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Transcript of the meeting 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 10:45 a.m., March 17, 2010.

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APPEARANCES:
Doraville City Council:
Hon. Ray Jenkins, Mayor
Councilmember Maria Alexander
Councilmember Brian Bates
Councilmember Karen Pachuta
Councilmember Donna Pittman
Councilmember Bob Roche
Councilmember Pam Fleming
Rhonda Blackmon, City Clerk
Murray J. Weed, City Attorney

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR JENKINS: Meeting come to order. This is a special-called meeting of the Doraville City Council.

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 Pachuta?

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Here.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Here.

MAYOR JENKINS: We have no minutes to approve so we'll go into Mayor's Comments.

I want to welcome the Sequoyah Middle School students to our Doraville City Council, and we'll get to you folks in just a minute.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mayor, if I can.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yeah, Brian. Go ahead and introduce if you would.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: I'd like to welcome Principal Cunningham and Mrs. Smith. Where did you go? There she is. Thank you. We're glad to have eighth grade students with us today.

And very briefly, Mr. Mayor, we do have an Atlanta Silverbacks player who's got to step out for a few moments, and we want to -- she's signing autographs. You guys will be able to get those a little bit later. But we do want to recognize her and say thank you and we'll miss you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.

We got a couple reports we need to take care of first, so I'm going to ask Chief Atkinson. He is our Acting Chief while John is in Afghanistan, which he has returned. John King has returned from Afghanistan and he'll be back probably April the 4th.

ACTING CHIEF ATKINSON: Okay. Mayor and Council, real quick, I just have two items. Just wanted to go back over these crime stats that we -- We did a comparison from January to February and noticed that our major felony crimes have decreased, our armed robberies are down, burglaries are down, aggravated assaults are down, entering autos are down, forgeries are down. All of those crimes can be associated with the economy, people taking other people's things

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because they can't afford it.
So hopefully, this will continue. Our officers and detectives are out working hard trying to combat this problem.
Also, yesterday I went down to the Capitol for Chiefs Day, and there was a lot of chiefs down there. We met with the legislators. There is some legislation going through the Capitol now that deals directly with government and police departments. One is Senate Bill 295 and it aims at outlawing municipalities to work speed detection on Federally-funded highways. Don't know that that's going anywhere in this legislative session, but if it does, it's going to have a severe impact on us. And outside of, you know, of their running speed detection, we do it for safety reasons, and I give you a figure.
The year prior to the City of Doraville actually taking back over 285 and working up there, there were three traffic-related fatalities. In the six years since that we've been up there, there's only been three total. So we are up there making a difference. We are up there slowing the traffic down.
So if there's no other questions, I'm finished.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That would apply to

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Buford Highway; correct?
ACTING CHIEF ATKINSON: Yes. Federally-funded roadways is what I'm being told. You know, when I thought about it, I was just thinking 285, the interstate system, but I think the wording of the bill is any Federally-funded highways.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.
MAYOR JENKINS: Our Storm Water person, Mr. Steve Strickland, got a report.
MR. STRICKLAND: Mayor and Council, this is the Storm Water report for the month of March.
The biggest thing that we've gotten started this month is the Autumn Park Stream Bank Restoration Project. That started earlier this month. We will be working from Raymond Drive back to where it ties into Phase I that was completed a couple of years ago.
We have had one citizen we found with a leaking septic tank. Another citizen is converting from septic to sewer. This is something that both the State and Dekalb County would like any -- any citizen to do that has the means, because, in general, the sanitary sewer system is less likely to fail and have a leakage than an aging septic system.
We had one complaint called in about a

