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>> Thank you. I will just note counselors you and Campen link and state are all traveling this week. I encourage folks when traveling, especially with families it is okay to miss a meeting. For we could do the hybrid thing. It was quite normal that folks would miss a meeting once in a while. Now we have a hybrid everyone wants to dial in overseas. It is honorable . I respect that it is still okay if you want to miss a meeting. We are recording them and will take care of stuff that is here. Before we get going I will let you know pursuant to will 32 city Council salutes the flag of the United States lets us recall are both.

>> He was my sophomore geometry teacher and he gave me the greatest lesson that a teacher could ever give someone. He failed me. He gave me an F in the JAMA tray suffering from your high school. And would not let me pass and told me you could do better and you expect more. That was a great life lesson for me to have someone say you should hold yourself to a higher standard. He could've passed me along, just given me D and moved on and I never would have learned a lesson that was a very valuable lesson that I learned. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. He did a lot of great work for a lot of young people in the city.

>> Counselor likes to sign onto that one okay. Councilor Clinton.

>> I just want to say I have fond memories of him as well as my teacher in high school. He will be missed.

>> See no further (inaudible)—.

>> I just want to keep (inaudible)— he is my brother-in-law, my wife's brother. He passed away. Thank you.

>> Thank you everyone in the chamber please rise however you are able. In remembrance of the aforementioned individuals.

>> Thank you. Click the next item.

>> Agenda Item 1.3 approved minutes of regular meeting March 12, 2026.

>> See no discussion that item is proved.

>> Office of housing stability (inaudible)—.

>> Thank you for having the people who are here to receive the citation come forward.

>> So, Gary Rogers has (inaudible)— a huge battle for us to stay in his home. His [no audio] and he challenged some really unfair and dubious practices to just try to relinquish some of the long time old tenants from their home. He takes a lot of guts to stand up for housing justice even though it feels in your heart is right. We have to celebrate those small wins sometimes. This is not a small win when actually it's a process of years. And may I say many standouts. And some might (inaudible)—. But it takes a lot of strength, endurance and courage to do this. Gary, you had to go to court. You had Somerville behind you, a lot of advocates behind you. You got through to the other side. I don't want to paraphrase as much as I want to allow this floor to be for you. Housing advocates I'm happy to sponsor Gary Rogers and anyone else who wants to speak. I see some other great housing advocates Mr. President at your indulgence may I sponsor Gary, and who may wish to.

>> Yes (inaudible)— and others in the discussion see no objection.

>> Thank you.

>> When you do step up please let us know your name for the record. We get that accurately.

>> Yes my name is Gary Rogers. I would like to read something I wrote last night. "With the citation, I changed my view. Now I feel like I won more than I thought I would. The picture is clearer for me. I understand now why this case has excited many. And why I have been misjudged by some that made me question myself. Which is understandable as well. But, in the end I realized what I chose to do was rare. And it took courage. I am proud of my obstinence. I have had it all my life. Hopefully, taking this path may become less rare. In a way finally an amazing and amazing part of the housing crisis has been dented and tempered. By a case involving a small, neglected attic apartment.

And a hard-working tenant in Winter Hill. Instead of running away in fear feeling that they cannot fight back when speculators and corporate landlords try to price them out of their homes, with abominable rent increases. Chase them away from where they grew up. Living near where they have worked for many years. And even decades. And have friends close by. I have not shown them that they can stay, fight and even go on the first try if they learn their tenant rights, the rules to follow, and ask for help when they need. There are lots of helpers. And while I cannot believe you did it. Will be something you hear a lot like I have. You will feel proud. Courage is the virtue that leads to all the other virtues. Thank you. " Quote

>> My name is Samantha and I will find the organizer with the community action agency of Somerville who just wanted to introduce who is up here. We have got some of the cast team and cast Executive Director. We have Somerville renters committee members. Community members who have shown up. Or countless rallies, and court support. Michael who was also part of the Sergeant Avenue tenants unit also Emily from Jen Novo who represented Gary the whole way through. Thank you so much for this counselor who was very meaningful to us.

>> Thank you I just really want to mention I know that you work alongside Gary advocates (inaudible)—. You get constant numbers, constant calls, constant just cries for help at times. I always think about you. I sometimes say a little prayer for you. Because I know that sometimes it feels like AC keeping hope, keeping endurance, the momentum in spirit and love in your heart for this. It is evident, but I want you to know it is not missed either. I know it is a constant action of endurance. I really want to make sure you know that as well. So, thank you. Thank you.

>> This is exactly why we need rent control.

>> Thank you all for being a group picture counselor. Let's take a break. Any discussion comments take a picture brief recess to get pictures. We will come back as soon as the pictures are done.

[No audio]

I will call this meeting back to order that item is proved. (Inaudible)— out of order so folks do not have to remember the next item.

>> Next item Item 3 (inaudible)— ever source applying for granted location to install 3520 feet of conduit for new manuals 324413244232443 and 32444 And Prospect Street Charlestown Street South Street Windsor Street Medford Street from 9 Medford Street two point to pick up 51 Prospect Street.

>> Mr. President Island with about a third are recused from this item.

>> Let the clerk reflect counselor Scott recused from this item now declare public hearing to be open to anyone here to speak on the item? Rick Branca, online? Apologies if I got your name wrong.

>> Thank you counselor that's correct thank you again members for allowing me to speak my name is Rick Branca on behalf of ever source energy greater Cambridge energy program this program was previously approved by the energy deciding board fall of 2024. Respectfully request that you grant approval of these grants of location.

>> Okay, anyone else here to speak on the item? Anyone online please use the raised hand function if you would like to speak. Okay. I see no further comments. I declare public hearing to be closed to any discussion on the item? That item is approved for the next item.

>> Agenda Item 3.2 a grant of location from every source applying for granted location to install 60 feet of conduit and Mac Arthur Street for utility pool pull 122 over one point to pick up at 8 MacArthur Street.

>> I now clear the public to be open to anyone here to speak on the item? Jackie Duffy online go ahead.

>> Good evening. Jackie Duffy ever source would like to (inaudible)— MacArthur Street this is to provide electric service to 8 McLaughlin Street.

>> Okay. Anyone else to speak on the item? Anyone online uses the raised hand function if you would like to speak. No one okay I declare this public hearing to be closed to any discussion? Seeing them, the next item is approved. Agenda Item 3.3 granted location from every source applying to install 49 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from existing manhole 206302 point to pick up at 737 Somerville Avenue.

>> I declare a public hearing open to anyone here to speak on the island.

>> Jackie Duffy ever source would (inaudible)— to supply electric service to 737 Somerville Avenue.

>> Anyone else here to speak on the item? Anyone online? Seeing that, I declare the public hearing closed. That item is approved for the next item.

>> Agenda Item 3.4 grant of location from every source applying to install 28 feet of conduit in Horace Street from utility pole 173 over three— and a half to appoint a pickup at 31 Horace Street.

>> I now declare the public hearing open to anyone here to speak on the item.

>> Jackie Duffy ever source would like to install approximately 28 feet of conduit 263 Medford speed.

>> Anyone here to speak on an item? Anyone online? Mary Mello online go ahead you can unmute it on our end.

>> .

>> Mary Mello, are you unable to mute on your end? Is she on muted? Waiting to see if the tech catches up.

>> Can you hear me?

>> There you are.

>> All right sorry about that. I own 31 Horace Street and 60 Medford Street. I'm curious if the grand location is 31 Horace, but Jackie was just mentioning 60 Medford Street.

>> Right now we are servicing 60 Medford developments that are going in there.

>> Okay that's what I wanted to confirm, what is the timeframe that this is looking to happen?

>> Right now I am working on an easement for every thing that is going on there . I would not know art has to go back to the division because I do not know I'm sorry they can give

you my number you can call me and we can speak off-line. About when the work will start, if that works for you?

>> That does, that does okay, appreciate it.

>> Thank you Mary.

>> Okay.

>> If you have any questions about them over there at Somerville.

>> Okay appreciate it, thank you.

>> Are welcome.

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>> I will try this again with my microphone on. Mary, please send an email to the city clerk contact all one word. We will respond with Miss Duffy's information hope you guys can get that squared away there any other issues let us know you can reach back to the clerk office as well if there are continuing concerns.

>> I appreciate it.

>> Any one else here to speak on the item? Anyone else online? Declare the public hearing to be closed to any questions, comments counselor Scott?

>> Thank you Mr. President (inaudible)— 857 (inaudible)— I am thrilled to announce there are no double posts or dangerously leaning polls on Horace Street that would move to be approved tonight.

>> Any further discussion? Seeing then that item is approved. Sorry, Miss Bell. I hope you're still listening to what I said in the email. You should send an email to his city clerk@somervilleama.gov and/or contact counselor Scott as you said, happy to facilitate that communication.

>> I have that city clerk.

>> Mary JT has my phone number as well.

>> I love to solve problems in real-time.

>> Thank you everyone.

>> Thank you for the item out-of-court.

>> Agenda Item 3.5 grant of location from every source applying to (inaudible)— from existing manhole 188682 appoint a pickup at 181 Pearl Street.

>> I now declare public hearing to be open to anyone to speak on the item anyone online Jackie Duffy.

>> Jackie Duffy every source would like to install approximately (inaudible)— 181 Pearl Street.

>> All right, anyone here to speak on the item? Anyone online? Mary I see your hand is still of you want to speed on this item as well as that for the prior item? Anyone else online no okay I declare this public hearing to be closed without any question discussion? All right, seeing that the item is approved. Folks, we have a number of items we are going to take out of order tonight. I'm here to read through them if you if you are here for an item that you do not hear me mention right now these let one of our counsel or IGA staff know because we have an executive session later this evening we are going to make a real strong effort to not leave you all sitting here when we disappear into that room to do executive session stuff. After we go through the list here if there's something that you are here to just observe, whatever the case may be folks IGA staff and clerk there you go folks in the corner let us know we will do our best to make sure you can hear your item before we go into executive session. In this order we are going to take Item 715 which is proclamation of Arab American heritage much for.3 fire fighter equipment 4.6 which deals support Harvard academic workers Item 7.2 relates to SM EU DE negotiation contract I guess. 8.4 sorry.

>> After a.4 right? 8.4 which relates to 90 Washington Street that sort of an update. Item 6.8 finance committee report related that will be supplement to Item 10.2. Then we will have a presentation on combined sewage outflow then we will go to executive session. If you're here from anything else at some point for you to that point let the folks over there no so don't keep your own longer than we have to. For that I see no objection to taking up Item 715 Madam clerk.

>> 715 (inaudible)— April 2026 to be Arab American heritage month.

>> Read the item.

>> Whereas for over one century Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of society in medicine, law, business education, technology, government, military service and culture. And whereas since migrating to the United States and the city of Somerville people of Arab descent have shared their rich cultural tradition with neighbors, and friends will also find examples of model citizens and public servants and whereas they brought with them to the United States the resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracies. Whereas Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing an entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous. And whereas the

history of Arab Americans in the US remains and collected and defaced by misconception bigotry and anti-Arab hate and forms of crimes and speech were issues such as civil rights abuse harmful 0 typing and bowling must be combated and forms of education and awareness and whereas join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful diverse society for every individual is created equally and feel safe and where's the city of someone (inaudible)— is committed to standing with Arab American residents of Somerville and Commonwealth and where is the incredible conservation and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation now they are therefore be it known to all those present that the mayor of the city of Somerville respectfully proclaims April 26th to be Arab American heritage month proclaimed on this 23rd day on April 2026 by Mayor Jacobs.

>> Thank you. Mayor Wilson. You have the floor.

>> Mr. President thank you, good evening everyone proclamations are typically very joyful sober trifles. Good things are some heavy stuff in this one as you heard. It is a sign we have to do better as a society. This is us recognizing that to do better as a city. Everyone should be immensely proud about who they are, where they come from, and what they're contributing to our city into our society. To our Arab American neighbors you help make her city what it is. I hope you feel embraced and welcomed in part of the fabric of the city of Somerville. Happy Arab American heritage month everyone.

>> Thank you. Mayor would you like to request someone else speak otherwise a member of the Council would sponsor someone? I understand there is someone else here.

>> Mr. President, I do not know how powerful the Mayor is.

>> You can make the request to me Mr. Merritt be happy.

