAN: Ma'am?
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Telephone.
MR. PITTMAN: Telephone, the ones that we have a contract with or --
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Do you have a printer over there?
MR. PITTMAN: Printer?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Uh-huh.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It's budgeted at $8,800 and it's $3,500 year-to-date, roughly. Can we cut that in half?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Bates, I believe your eyes went down to line 23.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I've got an eye appointment tomorrow, it's at 12:30, so that may fix that. Thank you for correcting that.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Are you sure it's at 12:30?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'll double-check. Thank you. It might be 1:30.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Let me make sure I understand. Did you ask if there was a

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1 printer there?
2 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes,
3 Contractual Service, if we were renting
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, a copier.
5 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: A copier. I'm
6 sorry. Yes.
7 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So instead of
8 cutting that in half, could we put it back down
9 to four that it was previously budgeted at?
10 MR. PITTMAN: Well, we've added an
11 emergency kit through Cintas for our emergency
12 supplies -- I don't know how much that runs a
13 year right off the top of my head -- for the
14 Band-Aids, the --
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
16 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I guess I
17 have a question. Why are telephones being coded
18 to Contractual Services and not to telephone?
19 MR. PITTMAN: What I code under
20 Contract Services is, well, I said the water
21 from the Crystal Springs; the Cintas, the
22 contract we have with --
23 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: First aid.
24 MR. PITTMAN: -- first aid.
25 But you said we had a contract service

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1 with our phone company, Sandra?
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, you had
3 mentioned telephone, but --
4 DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: I thought that
5 some of your bills you coded to Contract
6 Services. I'm not sure if it's phone or if it's
7 cable.
8 MR. PITTMAN: Cable.
9 DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Cable.
10 MR. PITTMAN: Contract services with
11 the --
12 DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Comcast.
13 MR. PITTMAN: -- Comcast.
14 DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Sorry. My
15 mistake.
16 MR. PITTMAN: Thank you, Sandra.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Just curious, do
18 you have a computer monitor over there or
19 anything?
20 MR. PITTMAN: No.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: You have no
22 computer whatsoever anywhere in Maintenance --
23 MR. PITTMAN: No.
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- department.
25 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Would you

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1 utilize one if you had one? Do you need it?
2 MR. PITTMAN: I'm computer --
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I was going to
4 say --
5 MR. PITTMAN: -- illiterate.
6 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- that's
7 probably why you don't have an e-mail address.
8 MR. PITTMAN: Right.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So that if
10 someone needs something from Maintenance, they
11 can't just send you an e-mail.
12 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I'm just
13 curious. Since Galloway's is gone, where are
14 you guys purchasing most of your stuff now?
15 Home Depot?
16 MR. PITTMAN: It balances out between
17 Home Depot and Howard's.
18 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Howard's, okay.
19 I forgot about Howard's.
20 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: On the Lawn Mower
21 Repair, we've got two; right? Two lawn mowers?
22 MR. PITTMAN: We've got several.
23 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Is that $8,800 --
24 MR. PITTMAN: Lawn Mower Repairs, I
25 code our Weed Eaters, our lawn mowers, stuff

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1 that -- equipment that's used in the lawn care.
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It is doubled
3 what was used this year --
4 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- the projected.
6 Is that --
7 MR. PITTMAN: For that new mower, I
8 suppose. And the one that we had -- we got one
9 that we use that's got some age on it. And it's
10 something that we can't repair. We have to send
11 it up to John Deere and let them do the
12 sharpening and . . .
13 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Do you
14 anticipate any retirees or anything like that?
15 Because maybe we can reduce line item
16 number 26 --
17 MR. PITTMAN: No.
18 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: -- if you're
19 fully staffed.
20 MR. PITTMAN: No, ma'am.
21 MAYOR JENKINS: You got one coming up
22 in about a year, Bobby, I believe. Ed.
23 MR. PITTMAN: Ed, yeah. No.
24 MAYOR JENKINS: When is he going?
25 MR. PITTMAN: Not going to be in this

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term. Some time next year.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Can we reduce that to $500?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We put $500 on other departments.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Was that an affirmative? Yes?
MR. PITTMAN: On dropping it down to $500?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
MR. PITTMAN: Yes, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
MR. PITTMAN: Now, let me talk -- I hadn't talked to Ed. He's up in the air about when he's going to retire. I didn't know this question was going to be asked, so I'm not . . .
MAYOR JENKINS: But we can drop that down.
MR. PITTMAN: I believe so.
MAYOR JENKINS: Ed told me he's retiring in September.
MR. PITTMAN: This September?
MAYOR JENKINS: That's what he told me. I believe he said September.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So what does a

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background check cost for a maintenance person? I mean it's not like it's a top security clearance or anything.
MR. PITTMAN: I didn't understand.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Pre-employment screening I wouldn't think is $500 for a maintenance person.
MR. PITTMAN: I don't know.
Chuck, is it $500 for a screening for an employee for the --
CHIEF ATKINSON: It just depends on what all you're doing. I don't think you do the complete background that we do for Police.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Do you have any idea at all what a background check for the Maintenance Department or somebody at the Library would be?
CHIEF ATKINSON: No, sir. Just be basically a doctor's visit. I don't know if they do a psychological or anything like that.
MR. PITTMAN: No. It wouldn't be $500.
CHIEF ATKINSON: It's just the doctor's visit and the drug screen.
MR. PITTMAN: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So would that

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be a couple hundred dollars?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Probably.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: You know, $500 is fine.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I know that last year we had some -- I think it was called LARK money where money was given to you to go out and do some paving and stuff like that.
MR. PITTMAN: To do some what?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I guess it --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Paving.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- was paving --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Paving.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- or road repairs or whatever.
In the last budget, wasn't money provided to the City to go out and do stuff? That was where our budget was off a little bit because there was some revenue that came in?
MR. PITTMAN: I don't know.
MAYOR JENKINS: The County does have a road paving. We go through the LARK program, yes. But we get so many feet on streets a year. It don't come in to this, Bob.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's not

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reflected in the Public Works Department budget.
MAYOR JENKINS: No.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
MAYOR JENKINS: That all comes in the General Government, I'm sure.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Bobby, what hours do you guys operate?
MR. PITTMAN: Eight hours a day, five days a week, but --
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I mean --
MR. PITTMAN: -- right now, we're coming in at 6:30 to 2:30 for the heat. Normally, 7:30 to 3:30.
MAYOR JENKINS: Early during the hottest part of the year.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All I can say is that, you know, considering the equipment that you have that's old, you know, I think you're doing an excellent job. I mean it's just amazing that you're getting by with what little bit we're providing you as far as capital stuff. And last year and this year, I mean I sat through the budget hearings the year before, you never come to us and say you need a whole bunch

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of stuff unless you absolutely desperately need it. You got that clam truck but that's about it. So I think you're doing a heck of a job with what little you're getting.

What we need is people that can hold costs down in these economic times, and you're doing a very good job of that, and I really do appreciate it.

MR. PITTMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: I second that.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And the residents actually do a great job commending your department as well. We hear a lot of that, and I thank you for that, because if they're happy, it makes us happy.

MR. PITTMAN: And me happy also.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I can't think of a single complaint from any resident or anybody on the Maintenance Department.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Anybody else on Maintenance?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Bobby.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you, sir.

MR. PITTMAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Ronald, come on up. Stormwater. I don't have a page. It's about three or four pages from the back.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's just one page.

MAYOR JENKINS: Has everybody got it?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. Well, we have the summary page. We don't have it broken down right now.

If I'm reading this right, it's saying that you're going to transfer $303,00 from stormwater into the general fund. I'm assuming that's going to cover the cost of -- some of the money for English Oak Park. Or is that last year or going forward or what?

MR. MAXWELL: Well, the $103,000 transferred is basically based simply on the mathematical, you know, profit for the fund, the usage of which is just -- it's not specified.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So this money is not actually being transferred. It's just that we came out ahead.

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MR. MAXWELL: If they were to actually to make $103,000, it physically would be transferred to the general fund, yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: Ronald, does that not go to the County and then when we need repairs --

MR. BUICE: That seems --

MAYOR JENKINS: -- we put into the County and the County pays for it? Is that correct?

MR. BUICE: That seems to be, you know, how you say, against the intergovernmental agreement with Dekalb County. Because what we have, the way it's set up, everything that we use here internally, we deduct that from the total amount, and then the rest of that money goes to the County to do repairs. Just like English Oak Park, Raymond Drive, Straight Street, any of these repairs have been done out of the money that was sent to Dekalb County.

MAYOR JENKINS: But it is put in for a fund for us only.

MR. BUICE: Yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.

MR. BUICE: That's my understanding.

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So far, we have got back all that we have sent to the County. We've got it back in repairs.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So regarding -- I'm sorry.

MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Regarding Autumn, it was out of Stormwater; correct?

MR. BUICE: Autumn Park was out of Stormwater. I think we budgeted $300,000, somewhere around that, for Autumn Park. That was for all three phases. We got Phase I completed. We still have to do Phase II and III, but the money is already budgeted in here for that.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So the Contracted Services -- and I noticed that you did not have a copy of this -- the Contracted Services would be what was utilized for the repair --

MR. BUICE: That would be --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- paid to --

MR. BUICE: -- my opinion.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- JaTech, basically?

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MR. BUICE: I looked at it today with Mr. Maxwell.
MR. MAXWELL: We looked at basically $310,000 in the previous budget. I couldn't find any breakdown of it, of that amount, and so basically that was why it was carried forward.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Do we have a list of projects that are outstanding that are Stormwater-based?
MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: If I understand this, we're saying that our ending balance is about a million dollars, so that money is available to spend and to use to repair our stormwater infrastructure.
MR. BUICE: I don't know where that money is.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
MR. BUICE: I mean, you know, we talked about it today. Like I said, all the money that we have sent to Dekalb County -- Say this year we sent $317,000 --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MR. BUICE: We'll receive all that back in repairs of the storm drain systems.

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I don't know. I don't think we have -- I mean, you know, simple math. Now, I don't know how the budget works.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. It just says ending net assets, a million dollars. What does that dollar amount represent, Mr. Maxwell?
MR. MAXWELL: Well, $581,000 is invested in capital assets, so I would assume that's parks and other projects of that nature, and unrestricted is $452,000, the balance.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So five eighty-one is --
MR. MAXWELL: Is invested in capital assets.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. So it's not money. It's --
MR. MAXWELL: It's not money.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- just -- So you're saying the four fifty-two is actual --
MR. MAXWELL: That's unrestricted.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- cash.
MR. MAXWELL: That is correct.
But actually, most of it is actually a receivable from the general fund to them, according to this audit report, rather than

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actual cash they physically have got in a bank account.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So if we were going to use -- if we decided we were going to go out and spend $450,000 to improve our storm-water infrastructure --
MR. MAXWELL: It would be a cash situation with the general fund as to whether that money was actually there.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So you're saying the money will come out of the general fund?
MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir, because it's right here in the balance sheet. They've got due from General Fund, $411,898 at the end of 2008.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. I don't have that.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I don't either.
MR. MAXWELL: Well, I mean that's -- No. It's in the audit report right here.
So my point is, you know, it's there, it's legit. But if the question is, if you said, "Okay. Pay me right now," it becomes a cash flow issue at that point, you know: Can you pay it or not?

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So these are funds that have not been sent to Dekalb County, that should have been?
MR. MAXWELL: No. I'm just saying according to the audit report, the general fund owes the stormwater fund at the end of 2008 $412,000.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, we probably used it to balance 2008's budget.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So our general fund balance is not what we think it is. It's actually four hundred and something --
MR. MAXWELL: Well, no. It's what it is in here. I mean this is accurate.
But part of the situation is we have -- Mr. Whittaker has said everything's being put into one bucket, so it's really hard to tell until I mean you start pulling the pieces out in the audit to see what's owed to who, because you don't have fund accounting. That's a major problem.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I believe we decided to implement fund accounting --
MR. MAXWELL: We have.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- last time

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1 around.
2 MR. MAXWELL: We have.
3 But all I'm saying is I can only tell
4 you what's here. I don't know the detail on it.
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I guess my
6 concern is this: If we're walking around
7 thinking we have a balance of X-number of
8 million dollars in the general fund that's
9 available for anything but the reality is, well,
10 actually, no, it's not that much, it's that much
11 minus this much that has to be spent on storm-
12 water and that much that has to be spent else-
13 where, then our general fund balance is
14 different than what we think. We're operating
15 here, saying we've got this much in savings, and
16 we don't actually have that, because it's not
17 what I think of as unrestricted funds.
18 MR. MAXWELL: At this point in time,
19 you got a half a million that's reserved for
20 prepaid expenses but you've also got actual cash
21 of probably seven -- about seven and three-
22 quarters of a million dollars at the end of
23 2008.
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But of that
25 seven --

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1 MR. MAXWELL: Part of it is owed. Part
2 of it we owe to the other fund, yes.
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And that was as
4 of 2008, and now we have 2009 where we know our
5 revenues are going to -- our savings will go
6 down by about $900,000, give or take, when all
7 the dust clears.
8 But, then, even with that -- so that's
9 going to take us down to six million/three or
10 so. But even of that six million/three, what
11 we're saying is about four hundred fifty of that
12 is earmarked and we can't use it as general
13 funds. That actually has to go to Stormwater.
14 So the general fund dollar amount is not
15 actually available to us for our budget.
16 Do you see what I'm saying? Do you see
17 what I'm getting at?
18 MR. MAXWELL: Oh, I understand what
19 you're saying.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That would be
21 very helpful if we knew exactly what that dollar
22 amount really is and how much we do really have
23 in savings.
24 And I understand, you know, you're new
25 and you're just getting organized and every-

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1 thing, but that would be a very important number
2 for us to know.
3 MR. MAXWELL: Well, finding out what's
4 actually there, you know, is not a problem. You
5 just got to go get the statements.
6 But finding out what the actual bottom-
7 line balances are, we won't know that until the
8 audit. That's going to be a lot of work and
9 that's going to be -- it's going to be a couple
10 of months probably.
11 MAYOR JENKINS: I talked to Darlow
12 today about this, and he said we'd be working on
13 it. I want to know exactly what we have after
14 the last year's budget is completed. But
15 Darlow's working on that as we speak.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mr. Maxwell, if
17 that's the case, and I believe it to be because
18 I asked for us to start moving into a fund
19 accounting system last year, why then the
20 transfer, the $103,970, into the general fund?
21 Why not keep it there as an unused asset in
22 Stormwater?
23 MR. MAXWELL: You could. I mean you
24 could. But basically it would be transferred
25 over to the general fund to reduce the deficit

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1 in the general fund. That was the purpose of
2 the transfer.
3 Now, you can repay it. And like I say,
4 you've got a situation here, you've got due-to's
5 and due-from's that you really ought to clean
6 up, you know, and just --
7 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right, but it's
8 restricted money. So whether it's shown as
9 reducing the general --
10 MR. MAXWELL: And if it is truly
11 restricted based on the agreement that Ronald's
12 saying, then it can't be transferred, I mean
13 because I know other places we've had to
14 transfer money from Stormwater and other things,
15 but the agreement may limit that transfer.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And that's my
17 understanding is that it's a use-it-or-lose-it
18 fund, and if we don't use it, then it goes to
19 the County.
20 MR. BUICE: Well, it goes to the County
21 and then we receive it back. If we do X-number
22 of projects during the year, then we get all
23 that money back. If we don't use it, then it's
24 possible that it would be, you know, moved on to
25 other sources.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Do we get any type of reporting --
MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- from the County on --
MR. BUICE: Yes. I have all the reports, you know, for 2006, '07 and '08, yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: On the IGA, does it state the specificity of when that money has to be transferred? Can we not hold it ourselves and spend it throughout the year and then send them what's left over at the end of the year?
MR. BUICE: It states March 31st, I think it is.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So we have to transfer what's left over at --
MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: -- the end of March 31st.
MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So you're accumulating between April 1 and the next March 31st.
MR. BUICE: Yes, uh-huh. That's per

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the intergovernmental agreement.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. So what I'm hearing, then, is that we're basically transferring money out of this into general fund so our general fund looks better, but it's not really general funds, so --
I really don't like that accounting method. It just -- it smells bad.
But anyway, do we have enough projects, you know, in the pipeline to go ahead and use this money here in Doraville and make sure we don't lose it? You know, I want to use as much as possible.
MR. BUICE: We've got several projects. One is going to be really expensive. That's the Clay Drive/Eula Circle over there.
MAYOR JENKINS: But you have a priority list; is that correct?
MR. BUICE: Yes, uh-huh.
MR. BUICE: Whether or not Dekalb County can get to all these projects in that amount of time remains to be seen, you know, because they do the work for us. We contract with the County.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So has it been

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our practice, so that I understand this a little bit better -- knowing that we have these projects that are needed to be fulfilled, have we been holding onto the funds and transferring it into our general fund so that we don't have to send it to Dekalb County?
MR. BUICE: No.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
MR. BUICE: No. Each year, it's been going to Dekalb County.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But we're still taking some of this money and putting it into the general fund so we can take it out later.
MR. BUICE: 2007 or '08, we did hold back, like I said, 390-something -- 300-and-something thousand dollars for our Autumn Park stream-bank restoration.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MR. BUICE: But we've only spent $70,000 of that.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MR. BUICE: You know, we've still got to finish up Phase II and Phase III --
MAYOR JENKINS: Does that have to go

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back out --
MR. BUICE: -- which the money is already budgeted, it's already here. It is part of this that we're talking about.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: What are we waiting for? I didn't mean it that way, but --
MR. BUICE: We're waiting on the Council. I mean, you know, it was stopped. Phase I is all we had.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I remember that.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The motion was to start and complete English Oak before we moved on to Phase II.
MR. BUICE: Yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we need to get that on the agenda, then.
MR. BUICE: It'll be back up real soon.
MAYOR JENKINS: Ronald, we have to put that back out for RFPs. We can't use the same people. We don't have a contract with them for Phase I, II and III?
MR. BUICE: No, we do not have a contract with them.
MAYOR JENKINS: Just Phase I.

