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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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BUDGET WORKSHOP/HEARING

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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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 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
Ms. Rhonda Blackmon, City Clerk

P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR JENKINS: Meeting come to order. This is a special-call meeting on the budget, budget workshop/hearing, and call the roll, please.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Spangler?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Here.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Darlow's got us a page. I didn't bring all the other in. I just brought the latest one with me, so we'll go right into it.

Darlow, do you want to come on up to the microphone and we'll just go through it.

MR. MAXWELL: You got a copy, I believe, that includes the July 7th changes that were made in that meeting. Basically the expenditures were increased by a hundred and forty-two thousand three sixty and the other financing sources were decreased by one-o-three nine seventy for a net change of two forty-six three thirty.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So what's our projected bottom line between revenues and expenditures?

MR. MAXWELL: As of this report, it's a deficit of one million six fifty-four eight fifty-five.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: 1.6 million dollars.

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Questions on page 4? Oh, we're on 19. Excuse me.

I've also asked Darlow to give me a figure as soon as possible on how much we actually was, you might say, in the hole as of our last budget. And as of right at this point, we do not know what. We certainly haven't taken

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anything out of savings or out of CDs. So this 1.1 could be a true figure and it could not be a true figure.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mayor, did you say we had not taken anything out of CDs and savings?

MAYOR JENKINS: Not that I'm aware of.

Verify that, Rhonda?

CLERK BLACKMON: We have not. We have not moved any money or cashed any CDs.

MAYOR JENKINS: So are we in the hole?

Of course we still have bills on the old budget that we're paying, yes, but we still have not got to the point we have to take anything out of savings. So that's all beside the point if this one's 1.1 million in the hole. Okay. Maybe at the end of next year, we won't be that much in the hole. I just thought I'd put that out. Got nothing to do with this.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I mean at the mid-year budget review, I think we said we were projecting $900,000 deficit.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, sir, we did. And even at the first of the year, on the budget, we also did.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No. I think the first-of-the-year budget balanced and then we found out we were over budget.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.

Okay. Has anybody got anything to say about the summary statement that we just talked about?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: At the last meeting, I think we talked about there was $410,000 that was in the general fund that needed to be transferred back to Stormwater. Is that still included in that dollar amount here?

MR. MAXWELL: Yes. There's no cash movements being balance sheet adjustments in here. This is strictly revenue expenditures.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. So when we're looking at our general funds, we know that there's at least $410,000 of our general fund that's not really there. It's --

MR. MAXWELL: Based on the '08 audit, that's correct. That was a payable to the fund, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. So we owe that much, and there may be others.

MR. MAXWELL: Yeah, but where we are at

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this point in time --

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Can you come on up? It's hard to hear you.

MR. MAXWELL: My only comment was that was an '08 number Mr. Roche brought up and the '09 number at this point has not been determined.

MAYOR JENKINS: Brian, are you looking it over real good?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm looking at it, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Pam, you got any comments?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, if you don't mind. I just have one quick question.

I had requested just recently, and I'm still in the process of itemizing it. I requested the insurance breakdown for our entire fleet of vehicles, and I had asked what line item it was in in each of the departments.

MR. MAXWELL: I forgot to get that for you. I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Ms. Blackmon, when you -- I notice that you mentioned that this is an annual insurance rate. Is it your

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normal practice to code it to one department or is it broken down per department?

CLERK BLACKMON: One department.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: One department. And what department is that?

CLERK BLACKMON: General fund in our regular city government, I guess it would be administrative, that you've got it broken out.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It's Executive line item 17, I believe, insurance.

CLERK BLACKMON: Yeah. Before we had a breakdown of Administrative and Executive, it was under -- it's been coded under City Hall general fund.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And correct me if I'm wrong, but that insurance would include the general liability for the government, the pool, vehicles.

CLERK BLACKMON: Correct. All --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Any --

CLERK BLACKMON: -- vehicles, all Public Works vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Any non-health insurance line item is going in that line.

CLERK BLACKMON: Correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The reason why I asked for this was I was concerned about the number of vehicles that we have reported to the insurance company versus the ones that we physically have on hand, and there may have been the same scenario where we have vehicles being reported to the insurance company that are physically not here anymore.
CLERK BLACKMON: I stated that in the 7/6 meeting, that when I adjusted the $50,000 that we still had to do the vehicles. They only let you do it once a year, and it was late because it should have been done when the previous accounting person was here. So I had to rush it to get it in, so I made the adjustments I could and then -- because I have to get the vehicle inventory from every department. And I did discuss it with Becky McCarthy at GMA, but there are several vehicles that need to have liability and not full coverage, and there are some adjustments that need to be made.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. I think the mileage would be appropriate, took, as I mentioned in my memo, because when I heard

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Mr. Pittman talk about the number of excessively old pickup trucks, I'm concerned about the mileage and actually the safety of that vehicle to even be on the road anymore. So --
CLERK BLACKMON: We do not currently check on the mileage. I can get that from everyone.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm just curious so that we can make --
CLERK BLACKMON: I'll ask the department heads.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- a better determination.
MAYOR JENKINS: Darlow, did we ever get this straightened out, what actually school expenses mean? Item number 13, School Expenses, on Executive.
MR. MAXWELL: Under Executive?
MAYOR JENKINS: We're down to zero on it, I see.
MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir. We pulled that one out --
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. What did --
MR. MAXWELL: -- but as far as detail no. We just pulled it out.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Still don't know what it was.
MR. MAXWELL: No, sir. Did not check into it.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It wasn't any type of -- I know there's a separate tax for schools that we were paying as well at one time. It was a block type tax that covers various things -- building the new schools and renovating and things like that.
MR. MAXWELL: It's quite possible, because usually we have an agreement like that, some sort of intergovernmental agreement that will specify, you know, payments. But just in looking at the way these payments were made, it's sort of questionable that might be it. It really looks more like a contribution just off the top of the surface.
MR. ANDERSON: We contribute three grand every year to some school.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, that's separate.
CLERK BLACKMON: That's separate.
MAYOR JENKINS: Has nothing to do with that.

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Okay. Then, that's just a dead item then on that, number 13. Is that correct? It's just a dead item, number 13?
MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir. It's out.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. We took everything out for DMA; is that correct, Council?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, we did.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So how are the dues to DMA paid?
MAYOR JENKINS: We have certain dues to pay yet. I can't remember exactly what.
CLERK BLACKMON: Per year. They're paid yearly.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It's going to be under Administrative.
MAYOR JENKINS: I think it's in the Meetings & Conventions.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Maxwell, have we built in a contingency for each department?
MR. MAXWELL: No, ma'am.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And just for clarity's sake, on the revenue side, we've put in the audited 2008 actual numbers, not projected 2009 numbers.

MR. MAXWELL: That is correct; they are the 2008 numbers rounded off.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: But not the 2 percent. We took away the 2 percent.

MR. MAXWELL: No, sir. Any increase was eliminated. It was just basically rounded to an even number.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does that include the $410,000 we know we're not going to get from the tax base?

MR. MAXWELL: No, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: You took that out too; right?

MR. MAXWELL: No, sir. I went back strictly to the audited numbers for 2008.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay, because we know that the current millage rate that our income from property taxes is going to be about -- I think it was $410,000 less than the year before. So when we're calculating our deficits,

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you may want to include that also.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I don't think it would be four hundred based upon the '08; it was four hundred based upon the '09, and I don't know what the '09 difference was from '08.

MR. MAXWELL: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And what was our latest balance? I mean how much money did we have in the bank? Six million? Seven million? Have we struck a balance lately just to see what that . . .

MR. MAXWELL: The last one was approximately $7,000,000.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Approximately $7,000,000.

MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.

MR. MAXWELL: CDs and everything. But you know, if you're asking an exact number, the answer is no, the last statements have not been reconciled.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I understand. So that does not include the $900,000 deficit spending for the last six

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months for last year's budget.

MR. MAXWELL: Basically that is actual cash balance, what's really there.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay.

MAYOR JENKINS: Anybody else on the Executive?

We got Executive New Department on page 3 of -- page 6. Any comments on that?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Darlow, this New Departments, who is New Departments? Let's put it that way.

MR. MAXWELL: Well, it's basically -- you know, in prior years, basically the Council and the Administrative departments were all combined into one department and they were split out to basically Mayor and Council, and then Administrative being everybody else.

MAYOR JENKINS: Any corrections on it?

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MAYOR JENKINS: So 3770 Park Avenue,

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any changes on it?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Page, please?

MAYOR JENKINS: Page 9.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And could you tell me what building this is?

MAYOR JENKINS: Wait a minute. The one I was on, 3770, is actually the Civic Center. It's up around that. I skipped over Legal, I think.

Yeah. I said 3770 Park Avenue. That's on the level. I skipped over Legal. But 3770 is the Civic Center. Is there any changes on it?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No, sir, I don't believe so.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. What about Legal? Legal is two hundred flat. But the contract, I want everybody -- as soon as the contract is signed, I want you to read it. There is items that won't be covered under the ordinary city attorney items.

Did you get a chance to read it today --

CLERK BLACKMON: No, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: -- Rhonda?

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CLERK BLACKMON: You still have it. I need to get it from you.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah. I didn't finish reading it is the reason I'm saying that they -- this $200,000, this flat city attorney fees, if we get into litigation and stuff like that, that will be different. I think that's understandable but I just want everybody to realize that.
Anything else on Legal?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. 3770 Park Avenue. That's the Civic Center. Nothing on it.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'll --
MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Never mind, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No. Wrong building.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I do have a question.
Ms. Blackmon, do we rent out that

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facility to non-city individuals and groups?
CLERK BLACKMON: It's supposed to just be Doraville.
MAYOR JENKINS: Doraville citizens.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Boy Scouts.
CLERK BLACKMON: Right, yeah. Well, Matt Harner is a citizen. Matt Harner was over the Boy Scouts and he's a citizen.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that there's been events up there that may not necessarily be associated with the city, or have we -- How strict are we, and do we charge?
CLERK BLACKMON: We have n- -- They put down a hundred-dollar deposit and they get that back after Janice looks at it and cleans, you know, makes sure that there was no damage or cleanup. We have not been very strict on it, and we've actually discussed making some changes with it but we have not done so.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm all in favor of allowing that building to be used for residents of the city and people associated with the city, but any outside group that wants to rent our Civic Center, I think we should

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establish a rental fee over and above a deposit. I don't think we can get much for it but every little bit helps.
CLERK BLACKMON: I'll talk to Mr. Weed.
MAYOR JENKINS: I agree with that. We do let a few Asian groups use it as we speak, and we always make sure that it does not conflict with any of our ordinary city events or anything like that. But I agree, we should charge something if they're not citizens.
What about businesses within the city? How would you feel about that?
MS. AVERS: Businesses (undiscernible).
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I don't know.
THE REPORTER: Could we hear her again? I didn't . . .
MAYOR JENKINS: If she has anything to say, she needs to come up to the microphone.
THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I thought you were responding to her.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No. I don't know one way or the other on that.
MAYOR JENKINS: Businesses, they pay taxes. I don't really see any reason why we should charge them.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would agree.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. But any outside people other than city residents, we'll charge them a fee. Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Because they're using our power and our water and --
MAYOR JENKINS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- our cleaning personnel and equipment.
MAYOR JENKINS: That's right. We'll set up a fee and I'll bring it back at the next Council meeting.
3770. Okay. We'll go to 5921 New Peachtree. That, I believe, is the Clinicare building.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's what, sir?
MAYOR JENKINS: Clinicare building, I believe.
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: That's the only thing we have on New Peachtree, is it not?
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: And it's not rented at this time, and the people that were there, they owe us some rent, and I'll be meeting with them

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next Monday. He is paying some, but I'm going to meet with him next Monday and see if we can set up a little stricter schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: As far as renting that building out, sir, have we thought about hiring a firm to help us find a tenant?

MAYOR JENKINS: No, I haven't. I've just put up the signs. We have had some calls on it, but nothing's ever come through with it.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would encourage us to look at hiring a real estate brokerage leasing agent/firm to help facilitate getting a tenant in there. They'll take a small fee in the front, but a small fee of money is better than nothing.

MAYOR JENKINS: Right. Okay.

3774 is the future hot dog stand, which we have spent quite a bit of money to get it ready for him, and I'm still dealing with him on a number of items.

Does this reflect all the year, what we're going to make on this, Darlow? This 3774 Central Avenue.

MR. MAXWELL: No, sir. This is the expenditure side only.

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MAYOR JENKINS: In other words, we only get $750 a month. Does that show up here?