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stopped-up catch basin. The City has performed 10 storm water inspections on restaurants, only found one major violation, which has already been cleaned up; two minor problems that I'm working with the restaurants on. And we do have a new restaurant that opened up in the city within the past month, so I went ahead and spoke with them to make sure we get them on board. This is all part of the State clean-water campaign.
We have issued four tree-removal permits. I attended the GSWCC meeting in Dekalb County for this month. Later on this month, I will be meeting with Dekalb County to go over our annual report and every-thing that we need the County to do for us. This again is a State requirement.
And we will also be having later in this month a precon on the K-Mart parking lot where that parking lot has sinkholes and has failed. We are assuming this is part of their storm water and pipe system but we won't know that until that actually gets dug up. But Sears owns that property and they have hired a contractor to go ahead and start working on that problem.
So that's the report. I'll be happy to take any questions at this time.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Will you tell us what "precon" means?
MR. STRICKLAND: Precon? Preconstruction. We like to meet with them. They'll be actually getting a building permit from us because we want to do an inspection if they do end up repairing or replacing that pipe system. So the City, the owners and the contractors all get together and have a meeting before any construction starts and make sure that everyone's on the same page --
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
MR. STRICKLAND: -- and that everyone has contact information and stuff like that.
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: I just wasn't familiar with the term.
MR. STRICKLAND: Yes. I have been doing this for years and, you know, we have all these little abbreviations that we use, like at, you know, a lot of municipalities, a preconstruction meeting is mandatory just to make sure nothing gets started without anyone knowing and everyone's, you know, essentially all the same page, and we tell them what we need to happen, you know, first, and, you know, go about the sequence of construction. Basically if you had a new project, you make sure that they have all their erosion control

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1 up before they actually start --
2 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.
3 MR. STRICKLAND: -- any vegetation removal.
4 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Thank you.
5 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: On the K-Mart
6 sinkhole, how big and how many sinkholes are there?
7 MR. STRICKLAND: There's actually just one
8 major one, but it's probably 16 feet deep when you go
9 there and look at it, but there's -- a bad pipe system
10 can be 300 feet long. So until they dig it up, we
11 won't know how much of that has failed. And a lot of
12 times the replacement is actually going to be more
13 cost effective than repair, you know, should last
14 longer. So hopefully, they won't have to replace all
15 300 feet but they won't know that until they actually
16 get in there and dig it up and, you know, take a look,
17 because it's a pretty old system as you know.
18 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: When we were at
19 clean-up day at Sequoyah Middle School this weekend,
20 we noticed two very large sinkholes. Would that be
21 something you would look into or would you get with
22 Dekalb County since it's on school property?
23 MR. STRICKLAND: You know, like I say, I'd
24 like to take a look at that and know about anything,
25 and if it's not our responsibility, that's BOE

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1 property. So they have a maintenance program that may
2 be able to; if not, they'll probably contract with
3 Dekalb County or, you know, their own private
4 contractor. But definitely, you know, take a look,
5 give any help or advice, you know, that we can give.
6 COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: They are quite
7 large.
8 MR. STRICKLAND: They are.
9 COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.
10 MR. STRICKLAND: I'll definitely take a look
11 at that just to, you know, know about it and assist
12 them in any way that we can.
13 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.
14 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
15 MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Steve.
16 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank y'all.
17 MAYOR JENKINS: No public comments, so we'll
18 go into old business.
19 City Marshal Ordinance, Murray Weed.
20 MR. WEED: Mr. Mayor and members of Council,
21 this ordinance has been on the books since 1993. The
22 short version of the story is that in 1993, the City
23 Council at that time decided to create a city marshal
24 position. The function of the city marshal was
25 essentially to do code enforcement. And by that, the

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1 code enforcement areas usually involve nuisance
2 abatement, littering, local ordinance violations that
3 would be misdemeanor offenses and wouldn't be felonies
4 or other items that the police department would
5 ordinarily deal with directly.
6 That position was created and it was filled
7 for a while; however, that position for some years now
8 has not been utilized or filled.
9 What is currently in place is the Quality of
10 Life unit. The Quality of Life unit was created in
11 2007, in February and March of 2007. That unit is now
12 also in charge of code enforcement.
13 Because the two things are duplicative and
14 because we have not utilized the city marshal for
15 quite some time, and after talking to the Acting
16 Police Chief, Chuck Atkinson about the position, it is
17 the recommendation of the legal department that that
18 duplicative language in the ordinance be deleted and
19 we proceed on with what we're currently doing, which
20 is the Quality of Life unit.
21 MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Murray.
22 Do I have a motion?
23 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So moved.
24 MAYOR JENKINS: Second?
25 COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Second.