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MR. BUICE: Phase I only.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So we can get an RFP out there for that?
MR. BUICE: Uh-huh. I like those people. They did a tremendous job in the stream-bank restoration. They went far and beyond what was expected of them, you know, but --
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, we'll need to review. We may have a contract with Precision Planning for the management of Phase II and III but not the construction of Phase II and III, so we'll need to get with Mr. Weed and have him review that, whether or not we did the agreement with Precision for all three phases or just Phase I. I don't recall.
MR. BUICE: We redid the contract and it was only for Phase I. But there again, you know, they did a tremendous job, you know. If I could recommend, I would recommend, but --
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Precision or JaTech?
MR. BUICE: Precision.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm sorry.

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Precision for overseeing and JaTech for doing the --
MR. BUICE: Yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- the actual work.
MR. BUICE: Yeah. I mean that's -- you know, you can put it back out for RFPs, but both of the engineers, the engineer and the contractor, did tremendous work.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Can we get that on the agenda for the next meeting? And then if you can bring the stuff to us at the next meeting, maybe we can vote and get this thing rolling again, get the RFP out there and all that.
MR. BUICE: Carol -- is Carol here? Yeah, Carol is here.
You told me something about that. What was it? Do you remember? Getting it back on the agenda?
MS. STEPHENS: Right. I just kept asking about it. But I do believe there has to be another RFP out. But he did do the design already.
MR. BUICE: Uh-huh.

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MAYOR JENKINS: On all three --
MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: -- phases.
MR. BUICE: Yes. We have the design.
MAYOR JENKINS: All we have to do is put out --
MR. BUICE: It's already been to State, EPD, Corps of Engineers. Already been through everything. It just needs to be finished.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And the other two phases would be coming out of Stormwater.
MR. BUICE: They'd be coming out of the general fund because it's already been -- it's already been taken out, and it's somewhere.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: But it would come out of this three/ten that's on his budget.
MR. BUICE: I would say yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: The money is in the general fund but it's earmarked.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So it's not really in the --
MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- general fund as unrestricted. It's earmarked.

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MR. BUICE: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So the only thing we can spend it on is this.
MR. BUICE: I have some questions on spending Stormwater moneys, and I'm not sure. I talked with the Mayor today about it. The Maintenance Department controlling the stormwater that goes from that site into the stream, you know, whether we can use Stormwater money to do that or whether we have to -- it has to come out of the general fund, I'm not clear on that, and I have trouble finding anybody that really will say.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: You're talking at Autumn Park?
MR. BUICE: No. I'm talking about like Bobby Pittman, Public Works.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right.
MR. BUICE: You know, you've got a two-acre site there, and all this stormwater just feeds wide open. Nothing to control it. So you know, we will have to control that at one point.
Like the Police Department has a detention over here. It holds it back and slows it down.

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I hope we can take that out of Stormwater, but I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I just sent an e-mail to add the Autumn Park Phase II and III to the agenda. So if we can have whatever we need to get for the next meeting, that would be great.

MR. BUICE: Dekalb County's -- their contractors have been waiting to be -- you know. They renew their contractors each year, and it took a while this year, for some reason. But they've got the contractors now and they're ready to go to work. They just did the one at Raymond Drive and told me last week they were going to start looking at Doral Drive. That's a bad -- bad one there.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. Well, I'm just saying if you can get the paperwork to us, maybe we can move it up to Mayor's Comments for the next meeting and get that rolling, the Autumn Park Phase II and Phase III, now that English Oak is done.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And we paid CH2MHill out of the Stormwater?

MR. BUICE: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And walk me through the priority ranking of projects. Is that done with -- The County sets the priority list?

MR. BUICE: No. We have the priority list. CH2MHill engineers developed a priority list which is based on infrastructure impacts, roads flooding, health and safety.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And we submit that to the County for --

MR. BUICE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- them to get to.

MR. BUICE: Yeah. We come up with a new list and send it to the County.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: The project that you're referring to at Eula and Doral, is that that unfortunate gentleman's yard that all the drainage goes into?

MR. BUICE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay.

MR. BUICE: But this is -- you know the situation there. And the water goes to that point. There's nothing you can do about that.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. Well, without more detail, it's going to be difficult. You know, I don't know what else we can really do with this.

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MR. MAXWELL: Do you wish to have that transfer removed?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes. We need to know what's in general fund, what's available, and we need to know what's in Stormwater and all the other separate funds as separate dollar amounts instead of just lumping it all together, because we're thinking we've got this much money when we actually have less than that, and it's just not -- you know, it's difficult to manage.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Because if I'm understanding this correctly, Mr. Maxwell -- and please correct me if I'm wrong -- based on your 2008 audit that you have with you, there's four hundred and twelve in the general budget that should be earmarked for Stormwater; is that correct?

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: $412,000. Plus the three hundred and ten/three that was to be utilized for Autumn Park. Is that correct?

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MR. MAXWELL: I don't know about the Autumn Park. The 400-and-some thousand is owed by the general fund to the Stormwater fund. And once they get cash, I mean, you know, it's utilized on projects, I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. So I think I'm understanding this correctly. So that would be $722,300 that we thought we had, and it really belongs to Stormwater.

MR. BUICE: I would say that the Autumn Park money is part of that.

MR. MAXWELL: I mean there's nothing anywhere that says Autumn Park here as a line item, so I mean it's not specifically laid out in this budget anywhere. And if it ended in prior years, it's just in -- you know, it's just in the fund balance is where it is.

Now, like I say, that number was -- a large amount was for, you know, restricted, and that very well could be in there.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Remember, up until July of last year, we were showing all the revenues under the General Revenue fund, and it wasn't until it was requested to segment out and segregate Stormwater, Hotel/Motel, Tree Bank,

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1 E911 as separate funds, that we started doing --
2 getting some sense of where the pockets of money
3 lie.
4 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So this is an
6 evolution of everybody getting up to speed on
7 doing proper fund accounting, so we're probably
8 going to uncover a few more surprises.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, and that
10 would be my next question for Mr. Maxwell.
11 I mean how many other dollar amounts do
12 we have that we think is general fund unre-
13 stricted, which are actually earmarked or
14 encumbered or --
15 MR. MAXWELL: Well, you don't budget --
16 I mean you don't -- really, you don't budget
17 balance sheet items.
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
19 MR. MAXWELL: And let me back up and
20 say that from the transfers to and from, it's in
21 the current budget.
22 The only one -- the only other transfer
23 in would be from Hotel/Motel Tax fund. That's
24 $65,000. Of course you've got a large transfer
25 out to 911 and a large transfer out to solid

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1 waste.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. I think it
3 was like 600-and-something thousand dollars
4 going to the 911.
5 MR. MAXWELL: Pretty close to it.
6 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And what you're
7 saying is you don't really have a list of the
8 amounts that are owed by the general fund to
9 these other funds.
10 MR. MAXWELL: No, no. You don't -- I
11 mean that's the way in governmental it's
12 budgeted.
13 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I
14 understand, but I'm not asking about budget.
15 I'm asking for real dollar amounts.
16 MR. MAXWELL: The only amount I could
17 tell you would be to go back to the trial
18 balance for our auditor as of the end of fiscal
19 '08.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Do we have our
21 own balance sheets during the year?
22 MR. MAXWELL: Well, I'm sure they
23 probably did up through and around November or
24 so. I mean I don't really know when the last
25 one was done.

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1 But everything is dumped into one
2 due-to/due-from, so it's not -- you don't have
3 any way of going in right now and punching a
4 button and finding out what any one fund owes
5 another fund. You've got to go through and
6 analyze all the transactions and literally, you
7 know, move them this way, manually, at this
8 point in time.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, yeah. You
10 have to look at all your inter-fund transfers.
11 MR. MAXWELL: Right, I mean because
12 it's just all in one place, in one account.
13 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And I'm not
14 beating you up directly. It's just that my
15 general comment is that -- and I think that
16 Councilwoman Fleming is saying the same thing --
17 we're trying to manage the City's finances,
18 which is our responsibility, and we don't know
19 how much money we have in the bank, or how much
20 is unencumbered or how much we can spend on
21 this, that or the other thing.
22 And again, it has nothing to do with
23 you. It's just --
24 MR. MAXWELL: I understand.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- the situation

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1 we're in.
2 MR. MAXWELL: Because realistically,
3 and you're aware of it, you know, the budget
4 should have started back in March --
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
6 MR. MAXWELL: -- and progressed slowly
7 through to, you know, the point of being done.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: But new software
9 would help you do that by doing fund accounting.
10 MR. MAXWELL: Oh, absolutely. No doubt
11 about it.
12 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I believe
13 that MAS 90 is capable of doing fund accounting.
14 You know, I mean you just set up --
15 MR. MAXWELL: No, sir.
16 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- your own
17 companies.
18 MR. MAXWELL: According to
19 Mr. Whittaker and what I can see, it will not do
20 fund accounting. It does not have any ability
21 to do the due-to's and due-from's and automated
22 entries which is the heart of a governmental
23 accounting process.
24 You would actually have to create, you
25 know, X-number of companies and double up the

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1 entries every time you had something that was
2 between the two and manually post them again.
3 I mean --
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I see what you're
5 saying.
6 MR. MAXWELL: -- it's not impossible
7 but it's very time consuming and a lot of extra
8 work.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
10 That's all I have.
11 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you very,
12 very much.
13 MR. BUICE: Thank you.
14 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: Dennis?
16 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's on page 4
17 of 5. It's kind of in the middle.
18 MAYOR JENKINS: Everybody go it?
19 Any questions of Dennis?
20 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Did you ever
21 receive your new computer system and digital
22 camera to be able to upload animals' pictures to
23 put on our web site?
24 MR. CHUPP: No, ma'am, on the computer.
25 I do have a digital camera, and just no -- no

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1 web site yet. I'm not online yet.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And how long have
3 you been waiting for that?
4 And I'm not asking you that. I know
5 you're not responsible for providing it.
6 I mean just in general, I mean these
7 are relatively small amounts, but in general,
8 your 2009 revised budget was $77,000 and you're
9 bringing it down to $68,000.
10 MR. CHUPP: I really don't have a whole
11 lot that I need. Through the years, I've had
12 help from different animal rescue groups and
13 things with cages and have been able to get my
14 food and things from general -- the general
15 fund; people donating cages and things, usually
16 hand-me-down stuff.
17 Generally the main things that I do
18 need are maybe new uniforms, new shirts and such
19 like that. Generally monthly, I have cat food
20 that I will go purchase from -- purchase from
21 Sam's or one of the -- one of the grocery
22 stores.
23 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm not
24 complaining. I hope you understand that.
25 MR. CHUPP: I keep it down because --

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1 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
2 MR. CHUPP: -- it's something I enjoy.
3 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So if you had
4 the proper equipment such as a computer to link
5 up to our web site and so forth, will you keep
6 that at the maintenance shop, you know, so that
7 you could be linked up to our web site? Is that
8 where you would have it or --
9 MR. CHUPP: Oh, yes, ma'am. I would
10 have it at the -- at the kennel at the
11 maintenance shop.
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
13 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, does the
14 maintenance shop have internet access? They
15 don't have a computer.
16 MR. CHUPP: They do have cable, which I
17 -- you know, I have no idea.
18 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You have a
19 computer, though; right?
20 MR. CHUPP: Ma'am?
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You have a
22 computer?
23 MR. CHUPP: Well, I have a Windows --
24 I'm running Windows 98.
25 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But you have a

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1 computer.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Windows 98?
3 MR. CHUPP: Which does the printing,
4 the pictures and all that.
5 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Because
6 Ms. Carol donated a computer to you.
7 MR. CHUPP: Yes.
8 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Is that right?
9 MR. CHUPP: I do have that computer,
10 but it's not hooked up yet. They haven't hooked
11 it up or -- yes, ma'am.
12 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: When you say it's
13 not hooked up, you mean it's not hooked up to
14 the Internet.
15 MR. CHUPP: Well, we had someone come
16 out and check it out and take it off and bring
17 it back, and it's still not hooked up. I don't
18 know what they did with the one they carried
19 off.
20 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So the
21 gentleman that came out that day that I sent him
22 your way did not hook it up?
23 MR. CHUPP: No, he didn't hook it up.
24 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Is he the one
25 that took it?

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MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am. Well, he came with another man, so they came together.
MAYOR JENKINS: Where'd the man come from?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I have a question.
MR. CHUPP: He said he was sent from City Hall.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And he was. He's the guy that does the computer stuff around here.
MAYOR JENKINS: Was it the tall man?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Was it Martin?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It was Martin.
MS. STEPHENS: Did he speak with an accent, a little accent?
MR. CHUPP: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes, that was Martin.
MS. STEPHENS: It was Martin.
MR. CHUPP: Okay.
MAYOR JENKINS: You'll have to come up next to her to speak.
MS. SHERLOCK: My name's Cat Sherlock and I live on Addison Drive. And Dennis has

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helped me so far with three animals, one of whom decided to wander off and one of whom I rescued, and I was frankly embarrassed at the lack of equipment, at the small surroundings.
And I did a little investigation of other municipalities and how much they fund their animal control and the salaries of the people in animal control and the equipment in animal control. And out of eight places that I called and talked to people, we're at the way bottom. I'm not talking one out of eight. We're actually one out of sixteen.
And I know y'all know that this gentleman does a terrific job and is out there at 10 o'clock at night and rescues animals and stuff like that. But I'm real embarrassed that we have a city this size --
Cities that are not as big as us have a place for animals to be stored for three days. They have volunteers that come in and help take care of the animals so the animal control person doesn't have to leave for eight hours and do their job and leave the animals there.
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to other -- And I just didn't know if you guys weren't aware of it or you don't give a you-know-what.
And to be honest, it'd be different if we had a different caliber person doing this job, but we have somebody who does the job way above and beyond. And I'm at fault and I know two other people in Northwoods are at fault because we've all said we were going to write letters in support of this and we didn't do it. But I came tonight because I want y'all to know that there are several people in the city, and Dennis is one of them, who deserve to be respected more and to have more equipment and to have their needs proactively responded to instead of having to come and beg for new uniforms.
Thank you.
I hope that's on the record.
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(Applause)
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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: If I can add to what Ms. Sherlock said, Dennis I think is doing an excellent job. I know I've called him

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out about seven times in the last month, and he's been right there. He'd say, "I'll be there in" whatever minutes, and he was there.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Regarding the uniforms -- and I don't mean to cut you off -- but you've got a budget line item that's there for you to utilize. So if it's there, utilize it. You don't need to ask our permission to buy a new uniform if it's budgeted. So I just don't agree with that.
Small Equipment. What types of small equipment would you need?
MR. CHUPP: I generally have just about everything I need. Generally that would revolve around catch poles; traps which are raccoon traps, cat traps, which are generally the same thing.
MS. SHERLOCK: Coyotes?
MR. CHUPP: Coyote traps, possibly, yes; things like that.
MS. SHERLOCK: Lions, tigers.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: In regards to --
MS. SHERLOCK: Dog beds.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: In regards to Ms. Sherlock's comments, what equipment --

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MS. SHERLOCK: Feed bowls.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- would you need?
MR. CHUPP: Carrier kennels.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And how much would those run?
MR. CHUPP: Generally, two to three of them, about, oh, not even a hundred bucks. $300.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So when you've got a line item for $500 for small equipment, that would more than adequately cover small equipment. And this was $2,000 in the previous budget and you used zero.
MR. CHUPP: Right. Okay, yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Okay. I just want to make sure that you knew that you had line items that were budgeted that you could use.
MR. CHUPP: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, again, I come back to -- I mean one of the things I remember hearing about way back when we got this new wonderful web site was that one of the great things, if there was any time, you know, you

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picked up an animal, you could use your camera and click it and put it on the web site. That way, if your cat's missing, you can go to Doraville dog org, look up there and say, "Oop, there's my cat," and give Dennis a call. And all it takes is maybe --
MS. SHERLOCK: Two years ago.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- twelve hundred bucks --
MS. SHERLOCK: Two years ago.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- for a new computer and hook it up to the internet, and a hundred-dollar digital camera. And despite everything and asking for this over and over and over again, it still hasn't happened. Again, I just -- it just floors me that this city -- I mean --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: If I may --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- our priorities are all screwed up.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: -- would you be willing to sign an internet code of conduct?
MR. CHUPP: Oh, yes, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Do we have that on every single employee in the City?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: We should.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I think it's part of the -- I thought it was a part of the Employee Manual.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Uh-huh.
MS. SHERLOCK: Well, then, why are you worried?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They should.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, then, when we have the Employee Manual updated and distributed to every single employee, Dennis Chupp will be able to sign it along with the other 121 employees that we have in the City.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Dennis, it would be nice as you go along, because I know you and I have talked about certain needs that you need, just kind of make a wish list as you go through. And I agree, it would be very nice if at some point we could enhance the kennel over there, and if you could come up with a wish list maybe; just if you'd think about it and jot it down. I know we're kind of catching you off guard here, but, you know, that would be --

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MR. CHUPP: Generally what the -- I try not to keep the animals overnight that long. So generally if I catch something that -- it goes down to Dekalb County where a different, better kennel and it could be taken care of better -- without a tag, without identifications.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And did you know you got some money in there? I mean do you have to go through the Mayor to spend it or what? How does that work?
MR. CHUPP: Well, I generally with food, with cat food, dog food, I come to City Hall, get a P.O. and go to one of the stores and pick it up, bring it back.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I mean like for large items like for instance the camera.
MR. CHUPP: The camera, I went through City Hall, yes, through . . .
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I just --
MR. CHUPP: -- and the Mayor.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, sir.
MR. LOTTS: I have a question for Dennis.
MAYOR JENKINS: You have to come where the lady can hear you.

