

>> Mayor: GOOD AFTERNOON,
EVERYBODY.
WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY

COMMISSION.
WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS THAT WE KNOW
THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TAKE
EXTRA TIME TO WALK THROUGH AND

THINK THROUGH, AND I'M GLAD THAT
YOU ALL ARE HERE TO HELP US DO
THAT.
MR. CLARKE.

>> FIRST, THE ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA.
>> SO MOVED.
>> Mayor: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A

SECOND.
EVERYBODY HAS TO WEIGH IN ON
THIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS
PRINTED.

ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> Mayor: ANY OPPOSED?
ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE AN AGENDA.

MR. CLERK?
>> WE HAVE OUR ORDINANCES,
SECOND READING.
FIRST ITEM IS ITEM 2023-622.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING
SECTIONS 4-1 AND 4-4 OF THE CITY
CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO

THE SALE, DISPENSING, POSSESSION
AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL;
AMENDING SECTION 18-20 OF THE
CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING

TO THE PURCHASE, SALE AND
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IN PARKS;
AND AMENDING SECTION 2-339 OF
THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

RELATING TO CIVIL CITATION FOR
THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF
AN OPEN CONTAINER OF AN
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE; PROVIDING

DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK.
MR. PERSONS?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I HAVE THE BACKUP, INCLUDING

EXHIBIT C, CHANGING TO THE
EFFECTIVE DATE TO JANUARY 1,
2024.

THERE WAS ADDITIONAL

CONVERSATION AND A MOTION BY THE
COMMISSION AFTER THE PASSAGE OF
THIS ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING
AND, AND STAFF PROVIDED SOME

BACKUP IN THIS ITEM FOR
COMMISSION CLARIFICATION ON SOME
OF THOSE ISSUES, SO WE'RE HAPPY
TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU

MAY HAVE.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
TO BE CLEAR FOR EVERYONE, THIS

FIRST/SECOND READING ORDINANCE
IS BASICALLY PUTTING BACK INTO
PLACE THE OPEN CONTAINER
ORDINANCE AS IT WAS TWO YEARS

AGO.
THE SECOND ONE ADDRESSES ITEM
TWO OPEN OUR AGENDA ADDRESSES
DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THESE TWO ITEMS I THINK WE'LL
HAVE GOOD DISCUSSION AND

FEEDBACK FROM.
WHILE THEY SEEMED TO OVERLAP AND
BE THE SAME, THEY'RE TWO VERY
DIFFERENT ITEMS.

THE ITEM THAT WILL BE COMING TO
THE HOSPITALITY, ARTS AND
CULTURAL DISTRICT, WE'LL BE
TALKING ABOUT SPECIFIC

GEOGRAPHY, AND THIS CONTAINER
ORDINANCE DOES SOMETHING THAT
HAS BEEN IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE
PANDEMIC FOR LONGER THAN I'VE

BEEN IN GAINESVILLE, SO IT WAS A
LONG TIME, MANY, MANY YEARS.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT, YOU MAY
HAVE THE HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE, I

DO NOT THERE, BUT IT'S BEEN SOME
TIME.
I THINK IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY
ORDINANCE.

I THINK THERE'S NEXUS TO BOTH
PUBLIC SAFETY, HAVING A VIBRANT
CITY AND A WELCOMING CITY, AND I
DON'T THINK BEING ABLE TO DRINK

ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME 24/7 IN
PUBLIC PLACES MAKES US A CITY
THAT'S MORE WELCOMING AND
VIBRANT, AND CERTAINLY NOT

SAFER.

>> MR. MAYOR, BEFORE YOU CALL
THE ROLL, JUST FOR CLARITY.
THERE WERE THREE ORDINANCES IN

THE PACKAGE.

IT'S THE THIRD ONE, DRAFT
ORDINANCE 20231026.
THERE'S THREE THERE AND I WANTED

TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ONE THAT
IS PASSED IS THE VERSION THAT
ANDREW SPOKE TO MOMENTS AGO.
>> MADAM MANAGER, THAT WOULD BE

THE ONE THAT TAKES US TO WHAT IT
WAS PRE-PANDEMIC IN ITS ENTIRETY
WITHOUT THE OTHER SPECIFICITY.
>> THAT'S CORRECT.

I'LL YIELD TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.
I THINK THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS
THE CHANGE HERE.
THERE'S THREE ORDINANCES IN THIS

BACKUP AND IT'S THE LAST ONE
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW.
>> MR. MAYOR, THE ORDINANCE AT
ISSUE RIGHT NOW, THE SUBJECT OF

THIS MOTION RIGHT NOW IS THE ONE
THAT'S ADDED.
WE HAVE FORWARDED A COPY OF THE
ORDINANCE ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND

FOR SOME REASON, DOUBLE CHECKED
THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE,
JANUARY 1ST, HAD NOT BEEN
UPDATED SO THAT'S THE ONLY THING

THAT'S CHANGED BETWEEN THE
PREVIOUS ONE WITH THE MOST
RECENT ONE.
OVERALL, THIS ORDINANCE HERE, AS

DIRECTED, IS WORD FOR WORD WHAT
WAS IN PLACE PRIOR TO 2020, WITH
THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF A TWEAK TO
SECTION 41B2, WHERE WE HAD TO

ADD LANGUAGE TO COMPORT WITH THE
STATE'S STATUTE TALKING ABOUT
RESEALED CONTAINERS.
SO LINES ON PAGE 3, LINES 5-12

JUST ARE THAT ADDITION TO DEAL
WITH THAT STATUTORY TWEAK.
OTHERWISE, IT'S THE ORDINANCE
THAT WAS IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE

ORDINANCE HELD IN ABEYANCE IN
2020 AND LATER AMENDED IN 2020
OR 2021, IT'S THAT VERSION.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU,

MR. ATTORNEY.
THANK YOU, MADAM MANAGER.
GOT A LITTLE AHEAD OF OURSELVES.
REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE WANT TO

TRY TO HAVE DISCUSSION, THEN
HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, AND HAVE A
LITTLE MORE DISCUSSION BEFORE WE
PUT THE MOTION OUT THERE.

THE MOTION IS OUT THERE AND I
THINK IT'S PROBABLY JUST FINE.
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
>> YES, I HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR

STAFF.
MR. PERSONS, THERE WERE A NUMBER
OF ITEMS THAT I HAD REQUESTED
COMING FORWARD WITH, THAT TO

REVIEW THAT WOULD HAVE SOME
FAIRLY LARGE UNINTENDED
CONSEQUENCES IN MY OPINION.
FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THE

LARGEST ONE IS THE CHANGE THAT
OCCURRED AS IT RELATES TO
SELLING OF ALCOHOL WITHIN A
OUTDOOR SEATING AREA VERSUS AN

ENCLOSED PORCH.

>> MR. MAYOR, YES, IN THE
ORDINANCE THAT THE COMMISSION IS
TAKING ACTION ON, THERE ARE

REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON OUTDOORS
ON PROPERTY OWNED BY PARTIES
OTHER THAN THE CITY, SO PRIVATE

PROPERTY.

IN THE REVERTED ORDINANCE, THAT
LANGUAGE READS WITHIN A PORCH OR
PATIO THAT IS PART OF A

PERMANENT BUILDING ON PROPERTY
ZONED AND PERMITTED AND OPERATED
AS EITHER, A, AN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN

THE CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT, OR B,
AS AN EATING PLACE, OR C, FOR
THE MANUFACTURER OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES.

I THINK THE ISSUE THAT
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN HAS
IDENTIFIED HERE IS, AND IT'S IN
THE RESPONSE IN YOUR BACKUP, THE

CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT IS A
DEFUNCT ZONING DISTRICT.
IT DEFINED PART OF OUR DOWNTOWN.
WE NO LONGER HAVE A CENTRAL CITY

DISTRICT ZONING.
SIMILARLY, EATING PLACES.
IT'S OUTDATED THAT THE CITY USED
TO USE TO DESCRIBE RESTAURANTS.

NOW WE CALL THEM WHAT THEY ARE,
RESTAURANTS, NOT EATING PLACES.
SO WHAT THIS PROVISION IS SAYING
THAT WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN

THE CITY, ANY SORT OF OUTDOOR
SALE AND REALISTICALLY BY PROXY
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES HAS TO OCCUR WITHIN A

PORCH OR PATIO, AND IT WOULD
ONLY OCCUR IF IT WAS AN
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT
WITHIN THAT OLD CCD DISTRICT OR

AS AT EATING PLACE OR AS A
MANUFACTURER, SO THERE MAY BE
UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT THE
COMMISSION MAY WISH TO CONSIDER

FOR SMALL BUSINESSES OUTSIDE OF
THE CORE OF THE CITY THAT HAVE
SMALL, SORT OF BEER AND WINE
SALES ASSOCIATED WITH A

PRINCIPLE USE.
THE ORDINANCE, SORT OF PREVIOUS
VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE, HAD
MORE GENERIC LANGUAGE THAT READ,

WITHIN AN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA
THAT IS APART OF AN APPROVED USE
OF PROPERTY THAT IS ZONED AND
PERMITTED FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, THAT'S
NON-SPECIFIC TO THE CCD ZONING
DISTRICT NOR DOES IT INCLUDE AN
EATING PLACE, AN OUTDATED

DEFINITION.
IF THE COMMISSION WERE TO
CONSIDER THAT, THAT WOULD BE
FROM STAFF'S PERSPECTIVE, I

THINK THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT
WOULD COVER THIS ISSUE AND NOT
POTENTIALLY REVERT SOME
BUSINESSES THAT HAVE HAD OUTDOOR

SEATING OUTSIDE OF THE DOWNTOWN
AREA FOR SOME SALE AND
CONSUMPTION.

>> SO FOR INSTANCE, I JUST HAD A

GOOD TIME AT THE TOM PETTY
FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND WHERE THEY
HAVE AN AREA WHERE THEY SELL
BEER THAT IS OUTDOORS, NOT

ATTACHED TO THE BUILDING, THAT
WOULD MAKE THEM
OUT-OF-COMPLIANCE WITH OUR CODE?
>> YES, AND I THINK A GOOD

EXAMPLE OF AN EXISTING BUSINESS
THAT THE COMMISSION MAY BE
FAMILIAR WITH, THERE'S A SMALL
PUB CALLED BLACK ATTAR OVER IN

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[SPEAKER OFF MIC]

>> YES, THANK YOU.
SO THAT'S OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRAL

CITY DISTRICT.
IT'S AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
ESTABLISHMENT, BUT THEY DO HAVE
SOME OUTDOOR SEATING NOW THAT

THEY'VE ADDED SINCE THE START OF
THE PANDEMIC.
THIS OLDER LANGUAGE WOULD MEAN
THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO GET RID

OF ALL OF THAT OUTDOOR SEATING
BECAUSE THEY'RE AN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT OUT I'D
OF THE CITY DISTRICT ON PRIVATE

PROPERTY.
THE LANGUAGE I READ FROM THE
BACKUP, THAT WOULD STILL
PRESERVE THAT, BUT I THINK STILL

GET TO THE INTENT OF THE
COMMISSION'S MOTION FOR THE
REINSTATEMENT.

>> WELL, SO WITHIN THIS CENTRAL

CITY DISTRICT, YOU HAVE TO BE AN
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT
OR YOU HAVE TO BE AN EATING
PLACE OR A MANUFACTURER OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO I
IMAGINE SO SEGMENTS FROM A MUSIC
VIDEO, THAT WOULD BE A DIM
MINUTE SUCCESS USE?

>> THEY WOULD BE AN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT AS
DEFINED.

>> SO IF IT IS DOMINIUMS, SAY

YOU WERE SELLING ALCOHOL, YOU
WOULD BE AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE
ESTABLISHMENT UNDER THIS
ORDINANCE?

>> YES, I BELIEVE SO, YEAH.

>> I WOULD ASK THAT WE KEEP LACK
WAGE THAT IS NOT OUTDATED AND
HAVE -- I DON'T THINK IT IMPACTS

THE INTENT OF WHAT THE MAJORITY
WAS LOOKING FOR ON THIS TO SAY
YOU CAN'T DRINK IN PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY WHILE NOT IMPACTING

OUR SMALL BUSINESSES IN ANYWAY
THAT HAVE BEEN UTILIZING THIS IN
THIS PARTICULAR WAY WITHOUT ANY
ISSUES FOR THE LAST LITTLE

WHILE.
YOU PUT SOMETHING HERE WITH
OUTDOOR EVENTS.
IF WE GO TO THE ORDINANCE AS IT

CORRECTLY STANDS, IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE BEING ABLE TO DRINK ON
PRIVATE PROPERTY -- YOU WOULD
STILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT

GENERALLY SPEAKING.

>> YES.

>> AND A LOT OF THIS RELATING TO
OUTDOOR EVENTS WAS FOR A PRIOR

TIME.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

SOME WOULD STILL BE PERMITTED.
IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF THE

SALE.

THAT INFORMATION IN THE BACKUP
IS REALLY JUST CLARIFYING WHAT
THE POST RE-INSTATEMENT WOULD

LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF OUTDOOR
ALCOHOL EVENTS.

>> THEN IT OPENS UP TO THE
PENALTIES, THERE'S SEARCH AND

SEIZURE, BUT SUDDENLY CRIMINAL
PENALTIES FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS
LEGAL TO DO A YEAR AGO, TWO
MONTHS AGO.

MAYBE IT'S BETTER FOR GPD OR TO
COME FROM YOU, BUT WHY -- WHAT
ARE THE BENEFITS OR DOWN SIDES
OF IMPOSING CRIMINAL PENALTIES?

>> I THINK FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH
GPD, I THINK THEY FELT VERY
STRONGLY THAT HAVING BOTH A
CRIMINAL AND A CIVIL OPTION WHEN

DEALING WITH SITUATIONS FROM OFFICERS IN THE FIELD WAS VERY NECESSARY.

THE INTERNAL DEPARTMENT POLICY

THAT THEY PROVIDED IN BACKUP HELPED SORT OF THE COMMISSION UNDERSTAND WHAT SORT OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE A

RESPONDING OFFICER WOULD USE IN TERMS OF DETERMINING WHETHER A CIVIL CITATION IS THE RIGHT PATH OR A CRIMINAL CITATION THROUGH A

NOTICE TO APPEAR OR PHYSICAL ARREST.

>> CHIEF?

>> MR. PERSONS COVERED IT PRETTY

WELL.

THE INITIAL CONTACT WITH FOLKS AS TO DEALING WITH THIS WITH A CIVIL CITATION.

THE ESCALATION FOR THAT IS FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PERSON, IF THEY BECOME AGGRESSIVE OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, IF

THERE'S OTHER CHARGES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO IT.

IF IT GETS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY'VE HAD FAILURE TO APPEAR,

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED A CITATION AND THEY FAILED TO RESPOND TO IT. THIS IS A PROGRESSIVE TYPE OF

APPLICATION IN REFERENCE TO THE PENALTY FOR IT.

THERE'S CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE CAN DO AND WE CAN'T DO IF IT'S

CRIMINAL.
IF IT'S CRIMINAL, SEARCH AND
SEIZURE IS APART OF IT.
SOMETIMES THAT'S USED TO GET TO

A HIGHER LEVEL OF CRIMES BUT
WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS
OVERALL, YOU SAW A DRAMATIC
DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF

PHYSICAL ARRESTS, THAT'S
SOMETHING THAT WE RARELY DO.
FOR US TO PHYSICALLY ARREST
SOMEONE FOR AN OPEN CONTAINER,

AND THAT'S THE SOLE VIOLATION,
THAT TAKES AN OFFICER OUT OF
SERVICE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND WE
DON'T HAVE THE STAFFING THAT

ALLOWS US TO DO THAT, SO THE
LAST RESORT FOR US QUITE FRANKLY
IS A PHYSICAL ARREST, UNLESS
THERE'S OTHER VARIABLES THAT ARE

THERE.
>> WHAT SPOOKS ME ABOUT IT IS
THE, ONE, KIND OF THE DISCRETION
BECAUSE THIS IS AN INTERNAL --

THIS IS ALL INTERNAL SO, OF
COURSE, IT CAN CHANGE OVER TIME
AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT,

IS THAT CORRECT?
>> IT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR AT
LEAST NINE, IF NOT 10 YEARS, AND
WE DON'T SEE A NEED TO CHANGE IT

BECAUSE WE -- IT'S FUNCTIONING.
IT'S FUNCTIONING APPROPRIATELY
SO WE HAVE NO INTENT ON CHANGING
IT.

THE EFFICIENCY OF IT RIGHT NOW
WORKS FOR US.

AGAIN, WE'RE LIMITED ALSO BY THE
JAIL, THE FACT THAT THERE'S ONLY

CELL MATES YOU CAN PUT IN THE
JAIL.

WE DON'T NEED TO FILL THAT WITH
MINOR VIOLATIONS.

WE LOOK FOR MORE SERIOUS,
PARTICULARLY THE LIFE SAFETY
ISSUE WHERE WE GET TO THE POINT
WHEN WE NEED TO TAKE SOMEBODY TO

JAIL.

AS LONG AS FOLKS AREN'T BEING
AGGRESSIVE, COOPERATING
REASONABLY WITH THE OFFICER, WE

HAVE DISCRETION IN EVERYTHING WE
DO JUST ABOUT.

THE DISCRETION IS THAT THE
OFFICER UTILIZES THE LESSER

DISCIPLINE OR LESSER CORRECTIVE
ACTION TO AFFORD THE PERSON AN
OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE WITH
MINIMUM IMPACT.

>> AS WE PASS LAWS LIKE THESE,
YOU KNOW, A SPEEDING LAW DOES
MORE THAN JUST ALLOW A POLICE
OFFICER TO PULL SOMEONE OVER FOR

SPEEDING.

IT'S A LAW WE TRY TO FOLLOW.
THAT'S WHY WE PASS LAWS, TO STOP
FOLKS FROM DOING THINGS.

YOU CAN'T HAVE POLICE ENFORCING
EVERY SINGLE THING.

IT WORRIES ME WITH THESE
DISTRICTS, THERE'S LINES AROUND,

AND YOU HAPPEN TO CROSS A LINE,
A LINE THAT THEY MAY OR MAY NOT
SEE THAT IS THERE.

I RECOGNIZE THAT GPD WILL USE

THEIR DISCRETION AND NOT USE IT
AGAINST FOLKS ON A GENERAL
BASIS, BUT JUST THE KNOWLEDGE
THAT THERE'S A CRIMINAL CITATION

OUT THERE AND THERE'S A CRIMINAL
PENALTY, I THINK WOULD BE -- I
DON'T KNOW WHY IT NEEDS TO BE A
CRIMINAL PENALTY.

SO LIKE A NOISE VIOLATION FOR
INSTANCE.

THAT'S NORMALLY A CIVIL
CITATION.

IS THERE ALSO CRIMINAL
PENALTIES?

>> THERE CAN BE CRIMINAL
PENALTIES.

AGAIN, IT'S YOUR BEHAVIOR AND
RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL
ISSUANCE, THE INITIAL WARNING,
THE INITIAL WARNING.

IT'S PROGRESSIVE.
IF YOU FAIL TO MAKE THE
CORRECTIONS, IT CAN BECOME A
CRIMINAL CITATION.

>> I PUT THAT IN MY ORIGINAL
MOTION.
I'VE SEEN THAT IN OTHER PLACES,
INCLUDING WITH OUR NOISE

ORDINANCE, THAT A FAILURE TO
CORRECT THIS WOULD, I WOULD
THINK, STILL ALLOW GPD TO
POTENTIALLY STOP THESE THINGS

FROM HAPPENING, YOU COULD
CORRECT THE ISSUE, YOU COULD
TURN DOWN THE MUSIC OR POUR OUT
THE BEER, AND IF SOMEBODY IS

ACTING AGGRESSIVE OR REFUSING TO
DO THOSE THINGS, AGAIN, CIVIL OR
CRIMINAL PENALTIES COULD GO
INTO.

WE'RE KIND OF RUSHING FORWARD
WITH THIS SO IT'S HARD FOR ME TO
DIG INTO THE NUANCES OF ALL OF
THESE THINGS BUT AT A MINIMUM,

WE SHOULD BE USING LANGUAGE FOR
THE AREAS THAT ARE ZONED AND
PERMITTED FOR CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND I WOULD

LIKE TO HAVE A LONGER DISCUSSION
ABOUT THE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
PENALTIES, BUT I UNDERSTAND, IT
GETS MORE NUANCED AND

COMPLICATED THAN WE COULD GET
INTO, INTO THIS MEETING.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Chair: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER EASE MAN.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION FIRST FOR
MR. PERSONS.

UNDERSTANDING THE EATING
ESTABLISHMENTS OR PLACES, WHAT
COULD BE AN OPEN CONTAINER
DISTRICT, VERY SPECIFIC EXAMPLE

BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, SOMEONE
TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.
ONE LOVE CAFE, THIS IS A PLACE
WHERE THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THEMSELVES,
BUT I'D SAY DURING THE PANDEMIC,
I KNOW I NOTICED IT, THAT PEOPLE
TOOK THEIR DRINKS FURTHER AFIELD

THAN WHAT I THOUGHT PERHAPS WAS
THEIR PROPERTY, TAKE A WALK
AROUND.

ARE THERE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT

WILL BE LIMITED IN SOME WAY FROM
WHAT THEY'RE CURRENTLY DOING?

>> SO THE PROVISION THAT WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT, IT'S NOT REALLY

-- IT'S NOT CONSUMPTION, IT'S
THE SALE.

THE CITY ATTORNEY POINTED OUT
WITH BLACK ATTAR, THEY SELL THE

BEER INSIDE AND PEOPLE TAKE IT
OUTSIDE.

IF YOU HAD SERVERS SERVING IN AN
OUTDOOR AREA, THAT WOULD, I

THINK CONSTITUTE THE SALE OF
ALCOHOL.

I THINK WITH ONE LOVE, YOU
ACTUALLY GO INSIDE AND ORDER, IF

I REMEMBER, AND YOU BRING YOUR
FOOD OUT.

I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE
SERVERS, BUT THE CONCEPT IS THE

SAME.

YOU SEE IT COULD BE PRIVATE
PROPERTY WHERE THE SALE OF
ALCOHOL IS OCCURRING IN AN

OUTDOOR AREA, OUTSIDE OF THE
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT, THAT
WOULD BE PROHIBITED WITH THE
EXISTING LANGUAGE THAT'S IN THE

ORDINANCE.

>> OKAY.

NOW, I THINK IT COMES TO MIND
BECAUSE I THINK OVER THE PAST

COUPLE OF YEARS, WHAT IS BEING
SOLD ON THEIR PATIO VERSUS, I
THINK THERE'S FIRE RINGS NOW, I
DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEIR

LAND ENDS AND WHERE MAGNOLIA
PARKE STARTS, BUT THAT'S THE
KIND OF CONFUSION THAT I THINK
SOME BUSINESS OWNERS MAY HAVE.

HOPEFULLY THEY'RE FOLLOWING THIS
VERY CLOSELY SO THAT THEY CAN
STAY WITHIN THE WALL OF WHATEVER
IS DECIDED.

OH, IS THIS A PATIO OR NOT, OR
IS IT TABLE SERVICE, OR A
BUSINESS, THEY SHOULD KNOW THE
LAW, I AGREE, SO WHEN THEY

CHANGE SOMETHING FROM COUNTER
SERVICE TO A SERVER COMING OUT
SOMEWHERE, THAT'S ON THEM TO
KNOW, BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE IT'S

A POTENTIAL CONFUSION POINT FOR
BUSINESSES, BUT THAT MAY BE
SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO GET TO
EVENTUALLY.

>> IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF
THINGS, IT IS RELATIVELY MINOR
COMPARED TO EVERYTHING ELSE THE
COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING WITH

THIS, BUT IT IS BECAUSE THERE
WAS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS
WHEN THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED
THIS ORDINANCE, AND IT WILL

POTENTIALLY HAVE UNINTENDED
IMPACTS THAT I DON'T THINK THE
COMMISSION WAS REALLY
CONSIDERING.

WE FELT THIS WAS ENOUGH TO BRING
FORWARD TO MAKE SURE IT WAS AT
LEAST IN THE RECORD, THAT IF THE
COMMISSION DID WANT TO TAKE

ACTION BEFORE THE FINALIZATION
OF THE SECOND READING, THIS IS
SOMETHING WE'VE PROVIDED IN THE
BACKUP.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PERSONS.
FOR CHIEF SCOTT, I HAVE A COUPLE
OF QUESTIONS, JUST SO I
UNDERSTAND.

IN REGARDS TO CIVIL VERSUS
CRIMINAL, AND ALSO WITHIN AND
WITHOUT.
WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF WHAT WOULD

BE AN OPEN CONTAINER COULD
POTENTIALLY BE AN OPEN CONTAINER
DISTRICT.
CAN GPD UNDER THIS NEW, IF WE GO

BACK TO THIS, CAN THEY COMPEL
SOMEONE TO STOP DRINKING, DOES
THAT HAPPEN UNDER CIVIL OR
CRIMINAL OR BOTH CITATION?

THIS COMES TO MIND BECAUSE I
BELIEVE IT WAS THE GAINESVILLE
SUN RAN A PICTURE OF PEOPLE
BEING CITED, I BELIEVE AT A

TENNESSEE FOOTBALL GAME, AND
BOTH PEOPLE STILL HAD THEIR
DRINKS IN THEIR HANDS.
I WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE MY FIRST

THOUGHT IS IF YOU'RE CITED FOR
THAT, YOU WOULD IMMEDIATELY TOSS
YOUR DRINK, BUT I WAS CONFUSED.
WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT ESCALATING

AND NEEDING TO HAVE CRIMINAL
PENALTIES, I WONDERED A LITTLE
ABOUT, IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE CIVIL AND THE

CRIMINAL TO REALLY STOP THE
BEHAVIOR?

>> WELL, IF THE PERSON IS IN
POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER,

THE TYPICAL RESPONSE FROM THE
OFFICER, THEY ASK THE PERSON TO
POUR IT OUT OR DISPOSE OF IT, SO
FOLKS WANT TO DISPOSE OF IT

REALLY QUICKLY, OTHERS WILL
COMPLY AND POUR IT OUT, THAT'S
THE TYPICAL INSTRUCTION FROM THE
OFFICER.

YOU'RE IN POSSESSION OF OPEN
CONTAINER, I'M CITING YOU FOR
IT.
YOU CANNOT BE IN POSSESSION OF

IT.
PLEASE POUR IT OUT.
PLEASE PUT THE CAN, BOTTLE OR
THE CUP INTO THE GARBAGE CAN,

THEN YOU GIVE THEM A CITATION
AND LET THEM GO.
IF A PERSON BECAME AGGRESSIVE,
I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT, YOU HAVE

TO TAKE AN AGGRESSIVE STANCE AND
BECOME THEY BECOME REALLY
RESISTANT TO THE OFFICER'S
ACTIONS, THEN THEY COULD GET A

CHARGE.

THEY ARE FAILING TO OH BOY THAT
ORDER, THE OFFICER COULD
ESCALATE IT TO THE POINT TO

WHERE THEY ISSUE A NOTICE TO
APPEAR, WHICH IS STILL A
CITATION.

IT ALLOWS THEM TO LEAVE WITH A

PROMISE TO APPEAR IN COURT TO
ANSWER FOR THE CHARGES.

IF THEY BECAME MORE AGGRESSIVE
AND REFUSED TO SIGN THE

CITATION, THEN THE OFFICER COULD
ESCALATE TO THE POINT WHERE THEY
MAKE A PHYSICAL ARREST, THOSE
SITUATIONS ARE RARE.

MOST PEOPLE, I THINK ONCE THEY
BECOME AWARE THAT THERE'S
CRIMINAL CHARGES ATTACHED TO IT,
COMPLY.

IN FACT, MOST PEOPLE DON'T GET
BEYOND THE CIVIL CITATION.
THIS HAS ALL COME ABOUT BECAUSE
YEARS AGO, IT WAS A REQUIREMENT

THAT YOU GIVE OUT A CIVIL SIGH
TAKE OR NOTICE TO APPEAR, AND IF
YOU WEREN'T LOCAL, YOU WERE
PHYSICALLY ARRESTED.

THEY CHANGED THAT YEARS AGO AND
RECOGNIZED WE WERE ARRESTING A
LOT OF FOLKS HERE FOR FOOTBALL
GAMES AND OUT-OF-TOWN AND HAD NO

IDEA IT WAS ILLEGAL, SO THOSE
FOLKS MADE THE CHANGE, THE CITY
COMMISSION MADE THE CHANGE IN
THE ORDINANCE AND THE CIVIL

CITATION WAS SOMETHING THAT WE
STARTED TO UTILIZE AS OUR
PRIMARY EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE
VIOLATION.

>> OKAY.
SO THEN MY LAST QUESTION IS
ABOUT, ARE THERE BEHAVIORS THAT
INSIDE AN OPEN CONTAINER

DISTRICT BECAUSE THEY'RE ALLOWED
TO HAVE ALCOHOL IN OPEN
CONTAINER, WOULD, YOU KNOW I'M
TALKING ABOUT, ESCALATE A

BEHAVIOR, BUT BECAUSE YOU DON'T
HAVE THE INITIAL OPEN CONTAINER
VIOLATION, THAT THOSE WOULD
ESCALATE TO A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

INSIDE, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE?
THIS IS A QUESTION KIND OF TO
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN'S POINT
ABOUT AND WHAT HAPPENS.

WE HAVE A LINE AND I HAVE SOME
CONCERN ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THE
ENFORCEMENT OF AN OPEN CONTAINER
DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY WITH

PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE ESCALATING
BEHAVIOR OF SOME SORT VERSES ON
THE OUTSIDE, IF THEY NO LONGER
HAVE A CONTAINER, BUT THEY'RE

HAVING BEHAVIORS THAT ARE
POSSIBLY A REASON FOR CITATION.
FORGIVE ME IF THAT IS NOT A
CLEAR QUESTION BECAUSE YOU HAVE

BEHAVIOR INSIDE VERSUS OUTSIDE,
YOU HAVE ALCOHOL VERSUS NOT
ALCOHOL.
I'M TALKING CIVIL VERSUS

CRIMINAL CITATION AND THOSE ARE SIX DIFFERENT IDEAS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION PROPERLY, BUT IF YOU CAN GIVE ME

ANY INSIGHT ON -- I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE WALKING FROM ONE SIDE OF THE LINE TO THE OTHER, AND YOU KNOW, WHAT THEY

CAN AND CAN'T DO CHANGES.
>> IT'S THE PERSON'S ACTIONS, THEIR BEHAVIOR.
IF THEY POSE A RISK TO THE

PUBLIC SAFETY OR TO MAINTENANCE, WHETHER THEY'RE INSIDE THE DISTRICT OR OUTSIDE, THEN WE ARE OBLIGATED QUITE FRANKLY TO TAKE

SOME TYPE OF ACTION.
IF A PERSON IS SWINGING A CHAIR AROUND OR THEY'RE RUNNING THROUGH THE CROWD, KNOCKING

PEOPLE DOWN, WHETHER THEY'RE INSIDE THE DISTRICT OR NOT, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ACTION.
NOW, IF THEY ARE OUTSIDE OF THE

DISTRICT AND THEY HAPPEN TO HAVE AN OPEN CONTAINER, THAT'S ANOTHER VEHICLE.
MAYBE THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING

THAT IS NOT QUITE THERE, BUT THEY'RE BEING AGGRESSIVE AND WE HAVE A LOT OF TIMES WE HAVE FOLKS THAT CALL US, IT MAY BE A

BUSINESS OR SOMEONE DOWNTOWN THAT OBSERVES THIS BEHAVIOR, THEN IT ALLOWS US TO COME IN AND TRY TO CONVINCE THAT PERSON TO

MONITOR THEIR BEHAVIOR AND/OR
LEAVE THE AREA.

IF A PERSON INSIDE THE DISTRICT,
EVERYTHING WE DO IS BASED ON

BEHAVIOR.

WE'RE NOT SITTING THERE IN A
CAR, WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO WALK
ACROSS THE LINE WITH AN OPEN

CONTAINER.

WE'RE LOOKING AT THEIR BEHAVIOR.
DOES THEIR BEHAVIOR POSE A
THREAT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY?

WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO THAT.
MAYBE A PERSON IS SO INEBRIATED
THAT THEY CAN'T OPERATE SAFELY
ON THEIR OWN, THEY'RE STUMBLING

OUT INTO THE STREET, THEY'RE
BUMPING INTO FOLKS, AND BECOMING
MORE AGGRESSIVE.
ALL OF THOSE BEHAVIORS, WHETHER

INSIDE THE DISTRICT OR NOT, WE
HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO AND BE
RESPONSIVE TO.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU, CHIEF SCOTT.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

CHIEF, I DID HAVE ONE QUESTION
FOR YOU SINCE YOU'RE ALL READY
UP HERE.

>> YES, MA'AM.