MR. MAXWELL: No, sir. That would be on the rent side on the revenue portion of the budget.

MAYOR JENKINS: But this is the expenses actually to us.

MR. MAXWELL: This is the expenditure side, yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But we're going to pay the gas and the electricity?

MAYOR JENKINS: No. They're going to pay that.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So basically this is going to zero out just like the Doraville Boxing Club?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Has he already taken possession of the building?

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, he's paid his first month's rent and he'll open in August. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Okay, then --

MAYOR JENKINS: He has some work to do, and we have completed all we need to do, and it's up to him now to move in August the 1st.

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Ms. Blackmon, do you know if he's transferred utilities or have you called and have any --

CLERK BLACKMON: He has not. Matter of fact, I got a Georgia Power bill for setup, and I think we've addressed that.

MAYOR JENKINS: I'm working with him on that to . . . He wanted us to pay all the bills and him pay us, and I say no. He's going to get everything in his name.

Is that what the Council wants?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: So to Ms. Fleming's point, what do you think about zeroing out the utilities on that building since it's leased?

MR. MAXWELL: If that's what the Council wants, it's easy to do.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, what we did with the Boxing Club is even with the repairs and maintenance, it ended up being a zero expense. Remember? Or it could be. I don't know. I haven't gotten there yet.

MAYOR JENKINS: It should be just deleted, everything on it. Repairs and

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Maintenance, $5,000. I'm sure we've spent that much getting it ready for him, very easily.

MR. MAXWELL: Well, if the building is finished, I mean you can take this whole sixty-two fifty out --

MAYOR JENKINS: Right.

MR. MAXWELL: -- for the sake of argument, at this point.

MAYOR JENKINS: Right. Put it as leased property.

MR. MAXWELL: Is that what the Council wants?

MAYOR JENKINS: What about the next one, Darlow, Judicial Government?

MR. MAXWELL: I'm sorry?

MAYOR JENKINS: Page 15, Judicial Government Summary.

MR. MAXWELL: That's just a summary. You got to go to page 16 to get the detail.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. This is Municipal Courts.

Any questions or anything on that?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: This $15,000 I think was for new security stuff; is that correct?
MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir. That's the digital surveillance system that was added back on the meeting of the 7th.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any more questions on that?
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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I just have one question, though. We talked about a promotion. Could you tell us who that promotion was for?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Detective Austin was promoted to sergeant and Sergeant Pilgrim was promoted to lieutenant.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So you don't anticipate any more promotions this year.
CHIEF ATKINSON: No, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you.
MAYOR JENKINS: It is reflected in this, Darlow, the two promotions?
MR. MAXWELL: Probably not. It was based on the payroll schedule at the time we put, I guess, the second version of this

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together so it's probably not in there.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Weren't we replacing a lieutenant?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes. Detective Austin will not get any type of raise with his promotion and Sergeant Pilgrim will just be filling the slot of Lieutenant Mahar.
MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, okay. So there's no compensation. They don't get any raises, just the promotions.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Lieutenant Pilgrim will get one, but it'll be covered by Lieutenant Mahar's --
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
CHIEF ATKINSON: -- position.
MAYOR JENKINS: Page 21, anything on it?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Page 23, Animal Control. There's a lot of controversy came up about Animal Control when we talked to them. We have a computer set up, all the software for the Animal Control Officer, and the other items that

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were mentioned will be taken care of as time comes on, which will be we hope in the future a kennel that we can keep them more than overnight. But other than that, the computer system was the main thing that we needed to get up to date, and as of today, we got all that in, and Comcast will set up Monday, this coming Monday, and that'll be completed.
But is there any questions on Animal Control?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Maintenance. Summary's on 25. We'll go to 26. Is there any questions?
Nothing on Maintenance?
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(No response)
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MAYOR JENKINS: 28, the Library.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I have a document that I would like to pass out to the residents so that they can see the pictures of the Library bathroom. We had to reduce this from their budget, and I feel that we really do

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need to pursue renovating the public restrooms in the Library.
Ms. Watanabe had $35,000 in her budget to be able to do that, and the Council felt that we might be able to try to do this or review it again mid-year review. But these are public restrooms and, to me, it's an embarrassment to have to not be able to open the bathroom door, first of all, and then to sit on the commode itself, your knees are hitting the wall.
So I feel that we should try to do whatever we possibly can to add this to her budget for now, not waiting, you know, for six months to determine whether we can afford it or not. I think this is a need, not just a want.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And respectfully, the decision, if I recall, was to allocate funds to do an architectural review of the proposed renovations to make sure that there weren't -- that it doesn't fit into a larger-scale renovation project. The proposed plans that were sketched out, to me, not being in the construction/architectural field, didn't seem to accomplish the end result of fixing the knee-against-the-wall issue.

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So I wanted to make sure that we had funds in here to do an appropriate rendering/review/study of the facility, and it might be, you know, once that's done, a more easily usable area than what exists there right now.

So I don't disagree with you. I just think I want to -- I want to make sure that we've got a proper study and architectural plan done to make sure that it fits within the whole scope of the building.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I thoroughly agree with you in regards to architectural design for the bathrooms. To me, there is -- And this is also when we get to the Parks Department. There is no sense in us approving architectural designs or, you know, design permits or whatever and then not follow through with the designs that we're asking for.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I don't disagree, but that cost could be $10,000, it could be $100,000. And if we were to budget a random number, it may be woefully inadequate to accomplish the end result. I personally would be much more comfortable having a firm dollar amount being presented and we can adjust and

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make that decision with an actual amount than doing a SWAG at it at this stage of the game.

MAYOR JENKINS: I thought we had decided on $40,000 for that. The thirty-five is here. How much would you suggest?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mayor, it wasn't forty. We dropped thirty-five out of it for the five to pay for the staff.

MAYOR JENKINS: I see that, but originally we said forty.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah. That's what I mean.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: But we had no idea that it was not a good estimate of what it was going to cost and we were not really sure -- as Mr. Bates said, we were not sure how detailed the project was going to be. That's why we asked for the study.

MAYOR JENKINS: She got a rough estimate of someone who does that type of work, without a design study or anything. It was close to $40,000. That's the reason we had the figure of forty.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We have a

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tendency in this city to do studies and not follow through on them, and I wanted to be able to put it in the budget to be sure that we were going to commit to renovating those bathrooms over there. So --

MAYOR JENKINS: They have to be renovated whether we do them through a study or whatever.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. I believe that first of all, this is a capital expenditure. This is not money we're spending that's going to disappear, I mean. I think that that's entirely appropriate to do that. And as Councilwoman Fleming said in response, now, we did go and get -- she did talk to some people, maybe it was informally, but to get a rough idea of what something like this would cost.

And believe me, we can always pay money for studies, but that's not going to be much comfort to the person that's trying to use this. We can put a sign out that says a study's being done. I don't think that's going to be very helpful, frankly.

I think we need to get things done. We need to make a commitment to fix this;

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otherwise, you know, okay, now we'll do a study; then maybe six months, maybe we'll -- you know. I think we need to move forward on this. I think we should restore the $30,000 in the capital expenditure budget to include these toilets.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, again, I disagree. Based upon the layout that was presented to us and the proposed addition, it doesn't seem like the proposed modifications were going to alleviate the door and commode location.

I think in order to accomplish the intended result, you're going to have to relocate plumbing fixtures and you're going to need to have an architect make a review of the facility to make sure that there aren't load-bearing walls that are planned on being relocated or adjusted. There's a lot of things that an architect is going to be able to do and review to make sure that we're getting the best bang for the buck.

Additionally, at 40 grand, it needs to go out for bid, and that can only be done when you've got a set of architectural drawings so

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that the contractor knows exactly what they're going to be building.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So we can allocate -- obviously what you're talking about has to happen under any circumstances. I mean no one's going to go and just start tearing down walls and start building things.

But part of that overall thing is to say that we are making a commitment to the citizens of Doraville and the people that use the Library that we are going to fix the toilet. Obviously, the first page of that is to get an architect in there and figure out what it's going to cost for the next phase.

But if we're just going to piecemeal it and piecemeal it and Ms. Watanabe has to come and fight for every nickel every step of the way, it's just way too easy to say, Oh, no, we'll do it. We'll wait six months, we'll wait six months. And I think we've been waiting for a long, long time.

No one is suggesting that we begin work without getting an architect or whatever we need to make sure that the work we do is correct, and also no one was suggesting that -- me, of all

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people -- was suggesting that we would do this without going out for bids.

I still think that we need to make a commitment to the users of our library and the citizens of Doraville that we are going to fix this. And by making a commitment of a capital -- allocating capital moneys towards this, I think that that accomplishes it -- or begins to.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And when there's a firm dollar amount that is presented by an architect and a contractor, I'll be more than willing to move to have that added in from, you know, the surplus to cover capital expenditures. I just don't think that is the right thing to do right now.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, perhaps someone just needs to make a motion and we'll just put it to a vote and see where it goes.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'd like to make a motion to increase the capital expenditures by $35,000 to line 29, which would be a total of $40,000 for bathroom renovations for the Library.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And I will second that.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Can't put that in there so much for a study? We pretty well know it's going to cost at least forty. What about the study? You don't want it? You don't want it?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Drawing up plans is part of --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The five --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- a construction project.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The five was in there, sir, and she had asked for a total of forty.

MAYOR JENKINS: I understand that.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So what are you suggesting?

MAYOR JENKINS: I'm not suggesting anything. I'm just saying that we're talking about architectural designs. Okay. She gave us a price of, say, $40,000. I see no reason why we couldn't do it for that, but we got to get somebody that knows what they're doing.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: That's the main thing.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No one's saying we wouldn't. That would be the first step in

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this process, obviously.

MAYOR JENKINS: Got a motion and a second. Any more discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I agree that we need to at some point act on that, but I would like to have a firm dollar amount before we put that in there, quite honestly. I mean we can come back and fix it once we have a firm dollar amount. I would feel more comfortable with that.

MAYOR JENKINS: What are you saying? You want to add some to this for that?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No, sir. I'm saying let's go ahead with the study and then come back with a firm dollar amount and then we can go back and add it.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I just want to say we were just recently notified of the problem with the bathroom, or I was. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I have no problem putting $40,000 or $50,000 back in here for the new construction or whatever you want to call it, of the bathrooms. But we still need to make sure that we get the study done and also

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1 get the RFPs once we get the studies done,
2 because it may be -- I mean we can put $50,000
3 in or o$40,000, whatever you want. I'll vote
4 for that. But I still want to see the study
5 done.
6 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I agree.
7 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Based on the
8 numbers that Ms. Watanabe has offered to us
9 regarding the usage within the Library -- not
10 usage within the bathrooms but usage in the
11 Library would warrant us to move forward on
12 this, because the number of activities and the
13 number of programs she's offering now, she's
14 having high attendance. And I think it's just
15 an embarrassment on our point to have unusable
16 bathrooms at this point.
17 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And I will
18 reiterate, I want to adjust the budget once on
19 this. And if we put forty in now and it comes
20 back as a cost of sixty or seventy or eighty,
21 then we're going to be stuck and looking at
22 funding it for another thirty/forty/fifty, when
23 we can look at it one time and say what's done
24 is done and let's move forward.
25 MR. HOWE: There is a USDA grant right

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1 now for facilities expansion or for new
2 facilities entirely.
3 Now, I gave this information to Lynn a
4 couple weeks ago and said, go to the Council.
5 If they will approve that expansion, we can go
6 ahead and apply for this grant.
7 So if you-all want me to, I can go
8 ahead and apply for it. I just needed a project
9 to have in mind.
10 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I think that's
11 a good idea.
12 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's a great
13 idea.
14 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It sounds great.
15 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah.
16 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So we should just
17 go ahead and pass this; and I don't think any-
18 one's ever going to say no to applying for a
19 grant.
20 MAYOR JENKINS: Right.
21 MR. HOWE: Well, I mean it's her
22 department, and I wanted --
23 I also mentioned this to Dennis about
24 the kennel. I said, look, there's a facilities
25 grant. Go to the Council and let them decide

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1 which one, what they want to do.
2 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Is it possible
3 -- Can we just get one grant or can we get two,
4 or can we get one for the Library and one for --
5 MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, yeah.
6 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- the kennel?
7 MAYOR JENKINS: It'll be separate.
8 MR. HOWE: I can see if they'll allow
9 multiple applications, but --
10 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But the kennel
11 grant is separate from the bathroom renovation.
12 MR. HOWE: No, ma'am. The grant is a
13 facilities expansion for --
14 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I see. Okay.
15 MR. HOWE: -- new facilities or to
16 renovate.
17 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So multiple
18 facility. I mean not just one facility but,
19 like here, Library, Pam. I mean --
20 MR. HOWE: Well, I imagine it's only
21 one project, either the Library or the kennel.
22 But I've let different department heads know
23 that that grant is available, and if they have a
24 project, they need to let us know about it,
25 especially you-all, and you-all can decide,

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1 because facilities expansion and development is
2 something that isn't really outlined in the LCI
3 or Comprehensive Plan, so I need you-all's
4 direction on that.
5 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I believe I'd
6 rather use it for the Library, and I think the
7 kennel would be a lot less expensive.
8 MAYOR JENKINS: We can do most of the
9 kennel.
10 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Did it indicate
11 the funds available to be awarded and what is
12 the date of the award, projected award?
13 MR. HOWE: Well, I think it's due
14 September the 30th.
15 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: For submission,
16 but when --
17 MR. HOWE: It's usually 90 days.
18 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I'm sorry?
19 MR. HOWE: It's usually around 90 days.
20 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And does it
21 have a dollar amount attached to the grant?
22 MR. HOWE: No, ma'am. It's not a
23 matching so it may be --
24 MAYOR JENKINS: Just a grant, not a
25 matching in any way?