>> We would like to request that we hear from the public about this please. Mr. Mayor, just so we understand what we are embarking on here, one speaker, multiple speakers, just we know how many one speaker very well who is a speaker?

[No audio].

>> Since the 1880s they were key figures in the textile mills and shipyards and also in the historic 1912 strike. Once vibrant neighborhood notice little Syria shared space (inaudible)— Arab (inaudible)— it served as a community anchors, from there Arab Americans went on to live in around Massachusetts including Somerville spreading their culture, accusing, music, business minds and there's don't believe in family and hard work. It was the home of a fight very vibrant and diverse Arab community (inaudible)— to name a few (inaudible)— and work to enrich its culture economic and political life hand-in-hand with their fellow neighbors the center for Arab culture through our mission that is secular and nonpolitical through arts and cultural events and activities.

They are building bridges and connecting cultures, and believe that art, language and culture are the grassroots pillars of building a community through which bridges of understanding, empathy and humanity between all its groups are cultivated and will render the community stronger on all fronts. In a matter that will allow all of us to express who we are culturally (inaudible)— in a democratic and humanistic way again on behalf of the center for Arab culture and community we are blessed to call Somerville our home and look forward to keep working with leaders and neighbors to build a strong community would like to think everybody was attended here from the larger community and from Arab American community thank you for showing up and showing support we appreciate you all. Thank you so much.

>> Thank you. Any discussion? We might take a couple pictures, Mr. Mayor? That item will be placed on file. We will do that before we take pictures, this time brief recess for a few pictures. Then we'll come back after the pictures. Thank you.

.3 Madame clerk.

>> Agenda Item 4.3 resolution by counselor McLaughlin of the administration update the (inaudible)—.

>> Thank you President is the request for information that comes from discussions with the fire department about concerns with their equipment particularly engines as well as other equipment. I think they are stuck in the hall right now but I would like to sponsor Mike Jefferson from the firefighters union to speak on this issue.

>> You want to lay this one on the table so they are able to make a lot of traffic out the hallway right now.

>> They are there but surely.

>> Is laid on the table briefly while we let folks make their way through the crowd. Madame clerk takes up Item 4.6.

>> Agenda Item 4.6 a resolution by counselor McLaughlin counselor Bob Custer Kling in support of Harvard academic workers.

>> Counselor McLaughlin.

>> Thank you Mr. President I'm not sure I have told any of you, I go to Harvard have I mentioned this at all in a conversation? Very proud of this for someone who grew up in this community to go to the school. Learning a lot, one of the great lessons I have learned from both students and professors is that economic inequality, the affordability crisis is affecting everyone that includes Harvard workers and students. These are just the other day but a Harvard union has gone on strike for their rights. We also have the Harvard academic workers which are represented by the same union who are going to be voting for a strike soon. Just some of the things I've seen there again, growing up you assume everyone who goes to Harvard everyone who works at Harvard is affluent.

I have seen students working there going to food lines to get food, trying to scrounge up whatever meals they can get. People pay over 75% of their income in childcare. People worried about the documentation status and whether they will be protected by the federal government when they encroach on the school. This is a universal problem for all of us. Affordability extends

to Harvard students, extensor workers. I would like to extend the opportunity to sponsor speaker Allie Stanton from Harvard academic workers union.

>> Counselor McLaughlin would like to sponsor Allie Stanton no objection formally state your name for the record go ahead.

>> Thank you my name is Allie Stanton evening counselors and neighbors. I live just a few blocks down the road on school Street as a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard Medical School where I study how viral diseases like yellow fever are transmitted by mosquitoes. In case you did not know the effects of climate change will likely soon be bringing those mosquitoes here to Massachusetts. I have also been a member of UAW since I started graduate school in 2018. In a union member has changed my life and gave me the ability to afford necessary mental health care during a difficult period of my life in my graduate student union co-pay really fun it also enabled me to support and advocate for my coworkers as a shop steward for several years enjoying other Massachusetts UAW (inaudible)— is my most fervent belief that a better world is possible for everyone at a strong union in every workplace is a large part of how such a role can come about.

That is why when I began postdoctoral women at HMS I again chose a menacing way to begin organizing my coworkers into the Harvard academic workers union. Which is also part of UAW and represents more than 2600 nontenured Harvard employees teaching and research positions. Our union has been bargaining with Harvard management for about 22 months. Unfortunately, my coworkers have seen little movement on the items that are most important to me among my coworkers. These issues include an increasingly unstable position of visa holders who make up more than half the bargaining union (inaudible)— recently attempted to reduce the quality of our health insurance to the point it was no longer compliant with J1 visa requirements putting those individuals in immediate jeopardy. Among my coworkers at HMS ensure this is true for many Somerville residents I found out a major issue is extremely high cost of childcare. I know many people with babies or young children who tell me they spent upwards of 75% of their take-home pay on daycare.

This issue affects all genders, but it is a particular obstacle for women in the profession. Harvard offers more generous financial support for the cost of childcare to a tenured track faculty but our kids are just as important as they are expensive. Through my though my employer's persistent crying to the press would indicate otherwise Harvard is wealthier now than it ever has been in nearly 400 years of history when the Trump administration made deep cuts

to science funding last year my coworkers and I helped restore nearly all of that funding by protesting here in Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. And by winning a lawsuit filed on our behalf by UAW.

The University has rewarded us with massive layoffs and terminations for which we receive no severance, increasingly short appointment links. Sometimes two months or less. In an already outrageously precarious employment arrangement. I myself do not have written confirmations. I was only employed. My contract is up for renewal on July 1st. This is in addition to Harvard's policy of time For non-tenure teaching faculty unique amongst its peer institutions. In which talented and often award-winning educators at the end of a fixed term and nonrenewable contract are let go for the sole purpose of hiring someone new at the bottom of the piece.

The University has already attempted at every term to strip workers of the union memberships and even their employees that is based off of arbitrary metrics like funding source, and a comically expansive definition of who is a supervisor. Many of my coworkers and I are fed up with this injustice and ready to take action to get a strong contract including a strike action in the coming months if necessary. It would be very meaningful to us to have the support of the city Council, my beautiful Homo Somerville where I have lived for many years and hope to live for many more. So long as my employer and my landlord will allow me to afford it, thank you.

>> Thank you. (Inaudible)—.

>> Thank you Mr. President, thank you to my colleague for putting this forward. It is to Allie for continuing to demonstrate courage over fear. It is really necessary that I also be a member of UAW myself. I think this resolution reflects some of this long history of supporting organized labor. We always support fair wages, workers protection workers including teaching assistants and researchers (inaudible)— but often feel job insecurity and in adequate compensation like you mentioned so supporting the organizing effort is consistent with broader (inaudible)— thank you for standing up for this.

>> Counselor heart cancer structure would like to sign on (inaudible)— counselor Wheeler.

>> Thank you Mr. President, though you are one of the cosponsors of this resolution. I just want to thank Allie for coming up here today and speaking on behalf of her brothers and sisters. We're probably walking the picket line with the other clerical workers down at Harvard university. I just kind of want to echo what counselor McLaughlin said, we have been down on picket lines with 32 BJ the other Local 103 have a trade union that is like made up of three unions. Seeing a lot of these academic unions come along and the solidarity that is there. Just to have that type of power to be able to have solidarity with the cafeteria workers. Local 26 or (inaudible)— go out and just think it gives that much more power to fight against Harvard on the massive amount of power and money they have. As you had said it is only fair it's only right everybody has the right to organize.

And I hope that you all come to a resolution very quickly, and I'm happy to support you. I don't want to see you all have to strike but if you do, I will be out there with you. Thank you.

>> Counselor Wheeler.

>> Thank you, chair. I deeply deeply appreciate the and the risks the members of your union are taking to stand up for yourselves, and for others including the many people who may be in a precarious situation to speak out themselves. I am a former Harvard teaching fellow which is what they call their teaching assistants. Anybody who has been anywhere near that knows the pay is woefully inadequate. The other conditions as well are desperately in need of change. I think it's nothing short of absurd with an institution with the many billions with the B that Harvard has been paying the academic workers who represent and perpetuate its stellar academic reputation everyday. To be paying them so abysmally and treating them in a way so they do not need livable payer conditions and equitable conditions as well. So thank you.

>> Any further discussion on that item was approved we will now pick up off the table the item laid on the table which is 4.3 counsel McLaughlin back to you.

>> Thank you Mr. President for sponsoring Jefferson to speak.

>> (Inaudible)— please step forward and state your name on the record.

>> Thank you Michael Jefferson President Somerville fire worker 76 thank you Mr. President. Thank you counselor McLaughlin for sponsoring me to speak tonight. I understand it has been already. I believe there are more speakers. I will be brief. I want to start by addressing the fact that I do realize that the city of the last two years has spent millions of dollars to purchase new operettas. There's a national nationwide issue right now with getting these pieces of apparatus to us in a timely manner. That is something our international union the IFF is taking at the federal level testifying to Congress to fix that issue.

I would also like to acknowledge our mechanics and how they do a phenomenal job maintaining our fleet when companies go out of service. But the rapid rate that they're going out of service is incredibly difficult for them to keep up with the workload. I've seen a lot of negative comments when we post better mechanics not doing there and that is not the case. They diligently and tirelessly keep our fleet up and running to the best of their abilities. I want to put that on the record. I do not have the exact numbers of traffic devices in the city. I will say that a week ago today I reached up and I felt my email. I left a message with the Transportation Department, no response by phone, no response by email. But if I had to guess, I would say there's hundreds of speed bumps, fledge boats, and raised crosswalks across the city. I would like to say the study shows that one speedbump can delay a fire response by three– ten seconds.

One device can slow a response each device three to ten seconds. Think about that if your house is on fire. Think about that if you are having a mental medical emergency or your loved one was. On average a fire engine weighs 36,000 pounds and costs \$1 million. A letter truck on average weighs 70,000 pounds and costs \$2 million. There are ten fire companies in Somerville 600, 3X and heavy rescue and 25 Lester those companies ran just shy of 16,000 calls. These apparatus are being exposed to thousands and thousands of contacts with traffic calming devices a year responding to emergencies. The toll it is taking on our fleet is unprecedented. 16 and 35-ton trucks with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of intricate, mechanical workers inside are not designed to constantly beat up, slow down, and go over a hump, speed up, slow down, go over a hump, repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat over and over again.

They are causing wear and tear on her suspension, issues on the brakes, the alignment of the owner trucks, and overall parts are wearing way too fast, long and short of their lives (inaudible)— they are wreacking it on the undercarriage of our vehicles. In many instances our drivers have no choice but to drive over these pose intakes, not because the street has become

so compact and dense that the cars have not. And to get out of her way I do not expect civilians to take their personal vehicles and drive over those posts to get over. I was amassing and advocating that it has become a nightmare to traverse the streets in her tracks for the last few years.

The major issue that I have is that no one has asked our drivers for their input. Privates drive the apparatus, not lieutenants not captains not the district and Deputy chief it is the privates. This is like military as you stay longer you move up with rank in this profession you can stay a private your entire year career many do and are proud to do with these men and women who drive the trucks day in and day out go in the morning and have the first-hand perspective of the adversity the streets are (inaudible)— no one looks to them for input. I want to thank Mayor Wilson for coming out and writing along with us letter three getting a for symbol getting to what it's like to be in one of these pieces of apparatus I encourage all of you to do the sacred go to the station in your ward if you are at large go to the station your neighborhood of your choosing go at rush hour so you can see what it is like. In gridlock traffic go during rush hour consumers like to have the goal (inaudible)—

The same way citizens in your constituents deserve to feel safe in their homes knowing that someone has the equipment to do their job and respond in a timely manner three people last summer were rescued (inaudible)— 31 years old. Thankfully, there was no issue. Many times we want to run the risk we been extremely fortunate eventually something will go wrong we are working with old oak women because our frontline pieces are out of service not fair to my members, not fair to your citizens to close and bring this back to guess at full circle to the purchase of new operettas the city is now invested millions of dollars on four new pieces of apparatus that should all be here by early next year. Should we all want to protect that investment, get the most out of these new trucks and not have them constantly being maintained, spending tens of thousands of dollars a year to repair them. I really respect and appreciate that you let me come up and speak tonight but I urge you to take this matter seriously because it really is a matter of public safety. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Anything further?

>> No comment I referred to public health and safety.