>> AS FAR AS DATA COLLECTION,
AND I WILL MAINTAIN MY POINT
THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY HARD DATA

THAT SHOWS SPECIFICALLY IN
GAINESVILLE OR GPD THAT THIS HAS
BECOME A PROBLEM, AND IT MAY BE
A QUESTION FOR YOU OR MR. LIBBY

AS FAR AS WHAT'S ALLOWED.
MOVING FORWARD, BECAUSE I CAN
COUNT TO FOUR, IF AND WHEN THIS
PASSES, CAN GPD COLLECT DATA

RELATED TO VIOLENT CRIMES AS FAR
AS ALCOHOL CONTENT OR ANY LEVEL
OF INEBRIATION FROM SUSPECTS?
>> WE CAN SEE IF WE CAN SET UP

OUR SYSTEM, OUR REPORT SYSTEM TO
COLLECT TO DATA AS TO WHETHER OR
NOT THE PERSON HAS BEEN DRINKING
OR NOT, THAT'S A CHANGE WE WOULD

HAVE TO MAKE WITH OUR COMPUTER
SOFTWARE PROVIDER, BUT I'LL LOOK
INTO THAT, FOLLOW-UP WITH THAT
AND WE'LL GET BACK WITH YOU AND

KNOW IF WE CAN DID THAT
SUCCESSFULLY.
>> THANK YOU, CHIEF.
I THINK I FOUND OUT ON MONDAY WE

HAVE A MOBILE BREATHALYZER, NOT
SURE HOW MUCH THOSE COST, BUT I
THINK GIVEN THE EASE OF THAT AND
ONE OF THE CRITICISMS OF THIS

POLICY BEING THE LACK OF HARD
DATA, IT WOULD BEHOOVE US TO
START COLLECTING THAT DATA, AT
LEAST AS FAR AS VIOLENT CRIMES

TO GET TO A DEFINITIVE SOURCE OR
AT LEAST RULE OUT ELEMENTS THAT
MAY BE CONTRIBUTING.
YOU ARREST 10 PEOPLE, NINE HAVE

BEEN DRINKING TO SOME DEGREE.
WE KNOW THAT'S A PROBLEM, FINE.
>> WE'LL DO THE RESEARCH AND GET
BACK WITH YOU.

>> OKAY.
THANK YOU, CHIEF.
MR. PERSONS, -- I'LL BACKTRACK
REAL QUICK.

I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER
EASTMAN THAT WE SHOULD PROBABLY
PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES THAT
HAVE THAT KIND OF SEATING

ARRANGEMENT THAT IS DETACHED
FROM THE BUILDING.
WE ALL SAY WE WANT TO PROTECT
AND DOES MAKE GAINESVILLE,

GAINESVILLE.
I REALLY WOULD ASK THAT WE MAKE
THAT CHANGE BEFORE WE PASS
ANYTHING ON SECOND TODAY.

AS FAR AS READING THROUGH THE
ORDINANCE ITSELF, AND I'M GOING
TO ASK YOU TO CORRECT ME IF I'M
WRONG, AS FAR AS PERMITTING FOR

EVENTS, FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
AND DISTRIBUTION AT SEPARATE
EVENTS, WE HAVE TWO DIFFERENT
PERMIT PROCESSES, CORRECT?

ONE IN THE DOWNTOWN AND ONE
ANYWHERE ELSE?
>> THERE IS SPECIAL EVENT
LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE THAT

DEALS WITH ALCOHOL, THEN PERMITS
WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS
THE DISTRICT TO CLARIFY, THIS IS
IN THE ATTACHMENT, PERMITS

WITHIN THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY
ALLOWING CONSUMPTION IN
PUBLIC/PRIVATE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY.
THEN YOU HAVE EVENTS THAT ARE

HAPPENING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,
WHERE THAT EVENT IS ALLOWING FOR
THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,
BUT IT DOES NOT PERMIT

CONSUMPTION ON RIGHT-OF-WAY OR
ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

>> SO I HAVE A LAW DEGREE AND
YOU LOST ME.

>> IT IS A LITTLE CONFUSING.
>> THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU.
I ATTEMPTED TO GO THROUGH THE
ORDINANCE A COUPLE OF TIMES AND

HAD TO KEEP FLIPPING BACK AND
FORTH AND FIGURE OUT WHY ONE
ALLOWS UP TO SIX PERMITS PER
CALENDAR YEAR AND ONE ALLOWS UP

TO TWO.
>> PER PROPERTY.
>> PER PROPERTY.
WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC

PROPERTY, DOES SOMETHING OVERLAP
THAT SAME?
DO WE COUNT THAT AS A SECOND USE
OF THAT SPOT?

IF THE FIRST EVENT IS HERE, THE
SECOND IS OVER HERE SO IT KIND
OF OVERLAPS, SO ARE WE
CONSIDERING THAT THE SAME SPACE?

YOU CAN NEVER USE THE MIDDLE
SPACE UNTIL THE NEXT CALENDAR
YEAR.
I KNOW THAT WE NEED REGULATIONS

AND DETAILS, AND IT SEEMS
ARBITRARY TO ME THOUGH.
I'M CONCERNED OF THAT AND I ALSO
KNOW THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, IT

IS THE MAP THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE
CURRENTLY, THAT IS OUR MOST
UP-TO-DATE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT?
>> YES, THE MAP THAT'S LABELED

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, YES.
>> OKAY.
AND AS WE POTENTIALLY -- WE'VE
DONE THE STUDIES, WE KNOW WE'RE

GOING TO GROW -- AS DOWNTOWN
GROWS IN ANY ONE DIRECTION,
WOULD THAT MAP BE UPDATED
CONTINUOUSLY OR --

>> IT COULD BE.
I THINK THE AMENDMENT PROCESS
WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK THROUGH
THE COMMISSION AS AN ORDINANCE

BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AMENDING THE
ACTUAL ORDINANCE WITH A MAP.
IF THE COMMISSION DECIDED, HEY,
WE WANT TO GROW THIS DOWNTOWN

DISTRICT AT SOME POINT IN THE
FUTURE, THE EXISTING MAP WILL BE
SWITCHED OUT TO A MAP IN THE
FUTURE, BUT THAT WOULD BE AT

COMMISSION DIRECTION.
>> SO THAT WOULD BE TWO, AT
LEAST THREE MEETINGS?
>> YES.

>> AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS
MAP WAS DETERMINED ORIGINALLY BY
ZONING?
>> ORIGINALLY, YES.

IT WAS THE ORIGINAL LIMITS OF
THE CITY DISTRICT, WHICH IS THE
DEFUNCT DISTRICT I TOLD YOU
ABOUT.

>> SO YOU GUYS JUST COPY AND
PASTED THE BOUNDARIES, OKAY.
WE ALL KNOW I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF
THIS ANYWAY, BUT MY CONCERNS

REALLY DO COME DOWN TO MAKING
SURE OUR SMALLER BUSINESSES
AREN'T IMPACTED NEGATIVELY, SO I
WOULD ASK FOR THAT CHANGE.

ALSO, THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR
EVENTS SCENES A LITTLE
CONVOLUTED.
AS A STICKLER, I THINK IT'S A

LITTLE INEQUITABLE THAT U.F.
GETS A PASS WITH ONE PERMIT
WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS TO
APPLY FOR MULTIPLE AND ARE

LIMITED, WHERE U.F. GETS, I
DON'T KNOW, EIGHT HOME GAMES, I
DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOME GAMES
WE HAVE, BUT SEVEN OR EIGHT,

WHICH ALL READY SURPASSES THE
MAP THAT SOMEBODY WOULD BE ABLE
TO GET WITH ONE PERMIT, SO THEY
CAN KEEP HAVING OTHER ACTIVITIES

AND EVENTS.
THAT TEAMS A LITTLE UNJUST TO
THE TOWN PART OF TOWN AND GOWN,
THAT U.F. GETS THAT PASS AND

OTHERWISE, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH
THIS EXTENSIVE PERMITTING
PROCESS TO FIGURE OUT AM I GOING
TO CLOSE OFF A STREET, IS IT

SEMI PRIVATE?
IS IT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT
ALSO CITY PROPERTY, DOES IT
REQUIRE BOTH?

DO YOU BURN A PERMIT ON EACH
SIDE OF THAT PROCESS?
I THINK IT'S A LITTLE CONVOLUTED
IF YOU WISH TO HAVE ALCOHOL

OUTSIDE OF THAT PROPOSED
BOUNDARY, WHICH I THINK IS
UNFAIR TO A LOT OF FOLKS WHO DO
CHARITY EVENTS, WHO DO REALLY DO

COMMUNITY FRIENDLY EVENTS THAT
ARE OPEN IN THE DAYTIME, NO ONE
GETS HURT, AND NOW THEY'LL HAVE
TO GO THROUGH THE RIGMAROLE TO

HAVE A PORTION OF THEIR
FUNDRAISING, WHICH COULD BE
HIGHLY MARKED UP SALES OF
ALCOHOL, BUT IT'S FOR A GOOD

CAUSE.
IT HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM AND NOW
THERE'S AN EXTRA COMPONENT.
THAT'S THE THING, I DID HAVE A

QUESTION.
IT MAY BE FOR THE ATTORNEY
THOUGH.
AS FAR AS PENALTIES, IT SAID

THAT ANY VIOLATION -- WHERE IS
IT?
ANY PERSON NOT IN COMPLIANCE,
AND BUSINESSES ARE PEOPLE AND SO

ARE ORGANIZATIONS PEOPLE AS
WELL, SO I KNOW WHERE IT SAYS
YOU HAVE TO KEEP THIS CONTAINED
AREA WITH A FENCE, AND YOU HAVE

TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE DO NOT
LEAVE.

IS THE PERSON CITED THE PERSON
DRINKING OR THE ORGANIZER OF THE

EVENT?

>> MR. MAYOR, WHAT SECTION ARE
YOU SPEAKING OF?

>> SO PAGE 11, LINE 17, NUMBER

3, THE SALE OF THE PERMITTEE
SHOULD NOT ALLOW ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES OUTSIDE NOR PURCHASED
OUTSIDE TO BE TAKEN OUTSIDE.

THEN WHEN YOU GO TO PENALTIES,
IT SAYS -- IF I CAN FIND IT
AGAIN.
THERE'S A LOT.

WHERE DO WE HAVE PENALTIES?
THERE WE GO.
PAGE 12 ON 12 OR PAGE 12 LINE
15, ANY PERSON NOT IN COMPLIANCE

WITH ANY SECTION OF THIS ARTICLE
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES,
UNLESS IT'S EXCLUSIVE FOR PARKS
BUT I THINK IT'S OVERALL FOR

PERMITTING.
ARE WE CITING THE PERMITTEE WHO
LET A DRINKER WALK OFF THE
PREMISES OR ARE WE CITING THE

DRINKER WHO WALKED OFF OF THE
PREMISES?

>> THE ORDINANCE PLACES AN
OBLIGATION UPON ANYONE, BE IT

THE PERMITTEE OR THE CONSUMER
THAT IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED,
I THINK IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO
THE PENALTIES.

>> SO BOTH, POTENTIALLY,
EITHER/OR?

>> I THINK THAT'S CERTAINLY AN
APPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION.

NOW, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S HOW
IT'S BEEN INTERPRETED AND
APPLIED IN THE PAST OR NOT.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR.

I THINK I WOULD WANT THAT
PORTION CLEANED UP.
I THINK RATHER THAN PUSHING
THROUGH ON A SECOND READING

TODAY, THAT WE TAKE THESE
CONSIDERATIONS TO MAKE THIS AS
USEFUL AND CLEAR AS POSSIBLE
BECAUSE I DON'T THINK, SIMILAR

TO WHAT COMMISSIONER WILLITS
HERE SAID, SOME FOLKS ARE
DRINKING.
IT COULD BE A SANCTIONED SPOT.

THEY WALK OFF FROM HERE.
ARE WE GOING TO SUDDENLY CITE
THE PERSON WHO WAS HOLDING THAT
EVENT IN THEIR CLOSED OFF 4-FOOT

FENCE AREA THAT JUST WANDERED
OFF, AND THEY'RE NOT FLAT OUT
DRUNK, BUT MAYBE THEY STUMBLE A
LITTLE BECAUSE IT'S HOT, AND GPD

STOPS THEM.
ARE WE CITING THEM, THE EVENT
ORGANIZER?
THERE'S A GROUP OF FIVE OF THEM,

ARE WE CITING THEM A TOTAL OF
\$5,000 BECAUSE FIVE PEOPLE
WANDERED OFF?
I WOULD LIKE THIS CLEANED UP TO

SPECIFY IF IT IS THE PERMIT
HOLDER OR THE INDIVIDUAL
DRINKING.
AND I KNOW WE PUT ANYBODY IS

SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE.
I KNOW THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN SOMEONE ORGANIZING A
SMALL EVENT WITH 50 PEOPLE THEN

GETTING CITED A COUPLE HUNDRED
DOLLARS PER PERSON VERSUS AN
INDIVIDUAL CHOOSING TO JUST
WANDER OFF.

I WOULD PREFER, I DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE CORRECT ANSWER WOULD
BE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT BETTER
LANGUAGE WOULD BE, BUT I DO KNOW

I DO NOT LIKE THE TASTE OF THE
AMBIGUITY AND POTENTIALLY
PENALIZING SOMEONE WHO WENT
THROUGH A LOT OF HOOPS TO

ORGANIZE SOMETHING NOW BEING
PENALIZED FOR THE CHOICES OF
ANOTHER PERSON.
THAT WAS MY OTHER HOLD UP, SO I

WOULD -- I KNOW THE MOTION WAS
MADE AND SECONDED, BUT I WOULD
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE GIVING STAFF
A SECOND CHANCE TO CLEANUP SOME

OF THIS, IF ONLY TO ADD WHAT
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN HAS SAID.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Chair: THANK YOU,

COMMISSIONER SACO.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
THIS ORDINANCE WILL GO INTO

EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2024?

>> Mayor: THAT'S CORRECT.

>> I WONDER, MADAM MANAGER AND MR. ATTORNEY, THAT WE COULD

DISTRIBUTE -- I THINK IT WOULD HELP TO GUIDE PEOPLE, THAT WAS A PROCESS THAT'S USED VERY FREQUENTLY WITH THE LEGISLATURE

AND IT IS VERY, VERY HELPFUL AS PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO INTERPRET THE LAW, SO PERHAPS YOU WOULD CONSIDER THAT.

>> WE CAN DO THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

I THINK THAT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA, PARTICULARLY IF THIS PASSES AND IF ITEM TWO PASSES AS A UNIT, I THINK IT WOULD BE

REALLY USEFUL TO FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO PICK THEIR PHONE UP AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE DOING AT THE MOMENT PERHAPS.

>> AT ANY RATE, BEFORE I MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS HERE, I WILL REMIND, I KNOW MOST OF THE FOLKS HERE ARE EITHER STAFF OR MEDIA,

BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT A FORM TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO

THAT, AND THAT WILL BE TRUE FOR EACH ITEM ON THE AGENDA AS IT ALWAYS IS.
I THOUGHT WE WOULD GET THROUGH

THIS FIRST ITEM PRETTY QUICKLY.
I WAS INCORRECT AND THAT'S OKAY.
I AM, AS ALWAYS, VERY PLEASED
THAT WE CAN HAVE CIVIL

DISAGREEMENTS UP HERE AND MOVE
THROUGH THE PROCESS.
THAT IS HOW ALL OF THIS IS
SUPPOSED TO WORK AND I'M REALLY

PLEASED TO SEE THAT.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE ARE
RUSHING OR PUSHING.
WE HAVE LITERALLY BEEN WORKING

ON THIS FOR MONTHS AND HERE WE
ARE AT A DECISION POINT.
THERE IS NO REASON THAT WE CAN'T
COME BACK AND DO OTHER CLEANUPS

IN THE FUTURE IF THAT'S WHERE WE
WANT TO GO BUT AT THIS POINT, I
SUPPORT THE MOTION.
MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE --

>> WE DO, MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE
THREE SPEAKERS, STARTING WITH
CAREY WARREN, FOLLOWED BY MARIA
EDWARDS, AND LASTLY, ROBERT

MOUNTS.

>> I'M NOT HERE TODAY TO SPEAK
AGAINST DRINKING ALCOHOL, BUT
I'M HERE TO SPEAK AGAINST

OPPOSING THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU
HAVE NOW, OPEN CONTAINER.
WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT TWO
THINGS WHEN WE EITHER VOTE FOR

IT OR AGAINST IT AND THAT IS THE
SAFETY AND THE HEALTH OF OUR
CITIZENS IN THIS COUNTY.
WE KNOW WHEN PEOPLE DRINK

ALCOHOL, OUR TOLERANCE LEVELS
SEEMS TO GO LOWER.
WE ARE USUALLY ON EDGE AND OUR
TEMPER LEVELS SEEM TO BE HIGH SO

WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT IS
THAT GUN LAW THAT HAS COME INTO
EFFECT FROM TALLAHASSEE.
THE PEOPLE WHO DRINK TOO MUCH

CAN NOW CARRY GUNS WITHOUT
PERMISSION OR PERMITS.
AT ONE TIME, COULD YOU BUMP INTO
SOMEBODY ON THE STREETS THAT HAD

TOO MUCH TO DRINK AND YOU SAID
EXCUSE ME, AND THEY WOULD TIP
THEIR HAT TO YOU AND SAY EXCUSE
ME, BUT NOW, IT'S ALLS MOST LIKE

THE WILD, WILD WEST.
YOU BUMP INTO ME, THEY DON'T
EVEN GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET IN THE STREETS AND HAVE A

DRAW.
WHAT THEY DO NOW IS THEY PULL
THEIR GUNS OUT AND THEY SHOOT
YOU.

IT IS NOT SAFE TO HAVE THAT OPEN
CONTAINER REMAINING.
WE TAKE OUR CHILDREN DOWNTOWN
SOMETIMES IN THE EVENING AND WE

EXPOSE OUR CHILDREN TO A LOT OF
THINGS THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE
EXPOSED TO IF WE HAVE PEOPLE
WALKING AROUND DOWNTOWN TIPSY

WITH TOO MUCH TO DRINK.
I'M SPEAKING FOR MY COMMUNITY,
AZALEA TRAILS, BECAUSE I PUT IT
IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE

IN MY COMMUNITY AND THEY AGREE
WITH MOST OF WHAT I AM SAYING.
WHAT WE ALSO NEED TO REALIZE IS
THAT HEALTH-WISE, IF YOU GO

DOWNTOWN IN SOME OF THESE AREAS,
AND WE'VE HAD PEOPLE THAT HAVE
HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, CERTAIN
THINGS THAT COME FROM THEIR

BODIES, YOU HAVE TO WALK IN IT.
DRAW A LINE AND SAY ALL OF Y'ALL
THAT WANT TO DRINK PUBLICLY,
STAND OVER THERE, AND ALL OF YOU

THAT DON'T, STANDS OVER HERE.
THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK EITHER
BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TOO
MUCH TO DRINK, WHEN YOU PUT THEM

TOGETHER, THEN THEY FIGHT EACH
OTHER AND IT GOES BEYOND THAT
LINE THAT YOU HAVE DRAWN FOR
PEOPLE THAT WHO CAN DRINK OPENLY

AND THOSE WHO CANNOT, SO I
REALLY WANT YOU TO CONSIDER SOME
OF THE THINGS THAT IS WRONG WITH
THIS, AND THAT IS HEALTH-WISE

IT'S NOT GOOD, AND ALSO SAFETY,
IT'S NOT SAFE TO DO THAT.
I DON'T HAVE PEOPLE TAKE THEIR
SHOES OFF IN MY HOME, BUT IF YOU

CONTINUE THIS, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO
DO THAT BECAUSE YOU BRING GERMS
INTO ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOMES.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
WHO'S NEXT?

>> NEXT UP IS MARIA EDWARDS.

>> Mayor: WELCOME.

>> MARIA HOPE EDWARDS.
IT'S NOT THE REASON I CAME
TODAY, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL AS
GIVE YOU A FEW IDEAS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, UNDER
PRESIDENT FOX, BECAME NUMBER 5.
OUR NEW PRESIDENT BEN SASSY
WANTS TO GET THE UNIVERSITY OF

IN ORDER WITHIN THE PRIVATE AND
THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY INTO A
BETTER POSITION.
IF I HAD A DAUGHTER, A

GRANDDAUGHTER, A
GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER THAT I WAS
CHOOSING WHERE TO SEND HER TO A
UNIVERSITY, I DON'T THINK THAT I

WOULD NECESSARILY CHOOSE TO SEND
HER TO A UNIVERSITY THAT WOULD
HAVE THE IDEA OF BEING A PARTY
TOWN.

I KNOW WE HAVE ASCENDED MUCH,
BUT I DO REMEMBER THAT IN THE
'60S AND THE '70S AND THE
'80S, THE IMAGE THAT THE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HAD WAS OF
A PARTY TOWN AND THAT'S WHY WE
HAVE STREAKERS GOING THROUGH
FLORIDA FIELD, AND PEOPLE GOING

TO FARMS LOOKING FOR COW
PATTIES.
THEREFORE, I WOULD SAY, HOW DOES
YOUR ORDINANCE, IN TERMS OF

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, GOING TO SWAY
A PARENT, THAT SPENDS A LOT OF
MONEY TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN OR
DAUGHTERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF

FLORIDA, THAT THIS IS A TOWN
THAT ACTUALLY CARES FOR THE
YOUNG BY THE WAY THAT YOU BEHAVE
UNDER ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION?

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.

I WOULD REMIND EVERYONE, WE MAY
HAVE GOTTEN OFF TRACK, BUT WHAT

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS
REINSTATING THE BAN ON OPEN
CONTAINERS THAT WAS IN PLACE
UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO.

MR. MOUNDS.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR.

I'VE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON
BEHALF OF THE MATHISON MUSEUM

BOARD, AND I'M ALSO HERE AS A
ACTION VOLUNTEER.

OBVIOUSLY, CONCERNED ABOUT GUN
VIOLENCE.

I ALSO SUBMITTED TO YOU, A
ARTICLE IN THE BACKUP OR SHOULD
BE IN THE PUBLIC BACKUP, OPENING
LINE SAYS ALCOHOL PLAYS A LARGE

ROLE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND
VIOLENCE, EXCESSIVE DRINKING HAS
THE ABILITY TO LOWERING
INHIBITIONS, IMPAIR A PERSON'S

JUDGMENT, AND INCREASE THE RISK
OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS.
BECAUSE OF THIS, ALCOHOL-RELATED
VIOLATION AND CRIME RATES ARE ON

THE RISE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
AND I BELIEVE FROM WHAT WE'VE
HEARD FROM CHIEF SCOTT THE LAST
COUPLE OF YEARS, DEFINITELY ON

THE RISE HERE.
WE'RE IN FAVOR OF RESUMING FULL
ENFORCEMENT OF THE OPEN
CONTAINER ORDINANCE AS IT WAS

PRE COVID.
WE THINK THAT, THAT TEMPORARY
RELIEF THAT WAS PROVIDERS TO
RESTAURANTS DOWNTOWN IS NO

LONGER NECESSARY, AND I'LL NOTE
THAT A BAR OWNER AT THE LAST
SESSION SAID, NOW WE NEED THIS
IN ORDER TO RECOVER LOSS

PROFITS.
WELL, FRANKLY, I DOUBT THAT
ANYONE WITH A LIQUOR LICENSE IS
HURTING FINANCIALLY, BUT THERE'S

ANOTHER THING THAT I USED TO
RELY ON THE INNKEEPER'S SUPPOSED
RESPONSIBLY TO ENSURE THAT
PEOPLE DRINK RESPONSIBLY, AND

THEY'RE A LIABILITY IN MANY
INJURES DECISIONS WHEN THEY
DON'T.
IF SOMEBODY DOES SOMETHING

OUTSIDE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
THAT WAS A RESULT OF BEING
DRUNK.
I FOUND RECENTLY FLORIDA

STATUTES 768.125, LIABILITY FOR
INJURY OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM
INTOXICATION.
IT SAYS BASICALLY THAT THE

INNKEEPER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, AS
LONG AS THE PERSON IS NOT
UNDERAGED AND THEY'VE BEEN
NOTIFIED THAT THEY'RE AN

ALCOHOLIC.
HERE IN GAINESVILLE, WE ALL
READY HAVE THE SITUATION AS
MS. KERRY PARKER WASHINGTON

MENTIONED, OPEN SEASON ON GUNS,
PERMIT-LESS CARRY WITHOUT
TRAINING OR ANYTHING, THAT'S THE
CLIMATE WE'RE LIVING IN AND

WE'RE POURING GAS ON THE FIRE IF
WE ADD TO THAT, ALCOHOL, OR EVEN
THE INNKEEPER OR BAR OWNER IS
NOT RESPONSIBLE.

YOU KNOW WHAT?
IF SOMEONE SHOULD INJURE SOMEONE
I KNOW -- FOR CREATING THAT
ENVIRONMENT, THAT'S WHERE THE

LIABILITY WOULD BE.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU, MR. MOUNDS.
ANYONE ELSE?

>> NO MORE FOLKS.
>> Mayor: ALL RIGHT, BACK TO THE
DAIS.
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> MR. PERSONS, ARE YOU
ESSENTIALLY SAYING IT WAS STAFF
RECOMMENDATION TO KEEP THE
CURRENT LANGUAGE IN AS IT

RELATES TO SALE IN AN OUTDOOR
AREA?
DID YOU GO AS FAR AS SAYING YOU
GUYS ARE RECOMMENDING THAT?

>> I THINK TO THE EXTENT THAT IT
HAD NOT COME UP IN ANY OF THE
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE
REINSTATED ORDINANCE, AND I

DON'T THINK IT WAS THE INTENT OF
THE COMMISSION TO PUT
OUT-OF-DATED REFERENCES BACK
INTO YOUR CODE OF ORDINANCES.

FROM A STAFF PERSPECTIVE, WE
FELT LIKE WE NEEDED TO BRING
THAT FORWARD FOR THE COMMISSION
TO AT LEAST BE AWARE OF.

>> OKAY, AND THAT WHAT YOU PUT
FORWARD AS IT RELATES TO WHERE
ALCOHOL SALES CAN BE HELD
OUTSIDE, THAT'S NOT OPEN

CONTAINER --
[OVERLAPPING SPEAKERS]
>> IN A SENSE THAT WE MADE A
MOTION TO BRING FORWARD TO BRING

THE OPEN CONTAINER BACK TO WHAT
IT WAS, IT WAS A CHANGE OF
EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE STRUCTURE BUT WE COULD

HAVE BROUGHT BACK THE PORTION
THAT SAID NO DRINKING ON PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THAT PROBABLY
WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING.

I DON'T KNOW IF THE MOTIONER OR
THE SECONDER -- DIDN'T SAY THAT
IT'S STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO DO
IT, BUT IT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL A

LOT BETTER IF WE AT LEAST THE
SALE -- JUST THE UPDATED
LANGUAGE WITHIN -- THAT IS TIED
MORE TO THE LAND USE UNDERNEATH

IT AS OPPOSED TO THE USE
CATEGORY, JUST THE NEWER
LANGUAGE AS OPPOSED TO THE OLDER
LANGUAGE HAS NOTHING TO DO

WHATEVER.
MY UNDERSTANDING, YOU CAN MAKE
THAT CHANGE AND THEN IT BRING IT
BACK BECAUSE IT'S CURRENT

LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE.
>> YES, MR. MAYOR.
IF THE COMMISSION DECIDED THAT,
THAT WAS THE DIRECTION WITH THIS

SPECIFIC CONSUMPTION ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY AND THE PATIO LANGUAGE,
SWITCHING THAT OUT, YOU ALL
COULD MAKE THAT APART OF THE

MOTION, THEN THAT WOULD BE APART
OF THE SECOND READING THAT
YOU'RE DOING TODAY AND IT WOULD
GO INTO EFFECT.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WON'T BE
NEED TO BE YET ANOTHER HEARING
ABOUT THIS IF THAT WAS THE
DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION.

I THINK COMMISSIONER SACO'S
PERMITTING SIDE, THAT WOULD
REQUIRE A WHOLE LOT MORE DELVING
IN BUT THIS ONE MINOR CHANGE

COULD BE DONE TODAY.
>> THAT'S MY MINOR REQUEST.
I'M STILL GOING TO VOTE NO ON
THIS THING.

I THINK WE'LL GET A LOT OF PHONE
CALLS.
YOU MENTIONED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
ESTABLISHMENT, I LOOKED IT UP,

THAT'S U7 AND ABOVE.
I SEE A LOT OF U6 IN THE GROSS
STREET NEIGHBORHOOD, WHERE
THERE'S NICE WINE PICK UP THINGS

THAT ARE GOING ON, THAT ARE IN
U6.

YOU SAID THOSE WOULD BE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

ESTABLISHMENTS, BUT I DON'T
THINK.

THAT'S NOT AN ALLOWED USE IN U6
ZONING SO I DON'T KNOW HOW

THAT'S POSSIBLE.
I DON'T KNOW, IT FEELS GRAY
ENOUGH AND IFFY ENOUGH THAT
WE'RE HAVING UNINTENDED

CONSEQUENCES AND WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT THE INABILITY TO DRINK
ALCOHOL IN THE PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY.

I WOULD HATE SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS COME BACK AND SAY, YOU'RE
MAKING THIS EVENT ILLEGAL WHEN
THERE WAS NO PROBLEMS WITH IT.

>> Chair: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I THINK THE REASONABLE NUANCE
THAT COMMISSIONER EASTMAN IS
TALKING ABOUT IS SOMETHING WE
CONSIDER.

I THINK WE WANT TO CLEARLY BRING
BACK THE OPEN CONTAINER AS IT
EXISTED.
IF THERE'S AN UNINTENDED

CONSEQUENCE FOR TWO OR THREE
BUSINESS OWNERS, THAT IS, AS YOU
SAID, MR. PERSONS HAS SAID THAT,
MR. MANAGER, THAT'S NOT THE

INTENT.
IT'S DE-MINIMUS, COMMISSIONER
SACO TALKED ABOUT THAT AND I
THINK IT'S VALID.

WHAT BUSINESSES DO WE KNOW?
YOU MENTIONED BLACK ATTARS.
IS THERE SOME OTHER BUSINESS AND
I MENTION THAT BECAUSE DOING

SOME PRELIMINARY RESEARCH ON
WHAT ARE OUR COP LICENSES IN THE
CITY OF DISTRICT, WHICH IS DATA,
BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE'S OVER

300 LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS THAT
CAN SELL BEER OR WINE WITHIN THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, THAT'S
WHERE YOU CAN SELL AND CONSUME

ON PREMISS, AND I WONDERED WHAT
WAS THE UNINTENDED CON SENTENCE.
THE ONLY ONE I HEARD IS THERE
COULD BE A MINISCULE AMOUNT OF

BUSINESSES THAT COULD BE
IMPACTED BY REVERTING TO THE
PREVIOUS LANGUAGE.

>> MR. MAYOR, WE DON'T KNOW, AS

COMMISSIONER BOOK INDICATED,
PARTICULARLY THE BEER AND WINE
LICENSE HOLDERS, I CAN SAY A
PREVALENT TREND WE SAW DURING

THE PANDEMIC WAS SMALL RETAIL
ESTABLISHMENTS, BE IT BIKE SHOPS
OR, LIKE SMALL SPECIALTY
RETAILERS, ADD MAYBE A BEER TAP

OR HAVE A BOTTLE OF WINE
AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS, THEY
MAY HAVE A SMALL OUTDOOR SEATING
AREA.

PRIMARILY, THAT WAS A RESPONSE TO COVID TO DIVERSIFY REVENUE STREAMS AND CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITY.

A LOT OF THOSE HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A HANDLES ON THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES THAT

WOULD BE IMPACTED. I THINK FROM STAFF'S CONCERN, THIS POTENTIAL OLDER LANGUAGE GOING IN MAY INADVERTENTLY

PRECLUDE THOSE THINGS WITHOUT THE COMMISSION INTENDING TO DO SO, THAT'S WHY FROM A STAFF PERSPECTIVE, THE MORE GENERIC

LANGUAGE, WHICH SAYS WITHIN AN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA THAT'S APART OF AN APPROVED USE OF PROPERTY, WHICH IS ZONED AND

PERMITTED FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, PROVIDES ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY THAT WE FEEL LIKE IT WOULD COVER ANY OF THE

SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAYBE HAVE EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

>> AND I ASSUME THEN GIVEN THAT

KIND OF UPDATED LANGUAGE, THAT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE OPEN CONTAINER LANGUAGE AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

>> ROADWAYS, PUBLIC PROPERTY.
>> ABSOLUTELY NOT.
>> AND WOULD REVERT THE ORDINANCE TO WHAT WE HAD BEFORE.

MY CITY ATTORNEY, DOES THAT
SOUND CONTRACT TO YOU?

>> YES.

>> I DIDN'T CATCH IT.

>> I SAID YES.

>> I THINK THE COMMISSIONER IS
ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, THAT IT DOES
NOT AFFECT ANY OF THE

CONSUMPTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,
ON RIGHT-OF-WAY, THIS IS
STRICTLY A PUBLIC PROPERTY
ISSUE.

>> IT DOESN'T IMPACT PRIVATE
YARDS, AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER
LOCATIONS THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE
TO DRINK WITHOUT ANY INHIBITION

WHATSOEVER.

THIS AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO
IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DRINKING IN OUR PUBLIC WAYS, AND

IS NOT A BUSINESS IMPACT, IN MY
ESTIMATION.

GIVEN WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM
MR. PERSONS AND I APPRECIATE YOU

FIGURING OUT THAT NUANCE THERE,
MR. EASTMAN, I THINK THAT IS THE
INTENT OF MOTION.

IT TAKES AWAY THREE OR FOUR

BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE IMPACTED
RIGHT NOW MERELY BECAUSE WE
NEEDED A LITTLE BIT OF A
LANGUAGE CHANGE.

>> SO THE MOTION THAT YOU MADE
WAS TO APPROVE WHAT STAFF
INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE AND
THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE THAT IN

THERE.

THERE WERE THREE CHANGES
UNRELATED TO -- THAT I HAD ASKED
STAFF TO COME BACK WITH,

UNRELATED TO THE ABILITY TO
DRINK IN A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
ONE WAS ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF
THE CHARGES, ANOTHER ABOUT THE

EVENTS.