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MR. HOWE: I assume it would pay for the entire amount.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, based upon that information, I would be much more comfortable moving forward with the architectural plan and getting it bid out and costs and submitting the grant versus inflating our budget with a capital expenditure that may or may not be sufficient or may not be needed.
So I would be in favor of voting on a motion to approve moving down the path of doing a library restroom renovation project but I would not be in favor of inflating the capital expenditure budget at this time.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. We've got a motion and a second on the table, Brian.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: So do you want to go through with yours --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, I do.
MAYOR JENKINS: -- after what he said?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think it would good on the grant proposal to say that the City of Doraville is committed to doing this work.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: My concern I guess would be, if we've already funded it, then what's the need for a grant?
MAYOR JENKINS: Good question.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, not necessarily, but I guess we could go back and forth all night long on that.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah, we can. I want to do it right. And if we can get a grant, fine; if not -- We're going to do it one way or the other, but I would like to see us go along with the plans first and then allocate the capital improvement.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, that's what we're going to do, Mayor. We're not going to build anything without designing it first.
And the way we're spending money, we need to make sure we allocate it now because, you know, it may be all gone next year.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any more discussion?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Could we amend Ms. Fleming's motion to --
MAYOR JENKINS: Be entirely up --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- once we did the study --

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MAYOR JENKINS: Be up to her now.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- once we did the study, that we would allocate whatever moneys it took to renovate those bathrooms, in case we don't get the grant?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Spangler, respectfully I stand with the motion that I made.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any more discussion?
I would like for you to read the motion, please, so everybody, including, me will understand.
CLERK BLACKMON: I had, to increase line 29 in Library capital expenditures by $35,000 to be allocated for renovations of the bathroom.
MAYOR JENKINS: Increase it by $35,000 just period.
CLERK BLACKMON: Period.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Now, you said that's increasing line 29 by $35,000.
CLERK BLACKMON: $35,000.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So right now we have $5,000 in there. Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And while I'm

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thinking of it, I think at the last meeting, we talked about allocating for capital expenditure for a new accounting system. And you know, it's funny how that works. But I think I was saying, you know, first we need to find out what our requirements are. First we need to find out what's available. We need to define our requirements, do a gap selection, you know, decide whatever it is. And then and only then we'll know what it's going to cost, and that's when we should allocate the money for this capital expenditure. And everyone said, oh, no no, no. We've got to allocate $65,000.
So we're going to apply exactly the opposite logic to this capital expenditure for $40,000 or $35,000, that we did a week ago for a capital expenditure of $65,000.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's an excellent point, and there's one real big difference. The $65,000 was recommended to us by a department head who understands the requirements and expectations of what that software needs to accomplish. The forty was presented to us from a department head who is a library administrator who doesn't have an

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expertise or understanding in construction costs.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, the other requirement or the other recommendation was made by a councilmember who's had over 30 years experience doing exactly this, so --
I mean presumably our department heads have checked out, you know, and talked to other people and gotten some cost estimates just as the librarian has done. So you're trying to have it both ways. What works, it works all the time or it doesn't work all the time. I think it's -- Well, whatever. It is what it is.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any more discussion?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: No.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.

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CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: No.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Spangler?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: No.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I will make a motion to move forward with the concept of library bathroom renovations under the requirement or -- not requirement -- on the pretense that we then pursue a grant application through --
MR. HOWE: USDA.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: USDA.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Second.
MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

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COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Spangler?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: There's something I want to clear up. I would like to make a motion that the Council in advance approves any grant applications under any circumstances by anybody for the future.
I was surprised to hear that apparently the Council has to approve any grant applications before they're submitted. I mean if that's the case, I'd like to just make a motion and clear that up right now --
MAYOR JENKINS: I think --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- because no one's ever going to be promoted -- or prevented from requesting a grant again.
MAYOR JENKINS: I think that's just out of respect for the Council when they're asked to do that.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No. I think -- I seem to remember a few meetings ago, we were

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told that someone wanted to do a grant but they couldn't because it wasn't approved by the Council.
MR. MAXWELL: The only issue would be if there's a matching portion to the grant. Then the Council would probably have to act on it in advance.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. So if there's not a matching -- you know, what's to prevent someone from applying for a grant?
MAYOR JENKINS: Nothing.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's what I thought. Okay. I just wanted to make sure that got cleared up.
MAYOR JENKINS: I think, you know, the reason Luke did it that way is because during the budget meeting and then it would have to go in the budget if approved. That's what he's referring to.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Have we received any grants at all? I don't remember receiving any grants for the last year and a half.
MR. HOWE: We've been approved for one. We're just -- you know, I gave the timeline on the CD BGR. I gave you the timeline --

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh, that's right.
MR. HOWE: -- on that a couple weeks ago, and that's all.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's the Community Development Block Grant?
MR. HOWE: That's the Central Avenue grant.
I already got four million pending on LCI grants. This is the money -- this money is available through -- ARC is distributing this money. MARTA got a lot of money for operational costs. As a condition, they had to reserve 25 million for LCI projects in a five-mile radius of all their stations. So we have applied for that based on two projects that I had prequalified last year, and they were accepting applications on our prequalified projects. So that's around four point million.
The CD BGR is moving slow, but according to the timeline that I gave y'all a couple weeks ago, it'll be in the fall before we start seeing money from that.
The reason why I needed you to approve this grant for whether it be a kennel or a bathroom expansion or whatever is because it's

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not identified in the LCI or the Comp Plan. There is nothing specific as to building onto a library facility. I can't make that decision. The Council has to. But there is a grant. If you want me to apply for it, I will.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It was unanimously approved.
MR. HOWE: Okay. So I will.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And the Central Avenue grant, if I remember correctly, that was the one where the Council voted $150,000 of capital expenditure a little over a year ago. So us voting for the capital expenditure certainly didn't prevent us from getting a grant.
MR. HOWE: Well, it's a good thing you didn't because now we got the money for it without having to use money out of our own savings.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, no. We could have used that money for Tilly Mill.
MR. HOWE: We're still waiting to hear back from that grant, so --
MAYOR JENKINS: The money's still there; is that not right, Bob?

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Sorry?
MAYOR JENKINS: The $150,000 is still there; is that not correct?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, there's supposed to be a sidewalk there, Mayor.
MAYOR JENKINS: There's not a sidewalk there.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, I know.
MAYOR JENKINS: So the money's still there no matter the way you want to look at.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And we --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Moving on.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, moving on.
MAYOR JENKINS: Anything else on the Library?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Arena. Any comments on the Arena? Page 29.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: You did say, Mayor, that you were doing some research on the cost of a vehicle for --
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- the Arena?

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MAYOR JENKINS: Luke is digging into that and we haven't got anything set in stone yet, but there is some good items out there but we don't know the prices on them yet.
And I think -- how much did we put in for that?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Nothing.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Nothing.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We took it out, sir. She had $44,000 in there for a van or a mini bus to accommodate the children, because right now, she's having to pay $600 per trip.
MAYOR JENKINS: Right. And I think we talked about waiting till mid-year review, if I'm not --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And she --
MAYOR JENKINS: -- correct, did we not?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- takes them to the pool every day or whatever.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah. Well, she's doing all right as far as the pool here every day, but going downtown is the problem.
But we're working on that, and I think if we can leave this as it is, we can maybe get that on the mid-year.

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COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: When do you think you'll get the prices for the bus or van?
MAYOR JENKINS: We can get some prices now.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Okay. I thought we were working on that.
MAYOR JENKINS: Well, we are.
But how deep did we get into that, Luke? You found some, what, Bluebird buses that were pretty reasonable?
MR. HOWE: I started getting some prices. They range from -- you can get a used bus from North Carolina for $1200 or you can get, you know, a semi-used for $15,000 or a new one for fifty plus. It just depends on what you want,
MAYOR JENKINS: We have to decide really how deep we want to get into it.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Can you get us some quotes that you've received on that sometime this week?
MR. HOWE: It just depends. Do you want a mini bus? Do you want --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I don't want a fifteen hundred or a fifteen thousand dollar

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bus. I think you get what you pay for. I mean you're talking carrying children as passengers or citizens of the city. You know, $50,000 wouldn't be too much to put on a vehicle that's going to be safe.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, we'll see what we can do.
Anything else on the Arena?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Page 30, the pool. Anything on the pool? The pool has been -- I guess you might say it's leased out; is that correct?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No, sir. We don't lease the pool. It's an expense to our budget.
MAYOR JENKINS: It is, but we have --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's not a revenue.
MAYOR JENKINS: We have a company running the pool, yes.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, but we don't lease it to them.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Well, I was just --
What do you call it, then?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It's a management contract.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Right.
MAYOR JENKINS: Managing it for us.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah. But we've still got it looks like, what? $99,500 cost?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Carol's not here, but I think we've come out pretty well even on that if I remember correctly. Am I wrong on that?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: She said that she was going to look into the water bill because we get billed for the water that we use and the sewage. Well, the thing about a swimming pool is the water comes in but it usually doesn't go away. So sewage is the larger part of it, so she's supposed to look into the --
MAYOR JENKINS: We got some problems with a leak and there's a lot of money that's got to be paid if somebody's going to do some-thing about the water company.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So the water

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company made a phone call this afternoon but you guys were already closed. So they called me back, and they want to be making contact with you tomorrow to try to set up a meeting to remedy that issue.
CLERK BLACKMON: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And at that same time, though, we do need to investigate when we go to plaster the pool --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: That was my question.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- when we go to fill it, whether we can get a permit for water only and to not be charged sewage fee when we finally -- just get in a conversation with them, because we don't know when we're actually going to plaster the pool.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: And then I didn't know if she had budgeted the refilling of it in our water bill.
MAYOR JENKINS: I think she said that we would have to let it lay over a year when we drained it to do the plastering.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No, sir. I'm not aware that she made that comment.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah. She said it would have to lay over maybe --
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: She had mentioned closing the pool for a year after plastering but then she decided she didn't want to.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: It was not a have-to situation.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Correct.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Okay? As a matter of fact, when the pool closes, this plastering could be done when it closes this year. We could have it done and filled easily by the time the pool opens next year.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think she said they may close it a little bit early to make sure they have plenty of time to plaster it before it gets cold.
MAYOR JENKINS: Before the cold weather, yeah. It has to be done in hot weather.
Okay. Anything else on the pool?
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(No response)
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MAYOR JENKINS: Boxing Club, that's been -- am I going to say the wrong thing? Leased out?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir, it is.
MAYOR JENKINS: So that, we only got what? This is pretty well eliminated, isn't it, except --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir. I notice that we have left $500 in there for repairs and maintenance. So should we go back to the Central Avenue property and put $500 in for that?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Probably. We are the landlord of the facility, so, you know, I guess if a tree falls and lands on the building, we're responsible for fixing the roof.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Maxwell, I believe that was 74, department 74?
MR. MAXWELL: Yes, ma'am. That's page 13.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And we had eliminated that entire expense, so we really need to keep $500 for repairs and maintenance in there.

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Agreed?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: (Nods head)
MAYOR JENKINS: Is that all just on the Boxing Club? Just leave $500 and that's all?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Page 32, 911.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I have a question. I think that Chief Atkinson, you said we had about 5,000 911 calls since last October?
CHIEF ATKINSON: No. Last December.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Last December. Is that through June or --
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes. December through June.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So it would be the months -- it's like seven months' worth.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, sir. I believe it's the first of December.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Captain, I have a real quick question for you. How many cell phone towers are we still waiting to convert over to Doraville 911?
CHIEF ATKINSON: I don't have the exact number of the towers.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Or companies.