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1 MAYOR JENKINS: More discussion?
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3 (No response)
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5 MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.
6 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?
7 COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.
8 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?
9 COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.
10 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?
11 COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.
12 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pachuta?
13 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
14 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?
15 COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
16 CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
17 COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
18 MAYOR JENKINS: Separate Zoning Meeting
19 Ordinance, Murray Weed.
20 MR. WEED: Mr. Mayor and members of the
21 Council, this deals with Code Section 2-31 and this is
22 what we lawyers call literally it's an old fashioned
23 house cleaning or clean-up ordinance.
24 Very briefly, the Council underneath the
25 charter provisions and underneath this code section

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which reflects the charter, you have two regularly-scheduled meetings a month. They are on the first and the third Mondays. In the existing ordinance, the time for those meetings is already scheduled at 7 o'clock, and based upon your recent reconfiguration of the agendas and the ordinance in 2-36 that sets out how you're going to be handling your meetings from now on, you are now meeting at 6:30. And I think all of you -- so far, that seems to be working out well as far as I can tell.

What this ordinance will do, it will achieve three things. One, it would include the new time, which is now 6:30 as opposed to 7:00, and it would deal with the issue of there being a third regularly-scheduled meeting which would -- we've listed it at the beginning of the fourth Monday of the month.

Now, I haven't mentioned that in this ordinance, that that meeting right now has been used for public hearings on zoning. However, those words are not in this ordinance, and as you know, the general rule is if you've got a quorum of your membership, you've got a meeting, and if you've got a meeting, you can conduct whatever business you need to conduct.

The only rule about that or the only warning

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about the fact that if it's a special-called meeting, you are only allowed to underneath the terms of the charter deal with the subjects that are listed in the notification of that special-called meeting. For example, here today, you'd only be allowed to deal with the items that are currently on the agenda that was preposted unless you unanimously voted to amend the agenda. However, if you have a regular meeting, then a raw majority vote would allow you to add or subtract items from the agenda.

Bearing all that in mind, it's our recommendation that you modify Section 2-31 and create this third regular meeting of the month.

MAYOR JENKINS: Did you have a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Second.

MAYOR JENKINS: Second. Anymore discussion?

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(No response)

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MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll, please.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?

COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

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CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pachuta?

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: We have a presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Mayor, before we go into that, under New Business, I'd like to make a motion to move item number 2 to the end.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So that is the form of a motion.

MAYOR JENKINS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: 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 Pachuta?

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COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: Motion carried.

Atlanta Silverbacks. And Brian, will you introduce them?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes, sir. Mayor and members of Council, this is Stacy Schuler. She is the executive director of the Atlanta Silverbacks. We spoke several weeks ago first time and then a few weeks ago or last week.

With the Atlanta Silverbacks being so close to the city of Doraville, it seems to be an opportunity for a great fit in partnering with them and the City.

So with that, I'm going to turn it over to Ms. Schuler, and share with us what you've come up with.

MS. SCHULER: Great. Mayor, Council, thank you so much for having us out today. I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you.

When Brian contacted me, he was interested in exploring ways to create a partnership that would

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be of benefit to the City of Doraville as well as to the Atlanta Silverbacks. As we carried on our discussion, what we were able to work out is that we should create a City of Doraville Night on May 22nd, which is our second home game for the women's team this summer, where residents of the city of Doraville will have an opportunity to purchase heavily discounted tickets.

We'll do a lot of different things. We'll have Mayor Jenkins come out prior to the game to do the coin toss, we're going to give him an autographed jersey; we'll, you know, maybe invite you-all out to the field at halftime and do a number of things like that.

As Brian and I talked about the details for this, his idea was that you-all be able to approach local business groups, civic groups, organizations in the community and allow them to purchase blocks of tickets for $3.00 a ticket -- that's a big discount off of our normal $10-a-ticket price, and that price is for adults or children, so the tickets would apply to anyone -- and then hand out those tickets in the local schools.

During the break, I actually spoke with Ms. Cunningham at Sequoyah and also Ms. Pittman about

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the schools that her children are involved with, and I think that we probably want to go a step further.