THE FIRST ONE BEING ABOUT THIS
REINSTATEMENT, ABOUT WHERE YOU
CAN SELL ALCOHOL IN AN OUTDOOR

ENVIRONMENT.

I RECOGNIZE I DON'T HAVE THE
VOTES FOR THE SECOND TWO, BUT
THE FIRST SEEMS LIKE THE

IMPORTANT ONE.

THEY'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
SECTIONS THAN THE PROHIBITION ON
DRINKING ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY,

BUT WHAT YOU APPROVED HAD ALL OF
THAT IN THERE.

IT WAS THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

MR. PERSONS SAID YOU WOULD HAVE

TO AIDEN TO SAY--

>> MR. PERSONS HAS THE LANGUAGE.

>> IT WOULD BE REPLACING THE
BACKUP ORDINANCE, WITHIN A PATIO

OR PORCH THAT IS APART OF AN
APPROVED USE, THE PERMANENT
BUILDING ON PROPERTY ZONED AND
PERMITTED, A, AS A ALCOHOL

ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THE CENTRAL
CITY DISTRICT, OR B, AS AN
EATING PLACE, OR C, FOR THE
MANUFACTURER OF ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES, THAT WOULD BE
REPLACED WITH LANGUAGE THAT SAYS
WITH AN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA
THAT IS APART OF APPROVED USE

PROPERTY THAT IS ZONED AND
PERMITTED FOR THE USE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

>> THEY CAN SELL NOW AND MAKING

SURE WE DON'T IMPACT THE VERY
FEW BUSINESSES, THAT WOULD BE
THE ONLY AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD
ACCEPT, BUT I UNDERSTAND -- AND

IT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE THE
INTENT IS NOT TO IMPACT A
BUSINESS WHAT THEY'RE DOING
RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE

GEOGRAPHY THEY'RE SITTING IN
PUTS THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE ON
WHAT WE'RE PREPARING TO VOTING
ON.

>> ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THAT
CHANGE?

>> I DID.

>> THANK YOU, GUYS.

>> THE ONE OTHER THING,
MR. MAYOR, THIS IS GOING LONGER
THAN I THOUGHT, TOO, THIS
PARTICULAR FIRST ITEM, THERE'S

MEATY DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTS,
CULTURE, AND HOSPITALITY
DISTRICT.

GOOD PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ADVANCE

AND THIS IS THE FACTS THAT
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT IS TALKING
ABOUT.

GOOD PUBLIC EDUCATION WILL LEAD

US TO ENFORCE US IN THE WAYS
THAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE
COMMUNITY, SO THAT'S GETTING OUT
FRONT AND MAKING SURE PEOPLE

UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES 678 WE
DON'T WANT PEOPLE WALKING ACROSS
A LINE.
I DON'T WANT THAT EITHER.

I WOULD HOPE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
PARTNERS -- OUTSIDE OF A
GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY, THEY'RE
TOTALLY COMPLAINT, THAT'S NOT

WHAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS DESIGNED
TO DO.
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
THAT'S COMPLIANCE, EDUCATION,

WARNING.
I FEEL LIKE WE WILL SEE BY
TRUSTING PUBLIC SAFETY THAT,
THAT IS, IN FACT, HOW IT WILL

OPERATE.
I WILL SAY, MADAM MANAGER, IF
WE'RE ABLE TO PUT THIS IN PLACE
BY JANUARY 1ST, WHICH WAS THE

ORIGINAL MOTION, THIS IS THE
SECOND READING OF THAT, WE NEED
TO BE ON THE FRONT END OF MAKING
SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AND

WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE IN THE
NEXT DISCUSSION, BUT
UNDERSTANDING ALL OF THE NUANCES
WHAT WE'VE DONE.

I THINK THAT'S REALLY, REALLY
IMPORTANT AND ALSO HELPS PUBLIC
SAFETY DO THEIR JOB.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER BOOK.
MR. CLERK, MR. ATTORNEY,
MR. PERSONS, DO YOU ALL

GENERALLY HAVE -- YOU UNDERSTAND
THE INTENT OF THE CHANGE?
OKAY.
ALL RIGHT --

>> I KNOW THIS IS SECOND READING
BUT AS WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT
THIS AND THE REAL EMPHASIS ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, I WANT TO MAKE

SURE I SAY CERTAIN THINGS IN TO
RESPONSE.
GAINESVILLE IS A PARTY TOWN,
YOUTH IN OUR TOWN, ABOUT SAFETY,

AND SOME TIE TO PARTICULARLY GUN
DEATHS WE'VE SEEN ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES, ALL ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES.

ALMOST NOWHERE HAS BEEN IMMUNE
FROM INCREASE OVER THE PAST TWO,
THREE YEARS SINCE THE PANDEMIC,
SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I

REITERATE THAT WE HAVE VERY,
VERY LITTLE GOOD DATA HERE
LOCALLY TO TIE THOSE TOGETHER,
AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE

THAT YOUTH DRINKING HAS BEEN IN
DECLINE, YET, OVER THE PAST
COUPLE OF YEARS, WE'VE SEEN
INCREASE IN VIOLENCE NATIONWIDE.

MAKING THESE CONNECTIONS ARE, I
THINK, NOT SCIENTIFIC, I DON'T
THINK THEY'RE ACCURATE TO DRAW
THEM.

AUGUST 22, 2023, MADE IT CLEAR
THAT 18-24-YEAR-OLDS OVER THE
PAST TWO DECADES, THOSE WHOEVER
DRANK, DRANK IN THE LAST WEEK OR

MORE THAN THEY SHOULD, IT'S ALL
LOWER TODAY.

THE GROUP THAT HAS INCREASED IS
AMONG OLDER AMERICANS WITH

MIDDLE AGED AMERICANS STAYING
MORE STEADY.

I THINK IT'S A BIT OF A, I DON'T
KNOW IF I WANT TO SAY

DISTRACTION, BUT THIS IDEA THAT
IT'S YOUTH PARTY CULTURE
OUT-OF-HAND.

IT'S NOT WHAT WE SEE ACROSS THE

UNITED STATES.

IT'S NOT WHAT WE SEE HERE.

IF THERE'S EVIDENCE THAT YOUNGER
FOLKS ARE CHOOSING TO CONSUME

OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOOD
FOR THEM, IT'S NOT ALCOHOL.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THIS IN
COMPARISON SPECIFICALLY TO GUN

VIOLENCE AND DEATH, I HAVE
PROBLEMS WITH US NOT -- WITH
THAT BEING SAID, WITHOUT SOME
SORT OF ARGUMENT AGAINST THAT

BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THAT HERE.
I DON'T THINK WE'RE FOLLOWING
THE DATA.

WHAT I HAVE BEEN READING FROM

THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IS
THAT THEY ARE NOT HAPPY WITH
THAT DATA.

IT MAY BE BECAUSE WE'RE A

COMMUNITY WITH A WHOLE LOT OF
COMMUNITY WITH SCIENCE EDUCATION
AND THEY DON'T SEE THE DATA, SO
I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I SAID

THAT.

I UNDERSTAND THE BASIC IDEA OF
LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS
WITH ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE CAN BE

-- THERE'S SOME STRONG TIES, BUT
THE DATA RECENTLY ON GUN DEATH I
DON'T THINK SUPPORTS IT.
HERE, I DON'T THINK WE DON'T

HAVE AS MUCH AS WE LOVE.
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THAT IS
WHAT IS BEING SAID, I STILL AM
OPPOSED TO THIS MOTION BECAUSE I

DON'T THINK IT WILL AFFECT THE
GUN VIOLENCE WE SEE HERE.
WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT IT WILL GET
BETTER.

GPD WILL CONTINUE TO DO THEIR
JOBS AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO FIND
SOLUTIONS.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
I'LL THANK Y'ALL ONCE AGAIN FOR
THE HIGH LEVEL, PRODUCTIVE,

COLLEGIATE LANGUAGE THAT WE USE
WITH EACH OTHER, I APPRECIATE
IT.

THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT TOPIC

MOVING FORWARD.
I'M PLEASED TO SEE US MOVE
FORWARD AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
THE NEXT ITEM WHEN WE MAKE A

LOGICAL DECISION.
ROLE CALL VOTE.
[ROLL CALLED]
THAT PASSES WITHOUT COMMISSIONER

WIT LITERACY, SACO AND EASTMAN
IN DESCENT.
NEXT ITEM.
>> ITEM 2023-85, OPEN CONTAINERS

OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, ADDING
REGULATIONS FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT

DISTRICT RELATED TO OPEN
CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES AND INCLUDING A MAP
FOR A DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT

DISTRICT BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE
IV WITHIN CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING
DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER;

PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
>> Mayor: MR. PERSONS.

>> THANK YOU.
JUST TO FOLLOW-UP, THIS IS
SECOND READING OF THE ARTS,
CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

DISTRICT ORDINANCE.
AT FIRST READING, THE COMMISSION
APPROVED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO
THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, INCLUDING

REMOVING THE APPROVED OPEN
CONTAINER, SO THAT HAS BEEN
REMOVED.
THERE'S STILL A GLASS

PROHIBITION IN THE ORDINANCE, WE KEPT THAT IN PER YOUR DIRECTION BUT OUTSIDE OF THAT PROHIBITION, ANY CONTAINER WOULD BE AN

ALLOWED CONTAINER. THE COMMISSION DIRECTED SOME MAP CHANGES AND IF I CAN GET THE OVERHEAD REAL QUICK.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPLE CHANGES WAS TO SIMPLIFY THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, AS WELL AS ADD SOME SPECIFIC PROPERTIES.

SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, STAFF WENT BACK AND BROUGHT SOME OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES INWARD, INCLUDING SOME OF THE AREA NORTH

THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN THE PROPOSED -- ORIGINAL PROPOSED DISTRICT. WE BROUGHT THAT BOUNDARY BACK

DOWN TO THE SOUTH. WE ALSO REMOVED AREAS EAST OF THIRD STREET FROM THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE KELLY POWER PLANT

AREA AND THE POWER DISTRICT. THEN, WE ADDED A PORTION OF SOUTH MAIN THAT THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED, AND WE ADDED THE

FOURTH AVENUE FOOD PARK HERE, AND WE REMOVED THE PORTION ON SIXTH STREET UP HERE NORTH OF UNIVERSITY AVENUE WHERE THE

SANTA FE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS IS. WE ALSO ADDED A SECOND DISTRICT PER COMMISSION DIRECTIONS FOR THE GROSS STREET AREA.

THIS IS BOUNDED BY NORTHWEST
EIGHTH AVENUE TO THE SOUTH,
NORTHWEST SECOND STREET TO THE
EAST, NORTHWEST 12TH AVENUE TO

THE NORTH, AND NORTHWEST FOURTH
STREET TO THE WEST.

THEN, THE COMMISSION ALSO
DIRECTED CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL

PROPOSED HOURS FOR THE DISTRICT
FROM 11:30 P.M. TILL 2:00 A.M.,
I DID WANT TO NOTE THAT STAFF
RECOMMENDATION REMAINS AT

11:30 P.M. FOR ALL OF THE
REASONS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN
COORDINATION WITH GPD AND THEIR
ABILITY TO ADDRESS GATHERINGS AT

A EARLIER TIME OF NIGHT WHEN
THEIR RESOURCES AREN'T OTHERWISE
TIED UP WITH DOWNTOWN.
BUT THOSE ARE THE MAIN CHANGES

TO THE DISTRICT.
WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU,

MR. PERSONS.
BEFORE WE GET LIGHTS SINCE THERE
AREN'T ANY YET, I'LL PUT MY OUT
FIRST.

FIRST, LET ME REMIND EVERYONE,
IF YOU'RE HERE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM.
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO THAT AND

BRING IT RIGHT OVER HERE BEFORE
YOU DO, BEFORE COMMENTING.
I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE
11:30 BACK IN THE ORDINANCE.

I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE GROSS STREET MAP TO NOT INCLUDE THE U4 AREA, WHICH IS THE LIGHT BLUE. MY HOPE FOR THAT IS TO INCLUDE

THE TRAIL WITHIN THE LARGER RECTANGLE, BUT NOT INCLUDE THE HEIGHT BLUE U4 AREA THERE.

>> WOULD THAT BE RESIDENTIAL?

>> U4 IS SORT OF A MIX OF OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: I MAY HAVE MISSED IT

IN THE LANGUAGE, BUT I WONDER IF WE COULD ADD LANGUAGE EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARKING LOTS AND PARKING GARBAGES SO THAT WOULD ACTUALLY

BE IN THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU ALL JUST TOOK ACTION ON.

WE'RE HAPPY TO BRING THAT BACK. THAT WAS IN ONE OF THE EARLIER

PROPOSED ORDINANCES WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOURS.

WE CAN BRING THAT BACK BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE

ORDINANCE.

>> Mayor: I WOULD LOVE FOR US TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AS WELL, I THINK THAT SOLVES A NUMBER OF

PROBLEMS.

OKAY, SO WITH THIS THEN, THAT CHANGE I'M LOOKING FOR ON THE MAP, TAKE U4 OUT AND THAT'S THE

LIGHT BLUE AREA AND CHANGE IT BACK TO 11:30.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

WE'VE HAD SO MANY LONG
DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THIS, AND
IT'S LIKE HAVING CONVERSATIONS
DOWN TWO DIFFERENT PATHS.

I HEAR NEIGHBORHOODS TALK ABOUT
ALCOHOL, OVER-CONSUMPTION, THEN
I ALSO WHAT I SEE ON THE GROUND
AND WHEN I TALK WITH FOLKS THAT

GO TO THESE, THAT ARE IN THESE
AREAS GOING TO THESE EVENTS,
THEY'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS THE

BENEFIT OF OPEN CONTAINER.
THE FACT THAT SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS CAN USE SPACE IN FRONT OF
THEIR AREA, LIKE HOW BIZARRE

HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB
CREATING NIGHT MARKETS, WHICH IS
ONE OF THE COOLEST NEW THINGS
THAT HAVE COME IN GAINESVILLE TO

SUSTAIN THAT BUSINESS.
NEAT CONCERTS COMING OUT.
THERE SHOULD BE ONE IN FRONT OF
LUCY'S AS I LEARNED TODAY.

I WOULD SAY LITTLE HEAVY
DRINKING.
I SEE THE HEAVY DRINKING INSIDE
OF THE BARS, WHERE YOU WOULD

EXPECT THEM.
THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF PASSION
ON BOTH SIDES.
PEOPLE FEARFUL BEFORE THE

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, THEN YOU
HAVE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THESE SMALL
BUSINESSES WHO LOVE TO SEE THEM
GROW AND SEE THESE EVENTS.

THERE WAS AN E-MAIL THAT I
MENTIONED LAST TIME THAT I'LL
BRING UP AGAIN, THAT A WOMAN, I
THINK IN HER 50S OR SO, SAID

THAT THE GAINESVILLE SHE KNOWS
AND LOVES SHE SEES DISAPPEARING
BENEATH THE LARGER APARTMENT
BUILDINGS.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FRONT OF
LUCY'S, OUTSIDE, IN LARGE PART
TO THE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE,
IT KEEPS THE ORGANIC SPIRIT OF

GAINESVILLE ALIVE.
I AGREE WITH THAT A HUNDRED
PERCENT.
I'M EXCITED TO HAVE THIS MOVE

FORWARD.
I'VE HAD PEOPLE COME UP AND TALK
TO ME ABOUT DIFFERENT CHANGES,
PARTICULARLY THE GROWTH STREET

MAP.
SHOULD WE MOVE IT ON TO NINTH?
I THINK THIS POINT WHERE WE ARE,
AT LEAST WHERE I STAND IS THAT

-- MR. MAYOR, I'M HAPPY TO
INCLUDE YOUR CHANGES TO THE MAP,
BUT I THINK WE MOVE FORWARD WITH
THE CHANGES THAT ARE THERE,

ALONG WITH THE CHANGES THAT YOU
HAVE REQUESTED, BUT THEN, YOU
KNOW, CIRCLE BACK AROUND SEVEN,
EIGHT MONTHS.

ONCE PEOPLE WRAP THEIR HEAD
AROUND IT, IF THERE'S PEOPLE
THAT THINK WE'RE ENHANCING
ALCOHOL WHEN WE'RE SEVERELY

RESTRICTING IT AND ROLLING IT
BACK, I THINK ONCE THESE ARE IN
PLACE, WE CAN HAVE A CALMER
CONVERSATION SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS

DOWN THE ROAD, BUT MOVE FORWARD
WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION, AS
WELL AS THE CHANGES TO THE TIME
AND THE CHANGE TO REMOVE SOME OF

THAT.

IT'S NOT REALLY SINGLE FAMILY
HOMES BACK THERE.

MR. MAYOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME

ASKING, WHY DID YOU WANT TO
REMOVE U4 OUT OF THAT SECTION?
>> BECAUSE THERE'S HOMES, NOT
NECESSARILY SINGLE FAMILY HOMES,

THINGS ARE BEING BUILT THERE.
IT FEELS MORE RESIDENTIAL AND
OFFICE COMMERCIAL THAN THE LOWER
PART.

THE PART THAT IS U6 FEELS LIKE
WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAKES
SENSE THERE.

>> I DON'T FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT

IT AT ALL BECAUSE I DON'T SEE,
ONE, YOU CAN'T HAVE A ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE WITHIN U4.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE EVENTS

IN U4.

GIVING GARDEN IS UP THERE,
THERE'S A BUNCH OF STUFF UP
THERE, BUT THAT'S ALL PRIVATE

PROPERTY, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY
PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THAT.
I'M HAPPY TO MAKE THE MOTION OR
HAVE IT COME BACK.

ACTUALLY, I WILL.
I'LL MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE
2023-855 WITH THE CHANGE THAT WE
MOVE THE -- I'M GOING TO -- MOVE

THE TIME TO 12:00 A.M., CHANGE
THE GROWTH STREET MAP TO REMOVE
U4 AND CHANGE THE GROWTH STREET
MAP TO U4.

>> SECOND.
>> Mayor: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A
SECOND, AND LOTS MORE COMMENTS.
>> MR. MAYOR, I THOUGHT 12:00

O'CLOCK.
I UNDERSTAND THAT STAFF WANTED
TO COME FORWARD WITH 11:30
BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN PARKS

CLOSED, I THOUGHT -- I THINK
12:00 O'CLOCK IS AN EASIER THING
TO REMEMBER THAN AT MIDNIGHT,
YOU CAN'T BE OUTSIDE DRINKING.

I THINK IT'S EASIER TO
COMMUNICATE AND EASIER FOR
PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND.
>> Mayor: JUST AS WELL.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
COMMISSIONER SACO.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
TO EXPLAIN THE MOST RESIGNED

SECOND PROBABLY HEARD ON THIS
DAIS, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT TO
KEEP IT AT 2:00 A.M. BECAUSE
WE'RE REALLY RESTRICTING

STRONGLY WHERE FOLKS CAN DRINK,
BUT I'VE ALSO SEEN FROM THE GPD
POINT OF VIEW WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
AT 15 5:00 A.M. WHEN PEOPLE ARE

THROWING BACK THEIR DRINKS
BECAUSE BARS ARE GOING TO STOP
SERVING AND THEY JUST CHUG.
THEN THEY ALL GET PILED OUT ON

TO VARIOUS SIDEWALKS.
I'VE SEEN WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.
I WILL STAND BY THAT MIDNIGHT.
I THINK IT'S STILL SCALING IT

BACK TO GIVE BREATHING ROOM FOR
THOSE THAT WANT TO GO HOME AND
START WINDING DOWN AND STILL
GIVE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY TO

MOST ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE
DOING THIS IN THESE AREAS.
I DID HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT PART
C ON SECTION ONE, SO THAT'S PART

C, ENTERING AN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT.
NO PERSON MAY ENTER AN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT WITH AN

OPEN CONTAINER ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE WHETHER REQUIRED AT
THAT ESTABLISHMENT OR ELSEWHERE.
SO I'M IMAGING I GET A DRINK,

I'M FINISHING IT UP.
I KNOW IT WILL TAKE A WHILE TO
GET ANOTHER BECAUSE THERE'S A
BUNCH OF PEOPLE AND ONE

BARTENDER.
MY DRINK IS NOT FINISHED, BUT
I'M GOING INSIDE TO ORDER
ANOTHER ONE.

THERE'S A TALL FRIEND OF MINE
WILL GO IN BECAUSE I WON'T BE
SEEN, AND THEY'RE ORDERING A
DRINK FOR ME AND STILL HAVE

THEIRS, BUT THEY'RE IN VIOLATION
OF IT BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING IN
WITH THEIR DRINK.
I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW

THAT CAME ABOUT AND WHAT STAFF
ENVISIONED WHEN THEY WROTE THAT
BECAUSE I PURCHASED MY DRINK
HERE, I GO OUTSIDE, THEN WHEN I

GO TO THE BATHROOM, I DON'T WANT
MY DRINK WITH ME, I'M GOING TO
GO LEAVE MY DRINK SOMEWHERE.
THERE'S A LOT OF SCENARIOS WHERE

I WOULD GO BACK INTO THE
ESTABLISHMENT WHILE STILL
HOLDING THAT DRINK THAT I
PURCHASED HERE, SO IF STAFF

COULD EXPLAIN C TO ME,
OTHERWISE, YEAH, IF STAFF COULD
EXPLAIN C TO ME BECAUSE I SEE A
LOT OF HOLES IN THAT ONE.

>> AND I MAY ACTUALLY ASK LEE
LIBBY TO COME UP.
I BELIEVE THIS IS A STATUTORY
LIMITATION THAT AS APART OF THE

ALCOHOL LICENSE THAT THE
ESTABLISHMENT HAS, THEY CAN'T
ALLOW OUTSIDE ALCOHOL TO COME
INSIDE OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

>> THAT'S OUTSIDE.
EVEN IF I PURCHASED IT AT THE
SAME ESTABLISHMENT, I CAN'T COME
IN.

WHETHER ACQUIRED AT THAT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT
OR ELSEWHERE, THAT'S WHAT I'M
SAYING.

>> YEAH.
>> IF I DRINK AT THE SAME BAR, I
CAN'T GO BACK INTO THE SAME BAR?
>> MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT COMES

FROM A STATUTORY LIMITATION.
>> TALLAHASSEE IS NOT GREAT AT
DRAFTING, ARE THEY?
>> YEAH.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT STAFF DIDN'T
PUT --
[OVERLAPPING SPEAKERS]
>> IT'S SOMETHING I THINK WE'RE

HAVING TO FOLLOW LAW.
>> COULD THAT BE CLARIFIED
THOUGH?
MR. ATTORNEY; THAT VERBATIM?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE MR. LIBBY
WENT OFF TO.
IT'S VERBATIM, I GUESS, FINE, WE
HAVE TO, BUT IF IT'S NOT

VERBATIM, WE SHOULD PROBABLY
REMOVE -- I'LL KEEP ELSEWHERE IF
PURCHASED ELSEWHERE BECAUSE THAT
MAKES SENSE, BUT I SHOULD BE

ABLE TO GO BACK INTO THE SAME
ESTABLISHMENT TO USE THE
BATHROOM WITH MY DRINK.
>> I DON'T KNOW THE QUESTION.

WE COULD ASK MR. LIBBY.
COY BRING HIM BACK DOWN AND GET
HIM TO EXPLAIN IT.
IN ANY EVENT, AN INDIVIDUAL, YOU

KNOW, THE LICENSE WOULD ALLOW.
THAT'S AN ORDINANCE THAT IS NOT
--
[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

THE LICENSE THEY RECEIVE FROM
THE STATE.

>> SO IF IT IS REDUNDANT, IF IT
IS IN PLACE AS A REDUNDANCY, WE

CAN REMOVE IT WHOLESALE BECAUSE
STATE LAW WOULD STILL APPLY
REGARDLESS?

>> I THINK PERHAPS, OTHER THAN

THERE'S AN EFFORT TO MAKE IT
MORE CLEAR FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

>> IT AIN'T MORE CLEAR.
IT'S SOMEHOW WORSE.

I THINK WE HAVE SOMETIME, IF
SOMEBODY WANTS TO TEXT HIM TO
GET DOWN HERE BECAUSE THERE'S
PLENTY OF LIGHTS.

I WOULD LIKE CLARITY ON THAT ONE
BECAUSE I WOULD ASK FOR IT TO BE
REMOVED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEEM
TO HELP ANYONE AT THAT POINT, SO

THAT WAS ONE MY ONE CONCERN.
OTHERWISE, I'M WILLING TO GO
ALONG WITH THE TWO CONTAINED
SECTIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

MY UNDERSTANDING WAS WITH THE
REENTRY WAS THAT SOMEWHERE YOU
COULDN'T -- I KNOW I'VE BEEN
STOPPED FROM TAKING BEER OUT OF

A BAR, ATTEMPTED TO GO BACK IN,
AND SOME PLACE, I WAS TOLD I
HAVE TO FINISH IT.
THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING.

I DIDN'T LIKE THAT SECTION, BUT
I THOUGHT IT WAS, FROM THE STATE
SOMEHOW.

I THINK DEFINITELY WE SHOULD

COME BACK AND LOOK AT PARKING
LOTS AND GARAGES AT A LATER
POINT, AND WE HAVE SOME TIME
BETWEEN NOW AND EVEN

JANUARY 1ST, SO I'M EXCITED BY
THAT.

THE 12:00 A.M., I REFER TO AS I
TURN INTO A PUMPKIN BY

12:00 A.M., THAT'S NOT HOW THE
FAIRYTALE GOES, BUT AT
12:00 A.M., I TURN INTO A
PUMPKIN.

MY PREFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN
2:00 A.M., BUT WE CAN SEE HOW IT
GOES.

12:00 IS VERY CLEAR,

PARTICULARLY ON THE GROWTH
STREET MAP.

I CAN APPRECIATE CUTTING OUT THE
U4 AREA PARTICULARLY BECAUSE

IT'S RESIDENTIAL.

ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE'S ONE
OR TWO, BUT IT COULD CHANGE IN
THE FUTURE, SO I FEEL MORE

COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

THIS REMINDS ME WITH THIS MAP IN
PARTICULAR, LOOKING FOR HELPING
A CERTAIN SET OF BUSINESSES IN

WHAT WE CALL ARTS, CULTURE,
ENTERTAINMENT, HOSPITALITY, AND
WHY WE DON'T CALL THAT ARTS,
CULTURE, HOSPITALITY AND

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MIDTOWN
ALONG UNIVERSITY IS WHERE I HAVE
A PROBLEM BECAUSE WE VERY
SPECIFICALLY HAVE SAID, YOU

KNOW, THE BUSINESSES WHO OPERATE
HERE PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT OF
SOME SORT AND THIS IS AN
APPROPRIATE AREA, BUT PERHAPS

NOT IN MIDTOWN ACROSS FROM A
FOOTBALL STADIUM WHERE WE KNOW
ON DAME DAY, PEOPLE WANT TO
CROSS FROM ONE SIDE OF

UNIVERSITY TO THE OTHER BECAUSE
THEY'RE THERE, SHORTLY THEY WILL
BE ENTERTAINED BY FOOTBALL OR
DISAPPOINTED IF THE GATORS

AREN'T DOING WELL.
I THINK THERE'S -- I DON'T THINK
WE'RE TREATING THESE AREAS
FAIRLY AND IT CALLS INTO

QUESTION FOR ME, THE WHOLE IDEA
OF THESE AREAS, IF IT'S JUST
DOWNTOWN AND IT'S REALLY, REALLY
TIGHT, BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT

AREAS, WHY NOT.
COULD BE PROPOSING THE MIDTOWN
AREA, I MAY GET THERE TO PROPOSE
A AREA FOR MIDTOWN.

I DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
WHO HAVE SPOKEN TO ME THAT THEY
SEEK THAT OUT, THAT THAT'S A
VERY SPECIFIC ASK, AND THEY

SHOULD ASK THEIR COMMISSIONERS
AND WE'LL SEE IF I GET THERE AS
WELL TO INTRODUCE THAT.
I THINK SOME PEOPLE, SOME OF

WHAT I HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY
WAS A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION --
NO, NO, THIS IS CURRENTLY, YOU
KNOW, I DON'T LIKE THE WORD, BUT

IT'S A FREE FOR ALL, YOU CAN DO
A LOT.
I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE
THAT'S HAPPENING AND THEY'RE

AFRAID OF A CHANGE, SO THIS IS
STILL HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE.
THIS IS ALL I HAD.
I THINK WITH THE TIMING,

12:00 A.M., SOME OF THESE
TWEAKS, WHERE WE REALIZE MAP
AREAS, ENTRY, IN AND OUT, WE'LL
SEE HOW IT GOES, AND THERE'S

SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME
TWEAKS, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE FUTURE OF LOOKING INTO
PARKING LOTS AND GARAGES BECAUSE

DEFINITELY FROM WHAT I HEARD,
THAT IS AN AREA THAT DEFINITELY
NEEDED THE ABILITY TO MAKE SURE
THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT HAVING

PARTIES OUT OF THEIR TRUNK AND I
100% AGREE WITH THAT.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
I WOULD ADD THAT THE GROVE
STREET AREA, I BELIEVE IS TO TRY
TO KEEP THE FARMER'S MARKET,

WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLY VIBRANT
SCENE THAT REALLY IS USEFUL AND
GOOD, AVAILABLE, AS IT HAS
BECOME OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I -- I HAVE A PROBLEM WHEN GROVE STREET WAS ADDED LAST WEEK, OR A

COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

IT'S GROVE STREET BEGINS TO ENCROACH ON THE DUCKPOND, AND IT'S GOING TO ENCROACH ON THE

GROVE STREET AREA, PERIOD, WITH THE RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

I WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM IN SEEING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR

GROVE STREET ON MONDAY, BUT THE FARMER'S MARKET FROM 4:00 TO 7:00.

BUT I JUST HAVE A PROBLEM IN

ADDING ALL OF GROVE STREET, PERIOD, TO THIS.

TO THIS ORDINANCE.

BUT I THINK A LIMITED EXPOSURE,

A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THAT DAY TO MAINTAIN THE FARMER'S MARKET WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD CONSIDER.

AND, IN FACT, I'LL MAKE THAT A MOTION.

I'D LIKE TO SEE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR GROVE STREET TO

HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT JUST FOR MONDAY, 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

>> Mayor: SO, WE ALREADY HAD A

MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

>> OH.

-- ANOTHER.

I'LL HOLD IT.

>> Mayor: OKAY.
>> THANK YOU.
>> Mayor: ALL RIGHT.
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT JUST
TO ADVOCATE, AND DRAW SOME
ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO OUR

NEIGHBORS IN THE PORTER'S
QUARTERS COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
CONSISTENTLY CALLED AND
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THINGS

THAT ARE CURRENTLY HAPPENING.
AND I WANTED TO KNOW IF STAFF
MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A LEVEL
OF INSIGHT ABOUT HOW WE CAN

PROVIDE SOME SORT OF PROTECTION.
AND I WILL CALL IT THAT,
PROTECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS,
FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS IN THAT

COMMUNITY, WHO'VE ALREADY
EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OR NOT
SOME, BUT GREAT CONCERN, FOR
SOME OF THE FALLOUT FROM PARKING

ISSUES.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A
HISTORICALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN
NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE STREETS

ARE VERY SMALL, WHERE
INDIVIDUALS ARE TRYING TO GET IN
AND OUT OF THEIR HOMES, AND
PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PATRONIZE THE

BUSINESSES ARE PARKING IN FRONT
OF DRIVEWAYS, AND BLOCKING
ACCESS TO HOMES.
SO, IF STAFF COULD STEP FORWARD

AND EXPLAIN TO ME AND ALLOW THE
PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS OF PORTER'S
QUARTERS, ET CETERA, TO HEAR
ABOUT HOW THEY MAY BE ABLE TO

GET SOME RELIEF, GET SOME
ASSISTANCE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO.
ANDREW, CAN YOU COME FORWARD?

AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
OBVIOUSLY IT'S NOT A NEW
CONVERSATION.
WE'VE HAD PORTER'S QUARTERS COME

AND HAVE MEETINGS WITH US ABOUT
THE THINGS THEY ARE ALREADY
EXPERIENCING.
SHOULD WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS?

HOW CAN WE MAKE SOME REAL MOVES
FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES,
AND THE DIVERTINGS OF TRAFFIC,
INCREASED TRAFFIC IN THEIR

COMMUNITY.
HOW CAN WE HELP THEM IF WE MOVE
FORWARD WITH THESE MAPS?
>> SO, I GUESS, MAYBE I'M NOT

SURE ANYTHING HERE IS SORT OF
DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PARKING
ISSUE IN SO MUCH AS, YOU KNOW,
THERE MAY BE USES THAT --

COMMERCIAL USES ALONG FOREST
THAT YOU'VE HEARD GENERATE A LOT
OF TRAFFIC AND INTEREST AND
PEOPLE DO PARK SOMETIMES IN THE

NEIGHBORHOOD.
THE CITY DOES HAVE PARKING DECAL
ZONES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE
CITY.

THOSE SEEM TO BE CLOSER TO THE
UNIVERSITY TO DEAL WITH
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING.
SO THERE'S A DECAL, THAT'S A

SEPARATE ORDINANCE.
THAT'S COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM
THIS.
THAT IS PRIMARILY THE WAY THAT

WE WOULD, YOU KNOW, ADDRESS THE
CITIES PERMITTED PARKING.
LIKE PORTERS OR ANY OTHER
NEIGHBORHOODS.