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CHIEF ATKINSON: It's the companies, and since there are several satellite companies, I -- There are several. Verizon is the biggest one that we don't have. And we're still working with the new public safety director as well as the new chief of police.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And so that obviously impacts our revenue side because we're not collecting the 911 service charges that go on those cell phone bills.
CHIEF ATKINSON: No. We're collecting revenue.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Are we?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: But we're not --
CHIEF ATKINSON: We just don't have the calls routed to us. We're collecting the revenue, and Dekalb knows that.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: You'd think they'd want to turn --
CHIEF ATKINSON: All that it would do is lighten their workload, but that's their decision not to release it yet.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Answers my question. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Roche had brought up to you before, I believe, and if not, I'll just bring it up now, a discussion about Chamblee. They do not have their own 911 system; is that correct?

CHIEF ATKINSON: No. Chamblee does.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Chamblee does. What about the City of Dunwoody?

CHIEF ATKINSON: They work off Dekalb.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. Has there been any communication with them to utilize ours?

CHIEF ATKINSON: Not that I'm aware of, no. No, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. I had a discussion with Chief King, I think back in January or February, about potentially bringing them all together.

The issue we run into with 911 is even with the money coming in and the money coming out, this still costs us almost $600,000 a year out of pocket to basically subsidize the 911 system. And with the numbers you just gave me, with the 5,000 calls since -- for seven months,

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it actually costs us about $68 per 911 call. This comes out of our general fund, which is just a huge dollar amount.

And the thing Chief King and I discussed was that by combining forces with Chamblee and Dunwoody and Doraville, perhaps we could find a way to get that number down. Because we are continuous geographically, would it make sense to do that?

Now, I don't know. I guess he hasn't followed through with that or whatever before he went overseas. Obviously, he had other things to worry about.

But it just seems, like I say, $50,000 a month is a lot of money coming out of our general fund for this.

CHIEF ATKINSON: I can reach out for the chief at Dunwoody --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That would be great.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- and, you know, the chief at Chamblee.

I don't know how much they're going to be able -- you know. I can talk to them --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That would be

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great.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- and see what their feelings are, but chances are, you know, it would have to come between and amongst the councils --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, of course.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- of the various cities.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does anyone have an issue with that?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I still feel like no city makes money or breaks even on 911, and we would have to probably double the size of the department to handle Dunwoody's calls, considering they're three times larger than we are.

CHIEF ATKINSON: I know in my conversations with the Dunwoody chief, they are -- they do receive a lot of calls. The mall, Perimeter Mall, eats up a lot of their resources, and that is one thing that we have had discussions about. So I know that they do have a lot of call -- a high call volume, but what it is, I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Assuming it was

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feasible and that the other parties were interested, what type of a capital investment would we need to make to upgrade the systems for the mapping, for dispatch, for routing, to make sure that we're segmenting out the three different departments and not routing a Doraville police officer into Dunwoody and not routing a Chamblee police officer into Doraville and those types of things?

CHIEF ATKINSON: See, I don't know what system Chamblee has. I don't know if they have the same, you know. I think they have a different system altogether, so that would be -- obviously, that would be an expense, we'd have to add them on.

And then Dunwoody, it would just -- basically, if I understand the system right, the companies would go out with a GPS coordinates locator and drive all the streets and create a map of the whole area like they did here in the city and just load that into the software or load that into the system, and it would create an overlay, and that would allow us to distinguish where the boundaries are between the three, three departments. As best I know.

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Now, to me, that seems easy, but I'm sure it's much more complicated than that and I have no idea how to do it.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we have issues today. I mean when -- seems like when Councilwoman Pittman was having an issue, they -- and you said they called 911 and kept getting Dekalb?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: That was Dekalb County's problem. It was not our department.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It was Dekalb County. They kept putting my daughter on hold and then eventually cut her off, and it was our department that actually reached and went through and got through to --

CHIEF ATKINSON: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- the proper authorities.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Your call went to auto-hold --

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- with Dekalb County.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But should it have gone to us to begin with?

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CHIEF ATKINSON: No. Her daughter called us directly to the Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I know. But when Donna made -- or Carly made the 911 call, should it have gone to Doraville immediately rather than to Dekalb?

CHIEF ATKINSON: She didn't call 911. Called in to the Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: 455-1000.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Called in to the Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Straight to the back number. And then -- and then she called but she was on her cell phone, and the cell phone went directly to Dekalb County, and Dekalb County, once she got through with them, she hung up and called 911 which went to Dekalb. And then Dekalb put her on hold twice and then cut her off the third time, and then that's when she -- someone was there, and they actually made the call and got through to Dekalb County.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So twice she called the 770-455 --

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: She called 770-455-1000 to talk to them directly. She got

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them en route. And then Carly did not know. She hung up and she called 911 then to get an ambulance, and she got Dekalb County, because on my phone, I get Gwinnett. So it depends, depends on where you're at.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So that's what I was trying to get at. When you dialed 911, it went to Dekalb.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It should have come through us, though; correct?

CHIEF ATKINSON: If we had control of all the towers, if all the calls were routed here to us --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Right.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And part of the goal was --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Just so I understand.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah. And part of the goal is to eventually make that happen: when you call, you go directly to them.

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CHIEF ATKINSON: Right. And that is one of the examples that we gave to the new public safety director in order to try to facilitate getting these --

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Absolutely.

CHIEF ATKINSON: -- directed to us.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So what part of the 911 system works for the citizens of Doraville?

CHIEF ATKINSON: The land lines, hard lines like --

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: All of the land lines?

CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, sir, as far as I know. I don't know of any examples that they have called 911 and not been routed to Doraville.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And I do know that my personal cell phone, 911 does go through Doraville PD.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Mine goes to Dekalb.

CHIEF ATKINSON: Yeah. I know Verizon does only because I was standing in our dispatch

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one day when we did a 911 upgrade and we were going to test the system. And I pulled my cell phone out, standing in our dispatch, and I called 911, not thinking, and it went to Dekalb.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And Carly goes to Dekalb and mine goes to Gwinnett.

MR. CULLEN: Sometimes when you call from your land line and you have Comcast as your provider for your phone service, you get directed to Dekalb County, because, what was it?, last month when my mom had a stroke, and we waited for 25 minutes to get transferred to Doraville to get an ambulance out. So by that time, we were already in the car and headed to the hospital. So you need to make sure that if you have Comcast or any other provider besides AT&T as your land line, they need to be diverted to Doraville because it's a waste of time.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Can you tell us your name for the record, please, sir?

MR. CULLEN: Jerry Cullen.

CHIEF ATKINSON: What's your address?

MR. CULLEN: At that time, it was 2868 McClave.

CHIEF ATKINSON: 2868?

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MR. CULLEN: Yeah, yeah, because when it finally got diverted back, it took almost 25 minutes for an ambulance to show up.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yeah. And quite obviously, I don't know if that -- but I have Comcast as well, and we had to make another 911 call from my household, but it did go to Doraville, so I don't know if there's just a fluke in the system.

MR. CULLEN: Yeah. It's somewhat of a glitch between Dekalb and Doraville systems, and it needs to be looked at.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, a year and a half ago back when we were all running for office and everything, there was some talk about using some of the City's money to buy a piece of land so that we could build a fire station and ambulance station within Doraville. Well, that's -- we've spent that money, so, just so we know. That was about $900,000, I guess. That's what we decided to spend out of our savings at the mid-year budget review, so --

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, ma'am. Come on up to the microphone, please.

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MS. BINKLEY: I'm Connie Binkley.

Recently when I called the ambulance from my mother's land line, I called 911 and it went in to Dekalb, and then they had me on hold while they connected with Doraville, but Dekalb stayed online with me. So I don't know if that -- if that's the way the program's supposed to work. I was kind of amazed that I got into Dekalb, because it took quite a while. And then there was a nonemergency ambulance that was going to be sent later, but they were down on Lavista Road.

So I'm not -- do we not -- we don't have that here in this city?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: What service do you have with your phone company?

MS. BINKLEY: The phone company is AT&T.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No, we do not have ambulance service and we do not have fire service within Doraville. I think the closest one is at the PDK airport --

MS. BINKLEY: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- for fire.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Well, the

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closest one to my house would be the Peachtree Middle School.

MS. BINKLEY: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: But that has been talked about. And we actually met -- some of us have talked to Dekalb County about doing that, and they were very willing to provide the staff and everything but we had to provide a location.

MS. BINKLEY: Location, okay. Because I was kind of surprised, although I've obviously not had to use that, but that day just a couple of weeks ago, it was a very long, drawn-out process, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Do you have any idea how long you were on hold for Dekalb County?

MS. BINKLEY: I was on hold about five minutes, and then she came back and she said, "I'm going to connect you." She said, "Stay on the line. I'm going to connect you with the Doraville Police Department." Then she put me on hold again, and then she came back and she said, "Stay on the phone," and then I heard the -- you know, the ambulance or the fire trucks

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1 going down the road, and I had to go out and
2 whistle for them to come back. So you know, it
3 was -- when you're in an emergency situation,
4 you know, things are kind of slow anyway.
5 However, I was just surprised that I went in to
6 Dekalb County for the 911 for an ambulance
7 service for my mom, you know, because I thought
8 she had had a stroke and died so I was a little
9 bit unnerved. But you know, that's something, I
10 think that would be something we should really
11 look into for the citizens here in Doraville,
12 truthfully.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.
14 MS. BINKLEY: You know, we need to have
15 some kind of service of that nature.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Ms. Binkley, if
17 you can make sure --
18 MS. BINKLEY: Yes.
19 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- Captain
20 Sellers or Atkinson have your address so they
21 can --
22 MS. BINKLEY: I'm sorry?
23 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If you can make
24 sure that Captain Sellers or Atkinson have your
25 address --

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1 MS. BINKLEY: Yes.
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- to make sure
3 that they can check in on that.
4 MS. BINKLEY: Okay. It's 3293 Raymond
5 Drive, Doraville.
6 Thank you.
7 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you. It's
8 good to meet you in person.
9 MS. BINKLEY: Oh, thank you. Same to
10 you.
11 MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Let's get the
12 Parks before we go into this last item. That
13 shouldn't take too long on that except . . .
14 Anybody got a comment on the Parks?
15 It's page 33.
16 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes. On the
17 Parks' budget last year and I believe even year
18 before, we had a million dollars -- and I'll
19 gulp at that -- a million dollars budgeted for
20 park renovations, and, unfortunately, we had to
21 remove it at mid-year to offset the declining in
22 our revenues.
23 Of course we promised Ms. Stephens that
24 we would put it back into the Parks' budget for
25 this year. Looking at our situation that we

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1 presently are in with the declining revenues as
2 well as the economic situation, we are not going
3 to be able to add back a million dollars for the
4 park renova- -- or for the park improvements.
5 We have approved the construction
6 plans. And here again, just like the bathroom
7 renovations, approving construction plans as an
8 expense, to sit here for another year or two, I
9 just feel really back. And that's the
10 construction plans for Halpern Park I'm talking
11 about.
12 I think we're going to move forward
13 with Autumn because it will be paid out of the
14 Stormwater fees, so we are able to move forward
15 on that. I believe that Ronald Buice is working
16 on stage two and stage three RFPs so that we can
17 submit those for bid so that we can get Autumn
18 finished.
19 Ms. Stephens did, however -- in her
20 capital acquisitions, she did list several
21 things to accommodate for all parks, and those
22 are new trash cans, some new benches, some adult
23 swings; mats under the swings, because evidently
24 that's a requirement now that you have to have
25 mats under swings for children.

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1 So yes, we have some capital
2 acquisitions for her. I'm just really sorry
3 that we won't be able to proceed with Halpern
4 Park probably for this year, but we will look at
5 it again mid-year review.
6 MAYOR JENKINS: We got the RFPs for
7 studying Halpern Park as we speak.
8 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.
9 Those are just the construction drawings, sir.
10 MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah, I understand
11 that.
12 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I thought that
13 Ms. Stephens said it would take at least till
14 January or February of next year before we got
15 the information, anyways, to proceed with it.
16 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
17 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: I thought
18 that's why we did not put that back in the
19 budget --
20 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
21 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- is because
22 it would take that long.
23 MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Anything else on
24 Parks?
25 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Stuart.