I'm going to offer to all the schools in the Doraville area basically tickets on consignment. So in other words, as you-all hand out tickets to the children, we want to make sure that the families in your community have an opportunity to also purchase $3.00 tickets. So what I'll do is take a block of tickets to each of the schools. We can work out the logistics of that. The school will sell the ones that they're able to at the $3.00 and then just return to me any unsold tickets and the money for the ones that are sold. So that way, the family members can also purchase $3.00 tickets instead of having to pay the $10 when they arrive at the gate, so I think that'll help us go even a step further in creating a partnership that helps everybody, because we certainly want to try to do that.

Are there questions?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes. Where would the businesses come in on this?

MS. SCHULER: Well, when Brian and I first talked about it, his idea was to go to the business groups and let them purchase $3.00 tickets that would then be handed out to the kids in the schools in the

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Doraville community, so those --

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Right.

MS. SCHULER: -- kids would get their tickets for free, whether it's a reward for something they've done well, whether it's an entire class, an entire school, depending on how you-all decide to distribute them.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: And there's some recognitions in place that you would be able to do for the businesses if they purchased, you know, a certain block.

MS. SCHULER: Yes. One of the other things I also offered to Brian is if you've got a business group that purchases a hundred tickets or more, I'll be able to give them an additional 10 for free that they can just use for their group members to come as well.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.

Based upon that -- I'm excited about this opportunity and this partnership -- I'm going to make a motion to have May 22nd be City of Doraville Night with the Atlanta Silverbacks.

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Second

MAYOR JENKINS: Call the roll.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Alexander?

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEXANDER: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Bates?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Fleming?

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pachuta?

COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.

CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you very much.

MS. SCHULER: Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. Sequoyah Middle School's presentation. You ready to go?

MS. ESQUIVEL: Good morning to each of you. We're eighth grade students from Sequoyah Middle School. Our principal here today is Brittney Cunningham. Our names are Lucerito Maganda and Dulce Esuivel. This morning, we would like to discuss with all of you about social issues of recycling and the benefits it will bring to our community and world.

Have you ever thought about how many bottles of liquid have you drunk in the past month? Have you

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ever thought about where do they go?
Last year, it was reported that there were about 32 billion pounds of all kinds of plastic that were not recycled. It makes a big environmental concern, because the plastic stays around for a very, very long time.
Where does it all go? Some of it ends up in landfills. What are landfills? They are garbage dumps. We all know how smelly, ugly, and dangerous they can be. They are hazards to communities. They can actually make you sick. They are growing and growing faster than nature can get rid of.
According to Lydia Bjornlund in her book Going Green, plastic presents the greatest problem in our garbage system. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, plastic packaging makes up more than one third of all solid waste from our city.
Recycling is a process that collects and reuse materials that will otherwise be thrown away. It is collected. The plastic are crushed into small pieces, melted, or treated with chemicals. After they are melted or treated with chemicals, the liquid gets formed into new products like new plastic containers, furniture, and it even gets woven into fabrics to make carpet. Some of you might be even wearing plastic at

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this moment if you're wearing fleece.
Fortunately, a 2006 survey revealed that Americans were willing to do something to protect the environment. 62 percent said that they recycled cardboard, loose paper, glass, and plastic. Bins or huge dumpsters are provided for people to place their rubbish in the correct places.
MS. MAGANDA: You probably noticed a triangle on plastic products with a number in it. That indicates what type of plastic it is.
As Dulce stated earlier, 62 percent of Americans agree to recycle. What happened to the other 38 percent of you? What can we all do to our help our environment?
First we need to think about not using so many plastic bottles. Plastic bottles last a very long time. They can be used over and over again. The next time you buy bottle drink, try to find one that is easy to refill. That may be one with a bigger mouth. That way, you can wash it easily and use it over gain.
Also, think about drinking water you get from a drinking fountain or your kitchen sink. Much of the water you spend good money to buy is nothing more than tap water. Dasani water is tap water