>> AND SO, OF COURSE, THEY WOULD
HAVE TO CALL IN, YOU KNOW, IF
THEY WERE HAVING THESE ISSUES
AND WOULD HAVE TO CALL, WHO IS

IT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
ADDRESS ANYONE WHO IS --
>> FOR PARKING --
>> DOES NOT HAVE A DECAL?

>> YEAH, PARKING DECALS IS
HANDLED THROUGH THE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,
PARKING ENFORCEMENT AREA.

>> PARKING ENFORCEMENT.
>> AND THEN ALL THE RESIDENTS
THAT LIVE IN THAT DISTRICT WOULD
GET DECALS, PARKING DECALS

THROUGH THE CITY TO BE ABLE TO
PARK THERE EASILY.
>> OKAY.
LET ME CONTINUE TO ASK YOU SOME

MORE QUESTIONS, ANDREW.
WHAT ARE THE ASSOCIATED COSTS
WITH THIS?
I THINK WE TALKED BRIEFLY BEFORE

ABOUT SIGNAGE.
BUT WHAT ELSE, IF WE LOOKED AT
AND ITEMIZED BUDGET FOR THE
CREATION OF THE DISTRICT?

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT?
>> SO, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE
LEVEL OF DETAIL IN TERMS OF LIKE
AN ITEMIZED BUDGET BUT THERE

WOULD BE SOME SIGNAGE COSTS THAT
WOULD COME ALONG WITH THE
RE-ESTABLISHMENT, WE'D LOOK AT
INSTALLING , YOU KNOW, SIGNS

ALONG VARIOUS POINTS OF THE
BOUNDARIES.
WE'VE ALSO DISCUSSED SOME OTHER
OPTIONS THAT MAYBE CURB

PAINTING, I DID WANT TO MENTION
THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT THAT
ANY OF THE BUSINESSES IN THE
DISTRICT ALSO POST A MAP OF THE

DISTRICT INSIDE OF THEIR
ESTABLISHMENT.
SO IT WON'T BE NECESSARILY ANY
CHANGE I THINK IN TERMS OF WHAT

WE ALREADY HAVE ALLOCATED TO
DOING ENFORCEMENT WITH THE
DISTRICTS.
THE PRIMARY COST WOULD BE IN

SIGNAGE.
>> BUT NOTHING LIKE ANYTHING
MAJOR RIGHT NOW.
NO STREET REDESIGN --

>> NO, NO NOTHING LIKE THAT.
>> TRASH RECEPTACLES, MAYBE SOME
THINGS TO HELP PEOPLE KEEP THE
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN.

>> IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT WE
ARE DOING SOME ADDITIONAL WORK
IN LOCATING SOME ADDITIONAL
CENTRALIZED [CHOPPY AUDIO]

RECYCLING, TRASH COMPACTORS IN
THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> SURE.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
AGAIN, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK,

BUT AT THIS POINT WE'LL GO AHEAD
AND START PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> MR. MAYOR FIRST UP WE HAVE
MARIA HUFF EDWARDS FOLLOWED BY

ROBERT MOUNTS.

>> Mayor: WELCOME BACK.

>> MARIA HUFF EDWARDS.

-- NEIGHBORHOOD NORTHWESTERN

AVENUE OUT OF THE ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT, MAKE ALL THE SPECIAL
DISPENSATION FOR THE GROVE
STREET FARMER'S MARKET WHICH

TAKES PLACE IN THE BUILDINGS AND
ON 1 NORTHWEST WOOD STREET AND
THE EXTENSIVE BACKYARD, AND ON
THE EAST SIDE WHICH HOUSES AND

SIGNS BY -- WE WOULD BE ALLOWED
TO HAVE PEOPLE WALKING BACK AND
FORTH BETWEEN GROVE AND SIGNS
WITH A GLASS OF BEER OR WINE

ACQUIRED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF
4:00 TO 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAYS
WHEN THE GROVE STREET FARMER'S
MARKET TAKES PLACE.

HERE ARE THE REASONS WHY WE
THINK THAT THE DISTRICT FOR THE
GREATER GROVE STREET
NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE INTERSECTION

THEREOF IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
THE GROVE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD
HAS NEVER REQUESTED THIS
DESIGNATION AROUND ANY OF THE

NEIGHBORHOOD SECTIONS, THE
NEIGHBORHOOD EXPANDS FROM
NORTHWEST 8th AVENUE TO NORTH
MAIN AND NORTHEAST STREET IN

NONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS MORE
PROPERTY OWNERS OR RESIDENTS OR
NEIGHBORS EITHER HAVE BEEN
INCLUDED IN THESE DELIBERATIONS,

AND NONE OF THE NEIGHBORS WE
HAVE SPOKEN TO SEEM TO THINK IT
IS A GOOD IDEA.
NO OFFICIAL LETTERS HAVE BEEN

FORTHCOMING OR DETAILED WHERE
THIS IDEA WAS OFFICIALLY
PRESENTED TO THE RESIDENTS OF
THE GROVE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD OR

THE OWNERS OF THE BUSINESSES
THAT ARE NOW PART OF THE GROVE
STREET NEIGHBORHOOD, ESPECIALLY
ALONG NORTHWEST 10th AVENUE

BETWEEN NORTHWEST -- NORTH
STREET AND 6th STREET.
THE NEIGHBORS ALONG NORTHWEST
10th AVENUE BETWEEN NORTH FOREST

AND 6th STREET DO NOT LIKE
HAVING THE ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT SO CLOSE TO THEIR
LIVING QUARTERS.

SOME OF THESE NEIGHBORS GET UP
VERY EARLY TO GO TO WORK, OR
WORK FROM HOME, AND THEY LIKE
THE PEACE AND QUIET THAT COMES

THAT REPRESENTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
RATHER THAN AN ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT.

THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

DESIGNATION HAS NEVER BEEN
SOUGHT BY THIS HISTORIC INNER
CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE IT IS
A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND A

MIX OF WAREHOUSES AND OFFICE
SPACES.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATES THE
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT DOWNTOWN

WHICH IS LOCATED AT LEAST SIX
BLOCKS OUT FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

-- LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THE

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WHICH WE
KNOW THAT THE ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT IS VERY SMALL AND PAYS
FOR ITS OWN SECURITY TO MAKE

SURE THAT UNRULY CUSTOMERS DO
NOT INTERFERE WITH THE QUALITY
OF LIFE WITHIN THE SMALL
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT AND THE

GREATER CELEBRATION POINTE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE CONTINUE TO PROPOSE THAT THE
DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT,

BE RELEGATED TO A COMPACT AREA
DOWNTOWN, FROM THE INTERSECTION
OF MAIN STREET AND UNIVERSITY
AVENUE, THAT WILL BE GIVEN A

POLICE OFFICER FOR WHATEVER AREA
YOU DECLARE ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT DOWNTOWN.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
>> AND THANK YOU, MAYOR, BECAUSE
WE DID GO AROUND OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD OVER A MONTH BACK

AND WE DID PROPOSITION THAT THAT
SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF FOUR --
THAT BUILDING ON FOURTH AND 10th
THE SIDEWALK NEEDED REPLACEMENT,

AND WE DIDN'T I BELIEVE A MONTH
THERE WERE CREWS THERE AND NOW
WE CAN SAY THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY
WALK THAT AREA.

SO THANK YOU, BECAUSE YOU CAME.
YOU HEARD.
AND ALSO BECAUSE THE USES FOR
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT

FOR A VERY LONG TIME IT'S
FINALLY COMING TO BE.
SO ALL OF YOU WILL BE PART OF
THAT PLAQUE THAT WE WILL PUT

SAYING THE USES IS PART OF OUR
CITY, AND THE CITY COMMISSION
AND OUR COUNTY.
AND THANK YOU.

I'M NOT SAYING YOU NEED TO SWAY
YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
BUT I DON'T COME HERE AN AWFUL
LOT, AND I JUST WANTED TO TELL

YOU THAT.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
I APPRECIATE THAT.
MR. MOUNTS?

>> MR. MAYOR, I'M ROBERT MOUNTS.
AND AS I'VE SAID BEFORE I'M
AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ASSOCIATION TO SPEAK ON THEIR
BEHALF.
WHEN THIS WAS DISCUSSED IN
SEPTEMBER, ONE OF THE BORROWERS

SAID, NOTED THAT THE ROLL BACK
OF THE CONTAINER ORDINANCE WAS
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO HELP THEM
GET THROUGH COVID.

AND SINCE WE HAVE EXPANDED TO
OUTDOOR EATING AREAS AND ALL OF
THAT.
THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD.

YOU KNOW, NOBODY'S -- I'M NOT
SAYING ANYTHING'S WRONG WITH
HAVING AN EXPANDED OUTDOOR
EATING AREA.

AND OF COURSE I WOULD
[INDISCERNIBLE] REALLY DOESN'T
EXIST.
BUT EVEN WITHOUT THAT, YOU KNOW,

I'M NOT SAYING THAT THERE
SHOULDN'T BE PERMITTED
FESTIVALS, THINGS THAT ARE, YOU
KNOW, TO THE PEOPLE EVEN UNDER

CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC
SAFETY WHERE IT CAN BE
CONTROLLED AND ALL THAT.
BUT, THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS

WOULD OPPOSE ANY ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICT ON A PERMANENT BASIS.
THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN BY THE
OWNER OF THE BULL, AS I RECALL,

WAS IT WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO
RECOVER LOST PROFITS.

WELL, WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS
TAKING SOMETHING THAT WAS

TEMPORARY, FOR RELIEF FOR THE
BUSINESSES, AND MAKING IT
PERMANENT.

AND SUCH AN AREA, SUCH OF THE

DOWNTOWN AREA THAT IS
UNMANAGEABLE.

IF YOU LOOK AT AN HONEST
FEEDBACK FROM GDP AND THE PEOPLE

WE TALK TO IN GPD, AND FROM THE
EP&A BOARD, WHEN HE SAW THE MAP,
HE WENT LIKE THIS.
HE COULD NOT BELIEVE IT.

AND HE'S ON THE POLICE ADVISORY
BOARD.

HE'S ON THE BLACK ON BLACK TASK
FORCE.

AND IN A POSITION TO KNOW, THIS
IS GOING TO BE PERMANENT?
AND OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE NO
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT AT ALL.

YOU MENTIONED THAT OTHER CITIES
HAVE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS.
I KNOW ONE, DAYTONA BEACH.
THAT'S APPROPRIATE.

BUT IN GAINESVILLE, THAT'S
CONSISTENT WITH ARTS AND
CULTURE, SUCH AS THE MATHESON
AND THE HIPPODROME AND OTHER

THINGS OFFERED TO CALL IT THAT
WHEN REALLY IT'S JUST FOUNDED ON
ALCOHOL?
IT'S FOUNDED ON PUBLIC DRINKING

IN THE STREETS.
IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE GUN
VIOLENCE THAT YOU'VE
ACKNOWLEDGED WHEN YOU SIT BEFORE

HERE AND DECLARED IT A CRISIS TO
DEMAND ACTION.
THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST
MISTAKES I THINK THAT YOU'RE

ABOUT TO MAKE AS MAYOR.
AND I ASK YOU PLEASE DON'T.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU, MR. MOUNTS.
I WILL REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE

JUST RESTRICTED THE ENTIRE CITY
IN A PREVIOUS MOTION FROM MOST
OF THE SAME RULES THAT WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT TO TWO RELATIVELY

SMALL AREAS.
>> UP NEXT WE HAVE KALI BLOUNT,
FOLLOWED BY BRIAN --
>> Mayor: WELCOME MR. BLOUNT.

>> HELLO.
YOU BROUGHT UP THE AREA I WAS
GOING TO POINT OUT WHEN HE SAID
THE BLUE AREA.

BUT, AND THIS IS PENCIL, YOU CAN
ERASE IT.
RIGHT HERE, IS CYPRESS AND
GROVE.

THE MARKET IS THERE.
BUT THAT'S A SEVEN DAY A WEEK
BUSINESS.
AND WHEN MY BAND PLAYS THERE I

DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO WHISPER.
I WANT TO KEEP SINGING OUT.
SO THAT SHOULD INCLUDE FROM
THERE UP AS RESIDENTIAL AND A

LITTLE BIT OF OFFICE.
THAT WAS IT.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
WELCOME.

>> I ACTUALLY JUST WANTED TO
SPEAK BRIEFLY IN SUPPORT OF THE
MAYOR'S SUGGESTION THAT PARKING
LOTS AND PARKING GARAGES BE

EXCLUDED FROM THE DRINKING
ABILITY TO DRINK OPENLY, AND
POINT OUT THAT I'M WORKING WITH
REGULARLY WITH THE COUNTY,

BECAUSE OF THE LIABILITY ISSUE
THAT RELATES TO PARKING LOTS.
BOTH OF THEM ARE I THINK THE TWO
LARGEST FREE PARKING AREAS IN

DOWNTOWN, AND WE HAVE BEEN
REGULARLY CLOSING ROPING OFF,
CHAINING OFF THE ONE THAT'S IN
FRONT OF MY OFFICE DUE TO ISSUES

THAT ARE RELATED TO DRINKING IN
THE PARKING LOT, THE LIABILITY
FOR MULTIPLE INSTANCES.
WE ALSO HAVE HAD MULTIPLE

HOMICIDES, AND -- IN THE PARKING
LOT BECAUSE OF THE MONDAY
MORNING THE COUNTY HAS TO COME
TO THE PARKING LOT AND CLEAN UP

FROM THE WEEKEND.
SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT
I'M VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF
THAT, AND IF YOU ALL HAVE ANY

QUESTIONS.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: OKAY.
THANK YOU.

>> NO MORE PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> Mayor: ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I DON'T SEE ANY -- THERE'S

COMMISSIONER BOOK.

COMMISSIONER BOOK, BEFORE I
RECOGNIZE YOU, I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR THE POLICY PAPER THAT

YOU REQUESTED ON ARTS AND
CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT
DISTRICTS.

I FOUND IT REALLY USEFUL TO SEE

THE -- SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES
THAT DO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE
THIS.

AND THE MAPS.

COMMISSIONER BOOK?

>> VERY WELL, MR. MAYOR.

I TYPICALLY WANT TO ASK OUR
POLICY RESEARCH COORDINATOR, AND

I THINK WE HAVE A FOUR PERSON
INTERN TEAM, JUST IF MATTERS ARE
GOING TO COME BEFORE US, I JUST
NEED, I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT,

BETTER INFORMATION AND
COMPARATIVE DATA TO HELP MAKE A
DECISION.

AND THEN USE THAT WITH WHAT THE

COMMUNITY THINKS ABOUT
PARTICULAR THINGS IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THOSE KIND OF
THINGS HELP ME.

THE ARTS, CULTURE AND
HOSPITALITY DISTRICT IS AN
INTERESTING THING.
AND I FEEL LIKE ONE OF THE

POSITIVES FOR IT IS I DO THINK
THAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE
THE DOWNTOWN AREA A DESTINATION
LOCATION.

THERE'S NO -- I WOULD GUESS THAT
PROBABLY MOST PEOPLE WANT TO DO
THAT.
THE MANNER IN WHICH WE DO THAT

IS PROBABLY THE KEY ASPECT OF,
YOU KNOW, MAKING IT SAFER.
AND I LOOK, AND I THINK OF SOME
OF THE STEPS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL

DESIGN, THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN
MENTIONED, WAYFINDING, THE MAYOR
PRO TEM WAS TALKING ABOUT THE
DIFFERENT COSTS THAT ARE

AFFILIATED WITH HOW WE DO AND
IMPLEMENT THIS, THROUGH SIGNAGE
OR BARRIERS OR WARNING DEVICES,
PAINTING, POTENTIALLY.

CURBING AND LINES WHICH HELP
MAKE SURE THAT BOUNDARIES AND
EDUCATION IS CLEAR.
LIGHTING.

WE MENTIONED RECEPTACLES.
MAYBE EVEN THINGS LIKE
MULTI-MODAL SECURITY PLACES,
WHICH IS HOW DO YOU LOCK UP A

SKATEBOARD, FOR EXAMPLE?
OR HOW DO YOU LOCK UP OUR
SCOOTERS OR THINGS, AND
IN-STREET AND GROUND LIGHTING.

SO THESE ARE ALL ASPECTS THAT
REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS, IF
WE MOVE FORWARD WITH ANY TYPE OF
THIS, THOSE HAVE GOT TO BE WELL

DONE AND I ACTUALLY HAD THE SAME
QUESTION THE MAYOR PRO TEM
ASKED, I WANT TO MAKE SENSE OF
WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT IS.

THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
AND MR. PERSONS, PERHAPS YOU
COULD SAY, TO CREATE THIS WOULD
INVOLVE I ASSUME OUR CRA

DOLLARS, AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY
SOMEONE THAT WOULD KIND OF GIVE
A SENSE OF FINANCE --
>> SO WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN -- WE

HAVEN'T DETERMINED A POTENTIAL
FUNDING SOURCE AS OF YET, IN
TERMS OF THE SIGNAGE.
WE DO HAVE SOME ABILITY IN-HOUSE

TO FABRICATE SIGNS.
WE WOULD LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES
IN TERMS OF WHETHER IT COMES
FROM POTENTIAL CRA FUNDS, OR

WHETHER IT COMES FROM FUNDS FROM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OR
TRANSPORTATION.
WE WOULD LOOK AT THOSE.

BUT WE HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED A
FUNDING SOURCE AS OF YET.
NOR HAVE WE IDENTIFIED SORT OF
THE TOTAL COST OF WHAT -- WHAT

WE'LL NEED TO IMPLEMENT IN TERMS
OF SIGNAGE.

>> ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.
I DO WISH WE HAD SOME CONCRETE

INFORMATION.
ALSO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO AND
HOW WE DO WELL.
I DO WORRY ABOUT ENCROACHMENT ON

THE NEIGHBORHOODS.
THAT'S THE NATURE OF DISTRICTS.
IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
PROBABLY ABUT NEIGHBORHOODS ON

DIFFERENT SIDE.
ON THE ONE HAND WE HAVE PORTERS,
WHICH IS VERY HISTORIC
NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE NEED TO

MAKE SURE THAT IMPACTS, IF THIS
WERE TO GO FORWARD, ARE VERY
MINDFUL OF WHAT THAT MEANS FOR
THE RESIDENTS WHO MAY BE WITHIN

30 FEET OF A BOUNDARY OF THAT
PARTICULAR AREA, AND THEN IN
GROVE STREET, I THINK THAT'S
ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED, I THINK

WHAT YOU SAID, MR. MAYOR, IN
IDENTIFYING IT, A CUTOUT AREA,
AND HOW THAT IMPACTS NEIGHBORS
THAT ALSO ARE BASICALLY ACROSS

THE STREET IS VERY IMPORTANT.
IT HAS TO BE DONE WELL,
COORDINATED, AND THE BOUNDARIES,
AND THE LOGISTICS, AND THE

STRATEGIC WAY WE LAID OUT THE
EDUCATION ARE REALLY CRITICAL.
I WOULD PREFER A SMALLER AREA, A
DEFINED AREA.

WE MADE SURE WE DO IT WELL.
ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE MAY BE,
YOU KNOW, ADDITIONAL
CONSIDERATIONS DOWN THE ROAD.

I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF EXPANSION.
MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR THAT
TIME.
AND REMOVING A RESIDENTIAL

COMPONENT, IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS,
I WOULD SAY WE WORK ON THE
DOWNTOWN DEFINED AREA RIGHT NOW,
WHICH IS ALREADY A VERY DEFINED

ENTITY, AS OPPOSED TO TWO THINGS
IN ONE, IN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THAT
ARE JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT AND
MAKE SURE WE DO SOMETHING ONE

TIME BEFORE WE FIGURE OUT OTHER
WAYS.
BUT I DO APPRECIATE YOUR
CONSIDERATION.

[INAUDIBLE] --
>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN?
>> THANK YOU.
I REALIZE THAT THE WAY WE GOT

HERE, OF COURSE, IS TALKING
ABOUT THIS IN TERMS OF ALCOHOL,
RIGHT, WHICH IS HOW WE'RE
STARTING OFF WITH HOW WE ARE

GOING TO ENSURE THAT SOME OF THE
CULTURAL AMENITIES, AND THE
LIVELINESS THAT WE SAW IN THE
AREA, A LOT OF OPEN CONTAINERS

ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE.
AND WE SAW THESE CULTURAL
AMENITIES THRIVE IN A COUPLE OF

PLACES.
I HOPE THAT THIS STARTS A LARGER
CONVERSATION AS WE IDENTIFY
WHICH PARTS OF OUR CITY, AS

PEOPLE COME INTO TOWN THAT THERE
IS CULTURE, THAT THERE IS
ENTERTAINMENT, THAT WE DO THESE
MORE THAN JUST SORT OF OPEN

ALCOHOL TYPE AREAS.
I MEAN DOWNTOWN -- DOWNTOWN IS
AN -- INCREDIBLE EXAMPLE OF --
YOU CAN GO DOWN THERE, MUSIC,

THERE'S ART STUDIOS, THERE'S SO
MUCH TO SEE, SO MUCH TO DO DOWN
THERE.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A CENTRAL

CULTURAL HUB.
MARIA, I HEAR YOU ON GROVE
STREET.
IT'S A SINGLE-FAMILY

NEIGHBORHOOD.
MY HOUSE IS ALMOST ON THIS
LITTLE MAP RIGHT HERE SO I CAN
ALMOST SEE IT FROM MY HOUSE.

I THINK WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF
THE FACT THAT THAT IS REALLY ONE
OF THE COOLER SPOTS WITHIN THE
CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

I MEAN, I, THERE IS SO MUCH --
THERE IS SO MUCH HAPPENING
THERE, AND IT'S SO ORGANIC, AND
SO MANY ARTISTS, AND SO MANY

ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE DOING COOL
THINGS LIKE SELLING PLANTS AND
HAVING -- TO THE SIDE.
JUST OPENED UP IN THE OLD HARD

ROCK CAFE.
IF WE'RE DESIGNATING WHERE THE
PLACES THAT WE SHOULD BE PROUD
OF OUR CITY, GROVE STREET IS

RIGHT UP THERE, ALONG WITH
DOWNTOWN AND THE SOUTH MAIN
AREA.
SO I HOPE THAT WE LOOK AT THIS

LARGER, AND ANDREW WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT SIGNAGE, I KNOW THAT WE
HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS,
BECAUSE IT'S OCTOBER, WE HAVE

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, BUT
WHAT I WOULD HATE TO SEE FOR
THIS IS SIGNS THAT GO UP THAT
KIND OF SAY NO DRINKING BEYOND

THIS POINT AS PER ORDINANCE
NUMBER BLANK BLANK BLANK, I KNOW
THAT'S PART OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO
DO SOMETIMES, FOR LEGALITY

REASONS, BUT, I WOULD LOVE FOR
US TO LOOK AT HOW DO WE USE THIS
AS CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE.
SOMEONE MENTIONED LITTLE ICONS,

LIKE LYLE TOM PETTYS UP THAT
KIND OF SHOW WHERE THE
DISTINCTIONS OF THESE AREAS ARE.
BUT I WOULD JUST HAVE TO COME

FORWARD BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR US
TO REALLY THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE
USE THESE BOTH NOT JUST AS
PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN DRINK,

BUT HOW DO WE ENHANCE THE PLACE
THAT IS THERE, AND MAKE PEOPLE
KNOW THAT WHEN THEY'RE COMING
HERE, THESE ARE PLACES THAT

PEOPLE SORT OF WANT TO COME, YOU
WANT TO SEE, AND THAT IT -- THAT
IT ADDS TO THE VIBRANCY OF THE
OVERALL CITY.

SO, HEY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
RIGHT WAY TO GO ABOUT BRINGING
THAT BACK TO US.
WE ALSO WANT TO PRODUCE THE

SHORT TIMELINE MADE IT WORK IN
CHUNKS DOWN THE ROAD.
BUT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME OF
OUR STAFF COME UP WITH SOME

CREATIVE IDEAS THAT WE WOULD
REALLY UTILIZE THIS.
WE ARE, WE TALKED ABOUT THE CITY
OF GAINESVILLE BEING -- BECOMING

A CULTURAL CAPITAL OF FLORIDA.
I -- I'VE ALWAYS ARGUED THAT --
THE CAPITAL OF FLORIDA.
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE THAT I

HAD AGAINST ME, AND TOM PETTY
AND THE HEARTBREAKERS, AND THE
AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHERS THAT COME
UP THERE.

I KNOW WHEN I FIRST CAME INTO
GAINESVILLE, THE TOURISTS WOULD
BE AROUND JUST HEARING WHAT AN
INCREDIBLE ARTS SCENE WAS UP

HERE, AND JUST TO BE HERE IN THE
MIDDLE OF IT.
AND I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF
FOLKS THAT ARE LIKE ME AND I

WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PUT MORE OF
A SPOTLIGHT ON THAT, AND I THINK
THIS DOES THAT.
I KNOW KIND OF DID IT IN A WONKY

WAY WITH ALCOHOL, AND -- IN THE
FUTURE, AS LARGER THAN THAT.
AND SO, THAT'S ALL I WANT TO
SAY.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.
>> IF I MIGHT?
>> Mayor: I'M ABOUT TO -- THE
ATTORNEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I JUST WANTED TO CIRCLE BACK TO
THE INQUIRY THAT COMMISSIONER
SACO MADE, REGARDING THE

PROPOSED LANGUAGE IN SECTION
462, WHICH IS THE ALCOHOLIC
ESTABLISHMENT NO PERSON MAY
ENTER.

ANY CONCERN THAT THAT LANGUAGE
HAS NOT BEEN ASSERTED HERE IN
ORDER TO SOMEHOW DEFINE OR
COMPLY WITH THE STATE LAW OR ABC

REGULATIONS.
AS WE STATED THERE'S NOTHING
THAT WE WOULD HAVE IN OUR
ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO

EXPAND UPON A LICENSE HOLDERS
ABILITY BEYOND THAT WHICH
THEY'RE LICENSED BY THE STATE.
OR -- BUT I THINK, I SUSPECT, AS

PROBABLY PART OF A MODEL
ORDINANCE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE,
THAT [INAUDIBLE] TO HELP SERVE
OWNERS OF THE ALCOHOL

ESTABLISHMENT TO WANT SOME
PROTECTION AGAINST PEOPLE
[INAUDIBLE] SO YEAH, THE --
THAT, WE'RE NOT AWARE OF ANY

REASON WHY THAT WOULD BE
REQUIRED.
OR TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW IN
ANY WAY.

>> Mayor: MRS. CITY MANAGER?
>> YES, MR. MAYOR.
MR. PERSONS AND I AND STAFF DID
HAVE CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE

FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS, AND IN FACT COMMISSIONER BOOK HAD SOME DISCUSSION WITH US, AS WELL, ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR US

IN TERMS OF CURB PAINTING AND SIGNAGE AND TO WHAT DEGREE THAT, YOU KNOW, WOULD COME INTO PLAY, AND SOURCES OF REVENUE.

THE ONE REVENUE SOURCE THAT IS CLEAR RIGHT NOW THAT WOULD ADDRESS THIS WOULD BE OUT OF GCRA.

THERE IS A DOWNTOWN PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR GCRA, A LITTLE OVER \$350,000, SOMEWHERE IN THAT RANGE, THAT WE WOULD

UTILIZE. THERE ARE NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE SIGNAGE,

AND OTHER AREAS, OTHER INCIDENTALS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS. AND SO WE NEED TO CONNECT THIS

WITH THE FISCAL REALITY OF THE CITY. IN TERMS OF REVENUE SOURCE. RIGHT NOW THE ONLY ONE IS THE

DOWNTOWN PORTION OF GCRA. AND WE'RE ALSO UTILIZING THAT SAME SOURCE TO WORK WITH THE CONSULTANTS THAT ARE HELPING US

TO VISION OUT THE STRATEGIC PLAN, AND THAT WHOLE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. SO WE DO HAVE SOME CONSTRAINTS.

AND WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE TO
NARROW THAT DOWN IN TERMS OF
WHAT IT WOULD COST TO ACTUALLY
IMPLEMENT THIS AND DO IT

PROPERLY AND EDUCATE THE
COMMUNITY.

>> Mayor: MADAM MANAGER, WE'RE
NOT TALKING ABOUT SPENDING -- TO

BE CLEAR TO EVERYBODY, WE'RE NOT
TALKING ABOUT SPENDING \$350,000.

>> NO, BUT WE WOULD USE THAT
SOURCE.

>> Mayor: WE WOULD USE THAT
SOURCE.

BUT THAT IS NOT ANYWAY NEAR WHAT
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

>> YES, SIR.

>> Mayor: JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR
FOR THAT, BECAUSE THE HEADLINE
SAYS WE'RE GOING TO SPEND

\$350,000 TO PAINT CURBS, THAT'S
NOT THE CASE.

ALL RIGHT, COMMISSIONER
DUNCAN-WALKER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
MR. MAYOR.

AND THANK YOU, MADAM CURRY,
BECAUSE THAT WAS REALLY KIND OF

WHERE I WAS COMING BACK TO.
PART OF MY DISCOMFORT HAS BEEN
BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
SEE ANYTHING THAT WAS A LITTLE

MORE TANGIBLE IN TERMS OF DOLLAR
AMOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS.
AS I LOOK AT PLACES THAT HAVE
IMPLEMENTED ENTERTAINMENT

DISTRICTS AROUND THIS COUNTRY,
SOME OF THEM DID AMBITIOUS
THINGS.

SOME OF THEM, YOU KNOW, ARE

HUGE, AND DO DRAW TOURISM, AND
DO DRAW PEOPLE TO THE CORE OF
THE PLACES.

THEY DO CREATE THE TYPE OF

CULTURAL VIBRANCE, COMMISSIONER,
THAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT,
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
I REALLY HAVE BEEN JUST

CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE NOT PUT
THE TYPE OF THOUGHT, FOR ME,
INTO THIS.

THESE TYPES OF DISTRICTS HAVE

THE POTENTIAL TO BE SOMETHING
INCREDIBLE IN THE CITY.

BUT FOR ME, AT THIS PARTICULAR
POINT, I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN IT.

WE'RE DOING SOMETHING, I THINK,
THAT IT SOUNDS GREAT.
BUT WE HAVE THE MAP THAT WE'VE
SEEN.

AND SOME BOUNDARIES.
AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.
WE DON'T HAVE NUMBERS ATTACHED
TO THESE THINGS AND AS WE LOOK

AT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND THANK
YOU MR. MAYOR FOR SAYING WE'RE
NOT GOING TO SPEND \$300,000 ON
IT, BECAUSE WE CAN'T.

THANK YOU, MADAM MANAGER, FOR
SAYING THIS HAS TO BE TIED IN TO
OUR FISCAL REALITY.
THIS STILL SEEMS VERY VAGUE TO

ME.
AND THAT'S JUST A LITTLE
CONCERNING.
I WON'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON

THAT.
I HAVE TO ESPECIALLY, AT THIS
POINT, REALLY LOOKING AT TWO
THINGS AND THEY ARE THE FISCAL

IMPACT, BUT ALSO I CAME TO THIS
TABLE, AND I THANK COMMISSIONER,
CONCERN FOR HOW YOU PROTECT
COMMUNITIES.

AND THAT'S THE OTHER PIECE THAT
I HAVEN'T HEARD.
SO AND THAT'S SOMETHING, ANDREW,
WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT AND WE JUST

HAVEN'T GOTTEN THERE.
UNTIL I HEAR MORE INTENTIONALITY
AROUND THAT AND HOW WE ACTUALLY
DO THAT SUCCESSFULLY, UNTIL

THOSE COMMUNITIES COME TO THE
TABLE, AND HAVE A VOICE, BECAUSE
PORTERS QUARTERS HAS BEEN
CALLING AND TEXTING AND OTHER

COMMUNITIES, AS WELL, ABOUT THE
IMPACT OF THIS AS WELL AS THINGS
THAT CURRENTLY EXIST.
WE HAVE PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW, THAT

HAVE NOT REALLY BEEN ADDRESSED
IN WAYS THAT HAVE SATISFIED MY
CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS.

SO I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED.
I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED.
BUT I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE IDEA.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER.
BY THE WAY, IF WE EVER GET
AROUND TO A ROLL CALL VOTE WE'LL

THEN TAKE A BREAK.
COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> NOW THAT YOU SAID THAT, OKAY.
IF THE MAKER OF THE MOTION WOULD

MIND THEN ERASING THE PORTION,
BECAUSE I THINK IT'S MORE
CONFUSING THAN ANYTHING ELSE, OR
TO AMEND IT TO JUST --

>> Mayor: WELL, HE'S OUT OF THE
ROOM.

>> OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD,
BRYAN.

I'LL WAIT.
BUT MY POINT BEING, AND I THINK
HE CAN MAIN HEAR ME THROUGH ALL
THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE BACK THERE,

AND/OR THE ATTORNEY WILL TELL
HIM, TO REMOVE THE AT LEAST UP
UNTIL THE PART THAT SAYS THAT
SAME ALCOHOL-LIKE BEVERAGE

ESTABLISHMENT, I DON'T -- IF
THERE'S NO STATE REQUIREMENT
THERE, I THINK IT SHOULD BE FAIR
TO ENTER THE SAME ESTABLISHMENT

THAT SOLD ME A DRINK FOR
WHATEVER PURPOSE, OR JUST REMOVE
IT OUTRIGHT, AND THEN EACH
ESTABLISHMENT CAN SET UP THEIR

OWN RULES.
I THINK THAT'S WHY WE HAVE
PEOPLE AT THE DOOR IN THOSE
PLACES.

THAT WOULD JUST BE MY ASK IF
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN EVER HEARS
IT.
THAT'S ALL.