>> It is one essay. Thank you for coming and talking to us about this. I will say it is hard to hear, it is hard to hear that some of the streets are skipping the speed bumps. There are ways that the hope has been some of the evidence has shown that these improve safety. This may be something where there is a need for us to be taking more voices into account, and more perspectives into account that we have been. I think you cannot make a decision well balancing everything if you don't know the experience of people who are running into problems with it every day. I really hope that we're going to make a shift to really taking this information as part of what is informing our decision about street skipping moving forward. I'm not sure what that balance looks like but I do want to make sure we are making a balance with the best information we can thank you.

>> Counselors got.

>> Thank you Mr. President I am not on public safety and what is going to committee. As a counselor who is going to be watching that later I hope in that discussion happens there is going to be some data on what the frequency of breakdowns are on this equipment and how long this equipment is out of service so we can see how that has trended over time to help understand not only where we are at today, but how we got there.

>> Thank you Mr. President through you think you to counsel McLaughlin brings Ford thank you for the firefighters coming and speaking today also look for to that conversation (inaudible)— regarding what we have been told and what we have been shown in terms of whether P response time whatever I think it is high time that we actually take a good look at this is counselors got said with sort of the rollout of the speed humps if we can glean from that other than the fact that is kind of common sense if you have a huge vehicle going over speed have that many times I really think it's also just a number of calls that these guys respond to men and women respond to a daily basis and make it is lot more than we realize because if you don't see a fire on the news, but they are constantly going as constant as far as how many trips there making and how much this is where enteric.

Urban city like this amount of calls they get medical what have you the wear-and-tear it's putting on the trucks deftly something we need to consider especially with four new pieces of apparatus coming in as counselor Wheeler said I get many requests constituents really want to see the speed humps I you know struggle with the balance between public safety, saving lives and also public safety of saving pedestrian lives because of the amounts of cuts in traffic we have in the amount of speed in which the cars are going there's I grew up in the city I've never

seen like it. So many cars on the road I think this is an important conversation about having it. I'm glad that the firefighters union has come to speak up on this thinking.

>> Thank you Mr. President through you to our firefighters thank you for coming to speak on this. Thank you for your persistence also just for making sure that this is front and center of attention and we know this is you much to our dismay has been now three administrations long. Which is unacceptable, because we need the right people in the room talking about street design that is not just one department or another. When we do get this conversation to public health and safety I am asking the administration, or department heads that will be there through to the administration to really be thoughtful on who is going to be there to discuss this. And I do request mobility be part of the conversation at least in this meeting because I don't understand why that would not be included. They are the ones that help make the street design on this.

And the projection of years ahead in addition to that, through you to the chair of public health and public safety are you planning on putting this forward to the next public health look safety meeting?

>> The president is going to request for the IGA office to follow up on counselors' requests for information. I would like to have that information before the meeting. If we could have that before that meeting, yes I would take it up.

>> Personally I was hoping that it would not be in the more recent May 5th or six meeting because there are some firefighters who are hosting an autism meets event. I know there will be numerous fire workers at that event. I know if they want to be part of the conversation they may not have that chance. I do want to bring that up to your attention but we are with you. I am with you and we will right this wrong and fix you for being here tonight.

>> To the chair we can win it.

>> Thank you for raising the conflict any further discussion that's approved with remarks to public [speaker too far from microphone]safety next item out of order.

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>> 7.2.

>> Agenda Item 7.2 request of the mayor requesting the appropriation of \$719,870 from the salary and wage stabilization fund to various departmental super personal services accounts to fund the retrospective portion of a collective bargaining settlement with Somerville municipal union unit D.

>> I see the assistant city solicitor Matt.

>> [Speaker too far from microphone] is now just funding the three years plus that is retroactive on my contract.

>> Any questions counselor Wheeler?

>> This is not a question, but being satisfied that this appropriation is appropriate and wanting to support the coming together of the union and city negotiators I moved to approve the item.

>> Any discussion on the mode motion.

>> Kudos to everyone on this. I'm just happy to get them paid.

>> Any further discussion till there are any items we have thumbs up and if you cannot count I guess. Motion to approve

>> Request for proposals.

>> Mr. I think there is a desire from some of the counselors to take a photo with the firefighters here.

>> I am happy you know I always love a good recess for pictures.

>> Quick recess for pictures.

>> We are going to take (inaudible)— all right. Very sorry for that. No worries counselor Scott?

>> I'm just saying we are perilously close to losing quorum.

>> I see other folks we still have what we need here, please introduce yourself or the record and we will speak to new items.

>> Thank you Mr. President my name is Bender [speaker too far from microphone] to keep these remarks brief this evening just giving a quick update on 90 Washington Street. For this item we shared a memo ahead of time just describing where we are in the process for 90 Washington Street request for proposal to select a development partner for the site. We received two proposals, currently we are reviewing the technical proposals. Each of these proposals includes both technical components. This includes things like site plans, a more qualitative element of the proposal and also a financial proposal, so the financial offer for the land. Currently we are reviewing technical proposals with the 90 Washington Street civic advisory committee. We have a few more meetings with that group.

Following that, we will come at the Council in May. On May 11th we will be having a discussion to really dive into the contents of those proposals and bring in financial components. I am really just here to answer any questions. I did not want to start deliberating on these two proposals this evening that were going to get rid of that inmate.

>> In terms of process as Mr. Mayor said we have an open session and executive session [speaker too far from microphone] I leave attached to the item in the agenda are all of the relevant documents if I understand correctly that I believe also an easier way to folks to talk to is the (inaudible)—.

>> Public website is up if you go to Somerville MA.gov/9– Washington– redevelopment all the document's we also should for this item is evening that is that you proposals, a copy of the RFP that was released to which these proposals were responding also there is a summary memory memo therefrom city's real estate consultant on the project HR and an initial assessment based on RFP how these two proposals board.

>> Those are available at that website as well well (inaudible)— public documents let's take a look at as always folks can reach out to city Council send us your thoughts we welcome that as we can move forward this process in terms of the process I level questions any discussion questions for at this point? Not all right, we look forward to digging into counselors.

>> Mr. President just want to congratulate everybody to getting this point I look forward to the in-depth discussions and for members of the public there was a meeting I believe of the advisory committee commission just last night very spirited discussion I think a very helpful one the recording for that is already posted on that Somerville.gov 90 Washington page takes a little

digging but it is down on the right-hand side so if you would like to watch the deliberation of your neighbors who have engaged in this process for a while. I recommend folks to check out the video, thank you.

>> Excellent, very good counsel?

>> I'm a member of the 90 Washington CAC and I wanted to make one observation about the process. And echoing the comments of one resident who spoke at yesterday's meeting who is here this evening. It is a little disappointing that we in this process only resulted in two proposals. And that at least by my judgment they might not have both been quite as full a date at this point as we might have liked. I am just curious in the future how we can approach this kind of process so we are making sure the network casting is as wide as possible. And attracting all of the parties that might be interested in this.

>> Thank you. [Speaker too far from microphone].

>> If you want to speak please come up to the microphone and introduce yourself.

>> [Speaker too far from microphone] quick rundown advertising process that we went through that will help with this point or if it should wait for another time.

>> I feel like it might be a bit out of scope of the current meeting with our agenda but I appreciate there was a lot of staff that went into this.

>> We can be happy to provide it to anyone who needs to be interested in what that process looks like.

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you director, thank you for any other discussion.

>> As I said this is it is not even really the first discussion but it is set up the next several stages in eye— counsel will have a key role in this so stay tuned we will get into it a bit more just to be there my understanding is that the Council does have discretion to recommend not forwarding either of the proposals. If that is the body's decision ultimately the VS RA would choose which proposal before then that they elect that is an option before so we get to that point we feel are not sufficient we can do better we do have that option we are not sort of I don't want to say stuck with these because I don't want to diminish the valuable is before us but there is a lot of options on the table you are diligence like I said they done a process rest at 20 of opportunity to do that.

With the information before us went to get this all out to the public ahead of time so the council members' opportunity right in as many questions as you like it was your thoughts. See for the discussion then that item I guess is placed on file. The next item is a finance committee report.

>> Thank you for sharing.

>> Read the item into the record.

>> Oh please go ahead.

>> Sorry I dropped my papers. Agenda Item 6 a mini report report of committee a finance meeting on April 21, 2026.

>> The counselor ruler took it away.

>> Thank you chair before I give the report I moved to sever one of the items that is Item 6 a seven the kitchen contract because there was apparently some of the US wording in it, it has been replaced by a most entirely identical item as I believe you mentioned before.

>> Okay so the counselor will use moves to serve.

>> Six A7 ID 26– 0562.

>> I see no objection to the item being severed. Go ahead with the report we will take up after the report sorry. After the report we will take up the related issue which is a replacement for that.

>> Thank you chair the finance committee met on Tuesday, April 26, 2026, via remote participation with all members present with the help of clerk Delaney we took about 19 item agenda we approved a 125,000 state grant for lighting retrofits at doughboy fields representing replacing older features of more efficient LED writing we discussed the importance of aligning with dark sky principles (inaudible)— recognizing cities historic Carnegie libraries and a \$300 gift for materials in the West branch library we approved that approximate \$47,000 appropriations for ash tree treatments needed every two years which protect hundred of our trees from the invasive pest we approved approximately \$32,000

— ADA complaints for city websites and signage. Restoring funds after was already completed ahead of federal deadlines.

Several community preservation act items were considered together. We recommended a \$400,000 appropriation for the Kennedy schoolyard project and a \$228,000 transfer to open space reserve to support that funding. Also a reduction of the Kennedy schoolyard bond with matching amounts from two mean dollars down to 1.6 million lowering our long-term borrowing cost. We also approved a contract extension for blessing of the bay when you're part of the project. We recommended approval of two of the structure bonds. Approximately \$8.3 million for water main rehabilitation and \$2 million for sewer. Including the graph quarter ahead of the state changes to my graph. To address aging infrastructure pigment to be clear this is not changing what the pipes are, it is just fixing the pipes noticing where they are wearing and repairing them

this will be repaid through water and sewer enterprise funds. Indirectly through people's water and sewer bills. We approved two fire department grants.

(Inaudible)— \$30,000 for safety equipment for new recruits. There is discussion of recent issues in Quincy and elsewhere regarding toxic chemicals on firefighter Quitman. City staff recognize this end of the size that the equipment is being selected with those issues in mind. We also recommended to please Mormon transfers \$35,000 for animal control staffing due to unexpected leave. \$325,000 for medical costs associated with line of duty into his injuries. Police Department staff explain these medical costs are uneven overtime, and can be unexpectedly certainly were in this case. The committee spent significant time discussing approximately 32,000:— grants. While cameras are widely seen as best practice for transparency and accountability please discuss the substantial ongoing cost estimated by, this is my math using some of the city's estimates. Two total about \$430,000 per year.

The need is well for clear policies on use oversight and access to footage. Counselors raise questions about how footage would be used for supervision and training. Expectations for consistent camera activation and how much flexibility the city will have to shape these policies over time. Given these open questions and the ongoing review of civilians technology impact report the committee voted to keep this item in committee. Chair, I asked that this committee report be accepted as submitted.

>> Any discussion committee report counselor Scott.

>> Thank you Mr. The president and I thank the chair for that thorough review and the finance committee does a lot of deeply technical things. I do want to win it because members of the public may be curious about the body of one given discussion. It was a very interesting one with a lot of thought and nuance. It occurred to me one of the things that surfaced in that memo Mr. President: by accepting this grant we are fundamentally committing to a budget increase to the police department. As mentioned that \$430,000 one component of that is the hiring of an initial position at least one additional position to help operate the system. You know how I feel about mid year appropriations to create midyear position requests.

I assure you that we will continue to discuss this and finance. I just want to highlight that this grant acceptance actually has much wider ranging impacts as we approach budget season where we have requested that the schools prepare \$1 million in cuts. I have a hard time figuring

out how it is going to be justifiable to put half a \$1 million increase into the Police Department. But thank you for that Mr. President.

>> Discussion on committee reports (inaudible)— few items before us for roll call vote after which we will take up the item that was served before us. Roll call votes.

>> For roll call votes in front of us first being 688 requesting approval to appropriate 46,500 from the street tree stabilization fund for FY 2026 ash tree treatments. Counselor you and Campen. Counselor link counselor Scott counselor playing counselor stress and counselor studied counselor Wheeler counselor heart counselor McLaughlin.

>> Yes.