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MR. LOTTS: Chuck Lotts, Chestnut Drive.
Do you have an RF I.D. tag reader?
MR. CHUPP: R.F., now that's --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: A scanner.
MR. CHUPP: -- a scanner?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: A scanner for the --
MR. CHUPP: Scanner, no.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- for the microchips.
MR. CHUPP: I've got a scanner for tags, but you go through the Internet to find the owners.
MR. LOTTS: I understand there are at least two different kinds of -- different formats of --
MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
MR. LOTTS: -- readers.
MR. CHUPP: Yeah.
MS. SHERLOCK: The microchips.
MR. LOTTS: And you only have one?
MR. CHUPP: I have one scanner that will just do the Avis -- A-v-i-s.
The other one, no. And see, that's the

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problem. With two different chips, you don't know what's going to scan. But Dekalb County has scanners there, and when I go to Dekalb County I scan the item over there.
MR. LOTTS: So you pick up animals here and have to take them to Dekalb County to get the tag read?
MR. CHUPP: That's the main kennel, yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But at that point, you're pretty much giving -- handing them over to --
MR. CHUPP: Giving them --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- Dekalb County, anyway.
MR. CHUPP: -- to Dekalb County, yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Whereas if you had your own scanner --
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (inaudible) for very long.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I mean I think there was some talk last year about providing you with a scanner. I don't remember what happened with that but --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We did. We

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talked about it. That's about it.
Luke -- Mayor, can I get Luke to address something?
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: The Internet?
MR. HOWE: Yes, ma'am. The web site Phase II development, we actually budgeted for him to have that ability but I think there are some legal caveats with posting pets on the web site, and I think you're the one that -- Dennis is the one that made me aware of those. Something about a time period, 24 hours or --
MR. CHUPP: Well, that's from the time when the State Ag, Department of Agriculture, I can only keep the dog for 12 hours at the most. Catch something at 3 o'clock, you know, at 12 hours, get around to 3 o'clock, I need to take it to Dekalb County. 24 hours and such like that. That's a time frame generally that it does take away me having to feed the dog and shelter it and such.
The small kennel that I have for the shelter, it's better to take it to a place where it's really taken care of a lot -- a lot better than I can. All I can do is feed it and water

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it and keep it cool in the summer, keep it warm in the winter. And the kennel, it's kind of just like a satellite kennel, which if you can take it to the main kennel, better care, I believe.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: How much would another scanner for the chips be? I think we asked you about that last year because Ms. Fleming is the one that said there was two.
MR. CHUPP: The scanners -- yes. The scanners, they generally -- they gave me two or three of. I subsequently gave two of them to Dekalb County. So free and from --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Who gave you that?
MR. CHUPP: I think it was Avid (phonetic) was the name of the scanning people for the chips.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But you have one, then.
MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's three.
MR. CHUPP: There's three.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three companies.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So you would

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need two more?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
MR. CHUPP: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But they're just -- Are they not just different megahertz? I think there's two megahertz. It may be several different companies that do scanners, but there's two megahertz involved so you would have to actually scan with both of the scanners to determine, you know, which chip it had.
MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am, which would be nice if we had universal scanner to do all three.
MAYOR JENKINS: Can you get one?
MR. CHUPP: They don't make them.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: They don't make universal. Is that what you're saying?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But they make the others.
MR. CHUPP: Three different kinds.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You can get those for three?
MR. CHUPP: I don't know about the other two. I'm sure that there is a way, maybe

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just ask.
MAYOR JENKINS: What's the cost on it?
MR. CHUPP: I couldn't tell you, sir. The one that I have was free. It was sent to me.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So maybe you can just make a list and see what you can get and what the cost is on some of these things and maybe present it -- you know, see what we can do -- on the things that you really need.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And as far as the computer and access, I mean nowadays for $600 you can buy a brand new laptop computer that is more than adequate for this. If you had to, you could drive over here and sit in the parking lot of City Hall and be on the wireless and just do it.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But do we know why the Internet has not been hooked up? He has a computer. I'm just curious, because the guy -- I know the guy went over there to hook it up.
MR. HOWE: Dennis and I have talked about this, whether or not, you know, a mobile laptop like the police use would be appropriate

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or a desktop. If a mobile unit was needed, maybe a wireless card or something.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, what I'm saying, he already has a computer there for right now. Is it possible to get that hooked up?
MS. SHERLOCK: (Inaudible.)
MR. HOWE: She's exactly right.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I was just asking if the computer that -- well, I was asking if that could get hooked up to Internet, but it's the one -- I know he had one that was that, but the one you sent is also?
MS. STEPHENS: You know, it was my older one but it's a 2002-3. I mean it's not a very old computer.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Is it Windows 98? Do you know?
MS. STEPHENS: I believe so.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't think you'd want to plug into the Internet with Windows 98.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Oh, I'm just asking.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Not with our

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security.
MS. STEPHENS: It's a nice computer, but it's just sitting there.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Nor would it be probably compatible to digital --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: You'd have to get the drivers and everything else. I mean it seems like the thing that makes sense is to spend 600 bucks, maybe 700 bucks tops.
MS. STEPHENS: I want it back.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah, take it back.
MAYOR JENKINS: Dennis, you were hooked up to Internet.
MR. CHUPP: Sir?
MAYOR JENKINS: You were hooked up to Internet. What happened?
MR. CHUPP: No. I really --
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, you were.
MR. CHUPP: I was hooked up on a modem -- this is years and years and years ago, which, with Windows 98; very slow, very -- and it went to --
MAYOR JENKINS: I just asked you a question.

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MR. CHUPP: It went to --
MAYOR JENKINS: You were hooked up to the Internet; is that correct?
MR. CHUPP: I was.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. What happened?
MR. CHUPP: The phone. Phone system. Too slow.
MAYOR JENKINS: You said you were aware of it. I was not aware that you did not have Internet.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I was aware that the guy was going over there to check it.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, what happened to the guy? Did he check it?
MR. CHUPP: He checked it. He checked it. He hasn't come back, hasn't hooked me up.
MAYOR JENKINS: How long has that been?
MR. CHUPP: Three weeks.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. I would like to add $1,500 in capital acquisitions to this department to provide a basic laptop and, if you need one, a digital camera.
The laptop -- I mean 90 percent of the ones that come now, they have the wireless in them anyway.

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MR. CHUPP: A laptop? I would rather not, sir, have a laptop. I'd rather have a base unit.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's fine. Whatever. $1,500 should be plenty of money to buy -- I mean you can get a desktop system from Dell for 400 bucks nowadays.
I mean the idea that this is just taking so long is just beyond me, so I would like to add $1,500 to capital expenditures for a desktop computer.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wireless card?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I don't know if we'd need a wireless card, but whatever it would take to get that to happen.
And then the other, basic digit- -- I don't know if you have a camera or not, and then the scanners.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And even though that there was a comment between Mr. Howe and yourself regarding time factor, about you're only able to hold them like 12 hours because your kennel is not large enough, if we went into a larger kennel, then you can hold them longer?
MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am. Generally it

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costs, what, about another hundred dollars for the license fee. Every year there is a new license from the Department of Natural Resources.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: However, I think it's imperative, though, that you download the pictures even though you're only able to keep them for 12, because then those people will know that after -- you know, you can post the time of when you took the picture, and therefore, you know, you can just make a subscript to it stating that "After 12 hours, please locate your dog at Dekalb."
So I think it's imperative that you get that, because then it can not only go on our web site, but then you can alert or anyone can alert the neighborhood associations and let them know that you have found an animal, whether it be dog, cat, rabbit, whatever.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And I do have another question. You had mentioned at one time about the dangerous animals and the darts or the medication or something to subdue them or to -- If you need that, you might as well put that in there.

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Are you allowed to do that?
MR. CHUPP: It's not allowed any longer.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So what do you do with a dog that's rabid?
MR. CHUPP: Well, a mean dog, you got to outthink him. That's about it. That's -- that's it. There's really nothing that we can do to immobilize and to tranquilize them except for with a noose around the neck, with a pole.
Now, Dekalb County, Dekalb County can be alerted and have a dart expert come and dart the animal.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So you have to be licensed to do that, when you say "dart expert."
MR. CHUPP: Well, it --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's like calling in the SWAT team --
MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- from the County.
MR. CHUPP: And they're allowed to do it. Doraville is not. I've had the training but I'm not allowed.

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COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You don't know why you're not allowed?
MR. CHUPP: (Shakes head.)
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Who told you you weren't allowed? I'm serious. The County?
MR. CHUPP: Generally, yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Generally?
MAYOR JENKINS: At one time, he was allowed a license to do it but they cut out the type of chemicals.
MR. CHUPP: Medication.
MAYOR JENKINS: The chemicals got -- I don't know the exact thing, but they completely stopped selling Dennis the chemicals and that was when we more or less just shut it down because we couldn't get the chemicals at all.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So you're licensed, but then if you got the chemicals could you do it?
MR. CHUPP: If I had the chemicals, yes, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So that's what I was asking.
MR. CHUPP: Well, our problem is we don't have a veterinarian in the city any

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longer.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So it has to . . .
MR. CHUPP: And the veterinarian generally is the one that will prescribe.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But we couldn't go outside like Dr. Weese right up the street?
MR. CHUPP: We could if we had a contract with Dr. Weese.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I'm sure he would. He's a Doraville citizen. I couldn't imagine him not. Just a thought.
MAYOR JENKINS: You say if you have a bigger kennel, you have to pay a little more for a license, which is no problem.
MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: How big a kennel would you have to have to be able to keep them over-night or two or three days?
We got plenty of room.
MR. CHUPP: I would have to definitely look into that.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Do it. Look into it.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I mean would

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you keep them?
MR. CHUPP: And more cages. And that's generally --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You would keep them, though, if you had the -- you could?
MR. CHUPP: If we had -- if we had them, yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: How far away is the kennel from Dekalb County? Where is it?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's over by the jail.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, way down there?
MAYOR JENKINS: Quite a ways. Is it Memorial?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Memorial Drive.
MR. CHUPP: Memorial Drive, about 10 miles to and 10 miles back.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Fifteen minutes in good traffic, an hour in bad.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. That's what I was saying. It's a haul to get down there.
MR. CHUPP: Four hours in good traffic, yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: At least it would be good if you knew when you were setting out, that, as Councilwoman Fleming said, that you know your animal's down there.
MAYOR JENKINS: Bob, where did you put that $1,500?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I just put it under Capital Acquisitions.
MAYOR JENKINS: What number?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It doesn't really matter. 23, just anywhere I guess.
I'm not even sure that's enough but I think that would be a good start.
MAYOR JENKINS: Will that buy also the scanners he needs?
MR. CHUPP: Camera?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Scanner.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Scanner.
MR. CHUPP: Oh, a scanner.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: If you have to purchase the other brand of scanner. We're not sure because --
MR. CHUPP: I'm not sure.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- you don't --
MR. CHUPP: I don't have a price on

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that.
MAYOR JENKINS: Find out tomorrow.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. We'll start with that, and then we can always adjust it before we accept the budget.
You know, again here we have another department that, you know, dedicated people, they work hard, they keep the costs down, and we're not providing adequate support in my opinion.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Will you accept donations of cat food?
MR. CHUPP: Ma'am?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Will you accept donations of cat food?
MR. CHUPP: Oh, yes, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And dog food?
MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I don't have a dog. That's why I didn't mention dog.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Too bad Doraville has to be a charity case to solicit contributions.
MR. CHUPP: No. It helps. It helps people when they give.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, I understand that. My only point is you should -- you know, you're doing a great job, and we should do everything we can to make sure you have the resources to continue doing a great job --
MR. CHUPP: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- and I appreciate it.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So you'll get the ball rolling on that tomorrow?
MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am.
MAYOR JENKINS: Find out about the size of the kennel. You got a uniform allowance. You're going to get a computer. Correct?
MR. CHUPP: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: I'll call the tall man. Nobody let me know the tall man hadn't come back over there on the computer.
MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Why didn't you let me know?
MR. CHUPP: I believed it was in the process. I thought something -- you know. I trust him. I trust everybody. I trust y'all. It's going to happen. It's going to happen. I

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know that. It's just --
MAYOR JENKINS: Do you want to check with Dr. Weese?
MR. CHUPP: I -- I will.
MAYOR JENKINS: Or do you want me to check?
MR. CHUPP: Sir?
MAYOR JENKINS: Do you want me to check with him or you're going to check with him?
MR. CHUPP: I don't know the man.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You could do it, Mayor, or I can do it.
MAYOR JENKINS: I know.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I'm going back over there tomorrow, so --
MAYOR JENKINS: You check.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- I'll check with him tomorrow.
MR. CHUPP: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But I might need to get more details from you.
MAYOR JENKINS: What else do you need?
MR. CHUPP: I'm happy as the proverbial -- I've got everything. I don't need anything right now.

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Yes, ma'am.
MAYOR JENKINS: Cat, come up here, please. Please come up.
MS. SHERLOCK: Cat Sherlock. I forgot I'm not on Addison. I'm on Chestnut now.
Can I also make a suggestion, as somebody who really wrestled -- that we do some computer training on how do you upload, and that Animal Control has some administrative help? Because we're saying, "Can you do this? Can you do this? Can you do this?" and that's all two hours a day to somebody's job. You know, the other cities that have a kennel, I don't know how they get around it, but they have -- they can keep animals for three days, and our problem is there's nobody there --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MS. SHERLOCK: -- but Dennis.
And the other problem is that once they go to Dekalb County, you have a limited amount of time as an owner, and, you know, too many places are seven days and the animal's dead.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MS. SHERLOCK: That's not a whole lot of time if you're, you know, calling around and

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1 putting up signs and stuff like that.
2 I don't know if Animal Control has any
3 clerical support or anybody who helps them do
4 data entry or helps them upload pictures, helps
5 them do scripts and stuff, but that's not your
6 basic word, you know, data entry. And if they
7 had somebody to do that, this kind of thing
8 might happen faster.
9 Thank you.
10 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you for
11 that suggestion.
12 MAYOR JENKINS: You're talking about
13 I.T. training? We will have some new I.T.
14 people.
15 We have some now you need some
16 training.
17 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Do you know how
18 to do that? You're pretty computer literate.
19 Do you think you could do that?
20 He's pretty computer literate, I would
21 think.
22 MR. CHUPP: Yeah, I am, but, you know;
23 yes, ma'am.
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All it takes is a
25 link to Flicker on the City web site and you

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1 just load it up to there. It's --
2 MR. HOWE: It's not that simple.
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes, it is.
4 MR. HOWE: Not that -- But Dennis --
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, never mind.
6 MR. HOWE: -- have talked about it now.
7 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I give up.
8 MR. HOWE: This can easily be done, but
9 we have to put the horse before the cart and get
10 him the proper technology.
11 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we've just
12 given him the money to do that.
13 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So do you want
14 your computer back, Ms. Carol?
15 MS. STEPHENS: Yes. It was working,
16 because I had to use it.
17 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So --
18 MS. STEPHENS: I swapped out.
19 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: She wants her
20 computer back, Mayor.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, Windows 98.
22 I mean if it's adequate hardware to run, you
23 know, a later version of Windows with the
24 drivers and everything, that may be fine but --
25 MR. CHUPP: Well, let me defend Windows

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1 98, their Second Edition. It does everything I
2 want it to do. It does -- download pictures.
3 I'm not on the Internet with it but --
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
5 MR. CHUPP: -- everything I need to do,
6 it prints them out. It prints all of the forms
7 that I've made for each animal that I have.
8 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
9 MR. CHUPP: And it works great, works
10 fantastic.
11 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I agree, but from
12 an I.T. --
13 MR. CHUPP: But from an I.T. point --
14 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- security
15 standpoint --
16 MR. CHUPP: -- I am ancient.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- that's a
18 problem.
19 MR. CHUPP: I am ancient.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
21 MS. SHERLOCK: Eleven years ancient.
22 MAYOR JENKINS: Dennis?
23 MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
24 MAYOR JENKINS: You and I have always
25 worked real good together; is that correct?

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1 MR. CHUPP: Yes, sir.
2 MAYOR JENKINS: Why didn't I know about
3 all these discrepancies?
4 You don't have to -- I just want to put
5 that out to you. You have not made me aware of
6 any of this. I have always got you everything
7 you ever wanted.
8 MR. CHUPP: This is true.
9 MAYOR JENKINS: That's true. Okay.
10 MR. CHUPP: This is true.
11 MAYOR JENKINS: That's enough. Okay?
12 Thank you.
13 MR. CHUPP: I was going to get it
14 myself.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: I'm not fussing at you.
16 I'm just making you aware that you did not make
17 me aware, and it makes me look bad to bring it
18 up this way.
19 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Dennis, feel
20 free. If you don't have a copy of your budget,
21 please get one from Mr. Maxwell. There's going
22 to be a $1,500 addition to the capital
23 expenditures down at the bottom. And if you've
24 got a line item that says you can spend $500 --
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- feel free, sir.
MR. CHUPP: Yes, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Feel free.
MR. CHUPP: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And all you need to do is go to the City Clerk and ask for a purchase order and go for it.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And in the future, it would be great, again, as you go along, make a wish list if you think of things and keep it so the next time you come you'll say, "This is what I need."
MR. CHUPP: I really haven't needed a whole lot at all. Honestly. Everything that I've wanted, I . . . I've been given by that man.
MAYOR JENKINS: Everybody finished with Dennis?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you, Dennis.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Thank you very, very much.