>> Mayor: WE'LL COME BACK AROUND
TO THAT.
BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT IS ESSENTIALLY REMOVING

THAT LANGUAGE THERE?

>> YEP.

>> Mayor: OKAY.
COMMISSIONER WILLITS?

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
ABOUT FUNDING THIS, BOTH THIS
ORDINANCE AND THE PREVIOUS
ORDINANCE ARE IN FACT TWO

DIFFERENT ORDINANCES.
I, IN MY MIND, CAN'T
DISASSOCIATE THEM TO SOME
DEGREE.

IF THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE
PASSED, WAS ARGUABLY ABOUT GUN
VIOLENCE, MADAM MANAGER WE SET
ASIDE \$100,000 IN THE BUDGET,

OUT OF KIND OF WHERE THE
POTENTIAL CONTINUES TO COOL.
TOWARDS GUN VIOLENCE?

>> IT WAS \$150,000, PLUS FUTURE

GUN VIOLENCE PROGRAMMING.
IT HAS NOT BEEN SPECCED OUT.
BUT IT'S GENERAL FUND MONEY.
>> IT'S GENERAL FUND.

THAT'S RIGHT.
AND SO, I LEAVE OPEN THE IDEA
THAT IF WE CAN'T FUND THROUGH
GCRA ESTABLISHING WHERE IT IS

PROPER AND SAFE, AND IF BORDERS
IN DEFINITION SOMEHOW PROTECT
SOME NEIGHBORHOODS AGAINST, THEN
THAT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

MONEY IS ONE POTENTIAL SOURCE.
I UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENTS
AGAINST IT.
BUT IF THESE TWO ORDINANCES

ARE -- IF THERE'S A TIE BETWEEN
THESE TWO ORDINANCES, WHICH I
BELIEVE THERE IS, AND IF THE
FIRST ONE WAS DESIGNED, OR AT

LEAST THE IMPETUS WAS GUN
VIOLENCE, I LEAVE OUT THAT IDEA.
THAT'S JUST ONE OTHER THING I
WANTED TO PUT OUT THERE.

AND I ALSO, I APPRECIATE THE, AS
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER
MENTIONED, ABOUT THE OTHER
NEIGHBORHOODS, BECAUSE THERE'S

ALREADY PARKING, BECAUSE AGAIN
IT WAS JUST, AS COMMISSION
REPEALED, OPEN CONTAINER POLICY,
THOSE BUSINESSES ARE JUST NOW,

BUT IN THE FUTURE, COULD CHANGE,
THE GROVE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD I
THINK HAS A LOT MORE BUSINESSES,
AND MAY BE TROUBLE WITH PARKING.

MAY NEED -- WE MAY INCREASE SOME
PARKING ON NORTHWEST 8th AVENUE.
THAT'S A POTENTIAL THAT IS IN
CONVERSATION AT SOME POINT.

SO I APPRECIATE THAT.
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD WORK WITH
THE SYSTEMS WE CURRENTLY HAVE.
IN OUR SYSTEM AND UTILIZE THOSE

LEVERS THAT WE HAVE WITH PARKING
ENFORCEMENT, AND ENCOURAGING
PEOPLE WHO GO TO THESE DISTRICTS
AND THE BUSINESSES IN THEM, TO

UTILIZE OTHER PARKING ASPECTS NO
DIFFERENT THAN WHEN \$5 PARKING
ARRIVES DOWNTOWN PLEASE USE IT
FOR FIVE BUCKS YOU'LL BE HAPPY,

EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY, USE IT.
ALL THE LEVERS THAT WE CAN USE
TO ISSUE PARKING IN AND AROUND
THE CITY.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> Mayor: THANK YOU,
COMMISSIONER.
I'LL GO TO COMMISSIONER BOOK AND

THEN FINAL THOUGHT.
COMMISSIONER BOOK?
>> NO FINAL THOUGHT.
I JUST HAD A QUESTION, THE

NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CRA IS
WHAT?
I KNOW ONCE WE WENT TO THE
COMBINED CRA DISTRICT I WAS JUST

TRYING TO -- I JUST COULD NOT
REMEMBER WHAT THAT WAS.
DOES ANYBODY KNOW THAT OFF THE
TOP?

AND I'M WONDERING DOES IT
INCLUDE, DOES IT GO NORTH OF
12th AVENUE?
>> MR. MAYOR, I'M NOT SURE,

LOOKING DOWN, I'M NOT SURE.
THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF GCRA,
ANDREW?
>> I DON'T BELIEVE IT GOES INTO

GROVE STREET.
WE CAN CONFIRM.
>> THAT'S AN ESSENTIAL ANSWER
FOR ME.

BECAUSE THAT DEALS WITH THIS
THING THAT WE TALK ABOUT, THIS
FUNDING SOURCE, AND WHETHER OUR
FUNDING SOURCE IS CRA THEN

THERE'S ZERO DOLLARS AVAILABLE
FOR THIS PARTICULAR -- THIS
PARTICULAR ITERATION OF THE
TWO -- THE TWO AREAS.

[SPEAKER OFF MIC]
>> Mayor: THAT IS ACCURATE.
>> I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT CROSSED
THE BOUNDARY.

BUT I WASN'T WILLING TO MAKE
THAT STATEMENT WITHOUT SOMEONE
WITH MORE KNOWLEDGE HOPEFULLY
WITH REGARDS TO THAT.

[SPEAKER OFF MIC]
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor: ALL RIGHT,
COMMISSIONER SACO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
COMMISSIONER EASTMAN.
HI.
I'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK.

WE DID GET AN ANSWER UPON
SECTION "C" OF A SIMILAR
ORDINANCE THAT WE COPIED.
IT HAS NO REAL LEGAL BEARING OR

REQUIREMENT.
WOULD YOU AMENABLE TO REMOVING
IT OUTRIGHT, AND LETTING
INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS SET UP

THEIR OWN RULES?

>> YES.

I'M AMENABLE TO THAT.

BUT I, I GUESS THE WAY I WAS

GOING TO APPROACH THIS WAS GOING
TO BE VOTED ON THIS ONE, I WAS
GOING TO MAKE A DOUBLE MOTION,
BECAUSE THERE'S NO REAL REASON

WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THIS AS TWO
ORDINANCES I UNDERSTAND.
I THINK THIS IS ALL UNDER A
SIMILAR SECTION.

SO WE COULD EASILY JUST BRING
BACK THIS AND THE REMOVAL OF AND
REMOVING OF PARKING LOTS FROM
DRINKING, AS JUST ONE ORDINANCE

CHANGE IS MY UNDERSTANDING.
UNLESS I'M MISUNDERSTANDING.
ALL OF THESE CHANGES --

>> WE JUST DO IT ALL IN ONE, I

THINK.

YOU COULD JUST TACK IT ON TO
THIS ONE AND DIRECT STAFF TO
AMEND THE PREVIOUS --

>> THE PREVIOUS?

>> Mayor: WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

WE COULD VERY SIMPLY REMOVE THIS
ITEM HERE.

BUT PLEASE DON'T LET'S GO BACK
TO A THING THAT WE'VE ALREADY
VOTED ON, AND TRY TO MESS WITH
IT.

>> ALL RIGHT.

I'LL JUST TAKE OUT THAT ENTIRE
SECTION THERE AND IT WOULD BE
OKAY.

AND I'M OKAY WITH THAT.
>> SO WE ARE STOPPING IT --
REMOVING --
>> Mayor: YEAH.

>> COOL.
>> THANK YOU.
>> Mayor: ALL RIGHT.
SEEING NO FURTHER LIGHTS.

I WOULD JUST ADD ONE OR TWO
COMMENTS HERE.
THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN,
MR. PERSONS --

>> SORRY, 8th IS THE NORTHERN --
>> Mayor: WHY HE.
I WANT TO POINT OUT VERY SIMPLY,
BECAUSE FRANKLY, WE'VE TAKEN A

FAIRLY SIMPLE THING AND ADDED A
WHOLE LOT OF IDEAS TO IT THAT
AREN'T PART OF THIS.
RIGHT NOW TODAY, BEFORE JANUARY

1st, BEFORE WHAT WE VOTED ON AN
HOUR AGO GOES INTO EFFECT, THERE
ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PUBLIC DRINKING THAN THE MOTION

THAT IS ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW.
WHAT IS ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW,
WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO VOTE ON,
WILL RESTRICT DRINKING IN THESE

FEW DISTRICTS MORE THAN IT IS
RESTRICTED TODAY.
SO THIS IS A LESSENING OF
WHAT -- I MEAN, JUST TO BE

CLEAR.
THAT SAID WE DO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT PARKING THAT
WE NEED TO HAVE.

AND ABOUT HOW THAT AFFECTS
NEIGHBORHOODS, AND A VARIETY OF
THINGS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT,
UNPAID SURFACE PARKING ISSUES

FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
AND IT IS A THING WE OUGHT TO
TALK ABOUT.
AND WHEN WE DO I WILL TELL YOU

THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A
SIMPLE CONVERSATION, AND IT WILL
BE -- THERE WILL BE SOME ARGUING
ABOUT IT.

IT WILL NOT BE AS EASY AS WE'D
LIKE TO THINK IT IS.
BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE
OUGHT TO ADDRESS, AND TALK ABOUT

WHY SOME OF THE RULES THAT ARE
RULES EXIST.
AND THEN SOME OF THEM ARE, FOR
SOME OF THEM, THAT'S A HARD

THING TO ANSWER.
JUST BECAUSE THAT'S LEFT OVER
FROM 40 YEARS AGO.
AT ANY RATE, I SUPPORT THIS

ORDINANCE, AS WE HAVE -- OR THIS
MOTION AS IT HAS BEEN AMENDED.
I THINK THAT YOU THAT WILL NOT
CHANGE MUCH OF ANYTHING FROM THE

WAY THINGS ARE.
I THINK THAT IT IS A GOOD THING.
BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING
THAT IS GOING TO SHOW

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES.
WITH THAT, MR. CLERK.
>> COMMISSIONER DUNCAN-WALKER?
>> NAY.

>> COMMISSIONER BOOK?
>> NAY.
>> COMMISSIONER EASTMAN?
>> AYE.

>> COMMISSIONER SACO?
>> AYE.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT?
>> NO.

>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS?
>> AYE.
>> MAYOR WARD?
>> Mayor: AYE.

THAT PASSES 4-3 WITH BOOK,
DUNCAN-WALKER AND CHESTNUT IN
DISSENT.
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TEN --

MINUTE BREAK.
SEE YOU ALL AT 3:20.
>> Mayor: I WILL REMIND EVERYONE
THAT WE HAVE TO BE OUT OF HERE

BY AROUND 6:00 TO MAKE ROOM FOR
THE PLAN BOARD.
I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE DON'T GET
ANYWHERE CLOSE TO 6:00.

BUT WE'LL SEE.
ALL RIGHT.
33 MR. CLERK.
>> YES, MR. MAYOR ITEM

2023-1017, 8th AND WALDO SPORTS
COMPLEX FEASIBILITY, PRO FORMA
AND TRAFFIC STUDY FINAL REPORT
WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE

CITY COMMISSION HEAR A FINAL
REPORT ON THE SPORTS COMPLEX
FEASIBILITY, PRO FORMA AND
TRAFFIC STUDY AND REVIEW THE

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS AND DIRECT
STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
IMPLEMENTING THE STEPS ABOVE.

>> HELLO MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS,

I'M ROXY GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF
THE PARKS, RECREATIONAL AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.
IN NOVEMBER OF 2022 THE CITY

COMMISSION HIRED C.H. JOHNSON
CONSULTING TO CONDUCT A SPORTS
COMPLEX FEASIBILITY PRO FORMA
AND TRAFFIC STUDY FOR A MULTI-

USE SPORTS COMPLEX LOCATED ON
8th AND WALDO.
THE AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING.
THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

RECREATION CENTER, DWIGHT H.
HUNTER POOL, FIRE STATION 3,
CITIZENS MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD,
AND CITIZENS FIELD STADIUM.

THE MULTIPURPOSE FIELD -- SORRY,
THIS CONTRACT WAS EXECUTED AS OF
MARCH 2023.

ON MARCH 28th, 2023, A KICK-OFF

MEETING WITH C.H. JOHNSON WAS
HELD, STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS WITH
THE MAYOR, CITY COMMISSION,
GAINESVILLE SPORTS COMMISSION,

AND VISIT GAINESVILLE WERE ALSO
HELD ON APRIL 17th THROUGH THE
20th OF 2023.

AT THAT TIME C.H. JOHNSON TOURED

THE EXISTING FACILITY, AS WELL.
ON JULY 11th, AND 12?
MUCH 2023, C.H. JOHNSON HELD TWO
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
RECREATION CENTER WHERE THEY
MADE A PRESENTATION, AND
GATHERED COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FOR

THEIR REPORT.
THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 100
NEIGHBORS IN ATTENDANCE EACH
NIGHT.

VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS AND
ORGANIZATIONS ALSO ATTENDED.
A SURVEY WAS ALSO CONDUCTED BOTH
IN ENGLISH, AND IN SPANISH, VIA

DIGITAL AND IN-PERSON.
OVER 190 RESPONSES WERE
GATHERED.
ON JULY 20th, 2023, C.H. JOHNSON

PRESENTED AN UPDATE TO THE
COMMISSION ON THE PROGRESS.
TODAY WE'RE HERE TO GIVE THE
FINAL PRESENTATION FOR THE

RECOMMENDATIONS.
STAFF, IN CONSULTATION WITH C.H.
JOHNSON HAVE IDENTIFIED
POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS WHICH WE

WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER
WHILE GOING OVER THE
PRESENTATION TODAY.
THOSE STEPS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

DEVICE AN INITIAL FUNDING
SOURCE; EXPLORE AND IDENTIFY
STRATEGIC PARTNERS; AND ENGAGE
IN ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING

FIRMS.
OUR RECOMMENDATION TODAY IS TO
HEAR THE FINAL REPORT FROM C.H.
JOHNSON, AND DIRECT STAFF TO

MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTING
THE NEXT STEPS.

SO NOW, I WILL BRING UP BRANDON
FROM C.H. JOHNSON TO PRESENT THE

FINAL REPORT.

>> Mayor: THANK YOU.

WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU, ROXY.

MR. MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING
HERE.

I JUST WANTED TO SHARE AND KIND

OF ECHO A LITTLE BIT OF ROXY
JUST SHARED ABOUT OUR TIME LINE
AND OUR ENGAGEMENT.

AGAIN, PART OF THE -- OF OUR

OUTCOME OF OUR INITIAL MEETING
WITH YOU ALL, IT WAS VERY
APPARENT TO US THAT THERE WAS A
REQUEST TO REALLY DIVE IN AND

UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL WANTS AND
NEEDS AND REALLY THAT
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PIECE.
AND WE REALLY DID AN ADDITIONAL

EFFORT ON THAT, AND RELATIVE TO
THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, AS WELL
AS THE SURVEYS, AND I'LL GET
INTO THAT IN A LITTLE BIT.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK
YOU TO YOU ALL FOR THAT GUIDANCE
EARLY ON, AS WELL AS CITY STAFF.
THEY'VE BEEN TERRIFIC IN THAT

PROCESS.

AGAIN, MY NAME IS BRANDON
DOWELLING.

I AM A PRINCIPAL WITH JOHNSON

CONSULTING.
JUST A QUICK REFRESHER, A LITTLE
BIT ABOUT US, WE'VE BEEN IN
BUSINESS FOR ABOUT 27 YEARS NOW.

WE SPECIALIZE IN MARKETING
FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES,
PRIMARILY FOR ALL PUBLIC
ASSEMBLY TYPE FACILITIES.

I AM OUR PRACTICE LEADER FOR
SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT,
RECREATION AND TOURISM.
SO THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I

SPECIALIZE IN ON A NATIONAL
LEVEL.
I'VE DONE QUITE A BIT OF WORK
HERE LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY

WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
RELATIVE TO THE MARKET AND
FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLANNING OF
THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES.

PART OF THE REQUEST THAT WE
RESPONDED TO WAS THE LOOK INTO
THE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS OF THIS.
AND SO WE HAVE OUR TEAM MEMBERS

WITH INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING,
AND ENGINEERING, IN JERRY I'LL
CALL UP HERE IN A SECOND TO KIND
OF GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF OUR

RECAP ON THAT STUDY, AS WELL.
BUT PRIMARILY WHAT WE'VE PUT
TOGETHER TODAY IS KIND OF GIVE
YOU A RECAP OF OUR FINAL REPORT.

THIS SPELLS OUT A LITTLE BIT OF
THE AGENDA THAT I'M HOPING TO
COVER HERE WITH YOU THIS
AFTERNOON.

AND IT'S REALLY THE DRIVING FACTORS OF HOW WE GOT TO WHAT WE GOT TO AND OUR RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU ALL.

AGAIN, AT FIRST IT STARTED WITH OUR REVIEW OF THE MARKETS RELATIVE TO DEMOGRAPHICS, SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHICS.

COMPARATIVE SET, LOOKING AT FACILITIES WITHIN THE REGION. AGAIN THAT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PIECE, AND ALL FOLDED

INTO SORT OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU ALL TO MOVE FORWARD. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS SORT OF A BRIEF RECAP, SOME OF THE KEY

HIGHLIGHTS THAT CAME FROM OUR MARKET ASSESSMENT, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS I DO WANT TO CALL OUT IS PART OF OUR FOCUS HERE

WAS TO LOOK AT A MORE OF A LOCAL COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITY, AND ITS RENOVATION, WHILE ALSO BEING ABLE TO LEVERAGE THOSE

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE A REGIONAL VISITATION TO THE COMMUNITY. AND SO, RELATIVE TO THAT, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALLY IDEA

THE TWO AREAS, YOU'LL SEE 1530 AND 60 MINUTE AND THOSE REALLY ARE YOUR PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY FOR THIS TYPE OF

FACILITY THOSE EXPAND A LITTLE BIT FURTHER THE MORE LARGER YOUR FACILITY WOULD BE OR THE MORE REGIONAL APPROACH YOUR FACILITY

WOULD BE.
THAT WOULD GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE
IN WHAT WE ENVISION THIS
FACILITY TO BE RELATIVE TO THE

FUTURE PROGRAMMING, AS OPPOSED
TO JUST THE BUSINESS PLAN OF IT.
OVERALL YOUR WELL EDUCATED
POPULATION, THE ECONOMY WITH LOW

UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THEN, YOU
KNOW, WHEN YOU START TO STRETCH
OUT A LITTLE BIT, THE PROPENSITY
IS FOUND IN PARTICULAR ON SPORTS

AND ENTERTAINMENT, THROUGH
RELATIVELY SIGNIFICANTLY THROUGH
OUR ANALYSIS, THAT'S, YOU KNOW,
AGAIN EACH OF THESE ARE VERY

STRONG CHARACTERISTICS OF WHAT
WE SUPPORT IN A VENUE LIKE THIS
MOVING FORWARD.
SO WE WANTED TO CALL OUT AND

HIGHLIGHT.
ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO
THIS IS REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE
SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, IN

PARTICULAR ON THE RELATIVE TO
THE REGIONALITY OF THIS
FACILITY.
SO ARE THERE HOTELS THAT COULD

SUPPORT IT?
WHERE ARE THOSE LOCATED RELATIVE
TO THIS SITE?
YOU'LL SEE IN THIS DIAGRAM ON

THE LEFT, WE HAVE A TEN MINUTE
DRIVE TIME.
THAT'S SORT OF A NATIONAL
AVERAGE THAT WE'VE SEEN ON A LOT

OF THESE FACILITIES, WHERE
OUTSIDE OF THAT, CAN ESPECIALLY
HINDER THE EXPERIENCE OR SUCCESS
FOR A TOURNAMENT.

PARENTS DON'T LIKE TO DRIVE THAT
DISTANCE, IF YOU WILL.
WE HAVE SEEN THAT SORT OF
FLUCTUATE BETWEEN THE 10 TO 15

MINUTE WINDOW.
BUT AGAIN A DECENT AMOUNT OF
HOTEL SUPPLY TO SUPPORT THAT
REGIONAL ASPECT OF THIS

FACILITY.
ALSO, IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHERE
YOU GUYS SIT FROM A HOTEL
STANDPOINT.

SO ADR RATE SITS AT ABOUT \$131.
AGAIN THAT'S A PRETTY REASONABLE
NUMBER FOR THIS SPORTS TOURISM
MARKETPLACE, AND, IT'S SOMETHING

THAT WE LOOK AT TO UNDERSTAND
SORT OF THE PRICING POINT THAT
YOU'LL BE REQUESTING FOR SOME OF
THOSE VISITORS AND TOURNAMENTS

COMING TO YOUR MARKET.
AND OCCUPANCY LOOKS PRETTY
STRONG ACROSS THE BOARD.
AND WE DID A SORT OF SEASONALITY

LOOK AT IT, AND AS YOU CAN SEE
ON THE MAP, IT'S FAIRLY
CONSISTENT.
THERE ISN'T REALLY TOO MANY EBBS

AND FLOWS, RIGHT?
AND I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED HERE
LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY THAT HAVE

SORT OF HELPED SUPPLANT MAYBE
SOME OF THE LOWER MONTHS IN THE
SUMMER THAT ARE NOW, YOU KNOW,
SEEING GREATER ROOM NIGHTS, AND

THUS DRIVING UP OCCUPANCY.
THAT'S VERY ENCOURAGING FOR US,
AS -- HOTEL MARKET HERE.
ANOTHER ELEMENT IS REALLY

LOOKING AT THE MARKET
PENETRATION ANALYSIS.
SO, WE LOOK AT BOTH LOCAL AND
NATIONAL SPORTS PARTICIPATION

RIGHTS.
AND WE APPLY THOSE TO EACH OF
THOSE AREAS I TALKED ABOUT
EARLIER.

AND THAT'S RELATIVE TO THE
POPULATION BASE FROM A -- THE
AGE OF 6 UP TO 55 IS WHAT IS
CATEGORIZED IN A LOT OF THE DATA

THAT WE GET.
AND FROM THAT WE'RE ABLE TO KIND
OF CAPTURE WHAT THE OPPORTUNITY
OR THE -- THE VOLUME OF ATHLETES

ARE WITHIN THAT CASHMAN AREA.
IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE
RELATIVE TO THIS SITE IS
APPROXIMATELY 125,000 ATHLETES

ACROSS EACH OF THESE SPORTS THAT
WE HAVE SPELLED OUT HERE ON THE
LEFT.

AGAIN, THAT'S JUST RELATIVE TO

THE PURE ATHLETE ITSELF, SO
RELATIVE TO OTHER MARKETS, IT'S
A PRETTY STRONG NUMBER.
AND PARTICULARLY ON OUTDOOR, BE

BECAUSE AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AT
THAT AS A, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A
QUANTIFYING NUMBER OF VISITS,
NUMBER OF PRACTICES, NUMBER OF

GAINS, THAT'S THE TOTAL NUMBER
OF PEOPLE THAT ARE PARTICIPATING
IN SPORTS TODAY.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR

WORK WAS TO LOOK AT WHAT YOU ALL
HAVE NOW AND KIND OF GET THE
HISTORICAL CONTEXT.
YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS IN

TERMS OF THE HISTORICAL USAGE
AND DATA, PARTICULARLY FOR
CITIZENS FIELD, WAS SOMEWHAT
LIMITED RELATIVE TO JUST THE WAY

IT WAS KEPT OVER THE YEARS, AND
A LOT OF WHAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT
OUR ANALYSIS IS IN TERMS OF EVEN
ON THE ATTENDANCE STANDPOINT,

THINGS WERE MONITORED BY
VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATIONS, OR
CLUBS, AND SO WE RELY PRETTY
HEAVILY ON OUR DATA FROM A

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, THE DATA
THAT WE'VE SEEN FROM YOU, FROM A
PLACE OF AI, AND IT DOES A
GEOFENCE AROUND A PARTICULAR

PERIOD AROUND THAT FACILITY, SO,
YOU KNOW, WE WERE ABLE TO KIND
OF CAPTURE BETTER ESSENCE OF
WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN

THAT FACILITY FROM A VISITATION
STANDPOINT.
AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR
US TO UNDERSTAND SORT OF WHERE

OUR BASIS IS, AND WHERE WE COULD
BE GOING IN THE FUTURE.

SO, YOU'VE GOT TO JUST LOOK AT
MLK CENTER, CITIZENS FIELD, AND

NORTHEAST POOL, YOU KNOW,
COLLECTIVELY ACROSS THE BOARD
WE'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 300,000
VISITS A YEAR AT EACH OF THOSE.

THE ONE THAT'S PROBABLY THE MOST
REGIONAL IN ESSENCE IS THE
NORTHEAST POOL, AND YOU'LL SEE
THAT IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL

VISITOR.
SO WE QUANTIFY AND DEFINE
NONLOCAL VISITOR BY 100 MILES
FROM THE SITE.

SO, AGAIN, THERE'S A LOT OF
MEETS THAT ARE HELD THERE TODAY,
AND HISTORICALLY, THAT REALLY
SORT OF DRIVING THAT FACTOR.

AGAIN, YOU KNOW, CITIZENS FIELD
PRIMARILY UTILIZED LOCALLY,
THROUGH HIGH SCHOOLS, AND SO
JUST TO GIVE THAT CONTEXT WITH

SOME OF THE DATA, AND WE ALSO
LOOK AT HOW LONG ARE FOLKS THERE
EVERY VISIT THEY'RE THERE
BECAUSE THAT'S TELLING US THE

OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPTURING SOME
OF THAT SPEND AND WHAT WE'RE
DOING IN RECREATING IN THAT
FACILITY.

ANOTHER ASPECT IS OBVIOUSLY
QUANTIFYING THE FACILITIES.
SO, THIS IS A MAP OF EVERYTHING
FROM BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

RELATIVE TO BE LOOKING AT THE
EXPANSION OF THE MLK CENTER, AS
WELL AS LOOKING AT THE OUTDOOR
TURF, AND CITIZENS FIELD WE

WANTED TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF
WHAT THERE IS.

AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT
BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF

GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING
HERE LOCALLY, AND REGIONALLY
WITHIN THE COUNTY.
OBVIOUSLY THE NEW COUNTY EVENT

CENTER, AND WE HAVE OTHER ASSETS
THAT, YOU KNOW, WITH THE
FACILITY IN NEWBERRY, AND
COLLECTIVELY ACROSS THE COUNTY,

THERE'S A UNIQUE SELECTION OF A
VARIETY OF SPORTS FACILITIES
THAT ARE MEETING DIFFERENT
NEEDS.

SO WE HAVE NEWBERRY THAT'S DOING
A LOT OF SOFTBALL, BASEBALL.
WE HAVE THE NEW EVENT CENTER
THAT'S A LOT OF LARGE SCALE

INDOOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL,
INDOOR TRACK.
AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY, IS THE

ABILITY TO REALLY TAP THE, WHAT
WE FEEL IS THERE IS A DEPTH IN
OUTDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE, SO
SOCCER, FOOTBALL.

WANT TO JUST TALK ABOUT SOME OF
OUR RECAP ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT.
I SHARED A LITTLE OF THIS EARLY
ON.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF, AND WE THOUGHT WE GOT A LOT OF GREAT FEEDBACK RELATIVE TO THAT.

AGAIN WE STARTED WITH MEETING WITH YOU ALL IN VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL PARTNERS IN

UNDERSTANDING SORT OF THEIR THOUGHTS OF WHERE YOU ALL SIT TODAY RELATIVE TO SPORTS RECREATION, AND THE MEETING IN

THE COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE KEY PIECES, AND THIS IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE FACILITY, OR THE POSTER BOARD THAT WE HAD

AVAILABLE AT THE DAY ONE OF OUR ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, AND REALLY JUST TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF MEASURE OF WHAT THE LOCAL

COMMUNITY WAS LOOKING FOR, AND WHAT THEIR THOUGHTS WERE ON EACH OF THESE ASPECTS, AND A LOT OF THESE WERE DRIVEN FROM THAT

INITIAL REVIEW OF WHAT COULD BE TO THE -- TO THE CAMPUS, THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE ARE SUGGESTING.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS A FAIRLY WELL, VERY IMPORTANT ACROSS THE BOARD FOR A LOT OF THESE.

I THINK THAT WAS A RESOUNDING EFFECT OF OUR STUDENT -- OUR ENGAGEMENT, RATHER, WAS THAT THERE'S JUST A NEED TO IMPROVE

AND BRING MORE FACILITIES TO THE
COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE THINGS I DO WANT TO
CALL OUT, BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS

AN IMPORTANT ASPECT, IS AND PART
OF THAT PUZZLE OF ENGAGEMENT
THERE WAS SOMEONE THAT CAME UP
AND ASKED TO KIND OF REMOVE THE

FOUR COURTS, AND THE SYNTHETIC
THAT WE HAD IN QUESTION NUMBER
ONE.

SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOP LINE,

IT HAS BOTH OF THEM TOGETHER.
AND THEN IN DAY TWO, WE WENT
AHEAD AND IMPLEMENTED THAT.
AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT,

BECAUSE IT REALLY KIND OF TELLS
US A LITTLE BIT AND ALIGNS WITH
THE DATA THAT WE'RE SEEING, AS
WELL.

BUT THERE REALLY ISN'T A DESIRE
OR NEED FOR INDOOR TURF, PER SE,
AT THIS POINT.

BUT THERE IS A DESIRE AND NEED

FOR EXPANDED MULTI-PURPOSE
INDOOR FOR ALL TYPES OF EVENTS.
WHETHER THAT BE BASKETBALL,
VOLLEYBALL, CHEER, WE'VE GOT A

LOT OF INTERESTING IN PICKLEBALL
HERE, AND THEN A LOT OF INTEREST
IN ROLLER DERBY.

SO THERE'S A WHOLE HOST OF

INDOOR TYPES OF EVENTS FROM A
MORE LOCALIZED AND RECREATIONAL
USAGE STANDPOINT THAT AREN'T
BEING MET TODAY.

AND SO THAT'S ALL PART OF OUR
RECOMMENDATION.

SO JUST A BRIEF RECAP, AGAIN,
EXPANDING THE FACILITY WAS

SIGNIFICANTLY SUPPORTED
THROUGHOUT THAT FIRST DAY,
AGAIN, WANTING THE AMENITIES
THAT ARE MAYBE NOT AS SUFFICIENT

TODAY, LIGHTING, SHADE, PARKING.
PARKING WAS SOMETHING WE HEARD
PRETTY LOUD AND CLEAR IN TERMS
OF THE CHALLENGES THERE FOR

LARGE EVENTS AT CITIZENS FIELD.
A LOT OF FOLKS SUPPORTED THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTDOOR
SYNTHETIC AS WELL AS UPGRADES TO

MLK CENTER.
THERE WAS A REQUEST AND A LOT OF
NOTION AROUND IMPROVED
FACILITIES, SO THERE IS SORT OF

A SMALLER AREA OF FITNESS
CURRENTLY AT THE MLK CENTER THAT
IS IN NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT ON
THAT, AS WELL.

AND I KNOW, I APOLOGIZE THESE
ARE PROBABLY PRETTY HARD TO READ
BUT THIS IS JUST SOME GRAPHIC ON
A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE

IN OUR SURVEY BUT THIS NEXT
SLIDE KIND OF GIVES YOU A GOOD
SUMMARY OF WHAT THOSE REALLY ARE
TELLING US.

WE ACTUALLY GOT OVER 800
RESPONSES TO THE SURVEY, WHICH
IS TREMENDOUS.
ON THE WEB-BASED SURVEY.

AND APPROXIMATELY, YOU KNOW, 75
OF THOSE, AND THE KEY POINTS
THAT YOU SEE THERE ON THE RIGHT
ARE THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT AS

HOW FAR ARE PEOPLE WILLING TO GO
OR TRAVEL FOR THESE RECREATIONAL
USES.

THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE

IF WE'RE LOOKING AT HOW WE PLAN
AND PROGRAM THIS.

AND, ABOUT ALMOST 75% ARE
WILLING TO TRAVEL 30 MINUTES OR

LESS FOR THIS, RIGHT?

SO THAT'S IMPORTANT.

THAT TO ME IS TELLING ME THAT
THIS NEEDS TO BE MORE OF A LOCAL

RECREATIONAL, COMMUNITY-BASED
FACILITY.

HOWEVER, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE'RE
LOOKING AND TALKING TO A LOT OF

THE, PROBABLY IMPORTANT TO TALK
ABOUT THE SURVEY ITSELF WAS
CATERED TOWARDS LOCAL RESIDENTS.
HOWEVER, THERE WERE ELEMENTS AND

QUESTIONS WITHIN IT THAT ALSO
ALLOWED FOR REGIONAL SPORTS
ORGANIZATIONS TO OPINE AND
ANSWER ON THEM, AS WELL.

BECAUSE AGAIN LOOKING AT THE
REGIONALITY OF THIS WE WANTED TO
GET A BETTER SENSE OF HOW
HELPING THE FACILITIES OR REALLY

THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE.
SO ABOUT 20% OF THOSE
ORGANIZATIONS THAT RESPONDED TO
OVER 200 PARTICIPANTS, WHICH IS

PRETTY STRONG.
AND ALMOST ABOUT 90% OF THOSE
ARE SAYING THAT THEIR NUMBERS
ARE GOING TO GROW WITHIN A

COUPLE OF YEARS, AS WELL.
SO, IT'S REALLY INDICATIVE OF
THE STRENGTH IN THE MARKETPLACE
FROM A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION

STANDPOINT.
ABOUT 75% REPORTED AMENITIES AT
THE CITIZENS FIELD ARE EITHER
FAIR, AND I THINK SOME OF THESE

THINGS MAY NOT BE [CHOPPY AUDIO]
DATA FROM OUR SURVEYS IN THE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
SO OBVIOUSLY TAKING IN ALL OF

OUR DATA FROM A MARKET
STANDPOINT, FROM A SURVEY
STANDPOINT, FROM THE STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT AND REALLY LOOKING AT

WHAT THE OPPORTUNITY HERE IS WE
LANDED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SITE AND
FOR THE VARIOUS FACILITIES.