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1 MAYOR JENKINS: Anything else, Stuart?
2 MR. ANDERSON: Stuart Anderson. I was
3 just wondering what the resolution on hiring
4 another person for Carol.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We did.
6 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: We did.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
8 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And she's
9 looking for a bilingual person which would help
10 out with the Arena and Parks Department.
11 MAYOR JENKINS: Before we get into this
12 last --
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Rhonda --
14 MAYOR JENKINS: I'm sorry?
15 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- there's
16 somebody going into the . . .
17 MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me.
18 CLERK BLACKMON: It's locked. He can't
19 get into the --
20 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Okay. Thank
21 you.
22 CLERK BLACKMON: -- main part.
23 MAYOR JENKINS: Before we get into this
24 last part -- this is along with budgets, too --
25 Luke has got somebody that he brought, I

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1 believe, from Georgia Tech.
2 With the permission of the Council, I
3 would like for us at this time to go ahead and
4 maybe take just a few minutes, Luke, if you care
5 to, with permission of the Council of course.
6 It's something to do with grants; is
7 that correct?
8 MR. HOWE: Well, yes, sir. The real
9 issue is an economic development plan, and that
10 has been outlined in the LCI. I've got a
11 proposal from Georgia Tech's Enterprise
12 Innovation Institute for $63,000. There's a
13 grant available through the Economic Development
14 Agency. It's a matching grant. So I would
15 need, you know, a go-ahead from Council before I
16 can even apply, and then there's no guarantee.
17 But I think we need to make economic
18 development a priority. We've heard about
19 declining revenues, we've got businesses leaving
20 every day, we got the GM property on the
21 horizon, and I think now is the time to really
22 focus on that.
23 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think the
24 latest numbers you gave us was about $63,000 and
25 it would be a matching grant of 50 percent?

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1 MR. HOWE: Yes, sir.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'd like to make
3 a motion that we apply for this grant, and if we
4 get the grant, then go ahead with this.
5 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Second.
6 MR. HOWE: Okay.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
8 MR. HOWE: We'll go to work. Thank
9 you.
10 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Vote on it or
11 anything or talk about it?
12 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would -- I
13 would like to --
14 MAYOR JENKINS: Wait just a minute. We
15 got to make a motion.
16 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yeah. I would
17 like to hear from the representative.
18 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
19 MR. HOWE: Lee?
20 MAYOR JENKINS: Come on up, ma'am.
21 MR. HOWE: This is Lee Hopkins. She's
22 from Georgia Tech.
23 MS. HOPKINS: Hi. Lee Hopkins with
24 Georgia Tech.
25 Well, basically, Luke had approached us

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1 about applying for a grant to move forward with
2 this economic development strategy, and the
3 proposal came about from two recommendations
4 that were in your LCI -- a small business
5 promotion strategy and a business recruitment
6 strategy -- so we just built upon that.
7 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Walk us through
8 the draft work plan so that everybody up here
9 has a general understanding of the document
10 that's been presented and the public can get a
11 sense of what you're looking to accomplish.
12 MS. HOPKINS: Sure. Well, basically,
13 this is approximately a three- to six-month
14 endeavor, and it begins with a review of your
15 recent and current initiatives and your recent
16 planning work and economic development work so
17 we kind of get an overall picture of where
18 you've been and where you are today.
19 And then also the second phase is a
20 socioeconomic base analysis, and that's
21 basically a data review of socioeconomic and
22 demographic data available for the City of
23 Doraville.
24 Then the third section are facilitated
25 discussions with peer communities where we will

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1 facilitate our discussions with three
2 communities that are comparable in Georgia
3 size-wise, demographics-wise to Doraville so you
4 can, you know, learn -- you know, talk to other
5 economic development professionals and get a
6 sense of lessons learned on efforts that they've
7 gone through in their economic development
8 process.
9 Then typically Georgia Tech in any
10 planning process will go in and talk with
11 stakeholders, confidential one-on-one interviews
12 with your stakeholders here. We would need
13 assistance from the City of Doraville to help
14 set up some of those interviews, and that's
15 conducted usually over a two-day period.
16 And then we also talk with State
17 agencies that you work with on a regular basis,
18 and that could include, you know, the Department
19 of Transportation, you know, representatives
20 from the region, the Economic Development
21 Agency, and MARTA and others. We have a basic
22 list, and then the City of Doraville can help us
23 narrow that down or identify other people to
24 talk to.
25 And then we'll also conduct a business

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1 needs assessment, and that's where we would go
2 in and talk with your business community. And
3 these would be, again, one-on-one interviews
4 where we would actually identify up to 36
5 business owners and talk with them and kind of
6 get an idea of, you know, the state of the
7 business community as it is today.
8 And then we would conduct the business
9 support strategy that would support your LCI
10 recommendation and also the business recruitment
11 strategy. And then we would wrap it up with the
12 economic development marketing and outreach plan
13 to better leverage your assets here. And that
14 overall would complete an overall economic
15 development strategy for the City of Doraville.
16 That's it in a nutshell.
17 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
18 MS. HOPKINS: You're welcome.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Do you look at
20 like the infrastructure or the -- I mean you
21 mentioned the needs of the business.
22 One thing I've found from talking to
23 business owners is they're concerned about they
24 don't feel that their needs are being met as
25 well from the services provided by the City. I

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1 mean is there going to be like a gap analysis
2 there or are you going to look at the City's
3 processes, that sort of thing? For instance,
4 someone mentioned today, there is no list
5 anywhere, or it's not published, of our fees
6 that have been passed by the Council, and those
7 types of things -- you know, issues getting
8 through the process or not having a road map.
9 Is that something you're looking at also or is
10 it more of an external thing to the business
11 community at large?
12 MS. HOPKINS: Well, the projects that
13 we do, they're very unique, and it depends.
14 Case-by-case basis. When we talk to the
15 business community, you know, it depends on what
16 we find, if that's an issue that's brought up,
17 then --
18 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Sure.
19 MS. HOPKINS: -- that's one thing that
20 we could talk about when we get into it.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Good. Thank you.
22 MS. HOPKINS: Any other questions?
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24 (No response)
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1 MS. HOPKINS: Thank you.
2 MAYOR JENKINS: You made a motion?
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I made a motion
4 and I believe it's been seconded, and I think
5 the whole dollar amount if we did get the grant
6 worked out to about sixty -- sorry -- our half
7 would be about thirty-one fifty. I think that
8 would probably be money well invested.
9 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mr. Roche, was
10 your motion to move forward with the grant, and
11 if we got the grant, then move forward with the
12 study?
13 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
14 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Okay.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: We got a motion and a
16 second. Anymore discussion?
17 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir. That
18 grant will not be submitted or the last date of
19 submission is June 30th, 2010.
20 MR. HOWE: It's an open-ended grant.
21 That means if we finish the application in three
22 weeks, then we would hear -- we -- if we were
23 approved, it would be about 90 days. I talked
24 to the EDA today, and they're a little quicker
25 on denials, but it's one of those grants that

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are just -- it's open ended. They'll give out money until they run out of it or till June 30th, 2010 gets here, one.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So it's a revolving grant --

MR. HOWE: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- process. As grants come in, they fund them if they're approved, and when they run out of money, they run out of money.

MR. HOWE: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Money or date, whichever comes first.

MR. HOWE: Yes, sir. And we will need to get the application in before September the 26th because that will be the anniversary of the GM plant closed, and that is a special -- they give special consideration to towns who have lost a lot of revenue and plant closures and so forth, so --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And the end result of this is going to be -- and I believe this is going to be, I think, a question for you -- the end result of what we're going to get back is going to be kind of a game plan on how

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to go about and market the city and attract new businesses and --

MS. HOPKINS: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Walk me through what the deliverable is going to be once the study's done.

MS. HOPKINS: Sure. Well, the final deliverable, the two focus areas that this economic development strategy will be focused on are small business promotion and business recruitment which were the two recommendations that you had in your LCI.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And there'll be kind of recommended steps on here's what you need to do to promote your small businesses --

MS. HOPKINS: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- here's what you need to do to go out and recruit new businesses? Kind of detailed --

MS. HOPKINS: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- stuff, not just "You need to do it."?

MS. HOPKINS: Yeah. It'll be one big deliverable, or it can be -- you can break it up however you see fit.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We know we need to do it.

MS. HOPKINS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We just need some steps to get us there.

MS. HOPKINS: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Just the fact of going out and speaking to 36 local business people, I mean that's just a wealth of information and that's just one aspect of it. So I think that it's going to have a lot more value than just, you know, a written report. It's going to be, you know, like I said, a real assessment. I think it would be like a report card of what Doraville is, also, and what we can do to fix the problem. That's why I support it.

MR. HOWE: Well, and there's for Council members who never did get to participate in the LCI, the comprehensive planning, so it's a good opportunity for the new members of the Council to put their imprint on the future of the city, so --

MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Luke. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.

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MAYOR JENKINS: I got a motion on the table. Call the roll, please.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Further discussion.

MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I have further discussion.

MAYOR JENKINS: Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you. I'm not opposed to studies, but our track record is not good when it comes to follow-up on studies.

On December the 15th, 2008, this Council unanimously approved a presentation that was given by Pam Helton with GMA for collection debt recovery. As to date, I'm still waiting for a reply of my memo dated July the 8th as to where we are on this study. It was to debt collection for sanitation, property taxes. She also told us that she would give us a quote as soon as we got the information to her regarding drink by the -- excuse me -- she would give us a quote on the cost of doing an analysis of alcohol by the drink and she would also give us a quote on how much it would cost to do a

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collection on hotel/motel tax. So I'd like to know where we are on this particular study and debt collection service that we unanimously approved on December 15th, 2008.

CLERK BLACKMON: I don't think that falls on the Council. That falls on the staff. It wasn't a study. Y'all asked for us to have her collect sanitation and back property, and due to numerous in and out of staff members, it got put to the side. And as of your e-mail, we are -- we have picked it back up, so I do not have an answer at this moment.

MR. HOWE: I think that was more of a cost estimate than an actual study; right?

CLERK BLACKMON: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, Ms. Fleming is correct. There were two separate components of that. One was the actual collections of past-due sanitation and --

CLERK BLACKMON: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- property taxes and the other was an estimate on what it would cost to do the alcohol beverage excise tax collection. So two separate pieces, and one we can do because that's already done and we should

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move forward with that, and that's --

CLERK BLACKMON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- the collection of the past stuff.

And the other one is, if I remember correctly, there was a question in January of this year regarding the information that Ms. Helton needed in order to come up with the estimate for the collection of the alcohol excise taxes, and I don't know what information she needs. So I agree with you wholeheartedly.

CLERK BLACKMON: I don't know either on the excise. I will have to --

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If we can again, because that's --

CLERK BLACKMON: -- ask her.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'm pretty sure that that's revenue that's sitting out there that we're not collecting. Pretty sure that there's people who sell drinks that don't go through wholesalers and aren't doing what they're supposed to do based upon Georgia law.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: If I'm not mistaken, did we not do a $10,000 study for the wall behind the Police Department and did we

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follow up on that?

MAYOR JENKINS: No, we did not, because of a decline in revenue. We will get to it.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We do an awful lot of studying around here.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, we approve a lot of things that never happen.

In this case at least, this study, I mean I understand that this will be fully staffed and done basically by your group, so we don't have to rely on anybody here in the City necessarily to get this done, so we'll probably have a lot better chance of getting it done.

MAYOR JENKINS: More discussion?

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MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No.

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CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Spangler?

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. We're going to take a 10-minute break.

Excuse me. Wait just a minute.

MR. MAXWELL: Clarification as far as the budget. You had a grant match of $63,000?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: No, we have not.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: We have not. We're going to come back to that --

MR. MAXWELL: So everything is --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- hoping the study --

MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: -- comes. We're going to go that way this time. Sometimes we go the other way and sometimes we go this way.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Chuck Atkinson's going to bring us up to date on the grant, being as we're on grants tonight.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, sir, since we're talking about them.
Earlier in the year, I came to you about an Edward Byrne grant, Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. At this time, I'm coming back to you for another Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant that the Police Department has been identified for. We've been identified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance as a local agency qualified to receive funds through this program. We could possibly receive up to $10,839 for law enforcement programs and technology improvement programs. This is additional funding above the grant amount that I came to you earlier this year and submitted. The grant earlier this year was part of the Recovery Act, and this is not. There are no matching funds requirement for this grant, and if we're approved for the grant, we plan on using the money for the information technology improvements that we need.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I got to make the

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last motion.
MAYOR JENKINS: We need a motion?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't know. Do you?
CHIEF ATKINSON: We don't need a motion. I just need to make sure that it is in the minutes of this meeting.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Just keep applying for as many as you can.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, ma'am, we certainly will.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We appreciate all that you're doing.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Chuck.
You got to drive back tonight?
CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, you can go any time you care to.
CHIEF ATKINSON: Okay, sir. All right. Thank you.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Page 36, Code Enforcement. Let's see if we can get through this thing. We got -- I can't remember right

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off, Darlow, what changes we made on Code Enforces. There was no capital improvements. Well, I guess there is. $10,000 for -- do you remember what we put the $10,000 in for?
MR. MAXWELL: There were no adjustments to this budget other than four of them made on the 30th and then I made a minor error correction on the 7th.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If I remember correctly, the capital improvements were for laptop -- no, two laptop computers for the code officers, the Toughbooks?
CAPTAIN SELLERS: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Any other questions on Code Enforcement?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Page 37, Community Development. I guess that -- that covers -- can you explain part of what that covers, Darlow? What actually does that cover?
MR. MAXWELL: Page 37 is a summary -- excuse me -- page 35 is a summary sheet.
MAYOR JENKINS: 37.