>> Counselor ball.

>> Counselor Davis.

>> Eight counselors in favor of that item are approved. Raise to agenda Item 689 authorization to borrow 800 union (inaudible)— water main rehabilitation program. Counselor Wheeler counselor, heart counselor McLaughlin counselor and bar counselor Davis eight counselors in favor of that item being approved. Brings us to agenda Item 6A ten requests of the mayor requesting authorization to borrow 2 million into bond and appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 sewer system rehabilitation system a graph quarter. Counselor you and Campen, counselor link, counselor Scott eight counselors in favor item improved 6813 request that the mayor request approval to reduce borrowing authorization for Kennedy schoolyard renovation project from 2 million to 1,600,000. Counselor link, Counselor link, Counselor McLaughlin, counselor Davis, eight counselors in favor that item approved.

>> That puts Item 26– 0512 before us.

>> Thank you for the chair (inaudible)— I would like to request to withdraw this item as counselor Wheeler mentioned there was an error in the wording for the title of the item. The old version which we are asking to be withdrawn says it is for a lease extension. The documents that were reviewed on Tuesday by the finance committee and the discussion that happened was based around the fact that it is a new lease. The new item that we have submitted refers to approval for a new lease. With the option to accept.

>> Okay, any discussion is okay. We would like to take out of order Item 10.1.

>> 10.2.

>> 10.2 thank you Mr. Chair click read that one force.

>> Agenda item tended to be a request of the marriage requesting approval of a five-year lease with option for renewal. BWC Square LLC community kitchen.

>> Rid Ozzie.

>> Thank you Mr. Chair we are seeking immediate approval for the item just as the discussion finance committee on Tuesday again the documents that are attached to the old version of the item with the incorrect title are the same as the discussion centered around the same item that is before you now. The lease does expire in May so that is why we are hoping to have it approved tonight.

>> Conceptually the same tenant uses the same space.

>> Yes.

>> Different words on the document otherwise exec with the same.

>> Terms were updated in the price proposal which was discussed on Tuesday.

>> Thank you chair just to be clear this was unanimously approved [speaker too far from microphone] in the finance of these documents.

>> Duly noted to discuss certainly within our ability to see no objection to that item, any questions or discussion on that item?

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>> Let's take a roll call on that item.

>> Roll call on agenda item counselor Scott, [speaker too far from microphone] counselor Wheeler, counselor heart, counselor McLaughlin, counselor Davis eight counselors in favor that item is approved.

>> And out of order items that bring us to Item 8.2. Item clerk let me just as before we get 8.2 while I am told this is going to be an appropriately length item it is a topic we love hearing about and they sometimes take a little bit. Anyone here in the chamber here to hear about an item that we have not discussed yet? Okay. CSO [speaker too far from microphone] okay go ahead.

>> Agenda Item 8.2 officers can receive an indication from the director of infrastructure and asset management April 2026 draft combined sewer overflow plan.

>> Director Risch.

>> For your record Richard (inaudible)— surprised to know there will be a deck anyone who bet the under on number of slides wins this time. Cambridge Somerville Wilson a draft (inaudible)— April 30th which will start a five-month public comment period Extensive evaluation i.e. DP [no audio] calibrated with decades worth of data, use Cornell University. Review simulator rainfall based on climate change projections to 2050. Making our CSO plan first in the nation that estimates the impact of climate change rather than looking backwards at historical rainfall data. This is the most sophisticated CSO plan in the country today, the first three taking these bold progressive next steps of higher level of control.

Getting to 0 discharges in a future typical year and only suffering discharges under extreme storms that cause other system failures. Dozens of staff at Cambridge and Somerville along with a small army of consultants but hard on this plan for four years include some of the nation's best wet weather experts many of whom myself included have deep experience with implementing the prior and W are a long-term control plan in Boston. We are frankly and rightly proud of what we have done. All that we have accomplished and are excited as professionals to be on the cutting edge leading the nation and the next generation of CSO management. We are also clear that the CSO and other desperately needed regional infrastructure improvements will be expensive. We are talking billions with the B.

It is important we keep the impacts to ratepayers in our minds. This counsel knows very well how difficult it is with our annual water and sewer rate increases on constituents finances every other community in the Commonwealth shares those concerns and we collectively Cambridge Somerville NW RA other (inaudible)— the state needs to examine how we will pay for this important. With the draft report completed we are excited to enter the next phase to have a regional conversation about our analysis, our conclusions, data, the findings, greater Boston's priorities, each community's concerns and our collective goals. We do not expect DPE and EPA to simply rubber stamp the plan. We sincerely hope that positive collaboration with the advocates, the stakeholders, the regulators and state leaders will improve the final control plan. With that said we can start the presentation.

That probably would've been a better background for the diatribe we can move on to the next slide. Just in terms of procedure this is an update I updated the Council in October Item 25– 1451. The slides for that are attached for reference. As with that I don't but I don't require a formal city Council vote. However, it has a huge impact on water and sewer rates. I felt it was appropriate to come before this body to lay out the plan and perhaps get some initial reactions to it so we can frame the submission of the plan correctly as we go to the next step. I will point out that following that October presentation the counselor did pass resolution 251677 which said the city Council respectfully calls for state delegation to advocate for policy change that would

result in NW RA playing a role in strong-arming water management that is been sent to state delegation and is a conversation we need to have.

What happens the last time on the last slide we met when I presented the plan in October it was a \$0.87 billion plan that allowed limited discharges for typical year the following week NW RA staff presented that same plan to the board of directors there was some pushback from advocates— it is now one week from tonight we are feverishly attempting to hit that deadline. We held an additional public meeting on January 26th, where information was very well attended. We have reworked some of the plan that was presented again to NW RA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors voted to approve that plan technically they voted to allow staff to submit that plan. Which is now a \$1.69 billion plan that gets to 0 discharges and that future 2050 typical year.

Which leads us to our report submission date of April 30th the team is trying frantically to meet. I think at this moment we are considering April 30th at 1159 to be our deadline. Next slide. This is an important shift. There are a lot of words on the slide but they are important for the record and for everyone to understand. The variances which are the regulatory mechanism that requires us to do this plan require the partners who are Cambridge Somerville NW RA to examine solutions quote unquote up to and including elimination. This is consistent with CSO guides across the United States, and in fact with what is done abroad as well.

Every long-term control plan that has been approved in the states and elsewhere always allows a very limited number of CSO discharges in a typical year that first submission was in line with that. Notwithstanding that precedent through the outreach and engagement process described in the report the partners clearly heard from stakeholders and regulators that even a single discharge in that typical year would not constitute elimination. That was the goal by which we were being held. Because that would require a change in designated use the state is reluctant to change the use of the Mystic and the Charles. With that feedback in mind the draft plan was modified to do this first in the nation, and possibly the world to get to 0 discharges in a typical year.

Setting a new standard going beyond any identified plan. Next slide. What is that recommended plan \$1.29 billion on the next ID can see on the Alewife Brook it is a few storage tanks in Cambridge some limited sewer separation Cambridge the primary method is a micro tunnel micro tunnel is a nine-foot diameter tunnel fairly shallow that would go essentially from mass Cambridge Walker wraparound harder towers terminate at doughboy field. This is actually

the same plan that we had presented before we were going for this level of control for the Alewife all along. On the next slide I will highlight one piece of construction impact but I think we will want to talk about public review. For this to happen we would need a (inaudible)— and doughboy field will figure out what to do with parking the snow emergency cartel area for that duration. There would also be a permanent footprint only removing a few parking spaces permanently.

(Inaudible)— the performance about the graph on the left are volumes of discharge the volume on the right are frequency. We designed this for that future typical year which is sort of an esoteric idea. What we want to do is run that performance against the past ten years of actual rainfall data. You see the red bars are what was discharged in reality. What we reported and the blue bars are the performance of the new system. As you see if you think of a typical year as it averaged you would expect growth of the total but it gets exceeded half the time you're successful it does in fact reduce the frequency to about half and the volume significantly. Moving onto the mystic on the next slide we are still moving forward with what we call that M Ross project, 95 acres of sewer separation and a new stormwater fall to the mystic.

Also a 7.4 million Allen storage tank in assembly Square. On the next slide you can see the sort of layout of this. This is one of the things that changed. We increased the size of that tank because we had a limited number of CSO at that location. Now we are getting down to 0. To get to that extra volume we had to increase, almost double the size of the tank. If you are not already oriented, that is basically the parking lot by Staples where the Christmas tree shop used to be. Of course we would have to negotiate this with Fritz and integrate into the development plans for that last development parcel.

On the next slide you can see performance of this, we only have red bars; the red bars indicate the historic discharges at that location. There are no blue bars because we get to 0 in all instances for that. Designing around that future typical year manages to capture all of the rainfall that we have experienced in the past ten years. We are almost over performing with this design. On the next slide you can see where the largest number of changes are, and really in terms of the dollar jump from 0.9 \$21.3 billion is in the Charles River. There is sewer separation in Cambridge, and in Boston's Back Bay. Some storage tanks in Cambridge magazine beach. Back in the neighborhood of Cambridge as well as some storage tanks basically in Jamaica Plain. You can see some of the construction impacts there, including extensive sewer separation in Back Bay.

The magnitude of that construction is expected to require 25 years worth of. Closures of magazine beach and (inaudible)— facilitate that construction. Finally the performance here is very similar to what we saw for the Alewife, essentially reducing the frequency so they would only spill every other year though total number and the total volume sniffing we reduced. Move on out of the financial capability analysis because something was not prepared in October so I can run through that now. On the next slide is sort of a district group should know where we landed on cost share (inaudible)— when the Clean Water Act was passed out falls like CSO's were permanent by EPA and DEP they needed essentially a throat to choke for each one of those discharge locations. Each CSO was permitted to be a political entity. Some of those CSO's along the Alewife and Charles are permitted to Cambridge.

Somerville has one on the Alewife and one on the mystic. There are a small number of out falls on the Alewife and Charles that are permitted to NW RA curiously Boston was not named as a permanent on any of those. All the outfalls along the Charles Boston side of the child are permitted to NW RA. We use that for the basis at least for the sake of argument to share the cost of the \$1.3 billion plan among three parties. On the next slide you can see the cost breakdowns for the various alternatives. The DEP and EPA did ask us to submit the financial capability analysis for all the alternatives that were considered. The next slideshow the alternatives were not in fact proposing just for safety. We will run through that. The EPA methodology as I have told the Council repeatedly over the last ten years in my opinion is not terribly applicable to Massachusetts.

We have had very high income and cost-of-living. They define unaffordable sewer bills as anything less than 2% of median household income. Which again, we have a high median household income it gives us a high threshold. We also have a very high cost of living. Super 2% of that in a household is a lot more significant than elsewhere in the country notwithstanding this would be the only thing we could turn to for relief to say this plan is too expensive or goes too far. As you can see by those metrics we do not have that avenue for relief all of the alternatives with the exception of sewer separation all fall within the midrange burden and only sewer super it separation rises to that high burden level. Choosing the first methodology that has been around since the 90s there is a second methodology more recently adopted on the next slide that allows us to break it down annually I rate increases.

It does essentially tell the same story. If you look at the.

The residential indicator over time we are only in the mid-burden for the recommended plan that typical your plan only had the high burden for sewer separation. There is one other methodology that EPA allows. The next one is the lowest quintile of income as opposed to just straight up

median; they look at lowest quintile even by those metrics while most of the years fall into the median burden, by EPA standard. We would not qualify for any relief. What would that do to our bills on the next slide again you can see sewer separation is the outlier. Were we to be forced to do sewer separation bills would increase by about nine fold. The recommended plan, the typical year plan, would see a 200% increase from typical single-family building, \$852 going up to \$2600, so a threefold change there.

It would also point out that it is not that much higher than what we are projecting the baseline to be. The baseline here for evaluation purposes assumes no additional at the Deer Island treatment Plant Deer Island treatment plan is approaching 30 years as with CSO. It does include what we anticipate needing to do, it includes for example the debt service we are taking on (inaudible)—substantial but also additional occurrences that we need to do. It also includes NW RA projection— with about ten years out. Just trying to give you some sticker shock now before it is important to highlight some of the other things we have learned again. We have used sophisticated computer models and took a very deep dive on this and we learned a lot about our collective system. On the next slide one of the counterintuitive things that we learn that is important for everyone to understand is that surprisingly all sewer separation does not eliminate overflows.