SO WE ARE RECOMMENDING AN
EXPANDED AND RENOVATED MLK
CENTER GOING UP TO ABOUT FOUR
BASKETBALL COURTS BUT I WANT TO

TREAT THAT AND CALL IT MORE WE
WILL DEFINE IT AND LINE IT AS
BASKETBALL BUT HAVE THE ABILITY
REALLY FOR FLAT BOARD SPACE.

THE REASON WHY WE WENT UP TO
FOUR IS BECAUSE THERE'S A NEED
FOR SEVERAL INDOOR TIMES OF
SURFACES, PICKLEBALL FOLKS,

ROLLER DERBY.
THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO HOST
MULTIPLE EVENTS AT ONCE.
AS OPPOSED TO RIGHT NOW THE

CHALLENGES THAT WE EXPERIENCE AT
MLK IS THAT MULTIPLE END USERS
TRYING TO FIGHT FOR THE ONE
SPACE THAT'S AVAILABLE.

RIGHT?
AND SO, IT'S CAUSING CHALLENGES
IN SCHEDULING, CHALLENGES IN
USAGE.

AND QUITE FRANKLY, IT'S A
LIMITED -- LIMITING THE ABILITY
FOR THAT VENUE TO SUCCEED.
SO WE THINK THE MULTI-PURPOSE

WILL ALLOW US, YOU ALL, TO
PROGRAM THAT A LOT MORE
EFFICIENT FOR THE PROGRAMS.
IF YOU SUGGEST SOME

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS, AS WELL AS
PERFORMANCE STAGE.
SOME LOBBY WITH CONCESSIONS.
AND AGAIN, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE

DIAGRAM, WE'VE PROGRAMMED ABOUT
1,000-PLUS PARKING SURFACE.
AND AS ROXY SHARED EARLIER, PART
OF WHAT WE'VE PUT HERE AND PART

OF WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING NEXT
STEPS IS REALLY TO KIND OF MEET
WITH AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO
REALLY RIGHT-SIZE A LOT OF THIS

TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
PROGRAMMING, AND THE ELEMENTS
WITHIN THAT WILL FIT WITHIN THIS
FOOTPRINT.

IN OUR JUDGMENT, IN OUR
EXPERIENCE, IT WILL.
THE NEXT IS THE OUTDOOR.
AND THIS IS WE'RE SUGGESTING

FIVE SYNTHETIC.
THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST
IMPORTANT ONE IN OUR OPINION IN
TERMS OF REGIONAL USAGE.

THIS WILL ALLOW THE SITE, THE
CITY, TO BE A REGIONAL SPORTS
TOURISM VENUE, IF YOU WILL, IN A
PLACE REGIONALLY THAT IS ABSENT

OF THIS TYPE OF QUALITY THAT
WE'RE SUGGESTING.
THE TURF, THE LIGHTS, YOU WILL
ALSO HAVE THE SYNTHETIC TURF AND

ATMOSPHERE OF THE FIELD THAT
WILL SERVE AS YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP
FIELD FOR SOCCER, FOOTBALL,
LaCROSSE, WE HEAR A LOT OF FOLKS

FROM FRISBEE WHICH IS A GROWING
SPORT AS WELL.
SO AGAIN, MULTI-PURPOSE IN
NATURE, BUT AGAIN, THE QUALITY

OF WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING WILL,
I THINK, ALLOW THIS SITE TO
REALLY BE A REGIONAL HUB FOR
OUTDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE.

WE ARE RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE POOL, UPGRADING OF THE
LOCKER ROOM, AND ENTRANCE, AS
WELL AS SORT OF EXPANDING THAT

FOR MEETS, AND THE TIGHTNESS OF
THE PLATFORM RIGHT NOW IS REALLY
CHALLENGE WITH RESULT TO MEETS.
YOU KNOW, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT

I THINK WE HEARD A LOT OF
INTEREST FOR HERE LOCALLY FOR
AQUATICS.
NOT SURPRISING TO US.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE THINK,
YOU KNOW, YOU THINK OF NEEDS
LOCALLY RIGHT NOW WE THINK THAT
SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND

ENHANCEMENTS COULD BE WELL PUT.
BUT IN TERMS OF REGIONAL
STANDPOINT, THE CITY OF OCALA
JUST PUT TOGETHER A \$40 MILLION

AQUATIC FACILITY THAT REALLY IS
GEARED TOWARDS REGIONAL MEETS.
AND SO WE DON'T THINK THAT
THERE'S REALLY A MARKET THERE

PER SE FOR YOU TO KIND OF PUT
THE INVESTMENT FORWARD FOR, YOU
KNOW, A REGIONAL POOL, IF YOU
WILL.

AND THEN THE LAST ONE, OBVIOUSLY
IS THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION
OF CITIZENS FIELD, ABOUT 5,000
SEATS, ARTIFICIAL TURF, WE ARE

RECOMMENDING OUTDOOR TRACK
AROUND THAT, AND WE DID THAT FOR
SEVERAL REASONS.
WE THINK THAT THERE'S AN

OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY UTILIZE
THAT AS AN ABILITY, ESPECIALLY
GIVEN THAT THE STATE ASSOCIATION
IS HERE IN YOUR BACKYARD, WE

KIND OF HAVE SOME HIGH SCHOOL,
REGIONAL, STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS,
THINGS OF THAT NATURE.
BUT ALSO IT WILL COMPLEMENT AND

SUPPLEMENT AND A LOT OF OUR
RECOMMENDATIONS WENT INTO THIS
OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE HERE
REGIONALLY ESPECIALLY IN THE

COUNTY WITH THE NEW INDOOR TRACK
YOU HAVE THERE.

THIS WILL PUT YOU ALL TO REALLY
BE THAT YEAR ROUND OUTDOOR AND

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD, RIGHT.
SO WE THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT
PIECE TO THIS SORT OF PUZZLE, IF
YOU WILL, OF REALLY BEING A

DESTINATION AS A WHOLE, THAT CAN
REALLY KIND OF TRANSPORT
TOURISM.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST UPDATING THE

LOCKER ROOMS, PRESS, LIGHTING,
SCOREBOARDS, WI-FI, AND MODERN
AMENITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING AT
FACILITIES.

AND RECENTLY COUNTY OLIVER IN
PANAMA CITY, AND THE OTHER ONE I
LOOKED AT WAS JEAN COXSON MORE
IN LINE WITH SORT OF THE LEVEL

OF RECOMMENDATION THAT WE HAVE
HERE.

SO, AS YOU SEE HERE, WE SORT OF
SPELLED OUT SOME INITIAL COST

ASSUMPTIONS TO THESE COMPONENTS
I JUST TALKED ABOUT.

I WILL NOTE THAT WE WERE, YOU
KNOW, AGAIN WITH THE FLUCTUATION

OF WHERE WE ARE IN TODAY'S
MARKET, WE WERE FAIRLY
CONSERVATIVE IN A LOT OF OUR
ESTIMATES.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I THINK
THE ABILITY TO APPLY ABOUT A \$5
MILLION OWNER'S CONTINGENCY ON
THIS, AND I ATTRIBUTE THAT TO

YOU'RE DOING A HOME IMPROVEMENT,
YOU CAN GET THE \$350,000
APPLIANCES OR THE \$10,000
APPLIANCES.

UNDERSTANDING THE LEVEL OF
QUALITY IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE
A DECISION FOR YOU ALL IN THE
CITY, AS WHERE DO WE GO.

AND, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
WAS IN THE REPORT THAT WE DIDN'T
NECESSARILY TALK ABOUT TOO MUCH
JUST YET, BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW,

IS PART OF THE NEXT STEPS IS,
THAT'S ALSO WHAT THE END USERS,
RIGHT, AND I THINK ONE OF THE
NEXT STEPS THAT WE'RE

RECOMMENDING IS THERE SHOULD BE
A DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY, AND
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THERE
UNDERSTANDING SORT OF MORE OF

WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE AND WHERE
THEY SIT IN A LOT OF THIS.
SO I THINK AGAIN THAT OWNERSHIP
CONTINGENCY IS TO GUIDE SOME OF

THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND UNDERSTAND
WHERE THAT SITS.
FRANKLY, WE BIFURCATED THAT, THE
CITIZENS FIELD ELEVATION, AS

WELL AS, BECAUSE WE THINK
ALTHOUGH THE ONE CAMPUS, ARE TWO
SEPARATE PROPERTIES, AND
OPPORTUNITIES, IF YOU WILL.

ONE OF THE THINGS I'LL, I'LL,
I'LL ADD TO THIS A LITTLE BIT
IS, IS, THAT OWNERS CONTINGENCY
IS THAT WE THINK THERE MAY BE

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY, AND THERE'S
BEEN SOME PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POTENTIALLY A
SEMI, OR A MINOR LEAGUE SOCCER.

AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE
DONE IN FOR INSTANCE, IN SPOKANE
IN WASHINGTON.
A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY, THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND USL.
AND THEY'RE ALL FUNDING PARTNERS
ON A STADIUM RELATIVE TO WHAT
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, FOR

CITIZENS FIELD RENOVATION.
AND SO, WE LEFT THAT SORT OF
OPEN FOR, AND THAT'S SORT OF WHY
WE'RE RECOMMENDING ONE OF THOSE

IN OUR NEXT STEPS IS REALLY
LET'S DIVE A LITTLE BIT DEEPER
WITH SOME OF THESE POTENTIAL
STRATEGIC PARTNERS TO REALLY

HELP DEFINE WHAT THIS ULTIMATELY
BECOMES.
BUT AGAIN WE THINK THAT THESE
ARE A STRONG BASIS AND SUPPORTED

BY THE DATA AND RESEARCH THAT
WE'VE DONE LOCALLY.
OPERATIONAL MODEL.
SO WE'RE SUGGESTING THE

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.
AGAIN THIS IS LIKELY PUBLICLY
OWNED.
WE DO THINK THAT IT COULD BE

OPERATED TO THE BENEFITS FROM
THE PRIVATE OPERATING , YOU
KNOW, SIMILAR TO THE ENGAGEMENT
THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW WITH

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE
CITIZENS FIELD.
IF YOU THINK STAFF WOULD OVERSEE
THAT CONTRACT, THE PARKS AND REC

STAFF WOULD OVERSEE THE CONTRACT
WITH A PRIVATE, THAT WOULD BE
PART OF OUR SORT OF
RECOMMENDATION OF WHAT THAT

COULD LOOK LIKE.
AGAIN ONE OF THE THINGS TO NOTE,
IN THIS SLIDE WAS THERE IS A
PUBLIC NONPROFIT THAT'S ANOTHER

SORT OF OPERATING OPPORTUNITY,
AND I THINK MUCH OF THAT WILL BE
DRIVEN BY YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND HOW THIS

EVOLVES, AND THE FORMING AND
THINGS LIKE THAT.
THE REASON WHY SOME OF THESE
THINGS DO SHIFT TO A 501(C)3 ARE

FOR FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES.
AND THINGS LIKE THAT FOR
PROGRAMMING OR FUTURE SUBSIDIES
OF PROGRAMMING, THINGS LIKE

THAT.
SO, AGAIN, AS OF TODAY, OUR
RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT, TO
CONSIDER A THIRD PARTY OPERATOR.

AND OUR PROJECTIONS ARE
REFLECTED IN THAT, AS WELL.
THIS IS JUST SOME OF THE KEY
ASSUMPTIONS THAT WENT INTO

DEVELOPING OUR FINANCIAL PRO
FORMA.

THE REPORTS WE JUST TALKED ABOUT
RECOMMENDING THE FEES FOR

RENTAL, WE DID SOME PER CAP, PER
CAPITAL FOR CONCESSIONS, ONE OF
THE THINGS I WANT TO SORT OF
HIGHLIGHT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS

YOU HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT, WHICH IS REALLY
IMPORTANT TO HOW WE PULLED THE
SUGGESTED PROGRAM AND BUSINESS

PLAN IN FRONT OF YOU IS THE
CONCERN FOR PRICE AND RENTAL.
GIVEN TODAY IS VERY LIMITED,
FRANKLY.

MLK IS REALLY HIGHLY DISCOUNTED
TO THE COMMUNITY.

AND WHAT WE'RE SUGGESTING AND
PROPOSING IS SOMEWHAT OF A

PARADIGM SHIFT OF WHAT THAT
VENUE WOULD LOOK LIKE.
AND SO, WE WERE BEING
CONSERVATIVE AND CONSCIENTIOUS

OF THE PRICE LIST LOCALLY FROM A
HISTORICAL STANDPOINT, BUT ALSO
FROM WHAT THE NEW VENUE WILL
REALLY LOOK LIKE.

SO YOU'LL NOTE THAT IN HERE, AND
IN THE SLIDE, WE DISCOUNTED THE
RENTAL RATES A LITTLE BIT EVEN
HERE LOCALLY TO THE CITY OF

ALACHUA, LEGACY CENTER, THEY
HAVE NEW INDOOR COURTS.
THEY'RE ABOUT \$60 AN HOUR.
WE'RE AT \$40 IN THE BUSINESS

PLAN THAT IS IN FRONT OF US.
THOSE ARE ALL SORT OF POLICY
DECISIONS THAT COULD BE MADE ONE
WAY OR ANOTHER.

BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO
KNOW THAT IT WAS CONSCIENTIOUS
IN OUR MIND WHEN WE WERE
STARTING TO BUILD THE NUMBERS IN

FRONT OF YOU ALL.
THIS IS, SORRY, IT'S A LITTLE
HARD FOR YOU ALL TO READ.
THIS IS SORT OF THE FULL

REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF WHAT WE
ENVISION THE FUTURE OF THE 8th
AND WALDO SPORTS COMPLEX SHOULD
BE.

PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY RENTAL
INCOME.
AND OBVIOUSLY THE INCOME ON THE
AQUATICS.

I GUESS I'LL TAKE A STEP BACK,
TOO, REAL QUICK, BECAUSE A KEY
POINT, ON THE POOL.
WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE HISTORIC

DATA THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR US,
THE POOL HAS ABOUT AN AVERAGE
PRICE POINT OF ABOUT, I THINK IT
CAME OUT TO BE \$1.20 PER VISIT.

AND THAT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER
THAN WE SEE ANYWHERE ELSE.
AND SO, AGAIN, PART OF OUR
RECOMMENDATION, AND PART OF THE

NUMBERS IN HERE THAT'S IMPORTANT
FOR YOU ALL TO NOTE, IS WE'RE
RECOMMENDING SORT OF JUST A FLAT
FEE OF \$5 PER VISIT.

AND SO, UTILIZING THAT
HISTORICAL 45,000 VISITORS,
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GETTING THAT
NUMBER OF \$225,000.

RIGHT?
AND SO THAT IS ANOTHER SORT OF
SUGGESTED SHIFT IN POLICY FROM
HISTORICAL.

AND THEN, OBVIOUSLY WE LAYER
INTO THE ABILITY FOR
TOURNAMENTS.
AS YOU NOTE, YEAR FIVE IN OUR

OPINION IS WHAT WE CALL
STABILIZATION, SO THE MARKET IS
KNOWN AS SORT OF A REGIONAL
OPPORTUNITY, IN PARTICULAR

OUTDOOR SOCCER, AND THEN
OBVIOUSLY CLINICS AND PROGRAMS.
THAT ALL TAKES TIME TO BUILD AND
DEVELOP.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PARADIGM
SHIFT OF WHAT YOU HAVE NOW.
OBVIOUSLY THE EXPENSES ON THE
OPERATING SIDE, A LOT OF THAT

GAIN DRIVEN BY STAFF, AND THE
UTILITIES THAT WOULD BE NEEDED
FOR THE SIZE OF THE VENUE
RECOMMENDED.

AND WE ALSO HAVE A MANAGEMENT
FEE THAT IS COMPARATIVE FOR THE
THIRD PARTY OPERATORS.
ONE LAST IMPORTANT THING I THINK

TO HIGHLIGHT ON THE P&O IS
REPLACEMENT STARTS IN YEAR FOUR.
WE THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST
CRITICAL THINGS AS FOLKS IN THE

COMMUNITY REALLY CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT, OR RENOVATION OF THESE ASSETS, IS TO PRESERVE SOME OF THOSE REVENUES FOR

FUTURE LARGE SCALE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AND SO, TYPICALLY THERE'S ABOUT A THREE-YEAR WARRANTY ON NEW

CONSTRUCTION.

SO THAT'S WHY WE START THAT IN YEAR FOUR BUT IT'S JUST SOMETHING WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE

THAT WE NOTED.

WE DID THE SAME P&O, AS WELL FOR CITIZENS FIELD.

AGAIN, MUCH OF THIS IS BEING

RELIED UPON ON OUR PLACE DATA AND SOME ASSUMPTIONS AROUND HISTORICAL ATTENDANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL GAMES FOR THE THREE

SCHOOLS.

AS WELL AS SOCCER, AND WHAT WE THINK THAT TRACK COULD DO FROM A REGIONALITY STANDPOINT.

AND THEN WE DO HAVE SOME SPECIAL EVENTS IN THERE WHETHER THAT WOULD BE SOME SORT OF BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL OR SOME SORT OF

COMMUNITY EVENT.

YOU SEE A LOT OF SORT OF CHARITY WALKS, OR LOCAL BUSINESSES OR FARMER'S MARKETS, THINGS LIKE

THAT, THAT CAN REALLY HAPPEN IN THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES.

AND WE'VE ALSO LOOKED AT WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE AS A STAND-ALONE

OPERATION.
SO THERE MAY BE SOME ECONOMIES
OF SCALE FOR OPERATIONS HERE
BETWEEN THESE TWO THAT AGAIN AS

DISCUSSIONS EVOLVE WITH
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, YOU
KNOW, THERE MAY BE AN INTEREST
TO KIND OF FOLD THESE INTO ONE

P&O.
BUT AT THE TIME RIGHT NOW WE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR
EMPOWERING DECISION MAKING ON

YOUR END TO LOOK AT THESE AS
STAND-ALONE TODAY.
LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE LOOKED AT
THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

SO, WHAT DOES THAT -- WHAT DOES
ALL THIS MEAN RELATIVE TO NEW
DOLLARS IN THE COMMUNITY,
OVERNIGHT STAYS, AND REALLY

TURNING A RETURN ON THE INITIAL
INVESTMENT?
SO, BIG PICTURE, ALL IN ALL, IN
TERMS OF WHAT WE THINK THE VENUE

COULD BRING FROM AN ECONOMIC
IMPACT IS APPROXIMATELY ABOUT
YEAR FIVE IS THAT YEAR OF
STABILIZATION ABOUT \$14 MILLION

ANNUALLY.
WHICH EQUATES TO ABOUT 78
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS AND
ABOUT 900,000 IN FISCAL IMPACT.

SO THAT'S YOUR TAX INCREASE.
AND WITH THAT I'M GOING TO TURN
IT OVER TO JERRY TO TALK ABOUT
OUR TRAFFIC STUDY.

>> THANK YOU.
AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS.
MY NAME IS JERRY, I'M A SENIOR
TRAFFIC ENGINEER WITH

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING.
GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA,
SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN
GAINESVILLE.

MY SON GRADUATED FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, SPEND A
LOT OF TIME WITH HIM IN
GAINESVILLE.

MY DAUGHTER GRADUATED FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.
SPENT LOTS OF TIME WITH HER IN
GAINESVILLE.

I THINK I KNOW GAINESVILLE
PRETTY WELL, AND HAVE COVERED A
LOT OF THE TERRITORIES, AND THE
ROADS.

SO I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE ON
BOARD.
TO LOOK AT THE TRAFFIC
ESSENTIALLY IN EASTERN

GAINESVILLE, AND THE IMPACTS
THAT IT HAS HAD IN THIS GENERAL
AREA.
THE LITTLE DIAGRAM THAT YOU SHOW

IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF THE
SLIDE SHOWS THE ACCESS POINTS TO
GET TO ESSENTIALLY THE STADIUM,
AND TO THE WHOLE SPORTS COMPLEX,

AND THERE IS REALLY GOOD ACCESS
TODAY, ESSENTIALLY, USING WALDO
ROAD, OR 6th AVENUE OR 8th
AVENUE, AND COMING IN TO THE

SITE, THERE'S ULTIMATELY FOUR
REALLY GOOD ACCESS POINTS THAT
REALLY DON'T HAVE CONGESTION
UNDER TODAY'S STANDARDS COMING

IN AND OUT.

SO WE MET WITH YOUR STAFF, AND
WE COLLECTED ABOUT FIVE YEARS OF
EXISTING DATA AND PUT THAT INTO

OUR COMPUTERS, AND RAN THE
ANALYSIS OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS,
HOW THE GEOMETRY WORKS, AND
TODAY, ESSENTIALLY, EVERYTHING

SURROUNDING THIS AREA IS
ACTUALLY OPERATING AT WHAT WE
CALL A LEVEL OF SERVICE "C" OR
BETTER.

AND IN THE TRAFFIC WORLD, IT'S
JUST LIKE GOING TO SCHOOL.
LEVEL OF SERVICE "A" MEANS FREE
FLOWING.

EVERYTHING'S WORKING GREAT.
LEVEL OF SERVICE "F" MEANS
THINGS ARE NOT SO GOOD, JUST
LIKE --

SO LIKE TODAY ARE A LEVEL
SERVICE C OR BETTER ON WALDO,
16th, AND 8th AVENUE IN TERMS OF
ACCESS TO THE SITE.

AND WE WENT OUT TO WATCH A
COUPLE OF GAMES ON THURSDAY
NIGHTS WHEN THE HIGH SCHOOLS
WERE COMING TO PLAY.

AND IT IS A GREAT CROWD THAT
LOVES THIS COMPLEX, LOVES THEIR
SPORTS.
AND THE NIGHT I WAS THERE

PRACTICALLY A TORNADO CAME
THROUGH AND I GOT THERE AT 4:30
AND THE PLACE WAS SOAKED,
PARKING LOTS MUDDY, BUT THE

FOLKS CAME AND HAD THE SHIRTS ON
AND WERE EXCITED.
ONE OF THE THINGS WE
DEFINITELY OBSERVED IS THE

PARKING NEEDS TO BE SOLID
BECAUSE IT IS QUITE A MUDDY
FIELD WITH SOME TOUGH
CONDITIONS.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE PICTURE IN
THE LOWER MIDDLE, THE VISITING
TEAMS COME IN WITH A COUPLE OF
BUS LOADS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE

LOCAL AND TO CORDONE OFF AN AREA
BY MOVING BARRICADES.
SO I CONGRATULATE YOU, P.D., WHO
WORK -- G.P.D. WORKS HARD TO

KEEP VISITORS ON ONE SIDE AND
THE LOCAL HOME TEAM ON THE OTHER
AND PROVIDE PRETTY GOOD PARKING.
IN THE LOWER RIGHT PICTURE, GPD

IS WELL REPRESENTED OUT THERE.
AND THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FUTURE
CONDITIONS, WE STARTED TO ADD
WHAT TRAFFIC WOULD NOW BE COMING

INTO THE COMPLEX IF WE HAD A
60,000 SQUARE FEET BUILDING AND
5,000 SEAT STADIUM.
ULTIMATELY THE RESULTS -- THE

RESULTS ARE SHOWN IN THE TWO
GRAPHICS.
THE FUTURE LEVELS OF SURFACE ON
THE ADJACENT SERVICE ARE BETTER

THAN LEVEL SERVICE C IN THE YEAR
2026.

AND THE INTERSECTIONS OF THE
WALDO AND 16th, WALDO AND 8th,

AND THEY ARE STILL GOING TO ALSO
OPERATE VERY WELL WITH THE
FUTURE TRAFFIC THAT COULD BE
COMING INTO THIS COMPLEX WHETHER

IT'S FOR A FOOTBALL GAME AND
SWIMMING MEET AND THE GOOD NEWS
IS THE TRAFFIC THAT SURROUNDS
THIS AREA AND THE SWIMMING POOL

WILL WORK WELL IF THE COMPLEX IS
DEVELOPED.

A LOT OF THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM THAT YOU

HAVE AND OPERATES EFFICIENTLY
WITHIN THE CITY.

AND ULTIMATELY IF THERE IS A
MAJOR INFLUX AND WILL TAKE CARE

OF WITH THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.
OVERALL, THE LEVEL OF SERVICE
AND FUTURE FOR TRAFFIC LOOKS
REALLY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, JERRY.

NOW TO SORT OF JUST GET TO THE
NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUSIONS OF

OUR REPORT.

AND ROXY DID A GOOD JOB OF
SUMMARIZING THESE EARLIER, BUT
WE SEE A LOT OF THESE PARALLEL

EFFORT AND WITH A LOT OF THE
DISCUSSIONS WITH STRATEGIC
PARTNERS TO HELP UNDERSTAND
WHERE, WHAT, AND HOW MUCH IS

NEEDED IN TERMS OF FUNDING AND
FINANCING.
AND WE ENCOURAGE THE ENGAGEMENT
OF ARCHITECTURE FIRM TO HELP AS

PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE
ARE HAVING WITH THE PARTIES AND
ELEMENTS OF WHAT THEIR DESIRES
AND NEEDS ARE TO BUILD ON THE

PROGRAM OF SPACES THAT WILL
QUANTIFY SQUARE FOOTAGE AND
DRIVE INTO CONSTRUCTION COSTS
AND ALTHOUGH WE GIVE YOU A HIGH

LEVEL AND THE COST DEFINED BY
THE DISCUSSIONS AND THE SQUARE
FOOTAGE AND THINGS LIKE THAT
THAT WILL ULTIMATELY BE

RECOMMENDED FOR EACH OF THOSE
VENUES MOVING FORWARD.
AND WITH THAT, I WILL OPEN UP
THE QUESTION.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
CERTAINLY COMPREHENSIVE.
I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S
ATTENTION ON THIS.

AND I DON'T SEE ANY LIGHTS HERE,
BUT I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS I
WILL BRING UP WHILE I WAIT FOR
THE LIGHTS TO COME FORTH.

I LOVE THAT WE'RE INCLUDING AND
-- AND NOW ALL THE LIGHTS ARE
ON.
I LOVE THAT WE ARE INCLUDING

SOCIAL FIELD, COMPETITION FIELDS
OTHER THAN JUST THE STADIUM.
AND THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS
THAT I HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL

ALONG THAT THERE ARE KIDS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING
CITIZENS FIELD AND THE COMPLEX
WHO PROBABLY DON'T PARTICIPATE

IN THE SOCCER LEAGUES BECAUSE
THE LEAGUE PLAY HAPPENS IN
JANESVILLE AND THAT IS NOT FAIR.
SO THIS IS A WAY WE CAN MAKE

THAT MORE FAIR FOR THOSE KIDS.
IT IS NOT THAT THEY DON'T PLAY
SOCCER.
THEY DO, BUT DON'T PLAY IN

LEAGUES BECAUSE IT IS HALF AN
HOUR OR MORE TO WHERE THE
LEAGUES HAPPEN ON SATURDAY.
VERY, VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT

ON THERE.
THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, HOW LONG
DO SYNTHETIC FIELDS LAST IN THE
WILDS OF FLORIDA?

>> YEAH, GREAT QUESTION.
I THINK SORT OF THE STANDARD
RULE OF THUMB IS ABOUT 10 YEARS
THAT WE'RE SEEING IN THE

LONGEVITY OF THESE TYPES OF
YIELDS.

>> RIGHT AFTER BREAK EVEN.

>> YEAH, I MEAN, IT IS ALL

RELATIVE TO KEEPING THINGS LIKE
THAT.

>> SURE, OKAY.

>> MR. EASTMAN IS FIRST.

>> THANK YOU.

I AGREE AND SPEAKING FROM THE
COMMUNITY OF MY DISTRICT A LOT
OF PARENTS WHO ARE TIRED OF

DRIVING TO NEWBURY TO BE ABLE TO
HAVE THEIR KIDS PLAY SOCCER.
A LOT OF PEOPLE REALLY ENJOY --
THEY LIKE THE POOL AND THE POOL

COULD USE SOME WORK.
CITIZENS FIELD COULD USE SOME
WORK.
AND I GUESS WHAT I AM CURIOUS

ABOUT NOW IS KIND OF WHAT -- SO
BY VOTING YES ON THIS MOVING
FORWARD, WE ARE -- WE HAVEN'T
HAD A CHANCE TO REALLY DIG IN AT

THIS POINT TO FIGURE OUT, YOU
KNOW, HOW THIS WORKS WITH ALL OF
THE OTHER PRIORITIES THAT WE ARE
LOOKING AT.

I SEE A VERY LARGE NUMBER HERE
AND I AM HAPPY TO MOVE FORWARD
AND DUE DILIGENCE AND WHERE ARE
WE AND WHAT IS THE IDEA OF --

WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF THE
PROCESS AND WHAT IT MEANS BY
VOTING YES HERE TODAY IN TERMS
OF HOW ARE WE MOVING FORWARD AND

THE SCOPE OF THE OVERALL
PROJECT.
>> MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS, SO
VOTING YES TO THIS GIVES US THE

DIRECTION TO AFGHANISTAN AND
MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FIRST
THREE STEPS, WHICH WOULD BE ONE
FIRST AND FOREMOST IN OUR CASE

WOULD BE IDENTIFY THE FUNDING.
TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO
COMMISSION WITH A VARIETY OF
DIFFERENT FUNDING OPTIONS OF HOW

WE WOULD PROCEED IN LOOKING INTO
ARCHITECT CONSULTANT AS WELL AS
PARTNERSHIPS, SPONSORSHIPS AND
ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT AVENUES

TO PRESENT THOSE IN SEEING HOW
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD
INTO EVEN CREATING THE DESIGN.
AND THE FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

TODAY AND THIS REPORT ULTIMATELY
AND ULTIMATELY MOVE IN THAT
DIRECTION LOOKING AT THE COST OF
WHAT IT WOULD BE TO BUILD

SOMETHING OUT THERE.
AND TO SUSTAIN AND DO SOMETHING
SUSTAINBLY WITH THE COST OF
STAFFING AND ALSO TO COMPARE

SOME REVENUE THAT CAN AND SHOULD
BE COMING IN IN EACH DIFFERENT
APPROACH.
AND THAT REPORT HAS VARIOUS

DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND THAT IS
WHY YOU SAW THE PRIVATE PUBLIC
OR THE PRIVATE OR ALL THOSE
THINGS SO WHETHER WE COME BACK

AGAIN LATER ON AND SAY, HERE IS
AN AVENUE OF DOING THE
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO MANAGE
IT, MAINTAIN IT, AND DO IT WITH

A COMPANY WHO DOES THAT
OUTSOURCED AND IF THE CITY DOES
IT AND HERE ARE THE COSTS.
AND THIS GIVES US A PLATFORM TO

DO THAT.
TODAY'S DECISION IS TO SEE
WHETHER WE PUT THE TIME,
RESOURCES AND EFFORT FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU.

IF I MIGHT ADD TO THAT, ROXY IS
RIGHT.

THIS IS A PROJECT THAT HAS GREAT

NEEDS GENERATED FROM THE
COMMUNITY AND OBVIOUSLY THE
CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITY.

AS I HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSEDED

WITH COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT WHO
HAS CHAMPIONED THIS, AND THE
SUGGESTION WITH CITIZEN FIELD TO
MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD

WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO
TRY TO SEE WHAT KIND OF
COMMITMENT THEY HAVE TO THE
CITIZEN FIELD COMPONENT OF THIS.

SO WAS AMOVE WITH THIS, IT WILL
MOVE IN A VARIETY OF PHASES, BUT
WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE AND
THE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS

PROJECT IS THE VENUE IS SET.
AND WE KNOW THE VENUE NEEDS
HELP, BUT NOT ONLY THAT, THERE
IS A FUNDING SOURCE TO HELP US

WITH THESE FRONT-END COSTS AND
THAT IS GCRA AND AS THE MEMO
OUTLINES, AND 1.85 MILLION AND
PROGRAMMED IN FISCAL 2024 FOR

THE COMMISSION TO MOVE THROUGH
THESE STEPS TO GET TO THE POINT
WHERE WE COME BACK AND GIVE YOU
A FUNDING PLAN AND THERE IS A

WAY FORWARD.

AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE
CONVERSATIONS AND THE DIFFERENT
LAYERS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AND WHEN I SAY COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT, I MEAN CONVERSATIONS
WITH MAJOR PARTNERS LIKE THE
SCHOOL BOARD AND OTHER MAJOR

PARTNERS THAT ARE -- WE DON'T
KEEP IT MOVING AND WON'T MOVE.
AND I ALSO KEEP IT MOVING AND
WHAT WE'VE GOT IS ONE SCOPE OF

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT AND VERY
SPECIFIC AND I AM NOT -- AND
WHAT IS A FRACTION OF THIS CAUSE
AND TRIED TO WALK THROUGH AND TO

THINK ABOUT THE DIFFERENT USES
AND SET DOWN AND BOTHERED ROXY
AND HER STAFF QUITE A BIT AND
TRYING TO GET WITH THE HISTORIC

PRESERVATIONISTS.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE I GIVE THE
SAME DUE DILIGENCE TO THERE AND
WE ARE LOOKING AND AT HOW WE GO

AND LOOKING AT 45 TO 50 MILLION
DOLLARS AND I SEE WE HAVE 14
MILLION --
>> I'M SORRY, COMMISSIONER.