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MR. CHUPP: Thank you.
MAYOR JENKINS: Hot seat, Carol.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mayor, can we take a five?
MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, a ten-minute break.
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(Recess)
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MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Are we going to the Arena or are we going to what?
MS. STEPHENS: I've got Arena first if y'all are ready.
I did e-mail Mr. Maxwell today on some changes that he did not have on this list. And my figures on the year-to-date figures, I'm over budget on some items. This shows me way under. But just on line items, I should be -- bottom line, I should be under budget.
These figures aren't quite accurate.
First, I guess we'll start with the first line item.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
MS. STEPHENS: All right. I want to add my employee. I want my other employee back. I'm looking at $13 per hour. We did put some

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overtime in there, and that's the reason that salary is raised a little bit.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. And again, we'll break out a separate line item for O.T. going forward, Mr. Maxwell.
MS. STEPHENS: Second is the part-time salaries. We've moved that from Contract Labor up to Part-Time Salaries so that we can start taking out taxes. Mr. Maxwell said 1099s were not the proper way to handle that, so now we're doing that.
We also added instructor's fees into that Part-Time Salaries.
MAYOR JENKINS: Carol --
MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: -- identify the numbers where you are, please.
MS. STEPHENS: I'm sorry. Line 2 is Part-Time Salaries. Line 3 is Instructor Salaries. We moved that into Part-Time Salaries, as you see.
If I could go ahead and skip down to line 8, that's Day Camp. I do pay personnel out of this line item also, directors and counselors for this, and I didn't know if that needed to be

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put into the part-time salaries also.
MR. MAXWELL: Are you paying from straight out of City funds?
MS. STEPHENS: Correct, correct.
And they receive a 1099, so that would be another line item we'd have to put in that Part-Time Salaries.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: How many kids are in the day camp?
MS. STEPHENS: We have anywhere from 35 to 55 at times. It varies each week. We allow them to come in a week at a time if they want to.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And do we charge them for that or anything?
MS. STEPHENS: They're charged $90 per week, some are $80.
I give a price break to City employees. $50 per week for City employee's children, which is a deal.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And $90 and $80 is a deal. It's a great savings --
MS. STEPHENS: It is.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- for comparative.

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MS. STEPHENS: It's up to $150 --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's right. Anywhere --
MS. STEPHENS: -- anywhere else.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- from $150 to $500.
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I wasn't advocating increasing it. I'm just trying to understand --
MS. STEPHENS: I understand.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- what services we're providing and what it costs.
MS. STEPHENS: Sure.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: To me, it seems like -- frankly, it seems like $90 might put day camp out of reach for a lot of the people that live in Doraville, for their kids.
MS. STEPHENS: It's hard for some people. It is. But I'm trying to make ends meet. I'm trying to at least pay for the salaries that I'm paying out.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
MS. STEPHENS: And we try to do that. And usually that's what -- we brought in in day

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camp last year $16,500, so that did cover basically the salaries of the employees that I have.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And I would think that the people in Doraville would think that was a good deal --
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- when you start comparing.
MS. STEPHENS: It is.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And how long do you run day camp?
MS. STEPHENS: It's an eight-week period, four weeks in June and then we skip a week and come back July, finish the first of August.
MAYOR JENKINS: Why have you got $15,000 and it was originally twenty?
MS. STEPHENS: It needs to be twenty-two as we discussed unless we're able to get some kind of transportation.
We have to -- I've talked with Donna about this before -- we have to pay for a charter bus to take our kids anywhere. We use the van when we can, of course, but we make four

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trips or so to the pool. Any trips around here, we'll use the van, but when you go to the movies -- We're going to Malibu tomorrow and spend the day with the kids. We've got a trip planned to American Adventures, Stone Mountain. Where else have we been? Well, there's only five trips planned this year because I tried to cut the budget because of transportation.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And Dekalb County will not allow us to utilize their school buses because of the liability involved, and we are not a Dekalb County park --
MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- so they will not --
MS. STEPHENS: -- correct.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- let us. And we tried to get that --
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- but we just couldn't do it.
MS. STEPHENS: Right. And that cost would just be the cost of the driver.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Right.
MS. STEPHENS: And they do approve

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Parks & Rec in Dekalb County but they won't work with us.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: If we were in Dekalb, they would.
MS. STEPHENS: Right, right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, they're under new management. Maybe it's worth --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- another try.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No. Already did.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, you'll find, as you see, the school system doesn't work with Parks & Rec at all.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MS. STEPHENS: They don't use their facilities like Gwinnett County does.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah. And I did make that attempt, talking to my friend in transportation this year, too, and it was still the same answer.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So you're requesting that that item goes to twenty-two?
MS. STEPHENS: Twenty-two, yes. The

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1 original budget was twenty. I'm over eight --
2 eight hundred dollars right now. This $11,000
3 is the wrong figure.
4 Now, I'm sure Mr. Maxwell has looked at
5 the bills correctly, but according to the bills
6 I've coded to this line item, I'm $2,800 -- I
7 mean $28,000.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Twenty.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Day camp, line 8?
10 MS. STEPHENS: $20,800. Excuse me.
11 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Is that through
13 June 30th?
14 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
15 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
16 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's eight,
17 number 8?
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
19 MS. STEPHENS: We pay for salaries, we
20 give them T-shirts, and then we have transpor-
21 tation. I do use some that I buy equipment. We
22 have Cooking with Miss Dee. The Hula-Hoops,
23 balls, arts and crafts. So that's where the
24 money goes.
25 All right. Next line item, City

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1 Events. Nothing was put in the budget for this.
2 I don't know. Does this have to do with
3 Doraville Days or --
4 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, actually
5 I think that looks like Movies Under the Stars
6 if it's $1,500.
7 MS. STEPHENS: Well, it should be -- it
8 would be more, because Movies Under the Stars,
9 we're planning to do two movies this year.
10 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I know, but
11 what I'm saying is based on we've only done one.
12 MS. STEPHENS: Right.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So that would
14 have been the $1,500.
15 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
16 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So -- but there
17 again, I had e-mailed Mr. Maxwell originally,
18 and though I have not mentioned this to Council,
19 I felt that all departments needed a City Event
20 line item to accommodate anything utilized for
21 Doraville Days or any major events like that so
22 that it did not come out of their standard
23 salary budget, but that -- however Mr. Maxwell
24 wants to handle it, I do believe that the Arena
25 definitely needs the City Events line item in

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1 there.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, nowadays
3 you utilize project accounting to handle all
4 that stuff, so --
5 And by the way, that occurred to me the
6 other day. We were talking about a new
7 accounting system. Obviously we need to make
8 sure that it's capable of project accounting.
9 That way, you can set up a project where it
10 actually hits different departments.
11 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We had the
12 corporate sponsors that took care of the Movies
13 Under the Stars --
14 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
15 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- so that
16 should not have been --
17 MS. STEPHENS: It offsets.
18 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Right.
19 MS. STEPHENS: And we're ahead right
20 now.
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Absolutely.
22 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But it's
23 showing as an expense on this and we're not
24 seeing her revenue side.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

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1 MS. STEPHENS: We have to show an
2 expense of course, and I didn't know where that
3 went.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. I under-
5 stand.
6 MS. STEPHENS: The line item 10,
7 Promotion - Caps, T-shirts, I assume that is
8 Doraville Days. Okay? The road race?
9 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yeah.
10 MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Soccer, as you
11 see, we canceled that line item. We're running
12 that through the youth association, so that will
13 not be a budgeted item.
14 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Back on the
15 promotions and T-shirts --
16 MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
17 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- do we need to
18 add that back in and is that offset by race
19 registration fees?
20 MS. STEPHENS: Will it be offset? No,
21 sir. You know, whatever we take in from
22 registration goes directly to the hospital.
23 That's what we've done before. It doesn't
24 offset the cost.
25 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We don't do the

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1 proceeds? We do a hundred --
2 MS. STEPHENS: I don't pay for the
3 expenses, no, sir.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So should we add
5 maybe a thousand dollars to line item 10 to
6 cover T-shirts, caps, promotions? I think
7 that's where you're going.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I was just
9 asking if we needed to add it -- if you wanted
10 to add it back in.
11 MS. STEPHENS: Well, we do if you're
12 going to -- I didn't know where the Doraville
13 Days was coming from. I thought that was Hotel/
14 Motel Tax.
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, no matter
16 where the money's coming from, we still have to
17 show an expense for your budget so you can spend
18 the money.
19 MS. STEPHENS: Right.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And absolutely we
21 can do some work on the revenues.
22 MS. STEPHENS: Well, we've got to look
23 at the whole Doraville Days, anyway, because
24 another expense. Where is that taken out of,
25 anyway?

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1 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I actually think
2 that there needs to be an entirely separate
3 section that deals with Doraville Days or City-
4 managed, run events, that falls underneath the
5 Parks & Rec but is not underneath the Arena,
6 it's segmented out like the parks are segmented
7 out, so that we can manage these entities
8 independently from each other, because I
9 personally don't think that the Promotions -
10 T-shirts, Caps for the Road Race is an Arena
11 expense. That's a city event that should be
12 under a city event cover/flag/section,
13 personally.
14 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. Until we
15 have project-centered accounting capabilities,
16 then I think we're stuck with doing it this way,
17 though.
18 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So with that in
19 mind, then, line 9, City Events, we're not
20 putting back the $1,500 -- actually $3,000 --
21 because we have another Movies Under the Stars
22 coming up?
23 If we're not going to pay for it out of
24 her budget, it's going to come out of Hotel/
25 Motel tax. And should it be in her budget?

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1 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's paid for
2 but it has to show.
3 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I don't
4 know.
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I think it
6 has to show. I think you're right. I mean we
7 have to show the expense and we have to budget
8 for the expense regardless of where the revenue
9 comes from. We still have to budget the expense
10 or else you're over budget; right?
11 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: But does it
12 have to be in her budget when the hotel/motel
13 funds I believe are commingled into the general
14 fund?
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But that's the
16 revenue side.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Exactly. Why
18 can't the expense be shown?
19 MS. STEPHENS: I don't want to bring up
20 a sore subject. This is what happened with the
21 Shrine event. We were called on the carpet for
22 all of the money that was being used out of my
23 budget. And I don't want that to happen again,
24 that I have any problem with that, because
25 hotel/motel tax was not being taken out of my

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1 budget.
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right.
3 No. I think there needs to be a
4 separate non-department department. You know,
5 we talked about this regarding utilities last
6 time, and this would be another example of where
7 we have a non-department department that we put
8 city events in -- Doraville Days, Road Race,
9 Movies Under the Stars and community-building
10 events -- and that's where those live and reside
11 under -- under your general overview but not
12 within your Arena budget, not within the Parks
13 budget but within the umbrella of Parks & Rec.
14 Or maybe even City Hall. I don't know.
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, exactly.
16 What you're describing is project accounting.
17 You just basically set up a project for
18 Doraville Days and you set up your budgets and
19 you have your expenditures, et cetera.
20 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But if we move
21 these items which we know we're going to need on
22 the expense side to Hotel/Motel fund right now,
23 then we're offsetting her budget.
24 She needs this expense. And for us to
25 come on the 13th to say, "Here's our final

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1 budget. Those expenses need to be showing
2 somewhere."
3 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's correct;
4 whether they're here or in a non- --
5 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
6 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- department
7 department, they --
8 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That's what I'm
9 trying to get at. Are we moving the expenses
10 from her budget to Hotel/Motel fund?
11 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would be fine
12 with doing that.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It has to go
14 somewhere.
15 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yeah. I do think
16 that they need to come out of the Arena side.
17 Mr. Maxwell, can we do that?
18 MR. MAXWELL: Sure.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I tend to agree,
20 too. I'm just not sure if we can change it
21 right now.
22 I think maybe the best way to do it
23 would be to go ahead and budget it in here for
24 now, and then eventually we're going to have to
25 sit down and look at requirements and all of

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1 this for a new accounting system. And at that
2 point, we can decide what our accounting
3 system's going to look like; not the computer
4 software necessarily but how our accounting --
5 you know, multi-funds and structured and
6 projects and the whole nine yards -- and at that
7 point, set that up. But for the moment, I think
8 we're just going to have to -- I think it would
9 be simplest to go ahead and just put the money
10 into this budget and recognize that we're going
11 to do some work on the revenue side that will
12 hopefully offset some of this.
13 MS. STEPHENS: That's fine. Whenever I
14 have a line item that other people are coding in
15 it, that's where we -- that's what scares me a
16 little bit.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand. So
18 I mean money --
19 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Maxwell,
20 what's your preference?
21 MR. MAXWELL: At this point, I would
22 prefer to leave it in the general fund. At the
23 mid-year review, we can switch it over at that
24 point.
25 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. So then,

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1 would, then, City Events be $3,000 because we're
2 having two?
3 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, one is a --
4 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The first one's
5 already been paid, so we need to put $1,500 more
6 in there. No, $3,000, because we'll have one in
7 May.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Assuming we do
9 two this fiscal year.
10 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
11 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It should
12 probably be at the --
13 What did we get them down to? $2,500
14 for two?
15 MS. STEPHENS: I don't know, but I want
16 you at every meeting that I'm at because --
17 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You do good.
18 MS. STEPHENS: -- you do good.
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think, for a
20 safety net, let's keep at three. That's the
21 City Events at three.
22 MS. STEPHENS: Uh-huh.
23 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And Promotions -
24 T-Shirts, Caps, $750.
25 MS. STEPHENS: All right. Soccer.

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1 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: One second.
2 MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
3 MR. MAXWELL: Was that $1,000 on line
4 10?
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Seven fifty.
6 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And line 9
7 would be an additional $3,000.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Total $3,000.
9 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes. I'm
10 sorry. There wasn't anything there, so yes.
11 Okay, Carol. I'm sorry.
12 MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Soccer, I just
13 explained. We're running a youth league there.
14 We're running that through. All the referees,
15 all the uniforms, everything are run through
16 registration, and so that'll handle that. So we
17 can remove that from the budget.
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So let me under-
19 stand this. We don't spend any money on it.
20 MS. STEPHENS: Correct. You might buy
21 some equipment which I will run through Small
22 Equipment because I use that as recreation
23 equipment. Use that in day camp. I use that
24 just as drop-in play or something like that.
25 But right now, I shouldn't have any equipment

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1 except maybe a few balls because we have the
2 equipment already. Soccer is not a very
3 expensive sport.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And we've got
6 revenue coming in from them renting or --
7 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
8 Repairs & Maintenance.
9 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Line number?
10 MS. STEPHENS: I'm sorry. Line 12.
11 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Go ahead. I'm
12 sorry.
13 MS. STEPHENS: I'm still requesting
14 that the $20,000 stay in that line item. I am
15 $5,000 under at this point, but I have some
16 capital improvements -- Well, they probably
17 wouldn't fall under Capital Improvements. It's
18 things I could run through Repairs &
19 Maintenance.
20 One is gutters on the building. I need
21 new gutters. They're tearing up.
22 I'm asking for some cabinets in our
23 concession stand. That would improve the way
24 they look, improve services, and people that
25 rent the facility would enjoy a nicer kitchen

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1 than what I'm offering them right now.
2 Tile for our floor in our lobby. We
3 cannot strip that again. I mean we're stripping
4 it; we're wasting our time because it doesn't
5 look clean at all. They've just worn down.
6 It's 20 years old, and we've had probably a
7 thousand people in there each week, you know.
8 So I'm hoping that I can run that
9 through Repairs & Maintenance. I can get
10 Maintenance to help me with this on these
11 repairs. I'm not sure about the gutters, but as
12 far as the floor and the cabinets, I know they
13 can do that.
14 So I'm asking to keep $20,000 in that.
15 And as I said, I do think those figures are
16 wrong also, but my figures is $5,000 under at
17 this point.
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So that's from
19 thirteen to twenty.
20 MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I would be okay
22 with that. I don't know about anybody else.
23 MS. STEPHENS: Well, one thing, you
24 know, we try to keep the place really looking
25 nice. And personally, I get comments all the

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1 time from the ladies that come and use the
2 facility, how nice our facilities are kept. And
3 I think that's important.
4 Okay. Next line item, Rental
5 Equipment. No budget for that. Not necessary.
6 Telephone.
7 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I think Mr. --
8 MS. STEPHENS: I'm sorry.
9 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Do you have a
10 question?
11 MR. MAXWELL: Did you-all agree to go
12 up to twenty on that?
13 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.
14 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm okay. How
15 about you guys?
16 Plus seven on line 12.
17 MS. STEPHENS: Telephone, line 14. I
18 have no idea what my telephone bill is. I don't
19 see that bill.
20 Printing & Binding. I did ask for an
21 additional $5,000. I am under budget $200 at
22 this point. I quit going to the printer, to
23 stay under budget. We're running a lot of
24 copies through our Xerox machine. We did all of
25 the movie flyers that went out, twice, on the

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1 copy machine.
2 So I'm asking for an additional $5,000.
3 We do programs every quarter, we do flyers all
4 the time, and we do the design ourselves on the
5 computer and put it out.
6 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: One way to save
7 money on that is to have your own web page like
8 a linkage from the Doraville web page to the --
9 Frankly, I haven't looked. Do we have
10 a separate page that you have access to that you
11 can update so that when these things happen you
12 can just simply put the money out on the web
13 site instead of spending $5,000 on printing? We
14 could just say, oh, well, for this, you just go
15 to this web site. And that way, anybody that's
16 got a computer, which is almost everybody, can
17 simply look on the web site.
18 MS. STEPHENS: I'm not sure that all
19 the personnel that come to our facilities deal
20 with the web page. Some do.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
22 MS. STEPHENS: But just like postage,
23 which I'll get down to in a little bit, we
24 stopped mailing out to our participants.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

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MS. STEPHENS: We get more returned mail than we send out, and I can't stand for that money to come back --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.
MS. STEPHENS: -- because it's constant turnover. So the way we get out to kids is through the schools.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I started to say, it goes through the schools --
MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- and you can't beat that.
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's the best contact we have is the schools.
MS. STEPHENS: But I am getting a lot more requests on the computer.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I mean that's what it's for.
MS. STEPHENS: And Luke has been helping me a lot by updating our programs on our web page.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Carol, who do you use for printing?
MS. STEPHENS: DP Printing, Dan's

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Printing.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Where are they?
MS. STEPHENS: They used to be right here in Doraville. They're located off of Oakcliff Road now.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Outside the city?
MS. STEPHENS: It is.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I will encourage you to look at --
MS. STEPHENS: Fast?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- Fast Printing right up the street.
MS. STEPHENS: Right. Just a long-time customer. I understand what you're saying. Just the relationship we have with them. They have sponsored some of our teams, too. And whoever we deal with, we do go back for sponsorship all the time.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: And I'm sorry. I didn't know that you did those flyers, because on the previous movie, I just printed them out at home on my color printer.
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So I'm more than happy to do that.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But getting back to your printer, though, is it a contractual rented printer?
MS. STEPHENS: No. We purchased that.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
MS. STEPHENS: So we're just paying --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. That's what I was --
MS. STEPHENS: -- copy fees.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- I was trying to get at.
MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think the more that we can shift to online, then the less hard copies we'll need, basically. I'm not saying completely eliminate it, but -- Most cost savings is like I said, you try to migrate from -- you know, point people to the web site and then they don't need a piece of paper.
MS. STEPHENS: I'm certainly willing to try something like that.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And the other thing is to be able to put your e-mail address on there, and any time there's an event, you know, you get an e-mail that says, okay, new

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recreation event. Whatever you put in your e-mail and you check off, I want to know recreation, I want to know this, this and this, and then you get a little . . .
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Carol, how many schools have you sent flyers to?
MS. STEPHENS: Pleasantdale, Dresden, Cary Reynolds, Hightower, Oakcliff. At times, we go to Sequoyah. We're looking into Henderson because that's opening up some area there especially for little league baseball for us now. Our area has widened since Northeast is not operating. We try to hit everywhere.
Chestnut, we haven't had a lot of luck with Chestnut. They won't put the flyers out for us. We used to hit them.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Can we come back to line 15? I'm not ready to add $5,000 more.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Or what is you guys' opinion? Are you ready to make that decision?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I still feel like if we had a web site that did what we needed it

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to do, we probably wouldn't have to spend another $5,000.