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MR. MAXWELL: 37, okay. I'm sorry. Community Development. This is --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: City Planner.
MR. MAXWELL: -- permits.
MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: City Planner.
MR. MAXWELL: City Planner and Permits, yeah. I had to stop and think of the --
MAYOR JENKINS: Permits and Planning?
MR. MAXWELL: -- different terminology.
Yeah. It's basically planning and zoning is the way I'd phrase it but --
MAYOR JENKINS: Any questions on that?
Any more on page 37? Any additions or anything?
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MAYOR JENKINS: City Inspector, page 38. That's a part-time position. Anything on that?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I said it before, I'll state it again: I think that the City would benefit from having a full-time employee as the City Inspector and City

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1 official.
2 MAYOR JENKINS: Well, at this time I,
3 as we say, respectfully disagree with you. We
4 do not need any more inspections than we need
5 now. We have -- Ruby has done an excellent job
6 on the permits, keeping the paperwork. He comes
7 in and does his job and goes; approximately four
8 hours a day.
9 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Actually, on the
10 paperwork, I think there are a lot of -- we
11 don't know. And this is going to be on the next
12 agenda, but the building permit for the H Mart,
13 apparently it took a whole lot of work and
14 effort on the part of Ms. Feng to get that over
15 to the County so that that could be reassessed.
16 Did we actually get
17 that $90,000 or is that going to be next
18 time?
19 MS. FENG: Because they have a right to
20 appeal, they will receive the bill and they have
21 a right to appeal and then they go to the BOE
22 and they could go to the court -- BOE, Board of
23 Equalization -- so we will never know when we
24 get the money.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. And what

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1 we're talking about here is that before, the
2 H Mart was basically dirt, and so it was
3 assessed as far as taxes are concerned, as dirt,
4 and then of course they built all those
5 buildings on it. And once the building permit
6 is issued, that building permit has to be sent
7 over to Dekalb County, and receipt of that
8 building permit triggers a tax assessment where
9 the Dekalb County Tax Assessor comes out and
10 they look at the building and they say, "Well,
11 it used to be worth 10 million dollars. Now
12 it's worth 28 million dollars" or twenty-eight
13 nine or whatever it is. And going forward, that
14 goes into the tax digest, and the money that the
15 City receives is based on that new valuation
16 instead of the old valuation.
17 MS. FENG: And they base it on the city
18 millage, the city millage like seven point
19 something, and we can maybe get around ninety
20 and Dekalb County get a half million dollars.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. So that
22 was ninety --
23 MS. FENG: But we don't know when we
24 can get it.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right. So that's

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1 $90,000 just for this one parcel, and there's a
2 couple of other parcels here that we're aware
3 of. In fact, right over here, I think according
4 to the County records, Cafe 101 only had one
5 building up until just recently. So we don't
6 know how much money and we don't know how many
7 building permits have been out there that never
8 were sent over to Dekalb County, so there's all
9 kinds of money that, you know, we could be
10 collecting in taxes.
11 Nobody likes paying taxes, but we want
12 to make sure that everybody pays their fair
13 share. I was told by a woman who they tore down
14 a $120,000 house next to her house and they
15 built a big $400,000 or $500,000 house, and that
16 property owner is going around and bragging
17 about how he only pays taxes as if it was
18 assessed at $120,000. So this is a huge, huge
19 issue, and our process for building permits
20 needs to be fixed.
21 Also I heard today, and maybe someone
22 else wants to mention this, someone came in to
23 City Hall today because they wanted a building
24 permit, and there was some confusion. One
25 person was telling him it was $200 and someone

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1 else was saying it was $250. You know, we
2 should be able to go out to a web site and say,
3 okay, I want to add a bathroom, and just check
4 off what do you want to do? And okay, this will
5 be electrical, and it should just guide you
6 through the process so you have a pretty good
7 idea of what you're going to do and what it's
8 going to cost you at least as far as the City is
9 concerned, inspections, et cetera, et cetera.
10 We don't really have that, because the
11 only way we can get a city inspector is we have
12 to pay him by the hour. If I decided I wanted
13 to add on something before, I could just call
14 the city inspector and he'd come out and say,
15 well, you'll probably need this, this, this or
16 whatever, thanks very much; and then I come
17 along later. We can't do that today because we
18 have to hire an inspector and pay him by the
19 hour. And what that means is that he inspects
20 what he's told to inspect. He does not inspect
21 what he's not told to inspect.
22 So anyway, there's a few other reasons,
23 too, if anyone else wants to chime in about it.
24 Clearly we're getting nowhere with this, but,
25 you know, I'm going to bring it up.

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1 MAYOR JENKINS: We had a full-time
2 inspector all the way through the H Mart, Plaza
3 One and all of those. We had a full-time
4 inspector.
5 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Mayor, I
6 believe that full-time inspector was terminated.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: He was never
8 terminated.
9 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, he -- in
10 a sense, he was terminated.
11 MAYOR JENKINS: No, he wasn't.
12 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, let's
13 say his employment was ended before the H Mart
14 was finished.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: That's right, but all
16 the permits had been let by then, before he
17 left.
18 So you can't blame it on our part-time
19 inspector. He's doing a wonderful job.
20 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No. He's doing
21 exactly what he's hired to do, but we need a lot
22 more than that.
23 MAYOR JENKINS: We will need --
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: For the amount
25 of money we're spending, we should probably

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1 have --
2 MAYOR JENKINS: We will need more
3 inspections on, but at this point, we're where
4 we need to be.
5 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I
6 respectfully disagree.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: And I respectfully
8 disagree with you.
9 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And as far as
10 the fee schedule, that is correct. That did
11 occur today. There was a little bit of conflict
12 on how much something was going to be, but
13 Mr. Calcaterra did come in and actually was able
14 to answer the questions and handle it
15 efficiently. But there is a strong urgency here
16 that Mr. Calcaterra and Scott and Ruby and
17 perhaps yourself and the Mayor get together and
18 have that meeting so we can start getting a fee
19 schedule for residential and businesses so when
20 they do walk in, there is no question whether
21 it's $200/$250, and exact detail, what it's for
22 and what the amount is. And I was hoping that
23 we might could get that going really soon, if we
24 could get together and have everyone meet.
25 CLERK BLACKMON: But that would really

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1 need to be addressed with Mr. Haeberlin, I
2 think.
3 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah. I mean
4 there's more. I mean a few weeks ago, there was
5 an example where someone came in and he needed
6 to take -- he was told he needed to tear down a
7 cement wall, and the City Planner told him he
8 didn't need a permit and then the QOL said, you
9 do need a permit. And before it was over with,
10 he had to pay $275 for a permit to take down a
11 wall. So I mean how -- You know, we talked
12 earlier about getting businesses to come into
13 Doraville. You know, one thing we need to do is
14 to make sure we have a good policy and get
15 procedures in place so that when someone comes
16 into City Hall to do any kind of business that
17 they can get it done.
18 And I think having a full-time City
19 Inspector that oversees the permitting process
20 and oversees all of this and comes to the
21 Council and says, you know, we have an issue
22 here, we don't have our fees straightened out
23 there, or make certain that things get on the
24 web site, et cetera, et cetera, I think it would
25 be a huge benefit. And if we're spending

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1 $65,000 a year now, I think for that same
2 $65,000 a year or maybe a little more, we could
3 get someone that's going to be here, that's
4 going to be dedicated, that can answer the phone
5 when we call, instead of having to say, well,
6 let's forward it to Mr. Calcaterra and then he
7 can get back to you; and we may get an invoice
8 for it, we may not.
9 And on top of that, I think they just
10 laid off about four city inspectors from Dekalb
11 County who obviously would be very familiar with
12 our situation here, so we could probably get one
13 at a very good price, that's very qualified and
14 very familiar with our situation and our area
15 here.
16 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I agree that we
17 should have a full-time City Inspector, if
18 nothing else, to walk an applicant through the
19 proper procedures as well as be that liaison of
20 customer-service oriented person where they're
21 actually, like Mr. Roche said, going out with
22 the applicant and saying, okay, this is what you
23 need to do.
24 I have no objection whatsoever to
25 Mr. Calcaterra. I have nothing but raves for

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his -- anything that he's inspected, and he's very well educated in regards to the position and he should be kept on part-time. But I still feel that we have that need for a full-time City Inspector.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Especially after approving this tonight --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- the economic development study/plan. Be a lot more accessible, I think, to have a full-time inspector.

I know when I had my driveway done, Chuck came out and checked everything before and after. When I had my building built, he came out and checked it before and after. I didn't have to wait a week or two weeks or anything like that.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, if there are some specific instances of things that Council would like our part-time inspector to do, I think it would behoove us to create that list and talk with him personally on whether he does or doesn't do them or would be willing or not willing to do them. To add in a full-time

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inspector would, based upon the comparative '09 budget to the proposed initial request for the '10 budget would add $98,000 to the budget. A hundred and sixty-two in the '09 original and sixty-four seven in the '10 proposed.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm sorry? I don't get those numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, you'd have salary, group insurance, retirement contribution, workers' comp. Those would all be in addition to what we're paying for the part-time contract labor.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Of course not. We wouldn't have to pay for a part-time contractor if we had a full-time employee. Why would we have to pay that on top of it?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: We did before.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We did before.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Then obviously we've got a real problem, because if we had two people doing the job now and we only have one part-timer doing the job, then obviously a whole bunch of the job is not getting done, by that logic.

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MAYOR JENKINS: I see nothing is not getting done, and you forgot to add a vehicle to Mr. Bates'.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Something's not adding up here.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Any more questions on City Inspector?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I didn't know which way the vote would go, so I'll just leave it until next time.

MAYOR JENKINS: Any more comments?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Page 39, Extension Service.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Is this the Dekalb Extension Service?

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Are we charging them rent?

MAYOR JENKINS: No. We furnish the building and they furnish the employees. It's been that way for many, many years.

We've got to begin to spend a lot of

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money on that building, though. It is in bad shape. It was an old building when they put it in there.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, then, why don't we charge them rent?

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, it's just always been a donation that Dekalb County furnishes the employees, we furnish the building so we'll have an extension service.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: They charge us for services that they render.

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, I'm --

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: And --

MAYOR JENKINS: -- telling you the way it is, but if you want to charge them, that's --

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, I mean --

MAYOR JENKINS: -- up to the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: -- I can't see -- I mean they're not doing anything for us without a fee. And half the time when you go over there, they're not even there.

MAYOR JENKINS: Well, they're not there full time, no. I don't think.

COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: That building

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is in bad need of repairs. It certainly is.
MAYOR JENKINS: It's in bad shape.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: What services do we get charged for?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Pardon me?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: What services do we get charged for?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, just go over and just try to get a soil sample or something.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So they charge for the soil sample?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Sure they do.
MAYOR JENKINS: If you went to Dekalb County, they'd charge you also.
Come on up, please.
MS. FRAYSSE: Susan Fraysse.
I would just like to speak in defense of having the extension service over here. That is a bilingual person. That person covers nutrition, composting, gardening, cooking, home economics. And what we get for giving them the building is a competent qualified person who can do programs, come do your workshops like the kind of people who have gotten with the

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gardening group. And the Georgia Extension Service is out of the University of Georgia in Athens, and they charge everybody all over the state for a soil sample, and you take a little plug of dirt out of your yard and you send it to them, and they tell you if you need more pH or more acid or whatever. And for beginning farmers and people who are doing small things in yards and landscaping and stuff, it's very helpful.
But I think we could make more use of the extension service. I was here a long time before I knew they were there. But I've been over. They've always been around. They have put me through to people with the County or with the State extension service if I needed information.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: So what time of the day do you go over there? Do you always find them?
MS. FRAYSSE: Now that I'm retired, I just go during the normal working hours, during the day.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: They're always open?