IT IS THAT TIME FRAME OF THE
GCRA's.
THAT TERM.
AND THAT IS THE TOTAL THAT GCRA

HAS ALLOCATED TO.
AND THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION TO THE
END OF THE GCRA TERM.
AND SO I THINK GCRA TERMS OUT IN

2029.
AND THIS IS PROBABLY 1.8 OVER
THE BALANCE OF THAT PERIOD OF
TIME THAT GIVES YOU TOTAL OF 14

MILLION.

>> OKAY.

AND I IMAGINE IT IS TAKEN FROM
SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT.

>> THOSE DECISIONS WOULD NEED TO
BE MADE BY THE COMMISSION.
WE ARE NOT THERE YET, BUT THAT
IS AN OPPORTUNITY AND

POSSIBILITY FOR THE SPACE.

>> ULTIMATELY THE RECOMMENDATION
IS TO GET COMMISSION TO GIVE US
THE APPROVAL TO LOOK AT WAYS TO

FUND THAT, SO OUTSIDE OF THE
GRCA USE LITING WILD SPACES
FUNDING AND HOW TO PRESENT THAT
AND WE WANT THE APPROVAL TO

PROCEED TO DO THAT.

>> TO PROCEED TO DO THAT, AND
WITH THE PLAN AS PRESENTED HERE
TODAY.

>> CORRECT.

>> AND WOULD EVER COMPONENT BE
IN THE FINAL --
AND IS ALL PACKAGED TOGETHER AND

THE POOL COULD HAVE ONLY -- AND
\$10 MILLION FOR OUTDOOR
PROGRAMMING OR LOOKING AT THE
FUNDING.

>> THIS PLAN AND THE FEASIBILITY
ASSESSMENT AND GIVES US A
PLATFORM TO SAY, OKAY, HERE ARE
THE OPTIONS.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?
DO WE GO IN A PHASED APPROACH?
IN SAYING WE LOOK AT CITIZENS
FIELD STADIUM FIRST, AND THISES

WHAT WE FOCUS ON FIRST OR DO WE
GO IN AND A BULK APPROACH AND
THAT IS FOR US NOW AFTER THE
APPROVAL TODAY.

IF WE GET THAT SO COME BACK AND
GIVE US THE APPROACHES AND ASK
FOR US TO DEVISE THE INITIAL
FUNDING PLAN TO BE ABLE TO

EXPLORE STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND
BRING ALL THAT BACK TO YOU
AFTERWARDS.
FORCE THE POTENTIAL REVENUES FOR

CITIZENS FIELD, DID IT ALREADY
FROM THE PUBLIC COUNTY FOOTBALL?
>> YEAH, IT ASSUMES -- AGAIN,
THE HISTORICAL DATA IS SCARCE AT

BEST.
WE HAVE MADE SOME ASSUMPTIONS ON
TICKET PRICES AND ATTENDANCE
STATEWIDE.

>> THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I AM
INTERESTED GOING FORWARD AND THE
SCHOOL BOARD IN PARTICULAR.
I THINK THAT IS A BIG QUESTION

WITH WHY I SUPPORT GOING FORWARD
UNTIL WE TALK WITH THEM AND THE
CURRENT CONTRACT IS UP THIS YEAR
OR NEXT YEAR?

>> JULY OF 2024 IS WHEN IT IS
OFFICIALLY DONE.
WE PUT THE CONTRACT IN PLACE FOR
AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.

SO THAT YOU ARE AWARE, THERE IS
CONSTANT COMMUNICATION CAN US
AND THE SCHOOL BOARD.
THE PLAN IS NOT TO SAY YOU CAN'T

DO FOOTBALL EVENTS ANYMORE.
AND IF ANYTHING, WE WANT TO DO
MARNED HELP EACH OTHER WITH A
BRAND-NEW MAINTENANCE PLAN IN

PLACE AND A CONTRACT WITH WHAT
IS MORE DETAILED SO WE HAVE
CLEANED OUT THE CONTRACT AND I
COULD GOOD NIGHT FURTHER BECAUSE

WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THIS WAS
GOING TO LAND, AND I WANTED TO
BE CONSISTENT AND GOING ON THE A
ONE-YEAR CONTRACT LEFT THINGS UP

IN THE AIR AS TO HOW MUCH
OWNERSHIP DO THEY REALLY WANT
FOR THE FIELD IF THEY ARE ONLY
THERE FOR A YEAR, COMPLETELY

UNDERSTOOD, SO WE FOUND A GOOD,
HAPPY COMPRISE AND WORKING WELL
TOGETHER TO CONTINUE THE
CONVERSATIONS AND MOVE FORWARD

WITH THAT
>> ROXY, WHILE YOU ARE STILL UP
THERE, AND WITH THE DETAILS AND
WITH THE NUMBERS ARE REASONABLE

AND HOW MUCH OF THE TOTAL VISITS
AND FORMS THAT --
>> YOU MEAN THE ACTUAL VISITS
THEMSELVES?

>> THE ACTUAL VISITS AND REVENUE
TIMES ALL THAT IS, LIKE, WOW,
WHAT IS WHAT I PAID 20 YEARS
AGO.

>> THE APPENDIX A, WE HAVE A 5%
INCREASE.
WE HAVE NOT INCREASED THE FEE
BECAUSE COMMISSIONERS IN THE

PAST HAVE ASKED US TO LOWER IT
BY 25 CENTS, SO WE HAVE
CONTINUED DOING WHAT APPENDIX A
IS AND WHICH IS A 25% AND ALSO

LOOK AT BEING EQUITABLE.
AND THERE IS LOCATIONS IN THE
CITY WE DON'T WANT TO OVERCHARGE
AND THERE IS A HIGH DROWNING

RATE NATIONALLY AND HAVING SWIM
LESSONS AND HAVE THE POOL
ACCESSIBLE IS HUGE.
WE TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION

AND WE HAVE TO REVIEW AND WE ARE
STARTING TO REVIEW NOW.
IS THE TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS
AND LOOKING AT THIS AS WELL AND

WE KIND OF KNEW AND AFTER
WAITING TO SEE IT, AND WE WILL
LOOK INTO RAISING THE RATES TO
MEET THE MARKET.

AND IN REGARDS TO THE COMMUNITY
ITSELF, I AM -- I LIKE TO SAY AS
EQUITABLE AS POSSIBLE.
>> THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO

UNDERSTAND.
I THINK JUST SO WE TALK ABOUT
THIS POTENTIAL -- AND THERE IS
NOT AS MUCH AS A TOURNAMENT

LEVEL POOL, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN
USED AND MISSED THAT TIME PERIOD
TO BE THE LOCAL, PREMIER REGION
FOR THE POOL.

>> OCALA IS NOT TOO FAR AWAY AND
INVEST IN \$40 MILLION AQUATIC
VENUE.
WE WOULDN'T ADVOCATE FOR THAT.

WE THINK THAT TIME IS PAST.

>> MAYOR: THERE ARE
LIMITATIONS.
AND SO THIS IS A LOT OF

POTENTIAL TO MOVE FORWARD TO SEE
WHERE WE CAN FIND SOME OF THESE
AND WITH PARKING LOT SOUNDS
GREAT, BUT SIMILAR CONVERSATIONS

AND ONE MORE PIECE OF HOUSING
AND HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS AND
WITH THE PARKING THAT DAMAGES
OUR HYDROLOGY.

AND NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
TALKING ABOUT 1,000 PARKING
SPACES WHERE MOST OF THE PARKING
IS NOT ACTUALLY PAVED IN THAT

AREA IS WHAT I WILL SAY.
I THINK I AM ACCURATE ON THAT,
WHICH IS MOST.
I LIKE GRASS PARKING FIELDS, BUT

THAT IS WAY DOWN INTO THE
FUTURE.
AND MR. MAYOR,S THIS IS VERY
EXCITING.

WE HAVE BEEN WAITING IFFER THIS
FOR SOME TIME.
SO I WANT TO SAY VERY GOOD JOB.
I SEE THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION IN

THE LIGHT OF COACH PRIME AND THE
IMPACT OF THAT DEION SANDERS HAS
HAD ON COLORADO.
THE IMPACT THAT THIS WHOLE

DEVELOPMENT CAN HAVE ON THE EAST
SIDE OF TOWN AND ALL OF
GAINESVILLE IS JUST GOING TO BE
PHENOMENAL.

IT GOES BEYOND I THINK WHAT IS
ACTUALLY BEING PRESENTED HERE
TODAY.

I THINK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT

WILL COME FORWARD FROM THIS AND
WE HAVE A NEED FOR ANOTHER 525
HOTEL BEDS.
PERHAPS A HOTEL.

ON WALDO ROAD AT SOME POINT.
I THINK THE POTENTIAL IS THERE
AND THE PARENTS COME FOR
SPORTING EVENTS.

THEY NEED SOME TYPE OF SPORTING
FACILITY THERE TO BUY SHOE LACES
OR WHATEVER THEY FORGOT AND LEFT
AT HOME.

WE KNOW THAT GRANDPARENTS FOLLOW
THE CHEER TEAM AND ALL OVER THE
UNITED STATES.
THEY WILL BE FOLLOWING THEM

HERE.
BUT PEOPLE ARE COMMITTED TO
SUPPORTING THEIR CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN AND IN THE SPORTS.

SO I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR US TO HAVE JUST A PROFOUND
ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE AREA.
ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN

HAPPENING A LOT WITH ME LATELY
IS THAT FALL IS THE TIME FOR ALL
TYPES OF BANQUETS FROM NAACP AND
THIS PARTY AND THAT PARTY.

AND EVERYBODY HAS A BANQUET.
WHEN WE GET THE NEW FACILITY, WE
WILL BE ABLE TO RENT SPACE
BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING AT

PERHAPS FOUR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS
AND A PERFORMANCE STAGE THAT RB
A REVENUE GENERATOR AND
SOMETHING WE CAN RENT OUT AS

WELL.

PEOPLE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT
ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES.
THE THE OTHER THING IS WE HAVE

THE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES JUST AS
TALLAHASSEE DID WITH GENE COX
AND PANAMA CITY DID -- WHAT IS
THE NAME OF IT?

AND SEMINOLE COUNTY, SEMINOLE
COUNTY, WHICH IS THE LARGEST
FACILITY THAT IS THE MOST LOOKED
AT IS THE ROOMBA FACILITY.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAP
OUR NEIGHBORS HERE FOR NAMING
OPPORTUNITIES AND TO HAVE A
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY IN

DOING THIS PROJECT.
SO I AM HOPING AS WE LOOK AT IT,
WE WILL LOOK AT -- NOT DOING IT
IN PIECEMEAL, BUT I WOULD LIKE

TO SEE THE COMPLETE PROCESS DONE
SO THAT YOU CAN FEEL THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT.
THIS IS -- TO TALK ABOUT BEING

TRANSFORMATIONAL.
AS THE MAYOR PRO TEM LIKES TO
SAY, IT IS INTENTIONAL.
WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE

A VERY GOOD IMPACT.
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR JOBS IS
EXCELLENCE.
HERE YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP A
CAREER AND WE TALKED ABOUT A LOT
AND HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

AND I THINK THAT I WANT TO
COMPLIMENT STAFF.
AND I AM ECSTATIC WITH WHAT IS
PRESENTED BECAUSE THE

OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE HERE ARE
JUST SUPERB FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
AND OTHER THAN THAT, I THINK
THAT, WILL WAIT AND I MAY HAVE

MORE QUESTIONS AFTER EVERYONE
ELSE TALKS.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

AND THIS IS A WHILE SINCE COMING
AND MANY CONVERSATIONS AND I
THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE AND
I THINK IN PARTICULAR AND

EASEMENT AND LITTLE CHICKEN, EGG
SCENARIO.

AND WHICH DO WE START FIRST?
WE NEED THIS IMPACT FIRST, THAT

IMPACT, AND WE WON'T HAVE AS
MANY TO KEEP GOING IN CIRCLES
AND WE DO NOTHING OR SOMETHING.
AND I APPRECIATE STAFF AND ROXY

REALLY LAYING DOWN THE NEXT STEP
IS WHAT WILL IT COST?

NOT THE COST STUDY.

WE HAVE TO DESIGN SOMETHING AND

SEE WHAT THAT WOULD COST AND
PROJECT IT AND HAVE THE SECOND
CONVERSATION.

AND WE JUST KIND OF DID THE

MARKET STUDY OF WOULD THIS BE
FEASIBLE OR NECESSARY AT ALL
WHICH IS THE FIRST STEP AND WE
HAVE A LOT OF STEPS TO LOOK T A

SPENDING TENS OF MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS OVER SEVERAL YEARS.
SO IT IS SLOW BUT DELIBERATE.
AND WE HAVE AN OUTLINE AND

CLEARLY A MARKED OUTLINE.
AND I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER TO
THIS AND WE WILL NOT KNOW A
CONSTRUCTION DELIVERABLE KIND OF

THE OUTLINE AND THAT COST AND
DESIGN EPIC.
GETTING HEAD NODS.
I WON'T SEE THIS BUILDING.

BUT ALL THE SAME, I THINK US
APPROVING MOVING FORWARD IS THE
BEST WE CAN DO.
I KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE TWO

YEARS WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND
THAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME
BECAUSE PART OF MY QUESTION IS,
WHERE DO THEY GO IN THE

MEANTIME?
WHERE DO THEY GO IN THE
MEANTIME?
WHERE DO OTHER REALLY ACTIVITIES

THAT HAPPEN THERE AND IT IS MORE
THAN JUST SPORTS THAT HAPPEN
THERE.
I DON'T KNOW.

I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING
HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AND LIKE A
FOOD DRIVE AND A HEALTH FAIR.
WE DO A LOT OF THINGS OUT OF

THOSE SPACES.
IT IS A BALANCING ACT OF
UPGRADING AND WITH THE USE OF
THE FACILITIES AND I AM UNSURE

HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS.
I HAVE MANY FEELINGS WHERE A
PHASED APPROACH TO KEEP SOME
UTILITY IN PLACE WHILE

CONSTRUCTION GOES AROUND IT.
YOU CAN'T SHUT DOWN ALL THE
FACILITIES AND WORK ON THEM
SIMULTANEOUSLY AND YOU COULD AND

IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE FASTER BUT
IN THE YEAR OR TWO OF
CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT,
YOU ARE OUT OF EVENT SPACE AND

PARKING AND THAT WHOLE CORNER.
SO THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PART OF
THE CONVERSATION.
ONE THING I DEFINITELY NEED TO

SEE WITH COST AND DESIGN.
WHAT IS THAT TIMELINE LOOK LIKE
AND WHICH WOULD BE MOST
EFFICIENT?

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT OUR
COMMUNITY TO BE OUT OF THE SPACE
AND THE FACILITIES LONGER THAN
NECESSARY.

I DON'T WANT TO DRAG OUT THE
PROJECT.
BY THE TIME YOU FINISH THE LAST
COMPONENT, YOU NEED TO UPGRADE

THE FIRST ONE BECAUSE IT'S BEEN
10 YEARS OF BUILDING AND I DON'T
THINK ANYONE -- ANYONE IN THIS
TOWN WOULD APPRECIATE 10 YEARS

OF CONSTRUCTION ON THAT CORNER.
AND SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE
PARAMOUNT FOR ME WHEN WE LOOK AT
THE NEXT STEPS.

AND WHAT IS THE PATH?
WHAT IS THE PATH AND WHAT ARE
THE CONSEQUENCES AS FAR AS TIME
AND ACCESS TO IT?

I AM A LITTLE QUEASY ABOUT THE
1,000 PARKING SPOT SITUATION.
I RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN YOU BUILD
A MASS FACILITY AND YOU HAVE

HIGH HOPES AS WE DO FOR THIS,
1,000 IS 1,000 CARS BUT IT COULD
BE BUSES, MANY OTHER SPACES, AND
YOU DIVIDE OUT IF WE CAN DO

TAILGATING AND NOT TECHNICALLY 1
#,000 CARS.
YOU JUST HAVE THAT MANY STRIPES.
STILL MAKES ME A LITTLE

SQUEAMISH.
THAT IS ONE THING I WOULD LIKE
TO SEE REDUCED MARGINALLY.
BECAUSE THAT IS A LOT OF CARS.

AND THEY DON'T FIT IN THE SENSE
OF TRAFFIC.
I SAY IT IN THE SENSE OF WHEN
THE EVENT IS OVER, THAT PARKING

LOT WILL BE MAYHEM.
AND I HAVE GONE TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAY AND EVERYONE IS HAPPY AND
WE'RE COOL.

YOU GET TO THE PARKING LOT AND
IT IS THE THUNDER DOME.
I CANNOT IMAGINE 1,000 CARS.
WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE STADIUM AND

THE O'CONNELL CENTER ON CAMPUS.
THAT LITTLE FREE PARKING AREA IS
NOT A PLEASANT PLACE TO BE IN
WHENEVER THERE IS ANY EVENT.

I JUST WORRY ABOUT THAT
CONCENTRATION AND ACTIVITY
BECAUSE THE EVENTS OVER TWO
HOURS AGO AND WE ARE STILL

TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE PARKING
LOT.
AND THAT COULD BE A CONCERN AND
OTHERWISE, IT IS TO GIVE YOU THE

DIRECTION TO KEEP GOING FORWARD
AND WE ARE GOING TO DO
SOMETHING.
WE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH

UPGRADES AND CHANGE OF SOME
KIND.
I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAY
THAT DEFINITELY SO THAT

PRIVATE PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE IN
THE COMMUNITY, NOT NECESSARILY
WHO WILL PARTNER WITH US ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE FACILITIES

THEMSELVES, BUT OTHER ECONOMIC
DRIVERS WILL SEE OUR INTENT TO
MOVE FORWARD, OUR COMMITMENT TO
MOVING FORWARD, AND CAN START

THEIR OWN PROCESSES AS FAR AS
BUSINESSES, AS FAR AS HOTELS, AS
FAR AS UPGRADES TO KIND OF THAT
CORRIDOR TO START GETTING

LENDERS ON BOARD, PLANS READY,
AND WHEN WE DO BREAK GROUND AND
WE HAVE THE TIMELINE, THEY HAVE
SIMILAR TIMELINES TO FOLLOW AND

IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THEY
START MOVING ON IT.
I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR
US TO GIVE A DELIBERATE AND LOUD

YES WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.
YOU WILL BRING US BACK ANY
NUMBER OF COST OPTIONS AND
DESIGNS.

COOL.
WE WILL PICK ONE OF THOSE.
THERE IS NO IF ABOUT IT.
WE WILL PICK ONE OF THOSE.

THAT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST
TAKEAWAYS FROM THE CONVERSATION.
DID I GET EVERYTHING?
JUST TO ECHO THE MAYOR, THE

SOCCER FIELDS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT.
AND DOZENS OF CHILDREN AND
ADULTS RUNNING AROUND.

AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOCCER FROM
3:00 TO -- I DON'T KNOW, 100
AROUND HERE.
SOCCER IS IMPORTANT.

AND MORE FIELDS, THE BETTER.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> COMMISSIONER WALKER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

AND THANK YOU TO OUR CONSULTANTS
AND AS WELL AS STAFF FOR PULLING
THIS TOGETHER.
AND MOVING US ALONG IN THE

PROCESS THAT I THINK A LOT OF US
ARE GLAD TO FINALLY BE AT THIS
POINT.
WITH THE IMPACT OF THE YOUTH

SPORTS TOURISM IS TAGGERING WITH
THE IMPACT OF SPORTS TOURISM IN
2021 GENERATED A TOTAL IMPACT OF
91.8 BILLION WHICH RESULTED IN

THE GENERATION OF 635,000 JOBS
AND A TOTAL TAX REVENUE OF \$12.9
BILLION FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMIES.
IN 2019 AND 117 MILLION PEOPLE

TRAVELED DURING THE FIRST
COVID-19 YEAR OF 2020 AND TRAVEL
DECREASED BY 46% AND IT QUICKLY
REBOUNDED IN 2021 BY 53% TO 175

MILLION TRAVELLERS.
AND TO MAKE THIS ECONOMIC IMPACT
FELT LOCALLY, AND ALSO TO DO
SOME REAL GOOD FOR THE

COMMUNITY.
DISTRICT ONE THIS PROJECT IS A
GATEWAY TO DISTRICT ONE.
MANY INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING

MYSELF HAVE VISITED FOR
GENERATIONS.
AND THE CITIZENS FIELD AND THE
POOL AND WE HAVE MY PARENTS WENT

TO THE STADIUM FOR THE FOOTBALL
GAMES WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER.
I WENT TO THE STADIUM.
RAN TRACK THERE, ETC., ETC., AND

SWAM AT THAT POOL.
WALKING FROM HOWARD BISHOP
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE CHANCE TO
SEE YOUNG PEOPLE WELL AFTER I

HAVE BEEN IN SCHOOL GOING THERE
AND I HAVE SEEN THE CHANCE TO
SEE IT STRUGGLE AND NOT JUST
ECONOMICALLY AND FOR THE PEOPLE

WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING ON THIS
FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME.
AND I DO WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITS
IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

AS I ALWAYS AM CONCERNED WITH.
I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION ON
THE TRAFFIC STUDY AND I ALSO
WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT

SOUND.
AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
DISCUSSED JUST BRIEFLY AND THE
INITIAL CONVERSATIONS AND IS

THERE A WAY BECAUSE WHEN WE
START TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS
AND MANY MORE PEOPLE AND ARE
DIVERSIFYING BECAUSE THE SPORTS

THAT ARE OFFERED AND WE ARE
DIRECTLY ABUTTING SOME
NEIGHBORHOODS.
SO I WONDER IF THERE HAVE BEEN

IN OTHER PLACES MECHANISMS THAT
HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO KIND
OF MITIGATE SOUND.
HOW IS SOUND HANDLEED?

WHEN FACILITIES GO UP CLOSE TO
NEIGHBORHOODS.
>> THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION.
I THINK RELATIVE TO WHAT WE ARE

SEEING ACROSS THE INDUSTRY HERE
AND TYPICALLY WITH THE NATURAL
SOUND BARRIERS AND THE TREES AND
THINGS LIKE THAT THAT ARE KIND

OF OUTER LIMITS AND THE
TECHNOLOGY AND THE SPEAKERS AND
SPEAKERS ALLOWS IT TO BE
ISOLATED IN THE DIRECTION THAT

YOU ARE HOPING FOR.
THERE ARE WAYS TO ZOOM IN
PARTICULAR THE LIGHTS AND THAT
IS LESS OF AN OPPOSING THING TO

IT TO COMMUNITIES NEARBY.
AND THEY ARE SO DIRECT NOW DAYS
WITH THE TECHNOLOGY ON L.E.D.s
AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

AND MUCH SIMILAR TO THE LOUD
SPEAKERS AND THE SOUND
PERSPECTIVE.
AND LIMITED CAPABILITY THE TEAM

AND THE OTHER EXCITED TEAM AND A
BUNCH OF FANS CHEERING AND THE
LOUD SPEAKERS AND THINGS LIKE
THAT AND TECHNOLOGY IS GETTING A

LOT BETTER.
SOUND MITIGATION AND THINGS THAT
WE CAN GET INTO.
>> THAT IS THE ONE MOST

IMPORTANTLY AND STEP ONE, AND IT
IS STEP ONE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO
THE COMMUNITY, RIGHT?
AS YOU SAID, POLICIES AND YOU

HAVE TO SET RULES AND
REGULATIONS.
AND HOW YOU WILL RENT THE FIELDS
OUT AND WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO

PUT IN PLACE, RIGHT?
AND THAT ALSO INVOLVES THE
LIGHTING, RIGHT?
IF BUT'RE GOING TO LIGHT THE

FIELDS, THE PARKS ARE OPEN TO
11:30 IN AN AREA LIKE THAT S IT
JUSTIFIABLE TO HAVE THEM HAVE
THE LIGHTS ON UNTIL 11:30?

I WOULD SAY NO, WE CUT IT AT
10:00.

WHAT WE CREATE REGARDING THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS TO HOW WE

HOST THE TOURNAMENTS AND HOW WE
ALLOW AMPLIFIED NOISE IS BASED
ON THINGS THROUGH THE DESIGN
PROCESS, RIGHT?

AND HOW TO OPERATE THE FACILITY.
AND THAT IS PART OF THE STEP.
AND I HAVE BEEN IN LOCATIONS
THAT ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE

HEART OF A COMMUNITY AND
APARTMENTS, HOUSES, DOWN IN
CORAL GABLES.
WHEN WE SHUT OFF THE AMPLIFIED

NOISE AT 9:00 P.M., RIGHT?
AND THE ORDINANCE GOES AND THE
LIGHTS GO OFF AT 10:00, RIGHT?
AND THAT IS WHAT THE COMMUNITY

WANTED AND THE AREA WANTED.
THAT IS WHAT THE SURVEYS CAME
BACK WITH.
AND WE ARE ABLE TO HOST

TOURNAMENTS AND BRING IN THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT AND HOST THE
MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS
JUST WITH THOSE KIND OF

SPECULATIONS.
SO IT'S DOABLE.
THIS IS HOW WE GO ABOUT IT TO
GET THE RIGHT RESOURCE TO MAKE

IT HAPPEN.
>> THANK YOU FOR THAT, ROXY.
THANK YOU.
AND ONCE AGAIN WITH THE IDEA

THAT THIS IS A GATEWAY TO
DISTRICT ONE AND I IMAGINE AND
HOPE THERE WILL BE NUMBERS OF
YOUTH AND FAMILIES CROSSING

WALDO ROAD TO GET TO THIS
FACILITY.
I WONDER IF THERE IS A WAY THAT
WE CAN INCLUDE A CONVERSATION

WITH THE STATE ABOUT SOME
POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS, IF YOU WILL.
RIGHT NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY

ARE, BUT I CAN TELL YOU EVERYDAY
CROSSING WALDO ROAD IN AN
S.U.V., I AM VERY, YEAH, YEAH, I
AM ALWAYS REMINDED THAT IT IS A

TRUCK ROUTE THAT 18 WHEELERS
TRAVEL FREQUENTLY, AND WE ARE
WANTING YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES,
ELDERLY FOLKS TO TRAVERSE AND

GET ACROSS THAT ROAD SAFELY.
AND I AM HOPING WE WILL BE ABLE
TO INCLUDE THE STATE IN THE
CONVERSATION AND CONCEPTUALIZE

SAFETY MEASURES, SO WE CAN BE ON
THE FRONT END OF THINGS THERE.
LET'S SEE, LET'S SEE, LET CEASE
SEE.

I AM JUST ABOUT DONE.
I WILL JUST CONCLUDE WITH SAYING
THAT I WISH THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD
BEEN HERE TODAY, BUT WE DO KNOW

AND THANK YOU FOR SAYING YOU
HAVE BEEN HAVING CONVERSATIONS
WITH THEM, ROXY.
THEY WILL SEE THIS PRESENTATION?

>> YES.
EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT.
AND I AM VERY INTERESTED IN
HEARING WHAT THEIR ROLE MOVING

FORWARD WILL BE.
THIS IS A PRETTY HEFTY PRICE
TAG, BUT I THINK THAT THE RETURN
ON THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COULD

REALLY BE INCREDIBLE IN A LOT OF
DIFFERENT WAYS.
SO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN AND
THANK YOU TO STAFF AND THANK YOU

TO THE CONSULTANT AND I WILL
CONCLUDE.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

>> AND GO AHEAD.

>> DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE?

>> I DID.

I AM SO SORRY BECAUSE I KNOW
THIS IS YOUR BABY.

I DID JUST TO WANT TO SAY THIS.
I WANTED TO THANK YOU, ROXY, FOR
MENTIONING EQUITY AND FOLLOW UP
WITH THE QUESTION ABOUT HOW WE

ARE WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF
EQUITY AND INCLUSION TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING
AND MAINTAINING RATES AND

ACCESSIBILITY EASILY ACCESSIBLE
TO EVERYONE.

>> WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THAT
WITH THE EQUITY TEAM AND WE

STARTED WITH THE PILOT OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS TEAM.
AND NOW IT IS SPREAD APART
ACROSS THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT IS

STARTING THE PROCESS.
SO EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN MY
TEAM IS IN THE R.V.A. PROCESS
AND TO GATHER THE STATISTICS WE

NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR
OUR PEOPLE.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SO AS I CLOSE OUT MY COMMENTS

FOR REAL THIS TIME, ONE OF THE
THINGS TO ENVISION THIS APHASING
COMPLEX, THE FIRST THING TO KEEP
IN MIND AND SOME YOUNG PEOPLE

STILL DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO AND
SO I THINK AS WE MOVE FORWARD
WITH THIS, IT WILL BE VERY
IMPORTANT TO ME AND I BELIEVE

ALL OF US TO MAKE SURE ALL OF
THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO
ACCESS THE OFFERINGS AT THE
SPACE.

>> ABSOLUTELY.
I WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE FACT
THAT I WILL SAY THAT MY
DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED TO MAKE

THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM AVAILABLE
WITH A TRAINING IN GAINESVILLE
FOR THEM FOR ALL OF PARKS AND
REC IN MARCH.

>> THANK YOU.
>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT?
>> MR. MAYOR, ARE YOU READY FOR
A MOTION?

>> WAIT UNTIL WE FINISH THE
COMMENTS.
>> THANK YOU.
>> I WENT TO THE HOME COMBING

GAME ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO.
AND THEY DID, YES.
I WILL TAKE CREDIT FOR THAT,
TOO.

AND THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT, AND IT
IS -- WE HAVE ALL -- WE WOULD
HAVE SHONE THIS 20 YEARS AGO --
WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS 20

YEARS AGO.
BUT WE DIDN'T.
THE SECOND BEST TIME TO DO IT IS
TODAY.

WE HAVE BEEN TALKING SERIOUSLY
ABOUT IT SINCE AT LEAST 2018.
BUT IT IS TIME TO ACTUALLY GET
SOMETHING DONE.

WE DID THE FIRST BABY STEP BY
BRINGING YOU ALL IN.
IT IS TIME TO ACTUALLY PLAN FOR
TO PUT THINGS ON THE TABLE AND

SAY THESE ARE THE THINGS WE CAN
CHOOSE AND START TURNING DIRT.
AND IT IS NOT A TIME TO PUT IT
OFF AND HAD THE FUNDING

AVAILABLE AND PLANNED, IN FACT,
AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND IT
WOULD BE WRONG TO NOT DO THAT TO
THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

CITIZENS FIELD, AND THE MLK
COMPLEX MAT ER GREAT DEAL TO
THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURROUNDING IT,
BUT IT MATTERS TO THE ENTIRE

LARGER GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY.
AND IT IS THE THING THAT UNITES
OUR COMMUNITY IN A VERY TIGHT,
STRONG WAY AND I FEEL MORE

STRONGLY ABOUT THIS THAN ALMOST
ANYTHING WE DO.
AND THAT WE MUST HONOR THIS AND
MOVE FORWARD WITH IT.

HOW WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT WE'LL FIGURE THAT OUT AS WE
GO.

AND THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER
AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DO.
WITH THAT, LET'S HEAR FROM

MEMBERS.
>> THE COMMENT WE HAVE IS
COLLEEN FOLLOWED BY --
>> IS HE IN THE ROOM?

THERE HE IS.
OKAY.
>> THANK YOU.
I HAVE HEARD THIS DISCUSSED AD

NAUSEAM AND GCRA AND I AM READY
TO SEE SOMETHING THAT REALLY
MOVE.
I DO WANT TO PLEASE URGE YOU TO

MAKE SURE OF BENEFITS FOR THE
NEIGHBORHOODS AND IMMEDIATELY
AROUND.
AS YOU GET READY TO HAVE SOME

CONSTRUCTION, TELL THOSE
COMPANIES THEY SHOULD COORDINATE
AHEAD OF TIME WITH CAREER SOURCE
AND WHOMEVER TO PREPARE PEOPLE

IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO TAKE
EMPLOYMENT THERE.
AND THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES
NEED TO BE VERY ACCESSIBLE AND

EVEN PERHAPS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD
ACTIVITIES TO COME ALONG THE
SITE AND MAKE USE OF IT.
AND MAKE SURE THAT IT IS HUGE

BENEFIT AND I ALSO ECHO
COMMISSIONER WALKER'S CONCERN
ABOUT SAFETY AND WHAT THEY ARE
DOING.

AND I KNOW WITH THE PEDESTRIAN
OVERPASS.
AND DREAM BIG.
YOU WANT IT TO BE SAFE ANDERSON

TO GO THERE AND WITH SAFETY.
THANK YOU AND PLEASE KEEP IT
ROLLING.
>> THANK YOU.

WELCOME BACK.
>> THANK YOU.
>> I HOPE THAT THIS PROJECT DOES
GET ON THE GROUND AND I HOPE

THAT BY IN FIVE YEARS WE HAVEN'T
DONE ONE PROJECT AND NEGLECTED
THE OTHER BECAUSE I KNOW HOW YOU
RUN OUT OF MONEY AND CHOOSE

SOMETHING AND IT END UP BEING
MORE INFERIOR THAN IT IS NOW.
I CANNOT FATHOM THE VOTE TODAY
NOT BEING 5-0.

>> SEVEN.
>> SEVEN, OH, I'M SORRY.
7-0.
>> SOME OF US MAY LEAVE EARLY.

>> I'M SORRY.
>> THIS BUILDING SHOULD HAVE
BEEN RENOVATED, MR. MAYOR, NOT
20 YEARS AGO, 60 YEARS AGO.