MS. STEPHENS: Well, I'll check with Fast Printing, too, and try to see where I can cut back at.

Next is Dues & Fees. That's registration for Georgia Parks and Recreation, our membership. Our facility, our recreation department, is a member of Georgia Parks, so that's what those fees are for. They haven't changed in a while. We fall under that every year by about $25. We're also a member of National Parks & Recreation, too. I was about $145 under this year, as you see. I did want to register Ramon this year, put him on that list. Ramon Moseley.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So will the $800 cover it?

MS. STEPHENS: It will. It will.

Next line item is 17, Contract Labor. As you see, we moved that to Part-time Salaries.

18, General Supplies. We should have been over on that line item also. But I think I know why. With Randy coming in, new employee, he was charging everything to the Arena instead

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of Parks. You'll see the Park budget on that is way down. So I think any supplies that he bought for the parks were run through the Arena. But we've got him now, so he knows what to do.

Water, Gas, Electric, the next few items I don't see.

Gasoline, 22, of course that's gas for the van.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Go back to 21.

MS. STEPHENS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: You know, you and I have discussed electricity, it being so high, in that . . . Go ahead.

MS. STEPHENS: Okay. That really handles the lights in the park, also. So the Arena has been charged for all the lights at Honeysuckle Park. Okay? And if y'all want to move that to Parks, that's fine, if you want to keep it under the Arena, that's fine, but it should be a park expense.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And there's not a separate meter, I take it, or we don't know?

MS. STEPHENS: Yeah. There's three, four meters there in the park. I used it one time. I had to evaluate every light pole in the

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park system, so -- And I used to know exactly what was being spent, and I could keep track if somebody was leaving the lights on or overusing it. But I don't see the budget -- I don't see the bill.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Sandra, do you have any idea whether the meter number is reflected on our bills? The meter number. Not the address but the meter number.

MS. STEPHENS: It used to be.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: They put something. They put an account number. They put a number and then the address. I don't know if that is the meter number. There is a number with the address.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Could you give us --

MS. STEPHENS: It used to be. It used to be.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Could you provide the Council with a copy of the last electric bill?

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Right now?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No. Just --

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DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- in our mail boxes so we know what we're looking at. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: While we're doing that, could we get natural gas and water too?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Just the last one.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Gas, electric and what else?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Water.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Water.

MS. STEPHENS: Going back to the water bill, too, though, you know that we've been on water restriction and now we're off of it, so I think that's the reason Mr. Maxwell kept that figure in.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, because the rest of the dollar amounts, they're pretty stable from before. In fact, your budget that was originally approved for 2009 of $360,000 is now down to $334,000. It is up slightly from the budget, revised budget in the middle of the

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1 year. But still, it looks like you're doing a
2 great job as far as, you know, keeping the costs
3 down and under control.
4 MS. STEPHENS: Thank you.
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I personally have
6 always felt that -- and I keep saying, I can't
7 prove this, but it just seems to make sense:
8 that every dollar you spend on recreation and
9 things and activities for children to do is
10 probably a dollar you won't have to spend on
11 things like law enforcement and jails some day.
12 So again, I hope going forward we start making
13 this a higher priority.
14 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, we're
15 getting ready to --
16 Go ahead.
17 MS. STEPHENS: Yeah. We're not there
18 yet. We're almost there.
19 Small Equipment, $5,000. Cutting that
20 is fine. I can go down a thousand on that.
21 We order tables, chairs, recreation
22 equipment, office supplies, office equipment.
23 Not office supplies but office equipment like
24 desks, office chairs.
25 Next line item posted is 24. As I

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1 said, we don't do the mail-outs like we used to.
2 I even suggest you going down to a thousand on
3 that. I think he left in $1,500 for us.
4 If you want to go down another $500,
5 you could. Do you want to change that?
6 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
7 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Sure.
8 MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Advertisement,
9 line 25. This is if you need to do any
10 promotions for Movies in the Park or Doraville
11 Days. I think that's what Luke was thinking.
12 But this was thrown in when we had our meeting
13 with the Mayor. So if you want to do any ads in
14 the paper, you know, that's what that's for.
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think we had a
16 pretty good turnout before without spending
17 advertising. I mean we had the banners and
18 everything.
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Speaking of
20 banners, did those come out of line 30, Signs?
21 MS. STEPHENS: No.
22 Pam, I don't know where that came --
23 The banners for the Doraville Days?
24 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: For Doraville
25 Days?

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1 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No. Movies Under
2 the Stars.
3 MS. STEPHENS: Oh. Yes, it did.
4 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Okay.
5 MS. STEPHENS: Yes, it did.
6 Meetings & Conventions, line 26. I'm
7 asking for that to stay at $3,000 instead of the
8 $2,000. We did go to the convention this past
9 year. It's in Athens. And I drove back and
10 forth from home to go there. This year it's in
11 Jekyll Island so we would be staying there.
12 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: What types of
13 things happen at the convention?
14 MS. STEPHENS: It's a lot like probably
15 your convention y'all go to. We have seminars,
16 classes that we attend. They have vendors that
17 come. That's where we meet a lot of our
18 vendors.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: You had me with
20 training, so I'd be okay with leaving --
21 MS. STEPHENS: And it is -- training is
22 very good, and then you get to meet your peers
23 and --
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Of course.
25 Compare notes --

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1 MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- learn. Right.
3 I would personally say it would be good
4 to leave it at $3,000, particularly if it's
5 going to be at Jekyll Island.
6 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Increase line
7 26 by $1,000.
8 MS. STEPHENS: Line 27, Minor Repairs.
9 I guess $1,000 is okay, but we never know when
10 the van's going down but I could always come
11 back to y'all mid-year if I had some problems
12 with that.
13 Car Wash, of course, you understand,
14 line 28.
15 Contractual Services. I should be
16 almost at $4,000 on this. This is Xerox. I
17 have feminine hygiene in the restrooms. I have
18 run Pest Masters, when I was coding those bills,
19 through that. Cintas for first aid. I go
20 through a lot of first aid. I do go through a
21 lot of first aid equipment.
22 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So is $4,000
23 enough for that, Ray?
24 MS. STEPHENS: Yes. I even think I
25 could do $3,000, though, on that.

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: You think so?
MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: How many AEDs do you guys have over there?
MS. STEPHENS: I have one for the Arena.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You just have one there?
AEDs, I have one at the Arena and one at the pool, and there is also one at the Boxing Club, which I was going to discuss with you-all when we got to that. If you want to leave it or not --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's required by State. It has to stay in any public building.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. So we're moving 29 to $3,000.
Signs. I never know about signs sometimes, what's going to be destroyed and painted over, so I'd like to keep that at $2,000. And I do need to work on my new sign at the entrance to the park there, too.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, is this sign -- Do we have Signs in Parks? Because if

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we're going to equip all of our parks now with the new signs . . . If Parks does not have a Sign --
MS. STEPHENS: They do not.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- line number --
MS. STEPHENS: They do not.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Then --
MS. STEPHENS: I'm not prepared at this time to give you a price on signs.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. That's fine.
MS. STEPHENS: That will be what y'all want to see on these signs. They do need to be uniform throughout the city.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. So do we need to add that here?
Well, I mean we're going to have another crack at this. We're not going to finalize this for a while, but if you can get us numbers.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, I'd like you to keep $2,000. That gives me a chance for banners, and banners do tear up. Trucks might hit them. And then just general signs around

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the park.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm good with that.
MS. STEPHENS: Storm Water went up, as you-all saw, line 31.
Rental Equipment. We don't need anything like that.
I.T. Consulting, that's fine. We don't have a lot of work on our computers, but occasionally they do go down. We're not networked, though, between our two offices. That's something I would like to see instead of me getting up and walking into the other office, but I can keep walking.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Would $3,500 interface it?
MS. STEPHENS: I do not know.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I know you have an e-mail address. Does everyone else have one?
MS. STEPHENS: Ramon does.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: On item 34, do you need to add some money to that because you're going to hire?
MS. STEPHENS: I will. It was $1,000,

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but I don't think I need that. That's just the doctor visit, and we'll do the background check which we do on every coach that participates in our program. Any of our volunteers, we do background checks on. The Police helps us with that.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Where does that get charged to?
MS. STEPHENS: I guess it goes through the Police, or we have a friend at Chamblee that'll do them for us for nothing.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: $250 on the pre-employment screening?
MS. STEPHENS: That's fine with me.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Did we ever decide what we were going to do on line -- what was it? -- the printing?
MS. STEPHENS: I thought we were just going to leave it as is at this time.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, I sort of meant that we needed to readdress it back, you know, I mean now, because I wasn't real comfortable raising it to $9,000.
MS. STEPHENS: No. Just raise it $1,000, to five.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Oh, I thought you meant that you wanted an additional five.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I did too.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm with Ms. Fleming. I thought you wanted --
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Give me --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I have no problem with the five, but when we add five --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: That's what I thought, too.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Ask for ten next time.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. So we're changing line 15 to $5,000.
MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I think everybody up here thought that you wanted --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: No.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- $5,000 more.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I knew it was up to $5,000.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And in the meantime, we're going to obviously pursue the electronic stuff.

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MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Now, you had mentioned something about transportation --
MS. STEPHENS: Yes. I did talk --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- and needing some new equipment?
MS. STEPHENS: -- with the Mayor about that, possibly finding a bus.
MAYOR JENKINS: We're checking into that as we speak. We're looking for a Bluebird. We've found a couple.
MS. STEPHENS: But I have no idea what that would run.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, also, whoever would drive that would have to have a --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: CDL.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- CDL.
MS. STEPHENS: Ramon will have to do that. He has had one in the past.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So do we need to put something in Capital Acquisitions?
MS. STEPHENS: Let me tell you one thing on the bus, though. I won't need it till next summer unless you can get it in the next week.

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MAYOR JENKINS: We can look at that. Mid-year, we can look at this again.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.
MS. STEPHENS: If you'd like to do that.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yeah.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Are you ready to look at the Pool next? Is that the next one on your sheet? I don't know.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. So far this year, I'm pleased with the pool management company. It's the same company we had problems with last year; the year before, we had a good relationship with.
They hired a new manager that I'm dealing with, and she's on the ball. We've had a few problems but she's jumped on it right away. The water is clear. I haven't had a complaint from a citizen yet. I don't know if you have. Y'all haven't been telling me. But everybody's really running and using the pool.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Any idea what our attendance is?

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MS. STEPHENS: You know, I thought about that when I was sitting down. And I keep numbers on that but I did not bring it with me. We should be down a little bit because we cut back on Monday. We're closed on Mondays now. But we had $600 days.
I mean it's done pretty well. Income for the year for the pool was $12,896. It will start slacking off now. Usually after the 4th of July, it slacks off. Don't know why. Maybe the water is warm. And it is warm. It's not cool like it was. Don't know why that is. But June is a huge month for us.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: How's the water aerobics program going?
MS. STEPHENS: It's doing all right. I thought we'd talk about that when we got to --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. I'm sorry.
MS. STEPHENS: -- programs down at the bottom. But it's hanging on. It's hanging on.
As you see, no amount on line item 2 because that's handled under the pool management company.
The Repairs & Maintenance is really

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1 low. We possibly could cut some of that back
2 because they handle some of that, but I do code
3 bills through that if we should have anything go
4 down in the pool -- new bars or fix the lights.
5 But the pool company will do this, but I'll run
6 that through that line item. But you see we
7 didn't have a lot of repairs.
8 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Is that
9 actual, the $357?
10 MS. STEPHENS: To my knowledge, yes.
11 It wasn't a whole lot at all this past year.
12 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: What happened
13 with the issue that was discussed a while back
14 about I guess the roughness or the cutting?
15 MS. STEPHENS: That's in capital
16 improvements.
17 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So reduce that
18 to $500 or $1,000?
19 MS. STEPHENS: Well, I'd like to say
20 two if I could, $2,000, just in case.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. I'll go
22 with that.
23 MS. STEPHENS: All right. Education &
24 Training, do not need, line item 5.
25 6, the supplies are handled by the pool

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1 company. That's one of their deals in their
2 proposal, so $1,000 is fine there.
3 Water. As you see, that looks awful.
4 We had a leak. We've also had a problem with
5 finding out or even talking with anybody at the
6 water company. I think everybody in City Hall
7 has tried to call for us.
8 And as you know, they only read the
9 meter every two months, so if you have a water
10 leak at the first of that month, you don't know
11 it.
12 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Did you get it
13 resolved?
14 MS. STEPHENS: I have not gotten it
15 resolved.
16 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I have a
17 contact person --
18 MS. STEPHENS: All right.
19 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- a direct
20 contact.
21 MS. STEPHENS: Well, do that.
22 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I actually have
23 his cell phone.
24 MS. STEPHENS: Rhonda has told me she's
25 planning to talk and have him come out and look

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1 at all of our meters because there's been
2 problems in other areas, too.
3 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, if she
4 has not done that tomorrow, I can call.
5 MS. STEPHENS: Along with that, we will
6 -- which I'll get to in a minute, but the pool
7 cover should help. We're able to shut down the
8 system, shut down the water, so that should
9 help. But I don't know how that would help
10 because of the leaks we've had yet. I don't
11 know how that will save us some money.
12 But even this year, with the pool
13 cover, the water went down. We had some kind of
14 a leak, and we think that was in the valves. We
15 have fixed those. The Mayor approved that.
16 Thank you, Mayor.
17 So I don't know what to tell you about
18 the water bill till we find out something. I'll
19 talk with you tomorrow.
20 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Okay.
21 MS. STEPHENS: Electricity. Hopefully,
22 that's going to come down because, with the pool
23 cover, that will help.
24 Small Equipment. Put me down a
25 thousand -- The $490, I should have been over

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1 that, but I would request $2,000 in that.
2 That's for new pool equipment. Umbrellas, we're
3 always having to replace those.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, let me --
5 MS. STEPHENS: And then Programs. As
6 you see, we cut that line item. That was
7 handling water aerobics for us. We were not
8 making ends meet.
9 What I'm doing now with the water
10 aerobics, we're continuing the class. She's
11 collecting the money. If she makes over a
12 certain amount, we'll receive a percentage on
13 that. So that way, we could cut it out of the
14 budget and continue the class. It was either
15 cutting the class or do it this way.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Do we offer swim
17 instruction or --
18 MS. STEPHENS: Swim instruction is
19 handled through the pool company their self.
20 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So they make the
21 -- they make the money?
22 MS. STEPHENS: That was one of their
23 deals.
24 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So we pay them,
25 and they run programs and make money on top of

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that.
MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: But at the same time, how much money have they saved us?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, we're right at it. But it's the workload, two of us. It's finding the guards. They have access to the guards, and it was a struggle every year. I'd start with kids who were 12 and 13, and I saw they liked the water and I'd talk them into becoming a lifeguard. That didn't always prove to be the best lifeguards, either, though.
All right, going to Capital Expense, it's time to plaster that pool. It is rough. It's something we need to do.
We replaced the drain covers, which, by law, we had to. Took care of that. So the next thing is to plaster the pool, and I'm hoping that y'all will approve this and that we can continue to operate the swimming pool.
$30,000. I got a quote right under that, so --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we're going to put out RFPs, right?

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MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir, we'll have to.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So if you can bring us an RFP to look at.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I would be in favor of setting it at thirty, as long as it doesn't go past $30,000, and then we do the RFP and see what we can do.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't know about anyone else.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: No. I agree. I think $30,000, we need to leave it in. This really has to be done. It should have been done last year.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I guess I had a couple questions.
It's my understanding that there is no way to save the water during the plastering, so you're going to have to pay to refill the pool. So that's not in your budget.
MS. STEPHENS: It should fall under -- If we've got all our leaks taken care of, I would think that that would fall under the water. Because the reason that water bill is so

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expensive is because of the leak, but I have no history from the bills to give you that figure.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: But I think that's something that would need to be considered because that's a lot of gallonage.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Do we get a discount on water usage say like if we were to have to refill the pool? They used to do that.
MS. STEPHENS: I don't think so, not these days.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: They used to do it with the fire hydrants but they don't allow that anymore.
MS. STEPHENS: We almost had to fill up the water this year already because it leaked so bad under the pool cover.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: As a resident, when I had damage to the liner of the pool, I had a letter from my insurance agent indicating that, you know, they're covering my -- you know, the insurance portion of it. And that's all I needed to submit to Dekalb County, and they did not charge me the sewage charge. They just charged me the water to refill it after it was lined. So that's another -- even though you've

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been having trouble with the water company and getting through to them, that is a question that you could ask because you're having to do something to repair the pool. It may be that when we go to refill it, they'll only charge you the water fee and not the sewage portion of it.
MS. STEPHENS: I'll try. I feel like a business, they're going to look at it different since it is a swimming pool. We had a small leak before, and they would not take that off of our bill. They would take it off of our court up here. They took the leak they had off of our court but they wouldn't do the swimming pool because we are a swimming pool.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But the sewage, I mean I can't see where they --
MS. STEPHENS: That's the most expensive part.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Absolutely.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I mean the water doesn't go into the sewage. I mean it evaporates.
MS. STEPHENS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I would really

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try for that.
MS. STEPHENS: How they figure it, I don't know.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Before, you had mentioned considering being closed part of the year to allow the repair. During the season, you mentioned being open partial time?
MS. STEPHENS: Well, I'll do anything to keep the pool open. If we have to cut the budget and repair the pool and be closed for a year to do that, I will do that, but I don't want to do that.
They can repair it soon as we close, because it's warm weather, or they can start in April if it's warm enough weather at that time.
I'm sure your citizens would like to keep it open, but that's just something I was trying to consider if we had such a budget crisis that we needed to cut back.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: You close in September.
MS. STEPHENS: We close September -- Labor Day is when we close.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So they can plaster the pool after that.