Again, it seems counterintuitive if you separate the sewers how do you still have overflows? I guess technically on paper there would no longer be combined sewer overflows because we would have a fully separated system. The lower reaches of that system are very old pipes. They were built in the late 1800s. They were built in areas that were frankly filled like all of Boston's Back Bay was a bay. What is Assembly Square and Falls Park for us was once a marsh as counselors got to know we filled Miller's River which is to be our border with Cambridge and replaced it with a pike. All those pipes had limited capacity based on what they were anticipating in the 1800s, and all of those pipes have relief points. The other thing to understand is that it is impossible to keep stormwater. I have even separated sanitary sewers. When you combine the fact we have a lot of upstream communities with that inflow into their separate sanitary system.

And downstream pipes that have limited hydraulic capacity even with Cambridge and Somerville separator systems you would still have overflows. The other thing, the water quality model clearly shows there are multiple sources of pollution. There are perpetual sources of dry weather flow, storm water that happens every time it rains. CSO only in those intense rains gives you an idea of the relative contribution of those sources on the next slide. You can see that even just focusing on bacteria, and not the other pollutants, stormwater is the largest source in both Alewife and the mystic. On the next slide we have another very important

conclusion from our efforts. That is these climate change storms, particularly anything with a five-year recurrence interval or less. Really Blockbuster storms. They will completely overwhelm our collection system. Not just an interceptor is not just things that are subject to combined sewer overflows but all of our pipes. This will result in human contact with wastewater, the same public concern that CSO mitigation seeks to mitigate.

On the next slide you will also see there is sorry go back one. Just to explain this, where you see the Black dot that is a manhole that is successfully handling the flow where you see a red dot that is a manhole where the system is surcharging and causing flooding. Flooding on a cemetery could be back up into a house or flooding into the service. Our hydraulic model, which is been built out for a lot of (inaudible)— the absence of a red dot in Arlington just because we don't have very many models manholes in that area we can extrapolate from this and expect those communities although they do not have the sophisticated hydraulic model we do will be facing the same problems. On the next slide we also did model streets flooding again. These are two bad things that happened coincidentally. With the sanitary system surcharging, we have sanitary waste coming up to the surface. Real subsurface flooding in areas where the sewers are separated.

That is an indirect route for that sanitary waste to get back into the rivers. That leads us to some conclusions. The major conclusion climate change is going to cause significant problems in our system is that the sanitary floor overflows and flooding all through eastern Massachusetts where whoever cares is going to focus on eastern Massachusetts. Those larger storms, anything larger than the larger storm 2015 typical year will therefore cause health risks and water quality impacts identical to those in CSO discharges and pollution from nonattainment other sources causes nonattainment of those standards. Really the take away here is that Cambridge Somerville and Emmett W RA have done work that we really need to have our neighboring communities understand. The region must invest in and complete local system improvements— all the lovely things we've been doing for the past ten years before higher levels of CS control can produce any tangible benefit.

The other thing a number of us working on have concerns the size of the CSO infrastructure needed to manage those. We just look at it as a CSO problem and not to those upstream system improvements that are massive. We have doubts that some of that is constructive will. If we are able then, if the communities are able to do upstream work that downstream sizing gets significantly smaller. Which brings us to the next section here which is the context for this regional plan review. I hope you all find this as clever as I thought it wasn't might just be my sleep deprivation. Municipal freedom may give national strength, but it complicates Commonwealth in the Commonwealth when water ignores me as well boundaries

and regular trade programs for stormwater and wastewater are separate.

We have a couple of people. We're probably also sleep deprived. On the next slide to sort of graphically show that the only things that this team was developing in the course of this evaluation were those CSO solutions. We have identified problems that need solutions. That climate change impacts to local systems need to be addressed. The storm water pollution from all of the communities in the basins. Upstream stormwater and flood solutions throughout the other communities. Those are all things that will need to be addressed as we are racing toward 2015 climate change. Next slide in an ideal world we would pause and figure those other pieces of the puzzle and come up with a single integrated plan; however, the regulatory reality is that we have a regulatory deadline for the CSO and I do not see the state pausing this to then do another four + years of planning work elsewhere.

We will be proceeding but we have to keep as we are evaluating this we have to keep those other future needs in mind. So we do not overextend ourselves on the CSO side seeing no benefits and then facing other problems regionally. This also gives us on the next slide a Massachusetts provincial problem, or a problem with our parochialism. All of those stormwater permits are issued to the individual municipalities. 35 in the Charles but half of which are even out of MWRA service area 21 in the mystic. To solve stormwater quality problems each one of those communities is on the who to do work. Looking at the capacity issue 43 sewer communities in MWRA—

The problem with discharges is not just associated with the fact that Cambridge and Somerville have combined sewers; it is a capacity issue in the downstream portion. Of the system. Honestly, MWRA RA does not have any, there is not any logistical way to expand the capacity of those (inaudible)— I will also point out in the previous plan Cambridge did a lot of sewer separation and a lot of work in Boston, Chelsea and elsewhere. There is not a lot of work in Somerville. The work that was done in Somerville was in alignment with a system optimization plan with MWRA. Early days and that CSO plan the plan was to call for very large the MWRA (inaudible)— Somerville of the 80s and 90s gave up a lot of capacity, storage capacity in the pipes. That was sort of our contribution to what we had projected and then later when we layer on climate change we have so much more CSO activation and volume because the Somerville system is right at capacity there's nothing left to get there.

What happens next? Moving on to the next section the slide after that we are coming to a formal public review and comment. Submitting this month five months of public comment DEP

and EPA are the ones that then synthesize all of that public comment. And ultimately DEP is the one that makes the decision on the content of the final plan. The substance of that review on the next slide is technical in nature and also needs to be a big picture. Should we do more? Should we do less? Importantly, how should we pay for it? We can move to the next slide which is just adding those three previous discharges again. The red bars are the number of discharges in the given year. The red line is the volume which can then be (inaudible)—. The blue our performance of recommended plan.

I want to point out that the years in which you do see discharges or one the frequency and volume significantly reduced. The years in which you do see discharges are in themselves very wet years. 2021 had hurricane Ida. 2023 had a blockbuster storm where almost two inches of rain fell in one hour. That is something that usually by statistics only happens four times a century. The performance of the system is actually pretty good, and only spells when we have these blockbuster events that cause other system problems as well. On the next slide it is just another breakdown of the numbers of where we are we will get a reminder that MWRA is not a magical's of revenue and gets its revenue from us if you look at our sewer bills about 60% of the money— Somerville along with Cambridge and Quincy our top four Boston is like number one by a mile.

In terms of contribution with MWRA right up there. Coming to the homestretch I would say that we are at a historic inflection point. Again we are dealing with sewers that were built in the 1870s. Dave Taylor likes to say that men wore top hats and women were corsets back then, I would add it is not allowable for them to switch them. You live CSS grant was the president and we were reforming after the first Civil War. Assuming a second one is coming soon. It is also interesting to remember when we are talking about the overflows from these, I'm not saying combined sewer overflow searches overflows are where the pipes were built. Those pipes that were built were just conveying storm water and wastewater away from people into the rivers. The first regional sewer treatment plant was not even built until 1952. Getting it to the river was the objective.

We are now layering onto that a much higher standard. A good standard, but you know we are working within some constraints MWRA was created in 1985 essentially adopting all that old infrastructure that in the first round of CSO plan 35 projects a \$1,000,000,000.88 percent reduction in total CSO Volume XCIV% of that remaining is treated. We are now moving on to the next phase of that. Again, biked over DEP will have to make that final decision following public comment. We can outsource the design towards 2050 climate conditions. These are very expensive projects funded the way we are currently assuming they need to be funded to get service on them would extend into 2070 at which time the system that it is seeking to

rehabilitate will have had a Bicentennial.

Wrapping up that much information is only a fraction of what greater Boston needs to consider as we review the draft plan. I know I think it is painfully difficult to get people to talk about sewers. But this is the moment that we as a region need to have that in-depth detailed and well educated discussion about sewers. We have a legal and moral obligation to illuminate CSO however we cannot ignore the finding that cities and towns throughout the region will face widespread sewer and drainage system failures caused by large climate steam— that are even worse than CSO.— Help them prepare for what they will need to do to protect their communities Massachusetts must tackle these problems all these problems. That preparation must include serious (inaudible)— like other regions addressing (inaudible)— other regions are still working toward the milestone we reached in 2015 we are now advancing to the next more difficult phases of that effort.

We are further challenging ourselves by considering climate change, something no other CSO effort has done eliminating discharges for all but the most extreme storms that will cause many of the problems. No one else in the nation is doing it. The CSO planning effort thus far has included extensive community process six public when sorting on event six means with watershed advocates 19 meetings with EPA and DEP technical team thanks everyone involved with getting us to this point. The community members are the advocates of regular leaders of scientists. The regional partners are the people who have been willing to talk about sewers with us. Thank you all, for your valuable input. I like to give a shadow to engineering staff Jean and Stephanie with us tonight. Which means that they are losing a couple of hours of production on the report. Which gives them a round of applause.

I know I am biased, they are a bunch of rock stars. These are rock stars among rock stars so you know. Thanks for that. I also want to thank Mayor Wilson for his unwavering support throughout the process and his commitment to leading the next steps as we have to trumpet these for the regional partners. Here in other communities. The work contained in the point represent some of those technically sophisticated analysis performed in the nation the progressive (inaudible)— that will align with our values we hope to have an active engagement with counselor considers advocates the stakeholders our delegation state leadership as we develop the draft as we review the draft plan that it would entertain all of your questions.

>> Thank you first I just want to let folks know that in terms of analyzing the weather we had the over under the gaming commission is reviewing your use of bumper slide for both front

and back end (inaudible)— one question from me would help if we ate fewer vegetables? No? Okay, work worth asking counselor Scott.

>> You know I love a good sub service infrastructure conversation. I would like to congratulate our director on a new record. I believe you are always going from a historical perspective. I think this year including a 200-year long timeline chart is a new record. I just there is an impressive amount of information or the maps on slide 20 are very impressive. I did want to get some clarifying information about slide 17. 17 were talking about the cost share. It showed three entities that are sharing costs but it did not have the numbers on their but what percentage of project cost is being borne by each entity. Before we say it, the follow-up is going to be that MWRA gets their money from us. We are also funding a piece of that but just as individual contributor entities how much is each one of those.

>> That's a great question. I do not have the number without my having to get them to you. It was because we went by CSO by CSO and the cost for each CSO. I do not have the bottom line or top line and I will get that to you.

>> I would imagine it's not as crudely simple as how many of those are the prefixes.

>> We sliced the data a few different ways, and then basically three different ways we sliced the data three different ways for each outfall and then averaged it for each outfall. I can get you the final tallies.

>> I'm just curious because I think it will help folks to understand. Any kind of cost increases large any kind of project this large I think it is very helpful to be able to tell folks look you are not in this alone. Other be disability 03. Due to those I would like to be able to answer that one when folks asked me questions about this because they will. They will ask all of us questions about this. I did want to check on slide 25, I really appreciate the preview on rate increase. This is showing if I'm understanding this rate the base rate saying the same but we are going to have a 20% usage increase. On that fiscal year 27 that is going to be.

>> Yes through the chair as you recall last year we made significant adjustments to base rate to get us more in line with industry standards. That change is still I think appropriate

against industry-standard so the only change will be on the volumetric. I guess my final question is Mr. President through you last year during the presentation on rate increases one of the big key features was the anticipated implementation of storm water infiltration fee. It was anticipated you could give it as a rain tax or a pavement tax. Which might be a better way to look at it. They had pretty significant contributions to our revenue here. The proposed implementation I believe was midway through the fiscal year three quarters of the way through. I'm wondering if there's an update on the limitation of that.

>> I'm very sad to report to the president and the chair that we are not ready for prime time on that. As you know we have a new finance director for water and sewer completely outstanding. He was my best kept secret. My finance director since we invented it we are now taking on water and sewer he is uncovering a lot of data anomalies in the billing data base. That we are fixing so we made the decision that we need to fix the building before we implement a new billing paradigm. We have biweekly meetings, we are working through it. It is just painfully long and hard to get there. We are still working on how we will implement the storm water fee and what we want to do is run mock bills so we see exactly what is going to be before we relit it because we don't want any surprises we frankly have had enough surprises from the water department bills we don't want this to be in my we want to make sure get this right that is a long way of saying we are still working on it it is not ready it will not be ready for July 1st.