60 YEARS AGO.

>> ONLY ABOUT 70 YEARS OLD.

>> THIS PROJECT IS WELL OVERDUE
AND YES, IT IS ON THE EAST SIDE

OF TOWN.

AND THIS BUILDING AND US HAVE
BEEN MISTREATED AND NEGLECTED
SINCE THE COOLING OF THE EARTH

BECAUSE ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT
THE CITY COMMISSIONERS HAVE
PROPOSED FOR OUR SIDE OF TOWN,
IT END UP BEING YOU RUN OUT OF

MONEY AND THEN YOU PUT A WALL OF
BRICK WALL OUT THERE WITH SOME
FLOWERS PLANTED AROUND IT, AND
THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE SOMETHING

THAT WE ARE PROUD OF.

WE WANT THIS TO BE SOMETHING

THAT WE ARE PROUD OF.

IF THIS VOTE GOES FORWARD TODAY

AND WE HAVE SOME COMMISSIONERS
THAT WILL VOTE NO, STOP IT, AND
I HAVE A NAME FOR YOU.

IF THE COMMISSIONERS THAT VOTE

YES, THAT MEANS THAT YOU WOULD
NOT HAVE PUT US ON THE SHIP.

IF YOU VOTE TO STOP IT, THAT
MEANS THAT YOU MAY HAVE BEEN THE

CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP.

AND LET'S GO FORWARD AND
CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD WITH THE
PROJECT AND MAKE THE PEOPLE IN

THIS CITY AND THE CITIZENS ON
THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN AND PROUD
OF SOMETHING THAT YOU SAID YOU
WERE GOING TO DO AND YOU

FOLLOWED THROUGH AND YOU DID IT.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> THANK YOU, MS. PARKER-WARREN.
I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION
AND I THINK THE COMMITMENT IS

HERE, AND THE COMMENTS AND THE
SUPPORT, THE ENGAGEMENT, AND
COMMISSIONER SAKO HIT IT ON THE
HEAD.

WE HAVE TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT
WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING.
SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO
START PLANNING AND START GETTING

READY AND A CHURNING POINT FOR
US.
A TURNING POINT FOR THE
COMMUNITY.

AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO
PUT THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR THAT

--

THAT WE DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE

FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTING THE
NEXT STEPS IDENTIFIED.
ONE, ENGAGE IN ARCHITECTURAL
FIRM.

EXPLORE STRATEGIC PLANNING
OPPORTUNITIES.
AND THREE, TO DEVISE AN INITIAL
FUNDING PLAN.

>> SECOND.
>> A MOTION AND A SECOND.
>> THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR US TO
MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DIFFERENT

SEGMENTS OF THE RECOMMENDATION.
AND THOSE FUNDS ARE IN THE GCRA
BUDGET.

>> AND THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

>> APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

>> THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER BOOK.

>> THANK YOU MR. MAYOR.

WE -- NUMBER ONE, I AM AFRAID
NOT TO VOTE AND NOT SURE HOW
COACH PRIME BECAUSE A COMPONENT
OF THE INCREDIBLE

TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT.
ON THE MORE SERIOUS SIDE, THE
UPSIDE OF A PROJECT OF THIS
SCALE IS TREMENDOUS AND ON THE

DOWN SIDE IS OUR FISCAL PICTURE
TO FIGURE THAT OUT AND NO DOWN
SIDE IN THE NEXT STEPS TO FIGURE
OUT HOSE THINGS AND WHETHER IT'S

ONE LARGE PROJECT IN ONE PIECE
OR IN MULTIPLE PIECES AND HEAR
THAT IN THE FUTURE REPORTS THAT
MAY BE LIMITED BY THE FISCAL

PICTURE AND I MADE 15 OR 20
NOTES AS WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF
PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING AND

ABILITY TO PUT IN LEVERAGE THAT
REALLY IS MEANINGFUL FOR OUR
COMMUNITY.
AND IT IS VAST.

I WILL JUST TICK THEM OFF AND
THIS IS MERELY TO THE JOHNSON
CONSULTING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
FOR REALLY I WOULD SAY

COMPREHENSIVE AND DEEP
PRESERVATION THAT WILL BE
HELPFUL, I THINK, AND SO A FEW
THINGS THAT I WAS JUST THINKING

ABOUT.
I AM GOING TO TICK THEM OFF FOR
PURPOSES OF BREVITY IS A
LEGISLATIVE ASK FOR FISCAL 2025

AND THAT IS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO
BE.
WE NEED TO BE THINKING AHEAD
FROM WHERE WE MIGHT BE.

>> IT IS IN ALREADY.
FOR THIS YEAR ALREADY.
>> AND WE ARE AHEAD.
CLEARLY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT PRIVATE
MANAGEMENT PARTNERS AND A COUPLE
IN THE ROOM THAT HAVE WORKED
QUITE A BIT WITH THE COUNTY.

REGARDLESS OF THAT, WE WOULD GO
THROUGH A WHOLE LOT OF PROCESSES
AND R.F.P.s TO FIGURE OUT WHO
THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE AND IN

FAVOR OF PRIVATE-PUBLIC
PARTNERSHIP.
THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
BRING MONIES FOR RECREATIONAL

FACILITIES THAT BENEFIT THEM.
THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION IS ONE.
TO PUT THIS MONEY OUT AND HEAR

SOMETHING IN THE COMING MANTS
AND THE AARP WHICH I KNOW SOUNDS
UNUSUAL HAS SPECIFIC FUNDING
SOURCES RELATED TO THINGS LIKE

OLDER -- RECREATIONAL USES FOR
OLDER AMERICANS.

I DON'T KNOW IF I AM OUT OF MY
DEPTH HERE, BUT IF IT IS THERE,

WE HAVE TO BE LOOKING TOWARDS
IT.

SAME THING FOR NOT JUST THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, BUT THE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
FOUNDATION.

THE FOUNDATION HAS MONIES THAT
PROBABLY ALLOW THEM TO PARTNER

IN WAYS THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA PROPER CANNOT SO I JUST
MENTION THAT AND A.D.A. AND
PARALYMPIC RECREATIONAL

FACILITIES AND HAVE FUNDING
SOURCES.

AND ESPECIALLY WHERE IT RELATES
TO COMPETITION FOR SPORTS

PARALYMPICS AND THOSE WITH
VULNERABILITIES AND I HEARD A
COUPLE OF MY COLLEAGUES TALK
ABOUT NAMING RIGHTS AND THAT

CERTAINLY SHOULD BE A COMPONENT
OF WHAT WE LOOK INTO.

AND I LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT
WAS THE MAYOR PRO TEM AND

COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT WHO
MENTIONED HOTEL AND BED SPACE
WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHY AND WITHIN
-- YOU TALKED ABOUT THE 10 TO 30

MINUTES, BUT REALLY CLOSER TO
THAT AREA IS REALLY IMPORTANT
AND THERE IS PROPERTY ON THAT
WALDO ROAD CORRIDOR THAT IS

PROBABLY RIGHT FOR THE
PARTNERSHIP TO PUT BED SPACE
RIGHT THERE, SO I WOULD ASK YOU
LOOK INTO THE PROPERTY

ACQUISITION TYPES OF ASPECTS
THAT PUT -- THAT TAKES AWAY THE
TRAFFIC COMPONENT BUT GIVES US
THE ABILITY TO MAKE THAT SPACE

USEFUL.
I THINK ABOUT THAT AND THAT IS
PLENTY RIGHT THERE.
AND SPURRIERS, THE RESTAURANT T

PRIVATE RESTAURANT, OUT JUST
ACROSS THE CITY LIMITS DID
SOMETHING UNIQUE WITH
ESSENTIALLY A MUSEUM AND HOMAGE

TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
ATHLETES AND I HEARD YOU TALK
ABOUT THE TOURISM THAT MAY BE
THE SPACE AND RELATES TO

GAINESVILLE ATHLETICS AND BRINGS
IN NAMING RIGHTS, FUNDING
TREATMENTS AND PEOPLE AND IS
GAINESVILLE ATHLETICS AND MUSEUM

SPACE AND DOESN'T TAKE UP A LOT
OF SQUARE FOOTAGE TO BRING
PEOPLE THERE.
AND A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS AND

HOW TO MAKE IT WORK IN THE LONG
RUN.
AND CONSIDER SOME OF THEM FOR
THE FUTURE REPORT.

THANK YOU.
>> COMMISSIONER WILLITS?
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
IN THE PRIOR STUDIES, THIS IS

NOTE THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE SENT
THIS AND IT IS IMPORTANT SEND A
SIGNAL THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO
SOMETHING.

AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
AND IN STAGES AND ALL AT ONCE
AND IT IS IMPORTANT AND TODAY WE
ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING AND

THE 2010 STUDY AND THE 2006
CAPITAL PROJECT AND TOURISM AND
2011 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS
GOOD, AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE

WILL ACTUALLY USE.
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FROM THE PAST.
2019 ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND
OTHERS.
G.F.R. HAS DONE SOME LOOKING AT
THAT WITH THEIR SITES AS WELL.

MORE PREPARED FOR SOMETHING WE
ARE NOT GOING TO DO.
THE PREVIOUS STUDIES COST MONEY
AND THIS IS A TURNING POINT.

AT MINIMUM IF WE HAVE A STADIUM
THAT DOES NOT DO THE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS JUSTICE.
FOR THE FUN THEY HAVE, THE

SPORTSMANSHIP THEY PUT ON, AND
THE GLORIOUS VICTORIES AND EVEN
BITTERSWEET DEFEATS.
-- THE GLORIOUS VICTORIES AND

BITTERSWEET DEFEATS.
I AM SURPRISED THE SCHOOL BOARD
HASN'T DEMANDED WE DO BETTER YET
SO AT MINIMUM WE HAVE TO DO

SOMETHING AND BRINGING SOCCER
FIELDS FURTHER EAST IS PARAMOUNT
BECAUSE THEY ARE WELL USED AND
AS THE MAYOR SAID, FOREST PARK

IS BEAUTIFUL BUT A LITTLE WAYS
AWAY AND PERHAPS NOT WHERE WE
HAVE A LOT OF YOUTH IN THAT KIND
OF LEAGUE PLAY.

AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE
STUDY WE BROUGHT BACK FOR THE
MASTER PLAN UPDATE SHOWED THAT,

AGAIN, IN MY DRIK, THE AVERAGE
BLACK RESIDENT LIVES FURTHER ON
AVERAGE FROM ANY PARK FROM A
POOL THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT.

AND WE PUT A LOT INTO OUR PARKS
ACROSS THE CITY, BUT AFTER THIS
WE DILL DON'T HAVE A POOL IN
SOUTHWEST GAINESVILLE AND ARE

FAR AWAY FROM ANY PARK AND FAR
AWAY FROM THE FACILITIES AND THE
ONLY PLACE THEY HAVE THE LEG UP
IS SOCCER.

THEY ARE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHWEST
GAINESVILLE AND THEY ARE CLOSE
TO SOCCER.
THAT IS ABOUT THE ONLY LEG UP.

ALL ACROSS THE OTHER CITY AND
WITH THE LEG UP AND I AM EXCITED
ABOUT THAT.
AS WE GO FORWARD, WE HAVE A LOT

TO LOOK TO BECAUSE THOSE
INEQUITIES EXIST IN OTHER
POCKETS AND CORNERS OF THE CITY.
THIS IMPORTANT TO JUST DO

SOMETHING AND SIGNAL TO THE
COMMUNITY, SO I AM REALLY
EXCITED ABOUT IT.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> THANK YOU.
ONE THING WE DID NOT MENTION
BEFORE WE TAKE THE VOTE, I WANT
TO POINT OUT THAT WE JUST

GLOSSED RIGHT OVER THE IDEA OF
POTENTIAL MINOR LEAGUE SOCCER
TEAM.
LIVING AT THIS STADIUM.

AND BEING THEIR HOME FIELD.
AND THAT IS EXCITING.
I MEAN, WE DO LITTLE LEAGUE.
WE DO HIGH SCHOOL.

WE DO UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA,
SANTA FE SPORTS AND THAT IS
WHERE IT END.
I DIDN'T WANT THAT TO BE

ENTIRELY GLOSSED OVER.
I SEE NO FURTHER LIGHTS SO ALL
IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.
THAT PASS UNANIMOUSLY.
MR. CLERK.
>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

OUR NEXT ITEM IS 2023-1039,
COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT, THE
HOLIDAY GUIDE UPDATE WITH THE
UPDATE ON THE HOLIDAY PARADE.

>> ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU, MR. CLERK.
FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR ALLOWING ME

TO TAKE ON THIS PROJECT.
WITH THE HEADS ARE BLOODIED BUT
UNBOWED.

THE HOLIDAY PARADE MAKES IT

WORTHWHILE.

WE, THE COMMISSION, STAFF, AND
COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE A TEAM
AND WORKING TO, WE CAN DO

ANYTHING AS A TEAM AND FAMILY.
PLEASE BEAR IN MIND WE ARE STILL
RAISING MONEY AND I JUST GOT
ANOTHER \$2500 DONATION FROM

WEYHAUSER.

THIS IS A PARADE FOR THE PEOPLE
AND THE COMMISSION SUPPORT AND
IS AN EARLY HOLIDAY PRESENT AND

TO THE COMMUNITY.
AND LET'S CONTINUE TO SEE THIS
THROUGH AND THE CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THE HOLIDAY PARADE.

WITH THAT, MR. CLERK, WE ARE
READY.
I WANT TO START FIRST WITH THE
SPONSORSHIPS.

AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO -- OUR
GOLD SPONSORS, THE COLLIER
COMPANIES.
AND GFL ENVIRONMENTAL.

MORGAN AND MORGAN, AND U.F.
HEALTH.
SILVER GAS SOUTH, MANY OF YOU
MAY REMEMBER THAT AS INFINITE

ENERGY.
AND RAD SPORTS AND NOW WEYHAUSER
AT 2500.
AT THE 1500 LEVEL, GAINESVILLE,

CAMPUS U.S.A. CREDIT UNION,
CHEST GNAT FUNERAL HOME,
CHILDREN'S TRUST DUKE ENERGY AND
GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

ULRICH CONSTRUCTION, SCORE OWE
AND TRI-MARK AND AN IN-KIND
CONTRIBUTION OF \$12,50 FROM COX
CABLE WHICH WILL GIVE US

100 30-SECOND COMMERCIALS
STARTING NOVEMBER 1.
SO THAT GIVES US A TOTAL
SPONSORSHIP NOW OF ALMOST

\$50,000 AND THE \$12,500 WORTH OF
IN-KIND DONATIONS.
THANK YOU.
OUR CURRENT PARADE PARTICIPANTS

IS AT 37 AND THAT IS A GOOD
CROSS SECTION OF SCHOOLS.
OUR BANDS.
A VERY GOOD CROSS SECTION FROM

THE COMMUNITY I MIGHT SAY AND
MORE PEOPLE ARE SIGNING UP EACH
DAY.
MANY OF THE SPONSOR WILLS ALSO

BECOME GREAT PARTICIPANTS AS
WELL.
THERE THE LIST GOES ON.
AT 37 AND WE ARE STILL GOING.

HERE IS OUR BUDGET.
WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE BUDGET.
AND OUR INITIAL BUDGET WAS BASED
ON THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S

PARADE WHICH IS A BIT LONGER
THAN THE ONE WE ARE GOING TO
HAVE.
OUR PARADE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT

ONE MILE.
SO WE'RE LOOK AT ABOUT 27,000
FOR PUBLIC WORKS.
PEOPLE ARE MAIZED TO KNOW THAT

WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE SERVICE
JUST AS ANY OTHER VENDOR.
PARADE IS NOT CHEAP.
I FOUND THAT OUT.

AND AT ANY RATE, AS WE GO
THROUGH THE BUDGET, YOU CAN LOOK
AT THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU FROM THE
PARK OPERATION COST AND TO THE

RADIO CAROLERS AND TWO SANTA'S.
SANTA AND HIS BROTHER.
TO THE NEXT PAGE.
THE G.P.D. COST IS THOROUGH.

AND WHICH PRINKINGS -- WHICH
BRINGS US TO \$63,800 AND THE IN
KIND FOR MARKETING.
WE WILL HAVE A PRIVATE DONOR

SPONSOR THE DIGNITARY BRUNCH
THAT WILL BE FOR CELEBRITIES
LIKE OUR COACH, OUR GRAND
MARSHAL, COACH SPURRIER, OF

COURSE, ALL OF YOU, AND THEN
EVERYONE THAT IS GOING TO
PARTICIPATE REALLY.
THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND

PUBLIC WORKS, P.R.C., AND
COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING AND
LOOKING AT ABOUT 25,000 DOLLAR
-- WHAT IS THAT CALL?

INCORRECT COST.
AND THE GAINESVILLE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE IS SERVING AS THE
PHYSICAL AGENT.

AND THERE YOU HAVE THE UPDATE.
>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT.

I AM EXCITED.
I THINK WE CAN DO ABOUT \$14,000
YESTERDAY TO RAISE.
>> WE ARE STILL RAISING.

>> MAYOR: RIGHT.
I HAVE A COUPLE OF LINESOUS
THERE AS WELL.
CONFIDENT THAT THAT WILL COME

BACK AROUND.
>> I INVITE EACH ONE OF YOU TO
HELP WITH THE FUND RAISING.
I WELCOME IT.

>> MAYOR: OKAY.
ANY QUESTIONS?
>> SURE.
AND SEND THE PDF OF THAT.

>> CERTAINLY.
>> YOU DON'T HAVE IT?
>> I DON'T THINK IT PRINTED.
I SAW IT AS AN ATTACHMENT.

THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR: COMMISSIONER WILLITS.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
AND MADAM MANAGER, HOW HAS

ABSORPTION AND THE INCORRECT
WORK FOR THE STAFF, HOW IS THAT
GOING OR HOW WILL IT GO?
AND THE BUDGET IS DONE AND

\$25,000 IS REAL WORK.
>> IT IS REAL HOURS OF WORK.
AND STAFF WAS GIVING A DIRECTION
BY THE COMMISSION ABOUT A MONTH

OR SO GOOD AND AS COMMISSIONER
CHESTNUT MADE THE REQUEST.
AND SO STAFF IS PUTTING IN IT
TIME TO PLAN AND COORDINATE AND

WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONER TO
MOVE THIS FORWARD.
THEY ARE REAL HOURS SPENT.
>> I APPRECIATE THIS BEING IN

HERE SO WE CAN APPRECIATE THAT
THINGS WE WANT TO DO IN THE END.
THERE IS A REAL COST IN TIME AND
THAT IS A COMMITMENT OF THE CITY

INTO THIS SO THAT PEOPLE -- AND
SHOULD FEELINGS BE HURT ABOUT
ALL THAT MONEY CAME FROM -- WE
HAVE SOME SKIN IN THE GAME.

AND HON A REDUCED STAFF, WE ARE
PUTTING SOME SKIN IN THE GAME SO
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
>> MAYOR: THANK YOU.

I WANT TO POINT OUT, TOO, THAT
THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE
HAVE HAD MONEY COMING IN FROM
THE COMMUNITY TO MATCH FOR

THINGS WE DO AS SPONSORSHIPS.
BUT IT IS PROBABLY THE MOST
INTENTIONAL AND SEEING THE
COMMUNITY WILLING TO DO THAT TO

GET A BUY-IN IS WHAT GIVES ME
GREAT HOPE FOR THINGS TO COME AS
WE START TO LOOK FOR
SPONSORSHIPS AND OTHER

COMMUNITIES.
AND HOW WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO
THAT AND I LAYS OUT A PATH FOR
US TO DO THAT.

MADAM MANAGER, YOU DON'T NEED A
VOTE ON THIS.

>> COMMISSIONER CHESTNUT HAS
PROVIDED THAT REPORT AND STAFF

HELPED HER WITH THE BUDGET, SO
IT WAS PRESENTED TODAY AND THE
ONE ELEMENT IS THE CHAMBER IS
SERVING AS THE AGENT AND IN THE

AGREEMENT AS A RETROACTIVE ITEM
TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS AN
OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP
ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CITY.

AND THERE IS A 10% FEE THEY ARE
CHARGING ON THOSE FUNDS.
AND SO I KNOW IT MAKES IT A
LITTLE BIT MORE DIFFICULT.

AND THE \$50,000 IS REALLY
\$45,000.
MINUS FOR THEIR FEE.
>> GOTCHA.

ALL RIGHT.
THAT IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.
WE WILL KEEP ON RAISING.
OKAY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS
ONE?
>> MR. CLERK.
I'M SORRY.

DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> WE HAVE MARIE EDWARDS SIGNED
UP, BUT I BELIEVE SHE IS GONE.
THAT IS ALL.

ONTO THE NEXT ITEM.
MEMBER COMMENT.
>> MAYOR: ALL RIGHT.
I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS TO PUT

OUT.
AT THE END.
BUT COMMISSIONER BOOK.
>> I DON'T REALLY HAVE A COMMENT

AND DEALING WITH PARKS AND
RECREATION QUITE A BIT TODAY.
I WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT SOMETHING
WE HADN'T TALKED ABOUT.

I DON'T THINK IN THE LAST WEEK
WITH FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
RECOGNITION.
>> COMMISSIONER BOOK, YOU ARE

RIGHT.
CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS EARNED A

PERFECT ACCREDITATION SCORE
ACROSS THE ELEMENTS ON THE
ELEMENTS AND SO THAT IS
ABSOLUTELY COMMENDABLE FOR THE

WORK THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO
WITH THE TEAM AND OTHER
DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE CITY TO
REACH THAT MARK.

>> FOR GOOD.
THANK YOU.
100%.
>> THEY HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED

BEFORE, BUT THIS IS
RE-ACCREDITATION AT 100% IN
TERMS OF THE SCORING.
AND ON THE HEELS OF THAT, I WANT

TO REMIND ANYONE WATCHING AND
ALL OF US UP HERE THAT G.P.D. IS
NATIONALLY ACCREDITED AND PUBLIC
WORKS IS NATIONALLY ACCREDITED.

IT IS WELCOME LIKE WE RUN A
PRETTY GOOD OPERATION AROUND
HERE.

ALL RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER WALKER.

>> THANK YOU MR. MAYOR.

I HAVE HAD SOME QUESTIONS AND I
THINK THERE'S SOME RECENT

ACTIVITY, MADAM MANAGER, OUT AT
THE PINK HOUSE IN PORTERS
QUARTERS THAT SOME FOLKS HAVE
BEEN ASKING ME ABOUT.

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

>> I REALRY DO NOT.

IF ROXY HAD STAYED, SHE MAY HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO ADD TO THAT.

ANDREW, ARE YOU AWARE?

I AM NOT AWARE.

>> WONDERFUL.

I DO SEE HER.

I HAVE BEEN GREATING SOME PHONE
CALLS STARTING LAST NIGHT.

AS SHE COMES, AND WITH THE
CONSTITUENTS ASKING ME TO MAKE

THE EMAILS PUBLIC.

THAT SHOULD BE UP AND DONE BY
TOMORROW FOR THOSE OF YO THAT
WANTED ME TO DO THAT, I HAVE NO

PROBLEM ACCOMMODATING YOU.

THAT REQUEST IS UP AND THE
REQUEST TO I.T. AND THAT SHOULD
BE DONE BY TOMORROW.

ARE YOU ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE
PINK HOUSE?

I HAVE HAD SOME FOLKS TO CALL ME
FROM PORTERS QUARTERS SAYING

THEY HAVE SEEN SOME WORK BEING
DONE AND WIN DOSE AND IF SOMEONE
HAD PURCHASED IT.

>> I AM NOT SURE.

>> DON'T KNOW.

>> I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE IS
THE WINDOWS ARE CONSTANTLY
BROKEN AND AT ONE POINT THERE IS

WOOD ON ALL THE WIN DOSE.
I DO REAL THERE IS CONVERSATION
ABOUT FACILITIES GOING OUT THERE
AND REMOVING THE WOOD AND FIXING

THE WINDOWS TO MAKE IT LOOK MORE
APPEALING BECAUSE IT LOOKED BAD,
BUT I AM NOT SURE.
I DON'T KNOW WHO IS OTOTHERE AND

WHO IS NOT.

>> IT IS STILL THE CITY'S
PROPERTY.

>> NOT PARKS DEPARTMENT.

AWE THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
I GOT YOU.
I AM JUST FIELDING THE CONCERN
AND IT WAS A SURPLUS PROPERTY

AND THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF IT
WAS LET GO.

>> DID I SEE ANDREW SHAKING HIS
HEAD NO?

THANK YOU.

>> THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

THIS IS STILL A CITY PROPERTY.

>> ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, I WILL

GET WITH YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: ANYBODY ELSE?

>> MR. ATTORNEY.

>> IF I MAY, THANK YOU FOR THE
INDULGENCE.
I WANTED TO TOUCH BASE BRIEFLY
ON THE BUDGET OF THE LAWSUIT THE

CITY HAD FILED TO PROVIDE YOU
THE DECISION FROM THE SECOND
CIRCUIT COURT WITH A MEMORANDUM
FROM THE TRI-COUNCIL WE HAD

RETAINED.
DETAILING SOME FACTS AND THAT
ANALYSIS WAS COVERED WITH THE
WORK PROJECT EXEMPTION WITH

MENTAL IMPRESSIONS OF COUNCIL
REGARDING MATTERS IN CURRENT
LITIGATION.
AND EXEMPT FROM THE PUBLIC

RECORDS DISCLOSURE UNTIL THAT
TIME THE THAT LITIGATION IS OVER
AND AMPLE TIME FOR ANYONE WHO
WANTED TO BRING THE MATTER TO

FURTHER DISCUSSION TO DO SO AND
REITERATE THAT THE TIME IN WHICH
TO APPEAL THAT DECISION WOULD BE
30 DAYS FROM THE DECISION.

THAT WOULD EXPIRE THIS WEEKEND
AND IN SHORT THE FACTORS THAT
YOU WOULD CONSIDER AND WHETHER
IT'S WORTHWHILE OR NOT AND

WHETHER THIS IS WITH THE
CONTINUED EXTENSE FROM THE TIME
OF THE COURT'S ORDER OBVIOUSLY
IS THAT THE GOVERNANCE OF THE

CITY HAS NOW BEEN CHANGED WITH
THE INSTALLATION OF THE
AUTHORITY, SO THERE IS A
SEPARATE GOVERNING BOARD WITH

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE AS
SIGNIFICANT DEFINING WHO WE ARE
AS A CORPORATION.
AND ALSO THERE ARE THREE OTHER

LAWSUITS SPENDING IN WHICH THE
CITY SURPRISED OF THE CITY
COMMISSION AND THAT IS THE
GOVERNING BODY AND THE AUTHORITY

WHICH IS THE GOVERNING BODY OVER
THE UTILITY SYSTEMS IS LISTED AS
A DEFENDANT BRINGING UP REALLY
MANY OF THE SAME ISSUES THAT I

THINK ALL OF THE SAME ISSUES IT
IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WAS RAISED.
THERE WILL BE, I THINK, AN
ABILITY TO EACH ADDITIONAL

CONCLUSION PERHAPS ON THESE
ISSUES THROUGH THAT OTHER
MITIGATION THAT WOULDN'T BE
BEING PUSHED FORWARD BY THE

CITY.
ADDITIONALLY, I THINK IT IS FAIR
TO SAY AT SOME POINT THE GRU
AUTHORITY WARD WILL THE UTILITY

SYSTEMED TO WE NEW DEBT
FACILITIES AND STRONGLY URGED TO
PER SUE AND UNDER THE DEBT
STRUCTURE.

THERE IS NOTHING NEGATIVE ABOUT
THAT WITH THE VALIDATION
PROCEEDING EXPECTED IN A CASE OF
A SITUATION LIKE THIS WITH THE

THE GOVERNANCE CHANGE AND WITH
THE PROTIGSES TO DETERMINE THAT
AS WELL WITH THE APPEAL TO THE
SUPREME COURT.

THAT IS THE LONG WAY OF SAYING
THAT I WOULD NOT INTEND ON
FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THIS
MATTER.

WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN IF
THERE WAS SOME STRONG FEELINGS
ON THAT.
AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY

NOT BE BECAUSE, AGAIN, PROVIDED
THAT MEMO SOME TIME AGO AFTER
SEPTEMBER 29 OBVIOUSLY.
PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF THE

AUTHORITY BOARD.
I THINK THAT THE ISSUES THAT
WERE RAISED, THE ISSUES THAT MAY
STILL REMAIN WILL HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BY
COURTS AND THEREFORE, THE
EXPENSE ATTENUATED TO THE APPEAL
OF THE ORDER FROM LEON COUNTY, I

WOULD ARGUE IS UNJUSTIFIED.
SO THAT IS JUST WAY WAY OF THE
UPDATE WITH THREE OTHER CASES TO
DEFEND AND MORE COMING DOWN THE

PIKE.
IF THERE ARE OTHER QUESTIONS, WE
CAN DISCUSS IT.
AS TO THE MEMO, THAT WAS A

PUBLIC RECORD AND ONCE THE
LITIGATION IN THE LEON COUNTY
CASE IS OVER, THAT WILL BE A
PUBLIC RECORD AS WELL AND ANY

DIRECTIONS THAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU
NOT TO SHARE THAT AND WE WOULD
MAKE SURE THAT WITH THE PUBLIC
RECORDS ARE FOR IT AND TO COMPLY

WITH THE LAW IN THAT REGARD AS
WELL.

>> I DON'T THINK I HAVE INTEREST
IN APPEALING AND THE DEADLINE AS

SAID THOUGH OUR CASE WAS, I
DON'T THINK THAT OUTCOME -- I
DON'T THINK THEY HAVE -- I DON'T
THINK JUSTICE HAS BEEN SERVED.

I STILL THINK IN THE OTHER CASES
AND OTHER THINGS WILL COME DOWN.
I THINK THERE IS OTHER CASES
THAT HAVE SOME REAL VALID

POINTS.
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WE WILL
BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE WOULD
LIKE OR AT LEAST WHAT THIS

COMMISSION HAS EXPRESSED IN THE
PAST THROUGH THE APPEAL.
SOME OF IT IS THE REALITY.
WE MADE A VERY GOOD AND VALIANT

EFFORT.
I DID ARGUE THAT IT WOULD BE
HARD AND IS WORTHWHILE EVEN WHEN
YOU SOMETIMES KNOW YOU ARE GOING

TO LOSE.
A GOOD EFFORT WITH THE RESOURCES
AND NOW THAT OUR CITY WILL HAVE
TO DEFEND ON OTHER CASES, IT IS

WEIRD TO SAY THAT I THINK WE --
IF THE AUTHORITY IN SOME WAY AND
IN SOME WAY I SUSPECT WE WILL
LOSE AND TO SOME DEGREES BECAUSE

WE WILL BE DEFENDING AND I DON'T
KNOW WHERE THAT IS GOING TO END
UP EVENTUALLY.
BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE THE

INTEREST IN FILING APPEAL.
SO IN CASE NO ONE ELSE SAID IT,
I WILL SAY I DON'T THINK THAT --
AT THIS POINT I WOULD BE WILLING

TO GO BARD WITH AN APPEAL.
I WANT TO PUT IT OUT THERE.
AGREEMENTS OR NOT AND WITH NO
DIRECTION NO, APPEAL.

SO NOT THAT IT NEEDS A VOTE AT
THIS POINT, BUT I WANTED TO
EXPRESS THAT.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT
FORWARD.
I WANT TO BRING UP A COUP OF
THINGS.

STAFF MENTIONED THAT WE HAD HAD
DISCUSSION ABOUT NOISE
ORDINANCE.
YES.

CONVERSATION.
IF THERE IS NO CONCERNS ABOUT
THAT, THEN LET'S GO AHEAD AND
ASK STAFF TO AGENDA THAT FOR

SOME TIME IN NOVEMBER TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT.
IS STAFF COMFORTABLE WITH?
OKAY.

VERY GOOD.
I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS.
I HATE TO LEAVE ON A DOWN WORK
BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WE DID GOOD

WORK TODAY, BUT I WANT TO ASK US
IF IT WILL TAKE BEFORE WE
ADJOURN A MOMENT OF SILENCE.
LAST NIGHT LEWISTON, MAINE, AND

SURROUNDING AREAS, ONCE AGAIN,
GUN VIOLENCE POPPED UP OUT OF
NOWHERE AND VISITED ITSELF UPON
A COMMUNITY.

THAT COULD BE OUR COMMUNITY OR
ANY OTHER COMMUNITY IN AMERICA.
LAST FIGURE I SAW, WELL MORE
THAN THE 20 FOLKS WHO DIED FROM

THAT ONE GUN ATTACK AND I DIDN'T
WANT US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT
COULD BE OUR COMMUNITY OR ANY
COMMUNITY IN AMERICA.

COMMISSIONER EASTMAN, DO YOU
HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO THAT?
DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?
GO AHEAD.

>> I'M SORRY.
MADAM MANAGER REMINDED ME TO
POINT OUT ON THE AGENDA AND
SOMETHING WE HAD VOTED ON THAT

ON MONDAY WE WILL BE GOING OVER
THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REFORM AS
WELL AS AT 6:00 AT MARTIN LUTHER
KING CENTER AND I WANTED TO MAKE

SURE THAT EVERYONE KNEW ABOUT
THAT.

>> AND ALL DO THINK ABOUT THAT
AS WE LEAVE, THOUGH, THAT THAT

IS THE SORT OF THING THAT COULD
BE OUR PROBLEM TOMORROW,
CONTINUE.
SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

AND WITH THAT, WE ARE ADJOURNED.