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filtered with minerals added back. Water is a natural product. Why is it put into manmade bottles?
We are lucky that the City of Doraville has a program for separating and recycling our paper, plastic, aluminum cans, and glass.
If you live in a house, you can purchase special recycling bin for your family's use. It costs $13.50 every three months. You can put your paper, plastic, aluminum cans and glass in it and it will be picked up every Friday.
Unfortunately, they do not pick up from an apartment complex. If you live in an apartment complex, as we do, we must encourage our families to separate our garbage at home and take it to Honeysuckle Park.
In Honeysuckle Park, there is a huge recycling area where you can recycle your garbage. It is taken away every Wednesday by a company called Caraustar, one of the largest companies in North America recycle products. If you have never visited this recycling area, our brochures will provide you with directions.
Once at the recycling area in Honeysuckle Park, you will find separate containers for paper, plastic, aluminum cans and glass. Place everything in

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the correct container and do not throw anything on the ground.
Recycling is not a difficult task. This will help our community. We all like to live in a clean environment. It will take some effort, but we will soon get used to it. It is a good habit to start.
Please take one of our brochures and use the map on the back which contains directions to Honeysuckle Park of Doraville.
Thank you for your time and patience.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you.
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(Applause)
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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So just to be clear, at your apartment complex, they don't do --
MS. MAGANDA: No.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: -- recycling at all. Thank you. That's good to know.
Do you have any questions?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: You did an excellent job.
MAYOR JENKINS: Very good. Wonderful.
MS. MAGANDA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Thank you very much.
We are going to be looking at our garbage collection and recycling again this fall, so we'll be sure to weigh in your recommendations and considerations, especially regarding apartment complexes. So thank you.
MS. MAGANDA: Okay. You're welcome.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you. Very good.
MS. MAGANDA: I want to present you a recycle of our environment.
MAYOR JENKINS: Walk over here with it, please.
MR. WEED: Mr. Mayor, I was talking to the Clerk, and we have a rack that we can set up these brochures in the main lobby area. That might be an appropriate thing to do.
MAYOR JENKINS: Right.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Very good. Thank you.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Mr. Mayor?
Students, I just want to thank you very, very much for being here, and this presentation has really opened my eyes. And you are the adults of tomorrow, and your efforts in illustrating to us today the importance of recycling is not going to go unnoticed, and I really do appreciate it.

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And I was very touched by the presentation and what you're doing in the school, Sequoyah Middle School. And as I told the first class, I was so touched, and I'm a real big fan of the Disney Channel. And the Friends for Change -- you are the Friends for Change. So I appreciate that, and I'm going to do whatever I can to possibly submit Sequoyah Middle School for some honors or recognitions for this Friends for Change.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you, Pam.
Brian?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Any of you participate in the clean-up this past Saturday at Sequoyah? The presentation was very appropriate. We collected over 40 bags of recyclable materials, plastic bottles and things like that, and also over 30 bags of trash and 120 tires. So if all of that had gone to the landfill, it would have been 70 bags of stuff, and now it's only 30, so recycling is very important.
Based upon that, I have a resolution for Mayor and Council to consider.
(Reading) Whereas, on March the 13th, 2010, over 80 parents, teachers, students, Sequoyah alumni, residents and employees participated in a clean-up at Sequoyah Middle School; and whereas, the clean-up

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resulted in collecting of over 40 bags of recycled materials, 30 bags of trash and 120 tires; and whereas, on March the 17th, 2010, the Sequoyah Middle School eighth grade class presented to the Doraville Mayor and City Council a presentation on recycling; therefore, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doraville, Georgia, hereby resolve that the week of March 15th be Sequoyah Middle School Week.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.
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(Applause)
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COUNCILMEMBER BATES: That is in the form of a motion, sir.
MAYOR JENKINS: Do I get a second?
COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: 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 Pachuta?
COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.