>> Okay start fiscal year we will still not be ready. We are potentially because we are cleaning up old problems, a consistent theme in the water and sewer department. We are potentially not saying that rollout until mid fiscal year 28 then.

>> Mid fiscal 27.

>> Okay. All right. When we do this I know you have done studies on how much revenue is anticipated to come in obviously that is going to add another row to this chart here. Will that row potentially reduce that downstream impact? Downstream is a funny choice of words where the usage rate increases in intro years.

>> Through the chair the idea is that it would essentially be revenue neutral with the sewer bill so the sewer bills would be relatively smaller while the storm water bills would relatively be larger but for some to do across the whole city would be the same. We are trying to make sure that the increase and decrease are hitting the right properties.

>> That is where we are having a lot of difficulty getting it all ironed out.

>> Mr. President that is really the point I'm trying to get through to this line of questioning which is the storm water tax pavement tax that was proposed Lester there was a great deal of discussion about it is functionally just another revenue stream that can reduce the amount of increases that we would see in people's usage rates. It is a way to put the disproportionate, let's say the appropriately proportionate share of our cost on the entities that have enormous surface parking lots. Like target, assembly row honestly. Those properties just disproportionately contribute to storm water sewer overthrow problem it is difficult pill to swallow to know that the consumers are going to be looking at these massive increases in their bills much like our ability with our property tax to put an increase sure that on commercial property this would be a way storm water fee as I understand is a way to actually put that burden on the ones who have those big surface area parking lots.

And ease the burden on you and your neighbors so I know there is a lot to untangle there but especially in a year where you are asking for a 20% increase having tighter timeline on implementation, impact of that would be really helpful. Thank you Mr. President.

>> Counselor clinging.

>> Just quick questions— he said this is the draft proposal when do you expect you will be submitting it to the consideration for consideration.

>> We expect to hear again the public comment period is five months. There will be one month for the EP and EPA to synthesize all those it will get them all along. It will have an additional month to synthesize that and give us direction because again at the end of the day it's DEP who is the arbiter of water quality and permit compliance. EPA is also there because we are not a delegated state. The essential content of the direction of the state we will receive on Halloween. We will then have five months to revise the report. Again to say we are not anticipating it's going to be a rep or stamp yes that's great do that. To the draft. We anticipate there will be rework, remodeling, and a new cost estimate. We regulators really get five months to then do that.

That would then land us submitting the final report in May 2027.

>> Mr. President another question you showed you said two things one even if we did complete sewer separation we would still have overflows. Just want to confirm that second you showed the bills if we were to do complete sewer separation I think it was \$7000 correlate Bill versus 800 and some thousand now. Have you run any other models that would of course speaking with our friends of the Alewife Brook I said (inaudible)— the Alewife Brook is an important little waterway for me having grown up in the area but also the fact that it overflows to the point of waste getting it onto the path that is over there. Have you run any models where we could do even a partial sewer separation in a certain area that might have a positive impact on that area?

>> The plan we have put forward has substantial improvements to the Alewife. This plan would only spill in very large storms, we don't have a detailed model of Arlington's sewer system. I strongly suspect if it behaves anything like Cambridge Dome Monsen and Somerville the storms where we are discharging there is sanitary sewer overflow in that same part of Arlington's systems. The combined sewer overflow problem is not the only source when those happen. That is why (inaudible)— this is the right level of CSO control. It does not use sewer separation, because sewer separation particularly in that area is externally difficult. Like (inaudible)— there was a Tannery Brook that was closed, it is now a combined sewer. Everything was built right up against that. There is no real way of increasing the capacity of that tannery Brook drain. When we are looking at these climate change storms were we to separate we would have huge flooding problems because we could not move the water.

We looked at anything else the only corridor we could identify would be Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge and that is so filled with other utilities the capacity of that storm water conveyance pipe is extremely limited. We are very limited in what we can do as far as sewer separation on that side of town.

>> Thank you last question along the lines of counselor Scott's question on the rain score. Whatever we are calling the initial name, it is definitely moving in the right direction to appropriately water tax the big parking lots. If we just if we became reliant on that particular build -- -

>> In fact that is a feature, not a bug one of the things we are seeking to get right in terms of finances of the fee and what private property owners can do to lower their fee is that we would love target to put in a huge tank rather than us build a \$5 million gallon tank if target did it we would get the same result dollar for dollar more cost-effective for us that is part of the philosophy here we just have to make sure we get the finances on it right.

>> Right through you Mr. President I got it in case we start relying on certain revenue streams like we often do and then we end up in shortfalls go back to the area again I don't expect there will be going out and putting in these different plays putting in massive tanks overnight we could be talking way down the road that's all is to President.

>> Mr. President, where shall I start? I guess we will go right to it for some of our new counselors (inaudible)— I have not supported the rate increases by year which have increased (inaudible)— [speaker too far from microphone] why? Because I feel like our lowest income residents and our residents on fixed incomes who are just teetering by and holding on it gets harder for them every year and we are contributing to that sustaining our residents to be able to sustain our community unless we are looking for certain kind of democratic of Somerville resident only I think that is really unfair. In the past, I have proposed for the water and sewer department several directors ago to create some kind of first and it's kind of ratepayer assistance program or something to help our residents out. I would like to follow up with you if we ever do get the recoup back from the consultants we paid for several years ago that just ghosted us but we paid hundred thousand dollars two?

>> I don't often get on my head.

>> The city several years ago hired consultants to look into rate programs to help programs pay for water and sewer bill increases. I guess they just never appeared so every single year the city Council is asked to make 15% increases on our water bills, water and sewer bills and 11% and 15% I want to point out to this one side (inaudible)— we have the option of approving the rates. Or we have the option of not approving the rate increases. We need to make sure that that is not a misleading side. In addition to that I am worried about our most lowest income residents including log sign shout out to counselor hot Route 7 N. Street the residence their SHA property as heating bills electricity bills the Somerville as an authority does pay the weather bills my question to you especially with teetering on the confusing world of whatever federal funds are being stripped from projects and housing authorities all over the

nation tighter budgets we don't know what increases how have you counted these rate 20% increase of water and sewer bills.

And all the extra additions that you are proposing that we approve. That is our decision or not how you have accounted for the Housing Authority water bills and the lower income residents water bills this year.

>> To the president as we have discovered from that consultant's recommendation that went much further than it should've before it was reviewed by someone who knew what they were talking about under Mass General lot is not allowable for utilities like water and sewer to provide an income-based subsidy within that utility. By Massachusetts law the bills have to be based on usage, not income.

>> If I may in point yes that is correct they probably just literally Google search the consultants Google search that this was not possible but we paid them as consultants to tell us something that we already knew. I want to bring that up.

>> We are in agreement on that yes.

>> But the question Mr. (Inaudible)— is when talking about 20% increase how has this rate suggestion increase taken into account how this is going to affect Somerville community Corporation who has scatter site low income properties and how are we figuring out how this is going to affect Somerville Housing Authority and what they can do for their residence and how this affects their water bills?

>> The chair suggested that we have a future session discussed that brings in some other departments that are adept at that. I think it should be part of the rate discussion this year.

>> Mr. President through thank you so much for that I very much look forward to that (inaudible)— I specifically requesting that the administration and the departments that set the sub have one with the Council

— in the daytime for some of our fixed income residents are retired residents so they have a personal chance to be able to attend these meetings and not at six PM or seven PM and in person thank you. Can I get a commitment for that or something I don't know. Administration director.

>> We can certainly work around that idea. He is apparently now that is my problem. Counselor bought, counselor heart, counselor McLaughlin.

>> Thank you for your presentation to your staff for all the work they are doing. We should have said thank you neighbor (laughing) I guess just maybe my question goes back to like during the presentation, always just curious about how we arrive at this cost distribution. Because you said there are so many different communities within. So how do we get to this?

>> To the president and everybody we needed in the development of this plan Cambridge Somerville and MWRA had to come to an agreement on how we would share the cost for the purposes of doing this financial capability analysis. So we could run the numbers and see what it does for bills respectively. I will also point out that the MWRA advisory board which you know I am the chair of is also not doing some outreach to its member communities and taking the MWRA share and letting each of the 42 member communities know what their share of that is. It is very much our position that this cost distribution is not fair to the sewer rate payers of Cambridge Somerville or other 43 member communities.

We as a region need to find basic principles. This is a very good plan. This is something we should do as a region. It is aligned with our regional goals. We should not be suffering sewer combined sewer overflows to continue. But, the generation of sewer rate payers that would be paying this off the debt service offer 2070 those are not the right people to be paying for this plan. I'm very much in the position that the state needs to help us find another funding source which is why I'm sort of imploring not just us Somerville reaching out to its delegation but everyone in Eastern Massachusetts reaching out to the collective delegation. As I said before, simply pushing this on to MWRA is not a viable answer. One way as Director of infrastructure and asset management for Somerville it would be great if our share was less and we push some of that cost onto MWRA.

That just comes back on us, 60% of Argo go straight to MWRA we increase their cost we are still going to see a proportion of that. The watershed Association very Whiteley has trumpeted the success of the prior plan. Boston was a laughingstock and the cleanup of the harbor is significant, not just Boston pride but also allowed for fantastic economic development. If you think about the Seaport District that would not exist if the harbor was still in the shape it was in the 80s. Who made the money off of the Seaport development? Not the rate payers in Stoneham.

Not the rate payers in Wilmington, but the ratepayers are the one that paid for the infrastructure that allowed for that development. And the Seaport District. We need to have a serious conversation about who is going to be reaping the benefits of this and put in the financial mechanism by which it is attributed directly. I wish I had a soapbox to kind of demonstrate.

>> Thank you Mr. President, thank you for that. What is like Boston's commitments in this.

>> Boston thus far is not directly contributing anything to this. The only contribution to the cost currently allocated for this analysis and purposes are through what they pay to MWRA. That is just a sort of regulatory framework in which we sit whereby all of the outfalls on the other bank of the Charles were permitted to MWRA, not Boston. I wish I had a better answer because there was a smoke-filled room. Hamilton might've had something to do with Jefferson I don't know.

>> Just the last question/comment would you agree with the solution of climate change (inaudible)—.

>> So again the modeling we have done given the constraints of infrastructure MWRA inherited from the 1800 sewer separation is not the solution there is targeted sewer separation for sure the M Ross project gets us about 80% of the way there just by doing 95 acres. You cannot go beyond that. It is a mixture of some very targeted sewer separation where it works, largely around storage which again there's a national president of that. Most even London and Paris and Tokyo have tunnels. That is usually the way that these large volumes are dealt with.

>> Just one last because as we know climate change intensifies if you build a storage tank are you planning to expand it when it intensifies (inaudible)— at what point should you say hey, this is not a fix.

>> I think it is interesting with some of my national colleagues that I specialize in this area. Last night there was a national wet weather conference with you to perform all the spring fields Massachusetts Missouri whenever the symptoms are from. There is a realization in the industry you're never done, they're looking at Boston, they're looking at this plan. As I said most of the other communities are striving to get to the point that we got to in 2015. It is very clear that once they get to that point there's going to be the next. From a technical standpoint, I do stand behind this plan. I do think it is the right plan. It also likely means there is going to be more work that needs to be done in 2017.

>> Thank you.

>> Counselor heart, counselor McLaughlin.

>> Thank you, thank you Director, for the presentation to your whole team of the immense amount of work that has gone into this. I want to build on my colleagues previous questions in terms of the fact that Boston did none of these were permitted to Boston when you said that Somerville had given up a lot of capacity in previous decades. That was new information to me that really highlights the injustice of that. Circumstance even more. I just want to highlight that as well. I really appreciated slides three through 38 where you are laying out the reality we're looking at regionally. They are driven by storm water which is driven by climate change. And it is very hard to come up with a regulatory compliance solution when you are trying to separate out just one piece of this very interconnected system.

Given that though, when we are talking about climate change we often say you cannot negotiate with the climate. Science does not really care about regulation or whatever. I guess I especially applaud that plan and all the work there but I guess I am still having a hard time understanding why we cannot, given the level of impact, expense, disruption of residence, lives long the ale wife broke, and then we are investing so much into the storage tunnel. And then if it does not we will be able to expand it and it does not take into account stormwater other solutions in terms of stormwater mitigation. I just wonder if you could speak a little bit more to that because it is hard for me to feel good about the great investment and hardship the people

are going to go through when it will not really be flexible enough to continue meeting the needs in the climate change world.