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MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: How long would it take them, Carol? A couple weeks?
MS. STEPHENS: I'm not sure on that. It's been a lot of years since we did it. The last company that was chosen, I did not have the say-so in that. They didn't do the job that they needed to do, but --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, I think it's something we probably should go ahead and do once the pool closes in September --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- to where we can be ready for opening at the beginning of next year's season.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. End of August, I'll bring you RFPs if you-all approve this.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, again, you're actually coming down. Your budget's actually coming down from the mid-year, so we appreciate that.
MS. STEPHENS: Next, the Boxing Club. As y'all know, we're leasing the boxing facility now. Bert Wells is leasing the facility from us, keeping the Paul Murphy name. Grew up in

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the boxing club. We're receiving $700 a month on rental and he's absorbing our budget. But as soon as Donna mentioned the AED, I know that's an expense that we need to consider in the budget if we're going to pay that.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: How much is that?
MS. STEPHENS: You know, I do not know what that runs.
Sandra, do you know what the AEDs run?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Captain, do you remember how much the AEDs were?
CHIEF ATKINSON: I'm sorry?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Do you remember how much the AEDs were?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Roughly, low end, I would say $1600/$1800, I believe.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: A month?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No.
MS. STEPHENS: I think that's yearly.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: To purchase them?
MS. STEPHENS: No. Don't you have to do maintenance on them every year? You have to pay a --

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COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No.
MS. STEPHENS: -- lease or anything? No? Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You should not be. You should be testing them daily, though. There's a little test button, and you should be testing them.
MS. STEPHENS: I've got plenty of kids that have tested it.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: But did you say there was one already there?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
MS. STEPHENS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: She thought that you had to have maintenance.
MS. STEPHENS: I thought there was a maintenance or a charge to keep them.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No. They've been purchased.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: But at any rate, if they're renting the facility from us, then should we still supply this?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, it's already there.

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1 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I know, but I
2 mean if it wasn't there --
3 MS. STEPHENS: If it's considered --
4 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- would we
5 have to?
6 MS. STEPHENS: -- a city building.
7 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I would think
8 if it's a city building, that we would have to
9 be responsible for like, you know, safety
10 issues, and it is required now.
11 MS. STEPHENS: And one thing about it
12 is that would certainly be a way that we would
13 need something like that at a boxing facility --
14 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Absolutely.
15 MS. STEPHENS: -- where they're hitting
16 each other.
17 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I don't want to
18 get off track, but bear with me.
19 So does that mean that the hot dog
20 stand has one in it?
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Is it open yet?
22 MAYOR JENKINS: I don't think it does.
23 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No. My whole
24 point is I mean it's a city building --
25 MAYOR JENKINS: I don't believe it has

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1 one.
2 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- is what you
3 guys just said.
4 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: It would be
5 the same thing with the place across the street
6 also.
7 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: What place
8 across the street?
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Extension Center.
10 DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: And the Pan Asian
11 Center.
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And the Pan
13 Asian Center.
14 MS. FENG: That belong to Doraville
15 property.
16 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We can check
17 into that.
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But, though, I
19 mean for the moment, it sounds like we don't
20 need to make any modifications --
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No.
22 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- to the Boxing
23 Club budget. It's less than half of what it was
24 last year, so --
25 MS. STEPHENS: Well, you know, you

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1 could come down even more, though, if you needed
2 some money somewhere because we're not paying
3 anything out.
4 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So we're
5 eliminating this budget completely.
6 MS. STEPHENS: Correct, except another
7 line item is line item 8, Stormwater. I wasn't
8 sure where that hundred dollars goes, who pays
9 that.
10 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: They should
11 have to pay that if they're renting the
12 building.
13 MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah.
14 MR. MAXWELL: Zero on this one?
15 MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Zero that.
16 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So you're saying
17 just clear all this out?
18 MS. STEPHENS: Yes, sir.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So that gives us
20 back $4,500.
21 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Aren't we
22 responsible for repairs and maintenance of that
23 building?
24 MS. STEPHENS: We would be if the roof
25 leaks or --

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1 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And --
2 MS. STEPHENS: I don't know about the
3 hot water heater.
4 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And power?
5 MS. STEPHENS: They would have to take
6 care of that.
7 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Does the contract
8 stipulate that they're responsible for utilities
9 too?
10 MS. STEPHENS: Uh-huh.
11 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So we had the
12 telephone changed over in their name?
13 MS. STEPHENS: Yes. He kept the same
14 number but he's paying the -- and matter of
15 fact, I delivered the June bill to him.
16 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So do we want
17 to leave about $1500 in this budget for
18 maintenance, repairs and maintenance?
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm fine leaving
20 it at the $500 that is there.
21 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, since
22 somebody mentioned a hot water heater or
23 whatever. If we're going to have to be
24 responsible for that, you may want to do a
25 little more than $500 I would think.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Is the hot water heater going out?
MS. STEPHENS: No. I think we replaced it just two years ago.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think we could cut everything but $500.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. That'll give us $4,000.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Parks.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: One second, Carol.
MS. STEPHENS: All right.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. Parks. Repairs & Maintenance, he left the $10,000 in. You never know if we have tree damage or -- But as you see, we didn't do a lot of repairs in the parks this year. But they need a lot of repair, so I'd like to keep the $10,000 in.
Rental Equipment, this is like a sod cutter or heavy equipment that maybe Maintenance might need. That's charged there.
General Supplies. As you see how low that is, but that will go up some because Randy knows where to code the bills now or at least to

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put the bills.
Water is low but that's going to increase some because of being able to use water now. And we're watering English Oak Park right now, so that should go up.
Electricity. We don't have -- lights are not working at Brook, I don't believe, anymore. And Halpern Park, we hope to have tennis courts lights again but I don't know we will have that this year, so I think the $2,000 is fine at this time.
Small Equipment. This could be tennis nets, benches. We could add some benches in here but I also will be asking for some in Capital Improvements. I'd like to keep that there, of course.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The $4,000 in Small Equipment?
MS. STEPHENS: Right. You know, that's something that I would juggle. I'm not quite sure if I can run some things through that or not. But that's a line item I haven't really had, and I saw it and I got excited over it, so, but I'll use it.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, don't get

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too excited.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, if you put it in here, I will use it.
Contractual Services, not sure what that is, what we use that for. That might be something -- Bobby does code some bills in my park budget, so I'm not always sure.
Stormwater is the same.
So basically the main items are fine, but now we get to the Capital Improvements. Right now, as you see, already listed as $46,000. I'm asking for a million to be put back into the budget to help get Halpern Park started.
But I don't want to just think about Halpern Park. Every park needs new mulch in the playground areas. Every park needs benches. Every park needs trash cans. There's a lot of improvement we need to do in our parks. And if you'll let me do a little bit at a time, I can try to put something in every park and try to help out every area where they see some visual improvements. And I'm requesting that you give me a million dollars to do this. Whether I'm able to spend it, it's kind of up to y'all on

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time schedules.
Halpern Park's going to take a good while, as you know, to even sort out the bids, and then the process for them to do the construction documents should take three months. Then we've got to go to Georgia Soil & Water. We're going to have to have variances on the stream buffer. Then we have to put out bids for contractors to come in and do the job, and we have to have that process, and they have to get permitting. So it's going to be a long process, but we can get started this year if you allocate the money for it.
Halpern Park is one of the worst looking parks in the city. And looking at our other facilities, we need to help this park out. It's an active and a passive park. It will serve a lot of people, it'll improve that community there, so I'd like you-all to consider that.
MAYOR JENKINS: How much do you think it'll take to do it?
MS. STEPHENS: Well, right now, the figures that came in were $800,000.
Now, I learned a lot on English Oak. I

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1 think I can run some things through and we do a
2 little bit at a time as far as the equipment
3 goes. The pavilion alone. Every time a
4 contractor does some work, he adds at least 10
5 percent on something that I have access to buy.
6 But I have to go through the bid process, which
7 I understand. But even the pavilion at English
8 Oak, it's a beautiful pavilion, but that price
9 went up because he did it for us. The benches
10 and the trash cans went up because he did it for
11 us, and we can do all that.
12 Maria made the suggestion of we buy the
13 planting out of our Tree Bank instead of them
14 buying it. We just put a stipulation in where
15 they do the work for us, and that'll save us
16 some money. So we learned a lot, and hopefully
17 we can put that into Halpern Park.
18 So that's it.
19 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So you ask for
20 a million total or $1,046,200?
21 MS. STEPHENS: Really, a million total.
22 And then I'll come back next year and we'll look
23 at other parks.
24 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I know it's a
25 big gulp, but we took it from Parks mid-year

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1 twice now, I believe, and I believe we owe it to
2 Carol for the job that she's doing, as well as
3 all the citizens, to put it back into the budget
4 so we can get started on Halpern Park. And the
5 other parks, the improvements that she's got
6 listed here, could start being underway as we
7 speak: trash cans, benches, adult swings.
8 MS. STEPHENS: I'd like y'all to
9 consider the safety problem, though. Brook Park
10 doesn't have any mulch in it. That's so unsafe.
11 And you know, the Department of Natural
12 Resources come out, they're going to say, "Wait
13 a minute, now. You got to fix this." And
14 that's something we can do.
15 Halpern Park is wall's going to cave
16 in. If you're playing tennis, you're going to
17 trip and -- you're going to slide and fall.
18 There's no railings on the bridges that cross
19 the stream. The fences are tearing up. It's
20 just awful, awful.
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: What type of
22 mulch is it you're putting down?
23 MS. STEPHENS: Well, you -- It's a
24 specialized mulch. It's just -- Wood mulch is
25 the cheapest way to go.

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1 And I know rubber mulch, that's great.
2 That's the most safety, but that's very
3 expensive.
4 With the mulch, you put down the
5 amount. You top it off every two years.
6 Maintenance needs to rake it about every month
7 for us, and that's something we can do.
8 The mulch that the city puts in is not
9 good mulch. It has long sticks in it. It's
10 dangerous.
11 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's what I
12 was asking.
13 MS. STEPHENS: I mean that would be
14 ideal, but we don't -- that's not their job to
15 put it really fine for us, and that's what we
16 need.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I agree with you
18 completely, but at the mid-year budget review,
19 we, this Council, decided to spend $900,000 more
20 than we were taking in, out of our savings. So
21 we've just spent -- that $900,000 would have
22 covered this, but we were not -- you know, we
23 didn't have whatever it took to try to get the
24 budget under control.
25 And my only concern about committing a

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1 million dollars is that we may commit this
2 million dollars and then find ourselves having
3 to go out and borrow money for it, because we
4 don't know where we are this year. This budget
5 is going to be, at best, another million dollars
6 out of savings. That's going to be two million,
7 over two-and-a-half million dollars in the last
8 three years that we have just -- you know, it's
9 gone. So to commit another million on top of
10 that, I'm just very, very concerned about that.
11 And it's not you, and it's not, you
12 know, that I disagree --
13 MS. STEPHENS: I understand.
14 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- with you
15 whatsoever. And you are one of the people that
16 have, again, like we've had some department
17 heads that have made every effort in the world
18 to keep costs down. But you know, without some
19 kind of discipline on the part of the Council on
20 how we spend our money and where our priorities
21 are, as much as I want to -- and I'm glad about
22 English Oak Park, it's wonderful and everything
23 -- I can't . . .
24 It would be irresponsible for me, I
25 feel like, to commit another million dollars on

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1 top of all the money that we're taking out of
2 savings.
3 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Let me ask you
4 something: if this prolongs fixing these parks,
5 does it not get more costly as we go? If they
6 had been maintained all along --
7 MS. STEPHENS: You know, I came to the
8 City Council 20 years ago trying to do a little
9 bit at a time on these parks, and if that was
10 approved at that time, I could have saved you
11 money right now.
12 But at Halpern, we have structural
13 problems. The hill has to be taken care of.
14 And maybe our Maintenance can do some of this.
15 And that's what we'll work with, but their time
16 schedule's hard, too.
17 But it's just like adding another
18 employee at the facility. We need -- that's for
19 safety reasons. We can't supervise our people,
20 you know. We don't know what's going on at the
21 back side of the park, and that's what you've
22 got to worry about, too.
23 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: If someone gets
24 injured at one of these parks, it's going to
25 cost a lot more than a million dollars.

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1 MS. STEPHENS: It very well could.
2 But I understand what you're saying. I
3 do.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: If this Council
5 had made the right decisions, you know, a year-
6 and-a-half ago or last year, we probably
7 wouldn't be in as bad a shape as we are now.
8 You know, I'm sorry for that. I apologize. I
9 wish that, you know, I could have done a better
10 job at making that happen, but I'm just one guy,
11 I guess.
12 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: If I can ask
13 some questions.
14 In your Capital Acquisitions, we just
15 talked tonight about finishing up the Autumn
16 Park, and I guess that's the main redoing of
17 that park is getting the stream erosion taken
18 care of and also that little ridge across there
19 doesn't have any rails, either. Where does that
20 fit into this budget? I mean would you be
21 looking at all new equipment? What expenditures
22 would be needed to complete that park
23 restoration?
24 MS. STEPHENS: Well, that's a whole
25 'nother construction document drawing. We have

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1 the plan in place, but we have to put out RFP
2 construction document drawing.
3 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: No. I
4 understand about the stream restoration --
5 MS. STEPHENS: Right.
6 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: -- but I'm
7 talking about the playground equipment and all
8 of that.
9 MS. STEPHENS: Well, that will just --
10 I'm not looking at that this year because I'm
11 waiting for the stream bank to be finished.
12 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And that's
13 Stormwater.
14 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
15 Now, Brian did ask me to look into
16 swings for that area, but there's no sense in
17 putting swings in until we get the job done, and
18 that could fall under . . .
19 I could do some park equipment in
20 there. I could.
21 MAYOR JENKINS: There was a -- Halpern
22 Enterprises at one time said they would put
23 money in that park. Do you remember what
24 happened to that or what?
25 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I believe that

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1 offer still holds. What they're actually
2 waiting on is for us to come to them with
3 something and lay out what we have that we need.
4 MS. STEPHENS: We'll know better after
5 we have the drawings --
6 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's correct.
7 That's what --
8 MS. STEPHENS: -- on what we're --
9 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- they're
10 waiting on.
11 MS. STEPHENS: -- going to do, and
12 we're also --
13 This is a park we could phase, do it in
14 phases -- take care of these problems that we
15 have, see what Maintenance can do -- and we
16 could do that.
17 MAYOR JENKINS: As you say, maybe the
18 Maintenance can do a lot of the landscaping and
19 getting it ready for the different walls and
20 all, which would save us money.
21 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If my memory is
22 correct -- I jotted down your rough schedule in
23 Halpern Park. And based upon what I thought I
24 heard you say would be that once the engineers
25 are selected, then you go through the

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1 construction drawing period, and that's roughly
2 three months, so we're looking that October/
3 November time frame assuming that things move
4 expeditiously. And then you're in the bid
5 phase, which would be November/December time
6 period. So we would be looking at getting the
7 bid numbers on the cost for the renovation
8 sometime in December/January?
9 MS. STEPHENS: Well, we've got to deal
10 with Georgia Soil & Water. That's going to be a
11 big one. That could be another three months is
12 the way they want to deal with you.
13 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And then it would
14 go out for bid.
15 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So we're really
17 looking at January/February/March --
18 MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- before we even
20 have numbers to budget.
21 MS. STEPHENS: Yes. But as you see on
22 this list, I did not put in for construction
23 documents -- construction drawings.
24 I looked into the bids last night. I
25 had kind of estimated -- or maybe I didn't. Did

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1 I? No.
2 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, I did
3 hear $76,000 all the way down to twenty-five or
4 something. So I'd go high if anything.
5 MS. STEPHENS: Dealing with the bids
6 that I heard last night and dealing with the
7 construction companies or the engineers that I
8 know, we're looking at forty-three to sixty-
9 five, something like that.
10 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. We
11 have $46,200 for, you know, your mulch and your
12 trash cans and everything. Maybe we can just go
13 ahead and add. Why don't run that up to
14 $100,000 to cover your construction drawings? I
15 can live with that.
16 And then again, everything else, I mean
17 we can just do it as --
18 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's $54,000,
19 Bob.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm sorry?
21 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's only
22 $54,000.
23 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Adding in a
24 hundred, I think.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No, no. Making

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1 it a hundred.
2 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Total.
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. You got
4 $46,000, and then we're saying worst case it's
5 going to be about sixty-five for the
6 construction drawings for Halpern Park. So that
7 turns into roughly $100,000; right?
8 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No. That's
9 $54,000 for --
10 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Plus forty-six.
11 I'm looking at this.
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But she just
13 made the comment that the construction
14 documents, anywhere from forty-five to sixty-
15 five, and you're going on mid-term --
16 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I miscalculated.
17 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- of fifty-
18 four.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. So it
20 would be $110,000.
21 Again, I think we probably need to
22 proceed with the planning part; but everything
23 else after that, I think we should come back,
24 you know, present, "Okay. Here's the next
25 phase. This is what it costs," and then we can

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1 modify the budget at that point, and I think
2 maybe that's where Councilman Bates was going.
3 If nothing else, I think we could at
4 least hold that off until the mid-year budget
5 review.
6 I really, really want to do this, but
7 again --
8 MS. STEPHENS: I know you do.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- I don't want
10 to have to go out and start borrowing money.
11 MS. STEPHENS: Right.
12 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So we're
13 adding sixty-five?
14 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'd really like
15 to add $100,000 to the Park Improvements and
16 make it $100,000 if we're not going to give her
17 a million. I mean not her, but give Parks a
18 million -- give Park Improvements $100,000.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So it equals
20 $100,000.
21 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No. So it
22 would be $146,200. And that gives us a little
23 bit of buffer on this contractual type, the RFPs
24 that we're looking at and then to start with the
25 next phase.