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CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: Okay. We'll open it for questions and answers for about five minutes. Anybody have any questions or want to say anything?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: From you guys. Questions from you guys.
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: And it doesn't have to be just about recycling. It can be about anything.
MAYOR JENKINS: Come up to the microphone, please. Give your name for the reporter.
MS. ORTIZ: I'm Sindy Ortiz.
Do we get paid for recycling?
MAYOR JENKINS: Excuse me?
MS. ORTIZ: Do we get paid for recycling?
MAYOR JENKINS: Good question. Do we get paid for recycling?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Does the City get paid for recycling or if you recycle cans on your own do you get paid?
MS. ORTIZ: Our own.
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: The City has an agreement with a recycling company that does reimburse

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the City for recycling. Unfortunately, because of the market, the commodities market, there's so much extra material out there, they have not been doing any reimbursement to the City right now. But as the market changes, they will reimburse us for everything that's recycled. That's a great question.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: So are you asking if you get paid, is that your question --

MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: -- or the City?

There are cans that you could take to places that they will pay you by weight.

MS. ORTIZ: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you. Any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Does anybody want to be a city councilperson when they grow up? Do you have any questions about that?

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Any questions about anything?

MAYOR JENKINS: You, sir? Your name, sir?

MR. MADEROS: Luis. Luis Maderos.

What is the job of the City Council?

MAYOR JENKINS: What is the job of the City Council?

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MR. MADEROS: Yes.

MAYOR JENKINS: To do exactly what you see. We pass ordinances, we pass laws, among many other things.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: We try to decide what's best for the residents and the business owners and for the employees for the City, and we pass policies to make sure that everyone's safe and working properly. We also pass ordinances to make sure potholes are taken care of and ordinances to make sure that businesses are run right. That's what our positions do.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It's a little bit like in Washington. They have the Senate and the Congress, you know, who kind of pass the laws, and then they have the President who actually is in charge of enacting those laws or making sure that they happen.

And we're sort of like the people that -- you know, we're sort of like the Congress, I guess, in that we represent people. We're elected to represent, again, the citizens and, to an extent, the businesses. And when things come up that we need to change direction or add new laws or whatever, our job is to look at those and try to make our best -- you know, best decisions on them. And then once they're passed,

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then it goes to the Mayor and to the City Hall to actually implement those or enforce those ordinances or change those policies or whatever.

It can be very rewarding, because I think that every citizen should make an effort to try to give something back at some point and participate. The more participation, the better, and you don't have to be 18 to start participating.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Very good question.

MAYOR JENKINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR JENKINS: Very good. Anyone else? Come on up, please.

MR. MORAN: Norman Moran. Why do we have to recycle?

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: You don't have to.

MAYOR JENKINS: No. That's right.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES: Nobody requires you to recycle, but it is a good thing to do for the environment, but you don't have to. It's not required.

MAYOR JENKINS: Also for the environment and also good for our resources are giving out, and if we recycle, we won't have to take more from our trees and different things like that.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: It's like -- the

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question that you asked is excellent because a lot of us do not recycle. But I sort of think about recycling like would I leave my water running and then go to work? I wouldn't do that. So because water is a natural resource for us, we make sure that we turn off the water before we leave the faucet; right? So recycling is that important. We need to try to recycle everything that we possibly can to preserve our environment.

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: It takes energy to create these things. In Georgia particularly or in the south, a lot of that energy comes from burning coal. And the more coal you burn, the more it affects the air you breathe. And frankly, the more coal, the more people get asthma. I mean it actually has a health effect on people.

I was in a different country not too long ago, and you could almost cut out -- take pieces of the air home with you because it was so polluted, you know, and Atlanta has, you know, air pollution problems too. So any time you have to build something, you know, there's a lot of ramifications beyond just what you're actually building -- not to mention this takes oil. You know, a lot of petroleum products go into this. And of course, you know, we

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could talk about that all day long, obviously.
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING: Thank you for the question.
MAYOR JENKINS: All right. Anyone else?
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MAYOR JENKINS: Motion we adjourn?
COUNCILMEMBER BATES: So moved.
MAYOR JENKINS: Second?
COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: 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 Pachuta?
COUNCILMEMBER PACHUTA: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Pittman?
COUNCILMEMBER PITTMAN: Yes.
CLERK BLACKMON: Councilmember Roche?
COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE: Yes.
MAYOR JENKINS: Thank everyone for coming.

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(Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.)
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