>> Very good question through the chair other regions that have more successfully navigated some of these things Duke have a broader scope than what we were limited to here. Milwaukee is sort of the standard that they do a ton of work in the upper reaches of their system and the more suburban landscape in a stormwater control. By doing that again we've got that sort of two-pronged problem: we have the inflow coming from upstream communities and capacity limitations down here where we are. The thesis that I have, a bunch of us have on this project. The Alewife storage tunnel has a little bit of capacity of X is not sort of scalable in and of itself. However as these other immunities are addressing the system capacity issues in the upstream reaches that then will reduce the amount of inflow gets into the we will have further CSO reduction benefit I think that is actually a technical part and also a jurisdictional part of this regional conversation that we need to have.

As I say we need to move forward on both of these friends. The ale wife tunnel is sort of the biggest piece of infrastructure that we can cram into Ward seven. We really cannot do anything bigger than that. And to get more benefits and more reduction in those overflow work needs to be done in Arlington, Belmont, Lexington we really need to set up as a region the means by which Belmont etc. Are doing the work that will have the benefits there's plenty of engineering we can do to demonstrate that as on slide 27 it might sound a little flippant about Massachusetts being very provincial. We need to get beyond that and start collaborating or as a region I know that is very difficult for us. We pride ourselves on our independence within small jurisdictional areas. When it comes to our problem we need a lot more collaboration.

>> May I ask a follow-up question? Thank you for that. I appreciate that. On collaboration I know I am guessing you are familiar with the community plan that has been put forward (inaudible)— which involves a lot of collaboration with Cambridge for example in developing more engineered wetlands and things to do with the stormwater. I wonder if you could. It's a little outside of the scope of your presentation I know but I wonder if you could speak to that a little bit about if that is a possible avenue or specific limitations or false assumptions that you see in the community plan.

>> Through the chair thank you for bringing that up I think Save the Alewife has been doing excellent advocacy work in raising awareness around this. That plan does have some great ideas but it also does have some fatal flaws it deserves attention. Right now as I've sort of stressed we are hurtling toward April 30th deadline we have absently no bandwidth to do

anything additional. Perhaps not starting on May 1st we might give ourselves the day off but the plan is to actually take the Save the Alewife Brook plan and apply the same rigor to it that we have had to apply to our own is ultimately with the outcome of this will be an administrative order by consent. Or some other administrative order that binds us to do these things. In both the analysis, performance and cost estimate we make sure we have a sufficient level of conservatism so we are not surprised five or ten years down the road on what we are held to.

There are some great ideas in there. We want to apply the same sort of rigor to that analysis and our hope is to have that done well in advance of the June public meeting on this.

>> Excellent to you so much.

>> Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wheeler.

>> Thank you Mr. President this is a slide that shows basically how we are going to get no assistance from anyone on this can we pull that slide upper quickly. I forget which number it was. It was an earlier one showing a bunch of burros 17?

>> 20 maybe.

>> There we go. Quick question that I probably already know the answer to. I assume this is not taken into account the previous three years of rate increases we have had?

>> It actually does. Yeah by the EPA metric again this metric of communities largely Indian or someplace are able to apply that 2% negotiate with EPA for a longer-term to comply with the needs which basically says that under that federal framework we do not have an avenue to negotiate out of any of this.

>> So no help coming still the point to make sure Councilor (inaudible)— we just on the last three years telling people once we finish the rate increase we will flatten out, now we are asked to be doing the same thing again and I just want to know what is going to happen after all these rate increases happen. What is going to be the next project that forces us to increase these rates. I hear basically talking points about finding a different method for paying for this but I do not see anyone, including myself, have any plan about what to do about this. Just voicing my frustrations that I know the consequences of not doing this as well but it is a hard pill to swallow to tell people that we are just going to keep increasing these rates because of water from another city or water from up the river on state land. That we have to take care of this. That is just my frustrating point. I did have another point about assembly in the tanks we might build there. I would encourage the director through you to talk to the planning department about this because we are looking at that exact area to double the amount of development there and there were serious conversations about underground parking.

I wonder how that will play into a potential tank being there just something to consider for the future, thank you though.

>> [Crosstalk].

>> Is on the point of what director rate said about somewhere in Indiana the thing I don't understand about Somerville by all other metrics all the time we hear we are an economic justice community, via mental justice community we check all these boxes yet the most angering thing is when you said the MWRA or whoever the assigned body is look at our sort of median income and they feel like we could actually pay more than what we are asking. When it comes to the rates I'm sure we will be talking about this when we actually have a discussion about the rate increases. Why would someone in Indiana get a break, and we cannot catch a break on that.

>> Through the chair I am not afraid to go on camera about my opposition to the EPA federal guidance on this. I have voiced these concerns to the EPA and DP. They understand my frustration with it and the non-applicability of those standards to Massachusetts and yet we are still beholden to them.

>> Counsel Wheeler.

>> Thank you chair, thank you director and to your staff for this incredible hard work. For an extended amount of time and the complexity of this work. I am very aware of only knowing the tip of the iceberg and trying to wade in and ask questions. Fully owning my immense ignorance on these topics. One of the things in your presentation that it was a bit confused about, and interested in were the points you made starting around slide 28 about sewer separation not eliminating overflows. I want to make sure I am understanding these points well if I am understanding, please step in and explain the downstream pipe capacity going to dear Island the limitation on that capacity means that even if we are doing immense amounts of sewer separation in Somerville and Cambridge there is a limit on the benefit we would get from that?

>> That is exactly it yes the upstream communities even though they have separated the subversive good reading stormwater to the overall system. Downstream pieces that do that final link to dear Island have limited capacity and there is really no practical way to increase that. We just so happen to be at that crossroads. And if we were to do sewer separation to remove the direct stormwater contribution we are still stuck in the middle of those two forces. If we were to do sewer separation technically, it would not be called a combined sewer overflow but it would only be a victory on paper because of those capacity constraints we would still let those locations have hydraulic relief because of the alternative to that if we did sewer separation. And then walled up those overflows. Those pipes would surcharge, those pipes would then surcharge Cambridge Summerfield Arlington Medford it would back up in the system everyone's basement would flood with sewer.

Yes, a discharge to the river is very bad. But everyone's basement full of sewage is objectively worse. That is why I say we would still have an overflow of some sort to prevent that direct impact on houses.

>> Thank you, was also interested in connection with the slides this sort of slides the points that you and your team are making about the problems with stormwater and pollutants itself my understanding correctly for slide 30 of the relative annual proportions of E. Coli by source basically saying there is storm water that is running into rivers on a regular basis small scale rain that might not cause AC SOM then a small number of CSO incidents, hopefully a small number in a given year. We are looking at a larger proportion of pollution from stormwater over 200 incidents.

>> That's a good way of looking at it because the storm water discharge happens every time it rains including those small there is a cumulative effect of bacteria reaching from the small storms as opposed to the rare occurrence of the CSO. This use is to have a significantly higher concentration of stormwater but it's because there's a much larger volume of stormwater at a lower concentration that the total mass balance is that there is more. The other thing we did with the water quality model was to model it and see what the reduction in peaks are so the plant does a very good job of reducing those peaks. It does not actually do much in terms of total numbers of days that it meets the criteria because again that stormwater problem is pervasive. It happens almost every week and hangs out almost every week. If we truly have the goal of fishable and swimmable Charles and mystic the stormwater also needs to be addressed.

>> Thanks, trying to wade into these things and to make sense of the community plan. What is that?

>> Is that upon

You are waiting.

>> I like that it's an unintentional pun trying to make sense of things like a community plan from safe Alewife Brook acknowledging everyone involved has good intentions and is bringing a different perspective. One of the things that I am trying to understand a little bit better are the assumptions that are going into the future models around climate change and storms. There are some things that were what was once a ten-year storm may have become once into your storm. I'm curious about the range of assumptions that you and your team and MWRA are using.

>> Thanks to the chair that was the product of almost two years worth of intensive work. We brought on some climate experts, we even had nearing the conclusion that it had been peer reviewed by Cornell University I want to say. It was a serious amount of work where I am not going to do any of it just right here at the podium. In the report right up in the report itself and in the appendix that steps through all of that. It was a fun process when we were only on the cutting-edge of science but Cambridge Somerville and MWRA I too agree with all of those assumptions. To get his zoom of engineers to agree on this kind of assumption was a feat in and of itself.

>> Thanks just going back I forget which counselor was prepping to comment on sewer separation possibilities in the area of the Alewife Brook. My sort of understanding is why they make sense to do separation and Ten Hills, that kind of area that we are planning to do, not as an assertive general facility that is about the difference in the nature of the current pipes and sewer system. The relative cost and complexity that would be involved.

>> (Inaudible)— the main difference is for M Ross we were able to find a Cora door for a new storm water pipe. Sewer separation leaves us the problem: where does the stormwater go? We have to get the stormwater through a body of water, in the case of M Ross and that side of the city ten Hills sort of fall Park area that dark blue line even though there is some challenges there we have to get under 93, we have to Passover MWRA water main get around there is an ever source high-voltage transmission line there stuff we have to get over above and around we are able to do that we are able to shoot basically right along the Fells way and get to Mystic River. We are successfully able to put in a pipe to handle the stormwater.

That said, that pipe has capacity limitations which is why we are stopping 95 acres. We might have a little extra capacity that we find for five, maybe ten more acres but not much more than that. Which is why this plan side does not extend up into Gilman Square. We cannot get Gilman stormwater out there. We are able to get storm water. Over in Ward seven and the Alewife there simply is not a Cora door, a realistic Cora door to move that stormwater. Again as I said the least bad route we could find was mass Avenue Cambridge and as a litany of problems we have to get over the redline tunnel which is surprisingly shallow through there. A whole bunch of other things really is a technical team we came to the determination simply not feasible for us to do sewer separation on that side of the city as much as I would love to do it in my neighborhood.

>> Thanks I guess my final question is what happens in a 25-year storm? I was seeing from projections for the mystic and Charles and Alewife Brook the improvements look great for the typical year. Looking back at that 2015. How bad do things get?

>> Again that 25-year storm is a single year and then a blockbuster event I have to tribute the back number. The exact number I think the reduction in volume is 36% to your member off the top of your head? I think 36? I'm gonna major in my own memory if I am over 36%. I owe you a dollar.

>> I will hold you to that, thank you chair.

>> Any further discussion just something to add?

>> Thank you Mr. Chair just want to flag that IGA has been working with our state delegation to Pharaoh some kind of help at the state level in terms of funding so just wanted to put the request out there there's any counselors that are interested in helping with those efforts to reach out to IGA so we can coordinate our efforts so we do not duplicate those efforts at the state level and making sure we are consisting in our ask thank you.

>> Something else you want to add? No I see no further discussion thank you director ration as always that brings us to our next item we will take out of order which is 7.1. Go into the executive session (inaudible)—.

>> 7.1 communication sorry swapped the page 7.1 request the mayor requesting this Council convened in executive session to receive an update on collective bargaining.

>> (Inaudible)— please let us know if this item is appropriate for the executive session.

>> Yes a lot of carbon has ruled the agenda subject of this is appropriate for executive session.

>> Very well we will go to the executive session.

>> Roll call to enter executive session you are in executive session.

>> We will return to the open session following the executive session.

>> Eight counselors present we have quorum. No notes were taken in executive session other than adjournment from executive session we have one plus one item to take out of order (inaudible)—.

>> Requesting approval of petition to authorize the equipment of special police officers.

>> Unless there is an objection I will take that up together with Item 10 not one Madame clerk.

>> Agenda Item 10.1 to request the weight may request approval (inaudible)— a special police officer.

>> (Inaudible)—.

>> Thank you Mr. President the administration would like to request we would like to withdraw Item 5.2 as 10.1 is your placement for that. You will be able to speak more to Matt but this is based on feedback received from counselors at the last meeting in between the last meeting and tonight. The new version and 10.1 reflect those changes, as well as some other linkage.

>> Thank you. The assistant solicitor servo I asked earlier today for an opinion from permit as to whether it is proper for us to take up 10.1 is even given that it was a supplemental item. Was not properly noticed by a lot of offices. The law office provided the opinion it was appropriate because it's essentially the exact same issue. Please confirm my understanding of that is correct?