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MS. FRAYSSE: They lock the door. If she's there by herself, the door is locked and you have to knock on it --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Oh, I did.
MS. FRAYSSE: -- and then she'll come.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I mean it's got a sign that says knock, and I did. And I've been over there several times and I've never had anybody come to the door.
MS. FRAYSSE: I'm having more success than that. I have never not had a person answer. Maybe it would be a support person who said, she's stepped out or she's teaching a class.
I know she goes to schools sometimes. She goes to neighborhoods. I would like to involve them more in activities and programming at the Library and other places.
But I hope we -- we provide the building and they provide the staff, and I think the staff end of it is more expensive. And that's a good person because she's bilingual. So I just wanted to speak in support of that little bit of money that we donate to them.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And is this building also housing the Pan Asian Community Center?
MAYOR JENKINS: No. It's a separate building.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I don't see -- and correct me if I'm wrong. I do not see that budget in here or a budget page for whatever address that is for the Pan Asian Community Center.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: It is the -- I thought I saw it.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Not on this new one.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It was on one at one time.
MAYOR JENKINS: I don't even remember that address.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Do you have your old one to see what page it was, the address?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That was one of my problems, that it had addresses on there but I never knew what the item was.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think it's page 11, 3770 Park Avenue.
MAYOR JENKINS: Page 11?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Page -- yes.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The Mayor said that was the Civic Center.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That would be on Central Avenue.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah, you're right. I might have made a mistake there. I don't know.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, then, we don't have a Civic Center in here.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Central Avenue is -- well, we either don't have the Civic Center or the old 911 building.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, we have the 911 building.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's the 3774?
MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, I can verify they do exist.
MAYOR JENKINS: You what?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I looked out the window. The buildings do exist.
CLERK BLACKMON: I believe that page 11

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is supposed to be Central and not Park.
MAYOR JENKINS: Darlow, you're familiar with the Pan Asian Center. Have you --
MR. MAXWELL: I know it, but as far as what's in the budget, all I can say is it matches, the current budget with the prior budget. But as far as the buildings and all, I'm like you. I didn't know all the addresses.
MAYOR JENKINS: There was a discrepancy in that Park Avenue and Central Avenue before.
CLERK BLACKMON: Yeah.
MAYOR JENKINS: And I apologize.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So page 11 is Central Avenue and not Park?
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes. That's the Civic Center.
CLERK BLACKMON: That is the Civic Center.
MAYOR JENKINS: But the Pan Asian Center is leased, been leased for years.
MR. MAXWELL: What is that address?
MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me?
MR. MAXWELL: The address?
CHIEF ATKINSON: The Pan Asian Center?

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MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah.
CHIEF ATKINSON: 3760.
MAYOR JENKINS: The old police department number. What was that, do you remember?
CHIEF ATKINSON: 3760 Park Avenue.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: That was originally the library a long, long time ago.
MAYOR JENKINS: The library; library, community center.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yeah.
MAYOR JENKINS: And the police department.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't see that address on this document.
CLERK BLACKMON: I'll have to look. I don't remember.
MAYOR JENKINS: Darlow -- I guess we can give him the old budget and pick that up.
MR. MAXWELL: Do you want me to go ahead right in there now and look at it?
CLERK BLACKMON: It is in the old one. It is in the old budget.
MAYOR JENKINS: Go ahead and bring it, and we can go ahead with this hotel/motel tax, I

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guess, if I can find it again.
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(Brief, inaudible discussion at Council table.)
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MAYOR JENKINS: Brian, are you up to date on that?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: So let's go ahead on the hotel/motel, see if we can get that while he's getting that other information. That's on page 41?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir. Just so everybody's on the same page, we collect a 5 percent for anybody who stays at the Holiday Inn. We collect a 5 percent tax. Based upon law, we keep 3 percent of that as administrative collection that goes into our general fund. The remaining 2 percent gets sent to the Dekalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau for tourism and promotions. We had Mr. Greenhut, who is now the new president of the Dekalb Convention & Visitors Bureau, come and do a presentation for us, which he was able to show that in 2002 they promoted the City of Doraville once. And I say

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that a little tongue-in-cheek, but he wasn't able to show much in promoting the City.

I have touched base with Ms. Fleming very briefly about the concept of us -- let me back up. The City of Dunwoody is contemplating their own CVB, and I have made a preliminary inquiry into whether they are moving forward with that. Their council has not yet made a decision on whether they're moving forward.

Once they do that, I'm going to ask permission from our Council to make arrangements or a proposal to migrate our CVB moneys to the City of Dunwoody and create a restricted fund with them so that when we need it to promote events like Doraville Days or other events, that it's there and available to us.

If it's over with the County -- let me rephrase that. If it's over with the Dekalb CVB, it goes into their general pot and they may or may not choose to use it to promote the City of Doraville, depending on what their budget needs are. And it's a big chunk of money. It's 35 to 40 thousand dollars a year that we send off to the Dekalb CVB, of which I don't think -- and Council members, correct me if I'm wrong --

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I don't see that we're getting but fifty cents' worth of promoting the City of Doraville.

We've had to beg and plead for them to actually put us on the maps that go out to promote the City that are at the rest stops and the welcome centers coming into the state of Georgia, and they just have not -- I don't feel that they've been interested in working with us to promote the City. So once Dunwoody has made up their mind, I will come back to the Council and make a recommendation that we pursue an intergovernmental agreement with them and let their CVB be a reciprocal receptacle for those dollars. And until then, there's really nothing more to add.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I agree.

MAYOR JENKINS: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And I'd like to thank Councilman Bates for keeping on top of this.

MR. MAXWELL: It is known as Department 93, and it was in fact left out. It's $600 is what is in the budget.

MAYOR JENKINS: They pay the water and everything. Was $600 for --

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MR. MAXWELL: We got repairs and maintenance of $500 and stormwater fees of $100.

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Was it included in the revenue side?

MR. MAXWELL: It would not be identified here. It would be in the revenue side of the --

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yeah. Was the property included in the --

MR. MAXWELL: Off the top of my head, I don't know what that detail is.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Did you bring copies?

MR. MAXWELL: I couldn't get the copier to work over there.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Maybe Rhonda can do it for us after we're through so we can add it to this --

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: We can print it here?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- if you don't mind.

CLERK BLACKMON: I can copy it here.

MR. MAXWELL: I'll get you-all copies.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you very

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much.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Tree Bank. All this is pretty well cut and dried as long as we keep up how much we've got in there.

Is there any comments on page 43, the Tree Bank?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Let's move right on along.

Everybody have a copy of this confiscated assets fund?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes, sir.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. I don't see any reason to go into that. Anybody have any comments on it?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Let's move on to page 48, that is Solid Waste funds.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm sorry, Mayor. Before we go there, I don't remember us ever listing confiscated assets in our regular budget. I mean we're specifically not supposed to consider it when we do our budget.

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I'm just saying it may be a good idea to go ahead and take it out of the budget before we pass it.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. I think it's just information only, isn't it?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I realize we're not spending the money or anything.
MR. MAXWELL: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's just that I don't even want the -- I don't even want it to look like we're even considering it.
MR. MAXWELL: I believe, as a special revenue, it has to be listed in the budgetary process, but I can check on that, though.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Okay. That's fine.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I mean if you're okay, I'm okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I believe Mr. Whittaker made a comment to you, recommending that it be listed.
MR. MAXWELL: It's always been listed everywhere I've been before.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Just making sure.

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MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. On page 48, any comments? Solid Waste fund?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yeah. I don't like to see a deficit for three years running.
MAYOR JENKINS: Well, you know the reason for that, don't you? The senior citizens and whatever.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Our proposed deficit on this year is $111,300.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's because we've got exempt residents and we don't do an extra service charge on the nonexempt residents to cover the exempt residents.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: So $50 a quarter, correct?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And I don't know that that $50 a quarter -- we'll just use Brian Bates as an example. That $50 that I pay, I don't think that covers the costs of the service just for me.
MAYOR JENKINS: Much less the other people.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's supposed to.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I don't think it

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does.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Based on that letter from our solid waste company, it's like $49.82.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: By the time you figure in -- and these are numbers that are not in the Solid Wwaste side, but by the time you figure in the cost of labor, the paper, the postage, all that is -- we lose money on sanitation from just me.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Well, would we make it up if we went back to Dekalb County?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I don't know the answer to that.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I think it's time that we probably went out for RFPs again for the solid waste collection, and the County certainly would be an avenue that we should check into.
MAYOR JENKINS: When is the contract? Do you have any idea when the contract --
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: I think according to Mr. Weed, the contract was illegal to start with. It was a five-year contract and it shouldn't have been.

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MAYOR JENKINS: The one we have now, when was it?
CLERK BLACKMON: I believe two more years, but I'll have to check.
MAYOR JENKINS: Two more years.
CLERK BLACKMON: It was five years.
MAYOR JENKINS: I don't think it's binding, though, is it?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: No.
MAYOR JENKINS: So I believe that we could put it out any time we care to.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Well, could someone check with the County to see what --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It doesn't seem like that many residents, though.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Exempt? 556 exempt?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: No, no, no. Total.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: No, no, no, no. That's exempt.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: How many?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm so confused.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: If we're running an operating loss of $111,300 --

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Oh. I got you.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- based on the fact that we are paying for senior citizens, which I think we should, that would be 556 addresses that the City is paying for yearly.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: At the $49 a --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: At $50 a shot.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That's why last Council meeting or two Council meetings, along with Mr. Roche's concept or idea of doing an audit on the building permits, I wanted us to audit the exempt residences to make sure that we don't have -- As an example, if there was an exempt resident living on McClave and they passed away and a new family moved in, did we ever not mark them as exempt and start charging them? I don't know the answer to that.
So I would absolutely be in favor of doing an audit of all the residents' addresses that are listed as exempt and verifying that there is someone living there that is of exempt age.
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: And maybe (inaudible).
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I believe, if

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I'm not mistaken, is the Advanced Disposal contract over at the end of this year?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: 0-10, I believe.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: 0-10.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: December of '10.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think I really like the idea of going through and auditing this, but the other thing I'd like to bring out -- and I think we talked about this before -- is regardless of who actually does our trash, I think we can make sure -- I think we can do the billing through the County.
The reason for that is that -- and I talked to several people back when we were pushing for the annexation, and one of the big reasons that people had with that was that, first of all, they're used to getting twice-a-week pickup, and I think their dollar amount was slightly above, but because it shows up on your tax bill, it's a tax deduction. And I know ours is a tax deduction, and every year I -- I think I've probably forgotten three out of the five years, you know, to just go get these things and write off that $200. And I think that it would free up our staff to work on other things, and I

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think it's worth pursuing finding out from Dekalb County what it would cost us if we have them do our billing for us. That way, you get billed twice with your taxes. I mean if your taxes go up a little bit. If it's a rental property, that's 200 bucks a year. You know, you adjust your rent or whatever. But I think it makes a whole lot of sense.
MAYOR JENKINS: I agree with that. But anyway, you want me to check and see?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I think it's definitely worth looking into.
MAYOR JENKINS: In other words, for them to do the pickup and the billing.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, at least the billing. If nothing else, the billing.
MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I believe you could question -- they charge us I think it's $10,000 to bill our property tax -- if there would be an additional charge for them to bill our sanitation.
CLERK BLACKMON: Percentage?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
And if it's -- I got to believe it's

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less than $10,000, and that sounds pretty cost effective to me.
MAYOR JENKINS: But you want to stay with Advanced at this time and just find out about the billing.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's a separate question.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: So I'm not committing either way on that one.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Because I think as far as billing, it just makes it a lot easier for homeowners because you just write the whole thing off your taxes and you're done.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. I'd like to make one correction.
Darlow, this is -- you got a Department 92, Korean Community Center. That's the Pan Asian Community Center which is Chinese.
Is that what you were talking about, the Korean Community Center?
MS. FENG: Pan Asian is Korean.
MAYOR JENKINS: But it's called Pan Asian Community Center, right? That's the one

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you're referring to.
MR. MAXWELL: That's the one I referred to. That's the one that --
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Well, it's Pan Asian.
MR. MAXWELL: -- the only other one I found that remotely resembled it.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. You didn't put an address on it.
What did we say that was? Thirty --
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: 3760 --
MAYOR JENKINS: 3760.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- Park Avenue.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Okay. Any more on the waste, Solid Waste?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does that include the recycling?
MAYOR JENKINS: No. That's separate, isn't it?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I don't remember seeing that anywhere.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I would imagine it would probably roll up into that. There's not much. I mean 60, 70 people that are doing it?