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And also, I mean we still have to do the RFP for Autumn; remember?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, that'll come out of Stormwater, but on the --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The RFP will?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yeah. The whole nine yards will come out of Stormwater on that.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Except for the playground equipment. That's why I was asking.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right.
I am actually going to agree with both Ms. Fleming and Mr. Roche respectively. I just have a very difficult time of doing a million dollars. But I think we have a responsibility because we've been poor stewards of our parks over the last however many years of showing some movement in making them more usable, more friendly, more inviting.
And so I will -- actually, Ms. Fleming, I'm going to up you slightly and just round it off to $150,000 in the Capital Improvements and make it a nice even number.
If you're okay with that. I --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm fine with

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that.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think that gives us some flexibility to do some minor upgrades to some of the parks. And I agree with Mr. Roche. I wish that I could give it to you. I just --
MS. STEPHENS: I understand.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm not saying no. I just --
MS. STEPHENS: I understand. I understand.
I think the process is not going to spend it anyway.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: We just have to cross that bridge when we come to it.
MS. STEPHENS: Right, right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And hopefully the bridge will have guardrails.
MS. STEPHENS: There you go.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And we will definitely look at this at mid-year review, if we've got such an outstanding revenue side that --
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, we have not only -- I'm going to get on my soapbox here.

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Not only does this Council have responsibility for making sure that we stay on the expense side but we have a responsibility of thinking of new revenue streams, and we haven't focused on that.
And I know Mr. Roche has got on the agenda for audits of the building permits, and I know Ms. Alexander has also talked about that. But we have a responsibility of trying to think outside the box and coming up with revenue streams that are not taxes on our residents but being creative and auditing what we've got to make sure that we're actually collecting what we should be collecting. And I'm frustrated that we can't do this, but we need to be a little bit more creative on our revenue side as well.
MS. STEPHENS: Okay. That's it for me?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I have one more question. On your Repairs & Maintenance, is that enough money to get the tennis court lights fixed or do you know?
MS. STEPHENS: No.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: It's not?
MS. STEPHENS: Major, major.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay. But when they redo Halpern, that will include

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lighting for the tennis court?
MS. STEPHENS: Correct.
I heard y'all talking with Bobby about fencing. I got a price three years ago on fencing around the tennis court. That was $13,000 just to replace the fencing on the tennis courts. The lights are going to be way up there.
But there's another source. It's not a huge source of income, but you could lock it up and rent it out to ALTA teams and start some tennis. If you had some new courts, people will use them.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We really appreciate all --
MS. STEPHENS: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- that you do.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you so much.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: With just two employees, seven days a week.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't know how you do it.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, I love --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

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MS. STEPHENS: -- what I do.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you --
MS. STEPHENS: I love what I do.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- for everything you do.
MS. STEPHENS: Thank you. Thanks for working with me.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But Carol? Carol? Ms. Stephens?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: She's got the third one in her budget.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: But --
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But we have a hi- --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Do we need to make a motion to remove the freeze so we can hire the person?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: This is a work session. I don't know that we can make motions.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: We can't make motions?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Special-called meeting, wasn't it, on the door?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No. This is --
MAYOR JENKINS: This is a work session.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We consider it a work session.
Have you moved forward on an RFP, I mean an RFP person, or are you waiting until --
MS. STEPHENS: I have a job description; however, I really need a Spanish-speaking bilingual person. That is what I'm going to hold out for. It'll improve my programs tremendously.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So does someone want to add that to the next agenda so we can do that for her?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I think we can just make the motion when we get to the budget approval meeting, can't we?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: That'll be after the next Council meeting, won't it?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: It's the 21st.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, we've got a public hearing on the 13th. We can probably do it there, because that would be a special-called meeting.
MAYOR JENKINS: That's on the 13th.

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We could do it then.
MS. STEPHENS: Well, my slowest time of year is August and September, so I'm okay.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, but what a wonderful time to train a person.
MS. STEPHENS: Absolutely. Absolutely.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Carol.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you very much.

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(Brief recess)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. What are we doing next?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mayor, before you start, Mr. Spangler and I did look at the notice, and it does say that this is a special-called meeting.
MAYOR JENKINS: It is.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And therefore, we can make motions and vote.
So I will make a motion that we lift

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Department to allow Carol to hire her one replacement employee.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Second.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any more discussion?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Alexander?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Bates?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Fleming?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Pittman?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR JENKINS: On this memo from Corally Rivera at the courts, there was a little you might say mix-up. Ms. Corally was not, I don't think, aware of any of this. But she sent this note, and I gave it to everybody so they could read it.

And what happened on that, they had two -- they cut back from I believe it was two Thursdays that involved the Quality of Life nights to every other Thursday, I believe it was.

Am I right on that, Chuck?

Anyway, they had to double up on the solicitors. So two nights, they used this lady that the solicitor had hired for himself when he was off.

So it was a discussion. He had mentioned it to me. And I don't know exactly how it came about. I didn't know they were going to use anybody extra, but they did.

And I hate to see the Solicitor have to pay for it. I believe it was two court nights.

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court night or something to that effect?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Some . . .

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, anyway, you read the letter and you see what Ms. Corally says. So I say if she has any in her last budget, that we should go ahead and pay it rather than Mr. Perkins to have to pay that.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So this --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well --

I'm sorry. Go ahead, Mr. Roche.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So this is for a solicitor to handle the Code Enforcement nights.

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, there was an overload on the Code Enforcement nights because they had brought it down from every Thursday to two Thursdays --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- and there were just two Thursdays involved in this.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But is this going to be an ongoing thing where the budget was $5,600, and that means that she would be

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MAYOR JENKINS: No, there won't be --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- court day.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- any more of that unless there's something put in the budget for it.

We took it out of the budget. Ms. Rivera put it in there. We took it out, $5,600.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: This is just concerning the two nights on the old budget.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well -- and I don't mean to jump in, Ms. Fleming.

I'm fine with us paying that because it's already happened, but I have heard that the reason why Ms. White has been retained is that Mr. Perkins is not wanting to, wishing to or desirous of prosecuting the Quality of Life cases and that he has brought or asked for Ms. White to come in to do that on his behest.

If that's the case, then we need to have a heart-to-heart with our solicitor because --

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.

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job.

MAYOR JENKINS: I don't know that that's the case. I know she really -- she's got two kids. She only works whenever she can.

But I mean as far as him not handling those cases -- is that what you're saying?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I have heard that he does not want to prosecute Code Enforcement citations. And if that's the case, then --

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: And Mr. Perkins should have to pay this instead of the City. Regardless, he should have to pay it if that's the reason.

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, I mean do we know that's the truth?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, no, but we should be able to find out.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would say that we probably need -- Mayor, you, Corally and our Quality of Life officers probably need to get together and vet this out and make sure that . . .

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, if what you say is true, yes. But I kind of doubt that, because

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my point.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I've heard that our Quality of Life officers have been the ones doing their own cases.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. I'm not aware of that. I'm never in the courts. I just know I got into this one some way or other.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I got that from a citizen. I don't have it from any other source aside from that, but I want to put that out there and make sure that he's doing his job.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, I mean whatever the Council thinks. I'm not involved in it. I just thought I'd bring it up.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It almost seems like, though, before we had the -- and this is before my time -- before there was a Code Enforcement, then obviously there were no code enforcement charges brought, and it almost seems like --

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes, there was.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- people are going to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yeah. We --

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: -- had a marshall.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We had -- yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Where I'm going with this is that if we're going to have, you know, Code Enforcement, whatever, then perhaps the charges, the costs of the budget for someone to prosecute those cases, maybe that should be part of the Code Enforcement budget or at least reflected someplace.

I'm not disagreeing with what Councilman Bates says if that happens to be the case. But it just seems like if we're going to add additional load to the court system, then that needs to be taken, you know, into consideration somewhere.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: It wasn't a problem last year that I recall.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. Well, if it wasn't a problem, it wasn't a problem.

MAYOR JENKINS: Whatever the Council decides. She sent this down here for the Council to act on.

Yes, sir.

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we've had Quality of Life cases for several years, and it's a function of the Court.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Has Mr. Perkins solicited or done his prosecutorial responsibilities on the Quality of Life cases?

CHIEF ATKINSON: I have heard complaints. Just recently, I've started hearing some different things about the Quality of Life cases, and I, too, heard about the Quality of Life officers handling their own cases, which we put a stop to immediately when we found out.

That's unacceptable. We don't do that. We don't negotiate any citation with anybody. That's only for the judges to do or the prosecutor. But once we found out, Captain Brown called them in and said that that will not happen ever again, and I'm hoping that it hasn't. So, you know, that's what I know.

But we have put a stop to that, so he or somebody is going to have to prosecute their cases or he's just going to dismiss them, you know. However it's going to go, I don't know.

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because they're not going to be the ones negotiating any kind of case.

Now, you know, you might leave them to make the case by themselves. You know, I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, I think we probably need to get the straight facts from Mr. Perkins before we --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- continue to --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And I didn't mean to . . .

CHIEF ATKINSON: I just met with him. We met with him at the court, and there was -- there was some issues.

MAYOR JENKINS: My understanding was that he tried to negotiate the cases and the girls would not let him. Now, that was the way I picked up on it.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Well, that's what I had heard also, that, you know, he had tried to settle a case or cases and the Quality of Life officers weren't real happy with what he was trying to do with the case.

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they make the case, and whatever happens with it after that, you know, that's not for their -- for them to decide. If the judge or the prosecutor wants to reduce it, that's --

MAYOR JENKINS: That's his prerogative.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- they reduce it, okay; take the emotion out of it, so to speak.

But I've since also found out that he didn't care for prosecuting their cases, so that's . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: He has actually said that?

CHIEF ATKINSON: He hasn't said it to me, no, so I'm not going to --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. Well, like I said, I think we need to get the facts first before we speculate.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Just to bring everybody back to what Mr. Livingston said almost a year ago, and I was concerned about our police officers that sit there. If you'll recall this conversation about the police officers having to sit there even for traffic violations and then the solicitor or the judge

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know, Mr. Perkins is getting ready to possibly do with QOL cases and he just arbitrarily dismisses them, then we need to be looking for another solicitor or we need to be looking for other judges -- that are dismissing cases that need to be tried or fined as far as I'm concerned.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Again, I think we should find out the facts first and then go from the facts instead of going from "I heard this" and "I heard that."

CHIEF ATKINSON: Well, what we heard, what we were told in the meeting was that, you know, that was the only issue -- and Mayor, correct me if I'm wrong -- that was the only issue that he brought up was that he was --

MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- having a little difficulty getting the Quality of Life officers to go along with him on his negotiations --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- which, you know, that's solely his business and he can do -- I mean if that were any --

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deals all the time.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's their job.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Any court system is like that --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- you know. The office might not like it, and, you know, that's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But do you --

CHIEF ATKINSON: But still it falls on the duty of the prosecutor.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Of course it does.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I apologize for bringing this up. As Mr. Spangler pointed out, this wasn't on the agenda and we probably ought not be talking about it. But it was somewhat germane to the memo that we'd received regarding the budget.

So if I can, Mayor and Captain Atkinson, get with Corally and kind of sort this out, that would be --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And Mr. Perkins.

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with Mr. Perkins, that would be --

I didn't mean to cut you off, Ms. Pittman.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That's okay.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And I think it would be appropriate, since this did come to light, that the Council get a memo kind of laying out what happened and what was decided.

MAYOR JENKINS: I'm sure it'll end up with Mr. Perkins coming to the Council but we'll see.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's fine.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Where are we? What's next?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Can we go to Community Development? Department 78, Community Development.

MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead. Who would -- we got nobody in charge of that, do we?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, Community Development would be Mr. Haeberlin's department.

MAYOR JENKINS: He's on vacation. We'll have to do that next week.

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to discuss it this evening since --

MAYOR JENKINS: Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- this is a work session.

MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

When we originally interviewed Mr. Haeberlin, he gave us a list of things that he felt he would need to function in the position that we put him in, and I kept my notes from that interview, and I'll just read them off.

Capital Expenditures, there's nothing there as far as this budget is concerned. He felt that he needed the GIS software, he needed aerial mapping, he needed a large-scale plotter or a mapping printer. I'll call it a printer but I'm sure plotter is the proper name. And he needed a computer, which he has received, with MS Suite installed.

Of those five items, he's only received a computer. And so I asked him to please give me an estimate of what the other four items that he had requested when he originally was

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on it.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: What did he put for the plotter?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We lumped it together because he was trying to go online to determine the various items, and we just --

MAYOR JENKINS: What items did he want for fifteen --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm sorry?

MAYOR JENKINS: -- for $15,000?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The GIS software, the aerial mapping, the large-scale plotter and the MS Suite.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: MS Office Suite, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The MS, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But he hasn't --

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: But he didn't get that with his computer?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: He indicated that he got the computer but not the MS Suite.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Really? So --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I stand to be corrected, but I still -- when we were talking

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computer.

MAYOR JENKINS: How much was the mapping -- what did you call it?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: GIS.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: The aerial mapping?

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It's not broken down, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: He lumped it altogether, those four items were lumped together, and he was trying to do an educated guess.

And of course those things would be very appropriate to help our residents, to help the businesses, for surveys and so forth.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, the GIS, I mean that's a no-brainer. I don't see how we function without one. And if we're going to do this audit thing, I mean while you're doing the audit, that's when you set up this database.

Frankly, I don't know enough about aerial mapping to know whether that's valid or not. And I have no idea what a plotter costs

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: (Inaudible.)

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I would be okay with it but --

Sorry. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yeah, because I would say probably a high-end plotter, which he probably wouldn't get a high end, would be twelve at the most.

One of the things I was going to suggest to him, the U.S. government auctions off things, and they make a policy of offering them to municipalities. I mean I've got a $10,000 printer for 400 bucks, so that might be something that he can look at, too, is seeing if the Feds have a plotter.

And also, Triple A Digital is moving, so maybe they will have a moving sale, because they have large-format printers there also.

MR. ANDERSON: Where are they going?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I don't know.

MR. ANDERSON: It's a terrible loss.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I know.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm in favor of adding him and providing him with the equipment

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I am, too.

MAYOR JENKINS: $15,000?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But actually I think it's going to balance out. I think we pretty much decided there would be no raises this year, and it looks like he's requested $96,500 for salaries.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That, I think, is Ruby and him combined. That's Ms. Biggers.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yeah, it is. I verified that.

Permits clerk is in Community Development, is that not correct?

MR. MAXWELL: (Nods head.)

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. Well, I stand corrected.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And that is all I had on that one.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't know about the $2,000 for advertised. I'm open to persuasion but . . .

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That might be, though I don't know whether that was in Admin --

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yeah.

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the ads for the public hearings. So I don't know whether it's --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- in his budget or Admin.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: That is for the public hearings.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: All right. That's fair enough. That makes sense.

So we're adding $15,000 to Capital Expenditures.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.

I think we only have two more, the way I look at it.

MAYOR JENKINS: Is that all on that?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Unless we do the rental. Are we doing --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: There's nothing --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- the rental?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- nothing to do on those. It's --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah.

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utilities.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So we're going to do City Inspector?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, actually you would be paying the utilities with their rent depending on the lease agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I agree.

MAYOR JENKINS: Clinicare is not rented.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh. No. I said City Inspector.

MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. We definitely need to talk about this.

Under City Inspector, I mean who wants to go first?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'll be happy to go first.

Before, I was kind of convinced that we needed to hire a full-time employee as the City

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I've been completely convinced that we need to hire a full-time City employee as the City Inspector. I mean it seems like the troubles we have had, the questions that keep coming up on a day-to-day basis -- we have definite issues with communications and documents getting sent to Dekalb County. I think a lot of the zoning stuff that we talk about would benefit from being looked at by a city inspector.

When a citizen decides "I want to enclose my porch," it would be wonderful if they could call City Hall like they used to be able to and say, "I'm thinking of doing this," and the City Inspector says, "Okay. I'll come out," and they basically say, "Okay. You'll need this permit, you'll need that permit, you'll need this variance. This is what it's going to take." We can't do that today because currently that costs money.

I think having someone full-time just makes all the sense in the world. I think, you know, that way we have a city inspector stamp with a city inspector's name on it again. I mean I could go on and on. I mean there was a

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MAYOR JENKINS: He has one now.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- permits are needed.

MAYOR JENKINS: He has a stamp.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, respectfully --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Let me finish, Mayor.

I think that it needs to be a City employee. Plus, like I said, there were situations where, you know, the City Inspector could be driving down the street and see some construction going on and then check into it or he could see a use or a sign that goes up or something that probably doesn't belong to be there, and would notice that, because when a city inspector is a city employee, they also have an enforcement aspect of basically just driving around town and seeing what's going on and identifying problems. As a contractor, the contractor's not paid to do that. It would be inappropriate for him to do that.

I'm not saying anything is wrong with Mr. Calcaterra. I'm just saying that this job,

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full-time City employee, and I strongly believe that that's what we need to do here.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, respectfully, you did indicate that there are problems with Mr. Calcaterra because you said there are problems that have surfaced over the last couple months. I fundamentally disagree with you on your premise. I --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No, no, no. That was not with Mr. Calcaterra. I'm talking about the processes that we use.

No. Mr. Calcaterra, I mean he does what we ask him to do, and that's fine. It has nothing to do with the fact of Mr. Calcaterra's abilities or whatever.

What I'm saying, though, is because we do not have someone available to answer the call -- and like I said, if a citizen decides they want to enclose a porch, what do they do today?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I think that would be an appropriate question to ask Mr. Calcaterra and Mr. Haeberlin.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Exactly. Well, we can't ask Mr. Calcaterra because he charges

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think it's entirely appropriate to have Mr. Calcaterra at a meeting if you want to ask him questions regarding the process.

MAYOR JENKINS: I do, too.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. So if I'm a citizen and I decide I want to enclose my front porch, do I call up Mr. Calcaterra and he's going to come out and tell me what I need to do and hand me a bill?

MAYOR JENKINS: They come up here and see the --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Ms. Biggers.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- permits lady and then Mr. Calcaterra does the rest.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, it seems like there's been some confusion there, too, so --

MAYOR JENKINS: I don't think he --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And, you know, our whole building-permits problem, you know, issue is just --

MAYOR JENKINS: Not got anything to --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- practically a

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MAYOR JENKINS: -- do with the building inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Not the fact that he's a contractor. The problem is that we need a full-time employee instead of a contractor.

MAYOR JENKINS: I disagree with that.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: A contractor is great to fill in the gaps as we need them, if and when we need them.

MAYOR JENKINS: We've had them both, and I've went through both of them. We're running wonderful as we speak.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't -- I disagree with that.

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, I disagree with you.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I personally think that having a City Inspector full-time on staff is advantageous for the entire city because I agree with Mr. Roche: there are many times when you're going around in the city and you're seeing things go up and have no clue as to what is being built or added onto, and an employee City Inspector might notice something,

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He's not overseeing the city. He's an on-call basis only. And I think we need to utilize him as part-time like he was before, but we need to have a full-time City Inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would like to ask Mr. Calcaterra if that is in fact the case: if he sees something that is questionable, does he drive past it or does he stop? I --

MAYOR JENKINS: He's very observant.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's not his job to stop.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Sure it is. He's a contract employee to the City.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But he's needs-based. He reacts when we ask him to. He doesn't go out and . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Well, let's ask him. We're asking the solicitor questions to his face. Let's ask Mr. Calcaterra the questions to his face, not --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we're the ones with the contract, though.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Not go on supposition.

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like me going over to some business and saying, "Hey, you have a problem with your computer system so I'm going to come in and charge you 80 bucks an hour to come fix it."

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Asking him if he stops when he sees something going up that he doesn't see a physical permit, I don't understand the correlation to what you just said.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's not in the contract. That's not his job. That's not what we pay him to do, and it would be inappropriate to expect him to do that.

MAYOR JENKINS: As long as he's on the street, he's getting paid.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Does he drive around all the neighborhoods?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does he patrol the neighborhoods?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does he -- you know.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: And he works

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permit, there's not any follow-up from the City to determine whether it's a finished process, whether they have finished the construction. I'm talking about residential. I'm not talking about in-ground new residential.

I'm talking about a resident that's come in and applied for a building permit. They've got the building permit. They've gotten to the point where they're half done with the project and they've run out of money, okay, and they just stop.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: We didn't have that when we had a full-time inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, but that's what I'm saying now is that though we may not have that procedure and I guess we get back into the tax base, again, audit -- is that we have no follow-up to a finished inspection, a final inspection that's required.

MAYOR JENKINS: Part-time man does finals and there's a full-time. The part-time man does the same thing a full-time man does.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: One second. But when I asked Ms. Biggers about it, she said

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inspection, that it's not City-initiated.

MAYOR JENKINS: Same way if we have a full-time man.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No. That's what I'm saying is that there is a problem with the process, and a contractor is not responsible for setting up processes within the city, and there's a gap in this. And I didn't mean to --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That's all right.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- interrupt, but first of all, if you issue a building permit, you got to make sure they actually build what they said they were going to build and you also need to follow up and make certain that they get their electrical inspections, their plumbing inspections, et cetera, et cetera, throughout the thing, because some people may come in and get their building permit and never get the other inspections.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Do we know that that's taking place?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: It was one --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: We don't know

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: It was when Mr. Entsminger --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- because there is no process today.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: It was when Mr. Entsminger was the City Manager -- or City Inspector, because I did get a building permit. He came over, he checked the location and he made sure that the setbacks were right. After the construction, he came over to check the structure and also check the tie-down straps and everything.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Did you call him to come and do that?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I did not have to. I just called him to let him know that I was -- he'd asked me to call when it was completed --

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- where he could come and check.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Right. Exactly. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Okay. Then

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to do the same with my deck. He came out and told us what we needed or whatever, and then when it was finished, I had to call, and he came back out.

So it sounds more like a procedural thing, not who's a contractor or whatever, that needs to be addressed by the City. If that's how we want it is for them to do follow-ups, then it seems to me that should be something set here.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And if we had a building inspector that worked for the City that was responsible for those processes, then maybe those processes would happen.

When Mr. Entsminger came to my house because I had put in a couple of electrical circuits, we spent quite a bit of time discussing a whole lot of things, about landscaping the whole nine yards that had nothing to with that, and he was able to do that because he wasn't on the -- the meter wasn't running.

MR. CRAWFORD: Ben Crawford.

And actually, I've been involved in

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I kind of know a little bit what I'm speaking about, and they're actually customer driven and some of the other people up here are right. It's incumbent upon the contractor and would be upon the resident to call him for their inspection.

But I do agree with Mr. Roche that I think the City needs to hire a full-time building inspector. I think if you hire a full-time quality building inspector, I think they'd be vested in the community. I've thought that all along. I still feel it now. And I don't need anybody up here saying it, but I agree with him.

But I think the City is moving in the right direction by hiring a city planner, and it's time they thought about hiring a quality city inspector. That person would be a City employee, vested in the city, and he would know more about all the projects that are going on in the city; and if somebody didn't -- time passes by.

We kind of know, with our inspections, when somebody doesn't call in, you have to kind

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usually only take about a month," and then they stop by and take a look.

City inspector, State inspector, we don't make house calls. We don't just go by and say, "This is what you need to do." We don't tell people what to do. They follow the code, and that's it. We don't make suggestions on how to make repairs, how to do it right or anything. It's done per code, period.

Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Sandra wanted to say something.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: I just wanted to say -- and I don't know if that will help; I don't know if Ruby told you this -- every time somebody gets a permit, they have different codes. When they open it, it's open when they're working; in fact, when it's finished, it's finished.

I don't know if it will help -- And I'm not against hiring anybody. I'm just saying this. I don't know if it will help for Ruby to print out the permits that are still open and have not been finished and give it to John and

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three months ago, two months ago, and they have not called to have a final inspection. Go check on that."

That's just -- I just wanted to tell you that. There is a code in their computer for all the permits that are open or that are finished.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: The City's going to pay for this, and we may or may not get reimbursed for his time.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: You will be doing the same with an inspector, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. But at least if you have an employee, then they would go out and as a matter of course do this; whereas now we have to call up the contractor and say, "Okay. Now we'll pay you" -- whatever his new rate is, 50 bucks an hour, 40 bucks an hour, to go out and verify that.

And that's the concern is that personally if I had a budget to manage, I would be reticent to do that because I'd be spending money I wouldn't normally be spending.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: And I'm not

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I know. I know. Yeah.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: I'm just saying --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: -- if you wanted to look at the permits that are still outstanding or that have not been finished.

MAYOR JENKINS: All I say, it's running so well, I don't think we need to change it.

Yes, sir.

MR. NOONAN: Well, I've been around the construction industry for over 30 years now and I really don't care how the inspector is compensated as long as he comes out and inspects my work when I call him -- and yes, it is customer driven. He's not going to come out until I do call him. And if I draw a permit, well, it's going to expire if I don't get the inspections done in a timely manner. If I don't get the inspections done and my permit expires, you don't get a certificate of occupancy so you can't use the property, at least in the commercial end of it.

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inspections done in a timely manner. And like I say, we really don't care how the inspector is compensated as long as it's done. But there is a procedure here where you go and get your building permit. And then I think it has to go to Scott, And he determines whether it's zoned properly for what you want to do, setbacks and such as that, and then he turns it over to John.

Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. Our current Building Official, I think, is someone who has no inspection background or inspection credentials or whatever.

MAYOR JENKINS: Which one?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I mean Scott, he's not qualified to go out and inspect anything or even necessarily know when inspections are required.

MAYOR JENKINS: That's what we got an inspector for. Scott don't do everything.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, again, I just feel like we need to have a full-time employee to have this position.

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compensation and the expense, I think we're better off as we are.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Not if we're not getting quality.

MAYOR JENKINS: We're getting quality. Okay. Where are we at?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Is that it? You said there's one more.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Who is the Extension Service?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: The Extension Service across the street.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Are you talking about the Dekalb?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Uh-huh.

MAYOR JENKINS: The little brown building.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So they don't rent from us?

MAYOR JENKINS: It is donated to them. They furnish the employees, and we keep the building. That's the way I understand it.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Motion to adjourn.

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MR. MAXWELL: Excuse me.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Payroll.

MAYOR JENKINS: Do what now?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Payroll.

MR. MAXWELL: Payroll Services.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAYOR JENKINS: We need to do that, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, actually I have a few questions on that, and I don't know if you have the answers yet.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Questions.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, my thing is okay, we have the numbers, and I think that since we're down to two finalists, we need to either schedule some sort of a demonstration with the two of them, with ADP or whatever, because we have online stuff, or at least a presentation from each company before we made a final decision.

MAYOR JENKINS: Can you explain the difference in the two or something to let us know? Because it's very hard for us to understand even what the cost was.

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got two exceptional companies.

I do have a concern in one respect. This is nothing against either company, but we are very small, and with ADP, we'd be an extremely small client of theirs where, with Altera, we would be -- I think we would have more clout. And that's just my personal opinion, but either one would do a fine job.

MAYOR JENKINS: Can you explain the way they price it? That was --

MR. MAXWELL: The way they price it, it's like Chinese and Greek. But basically last night, I sent e-mails to both parties. This morning, I had telephone conversations and e-mail conversations with them basically making sure that they were in agreement, and that my calculations were correct and they agreed with them before I sent out the e-mails to the Council. And that was the purpose of my contact with them was clarification. And so basically when I sent that out, both parties had agreed to the numbers is what I was showing.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: What are all the adjusted per e-mail response? And they look

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MR. MAXWELL: Basically, when I called them back today, the $260 for example, this is worst-case scenario. He said it may be anywhere from zero to $260, and so I put the $260 in as, you know, worst case. Same thing on the $60 one, too.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: What was it before?

MR. MAXWELL: It was zero or to be -- it was either zero or to be determined. I mean it was not a numerical amount.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Were these dollar amounts in the original bid?

MR. MAXWELL: I've got it right here. Well, part of the problem is, once again, the terminology in one document does not necessarily match up with the terminology in another document. For example, in the Altera document, I don't think they use the word "info-link" even though they have something that's akin to it. And so I was just trying to use one language and get everybody to agree as to what it was and give us a price on it.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's why the

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MR. MAXWELL: It's true. But I've been through payroll RFPs four or five times, and you can get 15 responses and you'll have 15 different calculation methods in there. It's -- you know.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.

MR. MAXWELL: And like I say, both companies meet all the requirements of the RFP. They can provide all the services, et cetera.

MAYOR JENKINS: According to what you have here, ADP Payroll is $20,915.28. But the other one's thirteen. That's quite a big difference. And then at the bottom, you have year two cost for ADP is $16,975.

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir. They've got -- the first two lines on there, lines number one and two, those are one-time fees only. They would not apply the second or subsequent years. They charge you an installation fee, basically.

MAYOR JENKINS: And this is yearly.

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir, this is yearly.

MAYOR JENKINS: And that would be the total for them to do everything.

MR. MAXWELL: Both parties, yes, sir, I

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Now, they've got -- you know, they've got more legal language in the documents than you can shake a stick at, but basically this is -- you know, this is the accurate number.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And the other cost, I remember I saw it, and I guess it was in an e-mail. It had to do with the electronic timekeeping.

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Earlier this year, before Chief King went overseas, we talked. I had a long discussion with him about that. Because every time sheet -- I mean first of all, you have to fill out the time sheet if you're the employee, but then those time sheets have to move up the chain of command --

MR. MAXWELL: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- and all be approved, et cetera, et cetera. And by making that electronic, he said that it would cut a significant number of hours out of the time he spends and his captains and lieutenants and everyone spends going through and reviewing these.

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typically these things pay for themselves fairly quickly. And I know it wasn't part of the RFP, unfortunately, but --

MR. MAXWELL: I'm very much in favor of it, I mean, but you know, it is an expensive addition to the package.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. ADP is saying like $966.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: For one time, annual.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

And the thing about it, if it's a web-based system, which I think is the best, I mean I've even seen situations where, you know, you could be home sick but you can actually sign on and put your sick time in, you know, for your timekeeping. I think that's a very important thing, and I don't know that Altera provides any of that.

MR. MAXWELL: No. They said they could provide it. They didn't provide any details because we didn't ask them for any.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I understand.

MR. MAXWELL: I think you find in most

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actually end up utilizing more than one type because of circumstances. You might actually have an old-fashioned, you know, a real time clock in one place; you might have, you know, a hand place in something. It just depends on the location. But you seldom have just one thing across the board.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, of course not. And for instance -- and I didn't really discuss it with any -- it didn't come up with any other department heads. I mean if I'm Bobby Pittman, maybe I'm fine with what's going on today. But with the Police Department, they spend a lot of time doing this paperwork and pushing it around, and perhaps Captain Atkinson can even attest to that; whereas every policeman basically has access to a computer, a laptop, right there in the car as far as that goes, and I think that that's something that we definitely need to consider before we make this decision.

MR. MAXWELL: Would you like me to go back to both companies and get some more information from them?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think it would

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to do a presentation. I mean give them both a half an hour, and that way we can ask all the questions and that way we'll feel a lot more comfortable about our decision.

The thing about ADP is yes, it's a bigger company, and you're absolutely right that they're bigger and we're smaller and all that. But on the other hand, because they're bigger, a lot of times they can offer more services that maybe we didn't even think about --

MR. MAXWELL: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- in the RFP. And nothing against Altera. I'm just saying.

MR. MAXWELL: No, no. Do you have a date you'd like to?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm open. I mean preferably after business hours.

MR. MAXWELL: I'm sure they'll both come for the opportunity.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm sure they will.

The other thing is ADP, do they have a local office here in Atlanta?

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, they do.

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think is in --

MR. MAXWELL: They actually have someone that lives up here but their primary office is in Macon.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Macon, so --

MR. MAXWELL: They have an office on New Northside Drive, ADP does.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

Well, my favorite did not bid on this so I didn't have to recuse myself.

MR. MAXWELL: You know, I --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Paychecks. I love them.

MR. MAXWELL: I'll bet we fax'ed out 15 bid documents to various and sundry people who would call in, and we got two bids.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's a dual source.

I would like to see a presentation. I don't know about anyone else.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think it would be worthwhile to do that.

MAYOR JENKINS: Even I don't know if,

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about, but . . .

MR. MAXWELL: I just need you-all to give me a date, a date and time.

MAYOR JENKINS: Do it before a meeting or --

MR. MAXWELL: Ought to invite them to the party.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's fine, too, maybe before a budget hearing or the next Council meeting or whatever.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Let's do it on a night we don't have a meeting. I think it would be better.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And limit it to 30 minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I would concur with Mr. Spangler. Let's do it on a night where we don't have a meeting already scheduled.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: You know how our meetings run.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, and they may run more than a half hour each.

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: And we want to give them all the time that . . .

MR. MAXWELL: ADP can go all night.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, that's true.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, it we may, could we get with the Clerk, and I know we've got meetings that are scheduled throughout the rest of July, and just kind of coordinate all of our schedules tomorrow and schedule a date based upon availability and --

MR. MAXWELL: If you don't mind, I'll notify both parties tonight of the intentions so they'll know what's going on.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: If there was any way possible of making it as of July 1, obviously, you know, we would have tried to do that, but it's already past July 1, so -- Excellent.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, there's already a motion on the table and a second.

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: When?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: A while ago.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Bob made it.

MAYOR JENKINS: I got left out of that one.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I don't think there was a second, though, yet, has there been?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.

Ms. Fleming has something else she wanted to say.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We were --

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, we have a motion and a second on the table.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I withdraw my motion --

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: And I'll withdraw my second.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- to adjourn.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We were given something this evening, Mayor Jenkins, regarding an economic development plan. Can you illuminate us, please?

MAYOR JENKINS: I'm not -- let me see

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brought up. He just gave it to everybody for them to look at and give the comments on it later, not tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.

MAYOR JENKINS: I know what you're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. I was just curious as to whether this $54,250 is an approximate cost for a . . .

MAYOR JENKINS: That's the total cost, and if he gets a grant, it'll be the bottom cost for the Georgia Tech study.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So he's requesting $54,250 for a study; is that correct?

MAYOR JENKINS: I think what he's saying, if he gets the grant, it'll be for that much, and we have to pay the bottom amount. I'll have to --

He just gave it to us to look at and --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So he's not requesting a budget line item.

MAYOR JENKINS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.

MAYOR JENKINS: Is that all, Pam?

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I just needed to ask. Since we were on a budget thing, I wanted to find out whether we --

MAYOR JENKINS: He brought it in --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- needed to budget for that or not.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- and handed it to me. He'd been working on it, and I think he's pushed to get it out and he just wanted everybody to look at it.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'll make a motion to adjourn again.

MAYOR JENKINS: Second?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I second that.

MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Alexander?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.

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Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

DEPUTY CLERK BRYANT: Councilmember Spangler?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.

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(Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. the same day.)

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12 mployee or attorney or counsel to any of the
13 ies, nor financially or otherwise interested in
14 matter.
15 This the 30th day of July, 2009.
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18 Theresa Bretch, CCR
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