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CLERK BLACKMON: We have 74 addresses right now that we bill for recycling.
MAYOR JENKINS: You say that's combined in with this?
CLERK BLACKMON: Oh, I don't know what was put into accounting.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mr. Maxwell, can you check and see if the solid waste fund includes recycling program?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Ms. Blackmon, when they send us the bill, is it broken out?
CLERK BLACKMON: It is billed separately.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: It's billed, yeah, two separate bills.
MAYOR JENKINS: Now, they bill directly for that.
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: While we're on them, if I remember correctly, the contract requires the City in advance to do regular service audits on the routes to make sure that -- and I'm going purely by memory, so I apologize if I'm incorrect.

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Do you remember the last time that an audit was done of the routes as far as the number of pickups?
CLERK BLACKMON: I do not.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: One thing that we probably ought to be checking is making sure that they're not picking up garbage for households that were not paying sanitation, and obviously anybody that's in significant arrears, we need to -- of course that's going to be part of that collection process with GMA.
I just have a general sense that there's people having their garbage picked up that aren't getting billed.
MAYOR JENKINS: Now, you mean people that maybe have moved out and rented their house or whatever?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yeah.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. That's very possible.
CLERK BLACKMON: Well, according to our -- you're saying -- because when they move out, the address still gets billed because it is a tax.
MAYOR JENKINS: It's still billed.

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CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Right, but there's a discontinuation-of-service --
CLERK BLACKMON: Uh-huh.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- notice in the contract, if I remember correctly, and my guess would be that if someone discontinues service and then someone new comes in and service isn't renewed but they're still putting their bags out there --
CLERK BLACKMON: Oh. I got you.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- that we're picking it up and we're getting billed for it by Advanced --
CLERK BLACKMON: Got you.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- but we're not sending the resident or homeowner a corresponding bill. So I would just make sure that they do a route audit at some point.
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, because the way it's working right now, we get the mail back because people don't understand what it is. We get a lot of returned, and that's one way that we know someone has moved. And then we do attempt to send it again as a different

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1 statement so that it doesn't look like it's, you
2 know, garbage. We'll let them know.
3 But we have not audited it. I
4 understand what you're saying.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I think the
6 contract stipulates a route audit.
7 CLERK BLACKMON: Yes.
8 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If you can --
9 CLERK BLACKMON: I'll check on that.
10 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- check with
11 that, that would be great.
12 CLERK BLACKMON: Yes.
13 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: The bill itself
14 goes to the street address and not to the owner
15 of the property?
16 CLERK BLACKMON: Not necessarily. It
17 is up to the owner of the property. We have
18 them come in and we ask them in writing. Some
19 get it directly to them, and they include it in
20 their rent. Some have it with their name care
21 of the renter or the person, you know, renting.
22 So it varies.
23 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Because that
24 owner of the property should be paying
25 sanitation if their property is not rented

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1 unless they notify us.
2 CLERK BLACKMON: Correct.
3 MAYOR JENKINS: They pay right on.
4 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yeah. My concern
5 is --
6 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: But then there
7 would be no one residing at that location.
8 That's what I'm trying to get back to: that the
9 bill needs to stay with the owner of the
10 property and not the street address.
11 CLERK BLACKMON: I mean we would have
12 to make that mandatory. It's nothing written,
13 so if they request it to go to the renter, then
14 that's what we do.
15 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, it's tax
16 whether someone is living there.
17 CLERK BLACKMON: Oh, they're still
18 responsible for the bill.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah.
20 CLERK BLACKMON: Yeah, regardless. So
21 the lien will go against the property and it
22 would go against that person who owns it.
23 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Legally,
24 though, if we could just direct it to the
25 property owner, I think we would be better off,

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1 rather than the renter.
2 CLERK BLACKMON: I'll have to check
3 with Murray if we could do that.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's why --
5 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Because I
6 think it's billed like the property tax is
7 billed to the actual person.
8 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: That's one of the
9 reasons we'd want the County to do the billing.
10 MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Anything else on
11 that?
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13 (No response)
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15 MAYOR JENKINS: Stormwater, page 50.
16 Any comments on Stormwater?
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18 (No response)
19 - - -
20 MAYOR JENKINS: No comments? Okay.
21 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, this is a
22 public hearing. Were we going to allow the
23 public to be heard?
24 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, sir.
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: If anybody wants

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1 to.
2 MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, sir. Come on up
3 to the microphone.
4 MR. CRAWFORD: Ben Crawford.
5 I've actually come to a lot of these
6 meetings and listened to the cities surrounded
7 by a lot of communities and counties around the
8 state that have a lot of economic hard times and
9 they're all taking a lot of drastic approaches
10 to the situations they find themselves in, and
11 it appears to me that the City of Doraville is
12 not taking the same approach in many different
13 areas.
14 And a few of them I'd like to point
15 out, one of which is I think the insurance
16 that's provided to the City employees, it seems
17 like the insurance is a very sweet deal in
18 Doraville and it might be something that should
19 be, next time around, if you're concerned about
20 the employees -- and everybody should be
21 concerned about their employees and taking care
22 of them -- at some point, you have to realize
23 that costs are getting higher and higher, and in
24 all fairness to the community and to the city,
25 it might be time that the City look at putting

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more of the burden of the insurance on the employees. And to do that, I would think the fair thing to have done when you were covering the insurance was to come up with a date where you'd say to the employees, say, a year from now, this is what we're going to be doing.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mr. Crawford --

MR. CRAWFORD: Let me just finish all my points.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Hold on. We've already done that.

MR. CRAWFORD: Okay. No. I'm just mentioning a few things. No.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Well, I'll --

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah. Just give me a minute and then I'll be done.

Another thing is is you mentioned about the -- when you got to the Maintenance Department and you covered it, you had 17 Maintenance employees. And I know that you did touch on this subject, but to me it seems like a good use of the Maintenance Department would be to go and look throughout the city and come up with a list, generate a list, that maybe the Mayor could generate with the help of the

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Maintenance Department, and come up with a lot of projects throughout the city that the Maintenance Department could do that would save a lot of money. It would be a very proactive thing, a good way not to lay off any employees. And I know the Mayor thinks this way a lot of times about a lot of projects, and it would be a way to save a lot of money.

I'm not trying to be negative about the city, negative about the budget. We have to start thinking about the future of the city.

And then one last thing I'd like to point out is that we should look at the size of our city and what people in general get paid, and we should be competitive to keep employees -- I've got one other thing after this -- we should be competitive with other places so we get the best people, retain the best people, but we should be realistic about what we pay people.

I know of a person that's in a position similar to this city, and the difference -- in a city about the same size -- and the difference of pay is about 50 percent. And you can say, well, that's just there. But I think that we

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should be honest with ourselves and we should look at what we can afford to pay as a city this size.

And the last thing I'd like to point out is I do agree with Mr. Roche about hiring a full-time City building official. I think you should look and see. I'm sure that the one we have now is an excellent inspector. I'm not saying he's not. But I think, as I said before, that would be somebody that would be vested in the community. You don't need a one-and-a-half times building inspector, but it would be nice to get somebody on board now. At some point the economy's going to pick up and the GM property's going to get developed and it would be good to have a building official that interacted well, not that the part-time guy doesn't interact well with Scott, but to have him on board, vested with the City, full-time employee, and I think it would be a very good thing for the City, and that's all I have to say.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.

With regard to the employee health insurance, we did pass on a 15 percent increase to the employees.

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MR. CRAWFORD: No. I realize that, Brian. I'm just talking in reality terms. I mean I know what I pay in my job, you know, and what other people pay. You know, I think it's something that should be looked at. I mean you should let people know, hey, times are changing. That's all.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you, Mr. Crawford.

MAYOR JENKINS: Come on up, Susan.

MS. FRAYSSE: After me, Charlene's going to talk about the Pan Asians.

Susan Fraysse.

I would like to also say in a very general way that I know I've seen us work and struggle with employees and benefits and pay and merit pay and job categories and classifications and balancing and the employee handbook and all of that, and I hope that at this point today or sometime very soon, every single employee of the City has a valid job description with duties that are authentically what they are expected to do and that that is the basis of their evaluation once a year -- maybe twice a year, I think it is -- and that it be the way that

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1 people respect, yes, this is their job, this is
2 what they're expected to do, this is how they're
3 remunerated. I think it just makes for a
4 tighter, more efficient structure for all of our
5 employees. It may already be the case right
6 now. I certainly hope so.
7 MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Susan.
8 Stuart?
9 MR. ANDERSON: Stuart Anderson.
10 You probably handled this already, but
11 earlier in one of the budget meetings there was
12 a discussion about the street-light costs and
13 who was being charged for them and if we were
14 going to pay Dekalb County for them, and there
15 were several back-and-forths, and one of our
16 departments was being charged for street lights,
17 and I was wondering if we'd resolved all that.
18 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: If my memory
19 serves me correct, the City pays or the Public
20 Works Department pays for general street lights.
21 As far as the new street lights that
22 are on Buford Highway, that still resides with
23 the County.
24 MR. ANDERSON: But they billed us for
25 it and we're not paying that bill or --? There

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1 was something going on.
2 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: We had received
3 correspondence from Georgia Power indicating
4 that the County was wanting to off-load it onto
5 us. We responded accordingly, and that was the
6 end of the matter.
7 MR. ANDERSON: Thanks.
8 MAYOR JENKINS: And Chamblee did the
9 same. They refused.
10 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Chamblee did the
11 same.
12 MAYOR JENKINS: Anybody else?
13 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Make a motion
14 to adjourn.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: We have a motion to
16 adjourn.
17 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: I think
18 Rhonda had something she wanted to mention.
19 CLERK BLACKMON: Yes.
20 MAYOR JENKINS: Oh, you do?
21 CLERK BLACKMON: I need you-all to give
22 me an idea for the payroll outsource, what night
23 next week, hopefully, you would like to
24 interview these companies so that we can get
25 rolling on that. Or you can e-mail me, but I

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1 need to know that really quickly.
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Is it too late to
3 do it this week? I mean next week we have two
4 meetings already.
5 I'm open.
6 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I thought we
7 only had one meeting next week.
8 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Don't we have
9 them Monday and Tuesday?
10 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Council
11 meeting and a budget meeting.
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Oh. Council
13 meeting and Tuesday. That's right.
14 COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: We have a
15 Tuesday meeting also, yeah.
16 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yeah, to pass
17 this.
18 MAYOR JENKINS: Why couldn't we do it
19 this week?
20 CLERK BLACKMON: If we can get ahold of
21 them. I just need an idea for Mr. Maxwell to
22 give them, what night, so that we can get them
23 pinpointed.
24 MR. MAXWELL: Which night?
25 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, Tuesday we

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1 have a budget meeting.
2 MAYOR JENKINS: What about Thursday?
3 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: I know, but the
4 Tuesday budget meeting is going to be I make a
5 motion to approve, so why don't we do it on the
6 21st?
7 MAYOR JENKINS: On Tuesday, yes.
8 CLERK BLACKMON: And that's the 21st.
9 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And their --
10 MAYOR JENKINS: And you're thinking
11 about having it on --
12 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: And their
13 presentations --
14 MAYOR JENKINS: -- having it on the
15 same night?
16 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: -- we should
17 limit them to 20 minutes each or 15 minutes each
18 or something.
19 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Well, maybe half
20 an hour.
21 MAYOR JENKINS: What I'm saying, do you
22 want to have them on the same night as the
23 budget?
24 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: That would be
25 my preference.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I concur. Unfortunately, I can't do Wednesday or Thursday of this week.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And I can't do Friday.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I'm fine.
MAYOR JENKINS: You say the 21st.
CLERK BLACKMON: Yes, sir.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: After the budget.
MAYOR JENKINS: Darlow, can you --
CLERK BLACKMON: After we do the budget adoption.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Correct.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: And give them half an hour each.
MR. MAXWELL: The time for the budget adoption meeting is what time?
CLERK BLACKMON: I believe it's at 6:00. So if we tell them --
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: 6:30?
CLERK BLACKMON: -- 6:30 to 7:30, roundabout.
MR. MAXWELL: Okay. I will e-mail them tonight.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Good.

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COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
MAYOR JENKINS: I have a motion to adjourn.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Second.
MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?
COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Spangler?
COUNCILMEMBER SPANGLER: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you. That was a good meeting.

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(Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 p.m.)

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