>> That's correct President through the opinion of the laws the Department of the scope of current home rule position petition being presented to counsel tonight is within the scope of the agenda item that was (inaudible)— city Council can continue to consider the matter.

>> Thank you. Substance of do you want to anything you want to say before we get into discussion?

>> Hi level the home rule position petition creates a process for appointing special police officers and city of Somerville through the chief, through the mayor with confirmation from city Council. These special police officers would now be restricted under the amendments discussed with various stakeholders and members of this counsel. Would be restricted purely to Somerville Housing Authority, properties and in and around properties occupied by Somerville Housing Authority occupant with the ability to exercise police powers in relation to police duties directly deriving there from that position that essentially creates a system for providing police powers to Somerville helping Housing Authority officers paid

The old charter contained a process to do this; the new charter omitted that language so the special act is designed to reproduce that authority and put some more clear-cut guidelines on how that authority would be stowed upon new Somerville authority housing officers.

>> Got.

>> Thank you Mr. President first I want to start off with a great giant thing to the attorneys there who grew for the work he put into this. As I mentioned last time there were several concerns I had about this. The new language is very narrowly tailored. So that the special police officers that are effectively deputized. They are not like old boss hog cartoon Dukes of Hazard; they don't just like to stop at the edge of the property. They can do police jobs related to stuff that happens there. Even if they were driving from clearing to the mystics and saw something going down they would be able to intervene.

That said, it was really important to me that this be very narrowly tailored so as not to create a separate class of police outside of the civil service process. Another thing that got cleaned up and fixed intervening time was the 150 E exemption which would have excluded these officers from collective bargaining. Which is kind of a problem because they are already in the union. I appreciate the work done to tighten this up. Ultimately, I understand the goal of bringing Somerville Housing Authority officers under the authority of Somerville police chief, so that standards can be elevated and maintained and the expectations of these officers have supervision from our direct Police Department. Given the changes in the language, the given representative tightened up just the exemplary work by attorney Sarah Q. I'm comfortable approving unless there are others which are written here.

I just appreciate all the effort. I am comfortable with objections [No audio].

>> Many types of special police officers my question is are those officers doing the detail what have you look under the 2006 act they are just going to stay under that provision and this will just pertain to housing police alone?

>> Council President through yes exactly 2006 special act remains essential a special act of state legislature that is not superseded, revoked , amend that special act is limited to retirees, and limits the type of police duties they can perform to particular details basically. So that is just a separate special act that would remain; those officers can continue to do details but this would be specifically for Somerville Housing Authority officers.

>> Thank you very much based on the changes I've heard were made. I want to move this forward as soon as possible, thank you.

>> (Inaudible)—.

>> Thank you Mr. President, just given the fact this was an omission I don't think it merits a lot of debate. So approved.

>> Counsel thou motion to approve.

>> Mr. President moved to approve tonight.

>> Counsel stressor moves to approve any question on the motion frantically flipping forward to see what we need for standard yes figures we might. There are a lot of licenses (inaudible)—. For Item 10.1 counsel's Dragon moves to approve I see no discussion on motion Madame clerk called the role please.

>> Roll [speaker too far from microphone]call approval agenda item 10.1 [speaker too far from microphone] counselor Davis.

>> Yes.

>> Eight counselors in favor, approved.

>> Thank you, thank you attorney Sir for all your work on that. It is 11: 23. Let's start the meeting. Madame clerk next item.

>> That brings us back to the order of business agenda Item 4.1 ordered by counselor McGlocklin (inaudible)— on enforcement of the vacant properties ordinance.

>> Man I would love to know about this whatever committee you choose as chair.

>> (Inaudible)—.

>> Housing equity community development only (inaudible)—.

>> It is almost the end of April. HDC flows off your tongue now.

>> Immunity.

>> HDC E.

>> I cannot get it right, some tattoo it on my four heads and give me a mural.
(Inaudible)— any concerns? I want to make sure we use city staff officially.

>> No concerns I know there is another sorry thank you Mr. President there's another item around on enforcement of an ordinance that is in ledge matters that's what I think I would point out.

>> I know the legislator 's dock is quite full for the spring. If there is no objection, HDC E sounds like a good place to send this. Approved copy to housing community development equity next item.

>> Agenda Item 4.2 resolution by counselor McLaughlin that the mayor put a city Council representative to the commission for persons with dishabille these.

>> Counselor McLaughlin (inaudible)—.

>> We can do it Mr. President I have spoken to the mayor's office about it I moved to approve.

>> Any further discussion counselor heartened and I like— ones are here anyways. That is approved with a gonna send that to the committee? Just approved there we go. Look at that.

>> Agenda Item 4.4 resolution by counselor McLaughlin the department of public works invest in trash barrels with latches to address rodent issues.

>> Counselor McLaughlin.

>> I do have something to say about this one, we have talked for a few years about the trash barrels getting a more durable trash barrel to prevent rodent issues, getting the metal trash barrel very expensive, not necessarily the best path. I got my new compost barrel, which is plastic. It has a latch on it and is supposedly ratted proof. What I have learned from this is the holes that you see on the rat in the trash barrels aren't rats chewing into the barrel, it is rats getting through the latch and then having to chew their way out of the barrel.

If we had latches in theory it would actually prevent rodents from getting into the barrels to begin with. I looked it up just online, it is like \$60 more a barrel to get a latch which sounds like a lot. Until you consider all the many trash barrels that we have had to replace because they are constantly chewed out. I'm just interested in this. I think it might be worthwhile to check it out and see if we can get some latches on these barrels. And help address the rodent issue. I would like this to go to public health and safety.

>> Counselor Wheeler signed on to any discussion?

>> Counselor heart like to sign on that item is approved copy public health public safety next item.

>> Agenda Item 4.5 resolution I counselor McLaughlin cancer clinging and closer [speaker too far from microphone].

>> City control prevents state takeover of schools. I encourage everyone to check it out.

>> Discussion? That item is approved.

>> Mr. President (inaudible)— commitment to equity and education closing the opportunity gap and supporting the whole child.

>> Thank you counselor Mbah [speaker too far from microphone].

>> Happy to send this one because it refers to confirmation appointments and personal matters.

>> Point of order chair did we get 4.7.

>> 4.7 withdrawn.

>> Thank you.

>> If anyone is concerned it's just because we had to fix some stuff I will resubmit it if I want to get it right before we move forward.

>> More right than it was at least. Next item.

>> 4.9 order by counselor Davis.

>> Reading waive the readings of 4.949 approve those sent out with a copy to community school building facilities.

>> Agenda Item 4.11 munication by counselor Wheeler in their capacity as chair of the finance committee conveying information on FY 2027 budget review process.

>> I think you chair. I promise I will be brief. There is a memo attached to this item. I encourage my colleagues to read it. With this fiscal year 2027 budget season underway I want to share the upcoming review process and schedule. Building on recent years we are going to continue using a format that emphasizes advanced questions and structured follow-up. Counselors are invited to submit initial questions for department heads ahead of each hearing. The province will respond in writing and hearing nights will be focused on follow-up and discussion. I am setting up a Google form for summoning questions. Department by department determination will be assigned to one of three hearing nights and then a fortnight will be reserved for follow-ups to questions that come up in those first three nights where counselors can request additional appearances from department heads as needed.

>> That item is close to the file. Next item.

>> 5.1 resolution by counselor Mbah that the director of Parks and Recreation Commissioner public works coordinate with local stakeholders including Somerville Garden club and other community volunteers to evaluate the feasibility of transforming the currently unused space located at the small white church across from West branch library into a community gardening space.

>> I would sign on to this one counselor Mbah.

>> Approved. Any further discussion.

>> Send to committee approved follow-ups you go from there. Send it to the committee.

>> Oh.

>> Yes to which.

>> [Speaker too far from microphone] Mr. President.

>> I think we can probably have a conversation, and then when we get a little more detail a new item could be cemented to the committee as needed.

>> Nice.

>> Good item approved X item.

>> Agenda six point committee report housing development and equity meeting in April 2026.

>> Colleagues I really want to avoid these numbers back to you just work your ears for a moment. We talked about stuff we had our meeting Wednesday, April 1, '56 PM hybrid in person. And on zoom we had director Schachter of the office of housing stability come forward and talk about the resident status of resident displacement (inaudible)— she said over five-month period from October 2025– for every 2026 counselor should I'm giving you information about the housing instability of the numbers of people facing displacement in the city. Thank you so much. Okay, over five- months. OHS received 50005 requests for assistance across 471 households. Of those 37% were displaced, roughly half spoke a language other than English. She emphasized the need for the mayor to identify future funding sources noting that increased evictions are expected as assistance becomes more limited.

This has not yet been observed; it could start to happen within the next one– two quarters. Resident assistant disbursements have declined significantly from an average of 250900 million hundred thousand dollars difference \$100,000 per month. In 2025 to approximately \$97,000 per month due to tightened eligibility criteria and funding strains. She emphasized the ongoing advocacy efforts and outlined federal policy changes that may be

further impacting vulnerable residents including, do Section 8 voucher availability. And proposed HUD rules affecting mixed status households that could force families to separate or lose housing assistance that's we're facing right now in Somerville when we talk about new units that have been approved for developing year-by-year this is the result of an information request. Talking about the approved development based on since the adoption of some revision.

The question itself had the data can go numerous directions so the director Alana Gaffney from I'm sorry deputy director of housing tried to put them in as many buckets as she could according to the data, but there is space for more conversations to have. On where we can go with the information. Primarily within the neighborhood most of the development in Somerville is primarily within the new residential district with 170 of 233 permits issued in these areas. And, outside of the spot ending the program spot ending hundred and 78 of 233 permits were for three units or fewer which did not trigger affordability requirements at the time. She added the larger scale development has shifted with assembly Square largely built out between 2016, and 2021 and more recent activity concentrated in Union Square.

Will midsize ten to 20-unit projects appear to have slowed. I will pause when we also discuss whether we want to take a look at the fair housing commission. We will talk more about that in future meetings. I offer this committee report to be accepted.

>> That item is approved for the next item.

>> Agenda Item 6C committee report report of the committee on land-use meeting joint session with the land planning Board April 16, 2026.

>> [Speaker too far from microphone] we had a few public hearings on fairly significant issues. I will try to be brief but explain these to you. There is a citizens petition to address dormers to allow more dormers in the city. That was not that content, not so much contention on that issue but it is an issue that (inaudible)—. They will remain in committee. There was a discussion around union to Associates LLC requesting a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of two– nine union square from CC five commercial core 52 midrise six. This would represent significant change on the zoning plan which would allow switch from commercial to residential use a lot of people spoke against it some people spoke for it I would encourage you all to a paid edge to this one as it is a significant change in the plan the union square there is also a citizens petition at 29 registered voters to address for amendments mostly

to do with backyard cottages, accessory dealt dwelling units, subdivision, former counselor Bill White introduce these. And spoke on behalf of the people submitting these petitions.

This would represent some significant changes to the way we deal with accessory dwelling units subdivisions of land, and not allowing condos to be built. Where ADU is this will be interesting. I will leave it at that I submit the community report to be accepted and encourage you all to follow up on this no votes were taken so this time for discussion.

>> Seen a room for discussion and that item is approved.

>> Agenda Item 7.3 request of the mayor requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rafael Santos to position a police officer.

>> Counselor Mbah.

>> I think they probably approve.

>> There might be a few you want to address.

>> Where are we Mr. President.

>> 7.3 7.11.

>> Mr. President we move to approve 7.327.11 and then seven. 12 through 7.14 confirmation of appointment.

>> 7.3 7.11 all confirmations and confirmations of new firefighter positions. It has been our approach recently to not send those types of appointments to the committee. We can truly do so if anyone has any objections to counselor Mbah (inaudible)— approve them all this evening any objections seeing numbers are approved 7.12714 counselor Mbah you want to waive the readings.

>> Yes Mr. President.

>> Any objection seeing then 7.121314 the next item.

>> Agenda Item 8.1 (inaudible)— recommendations for Item 26.004.

>> Item placed on file with copy. Next item.

>> A.3 officers munication from city clerk conveying block party license issued.

>> (Inaudible)— yay block parties. Next item.

>> 9.1.

>> Counselor heart.

>> I moved to waive the readings of 9.129.36 and approved this evening.

>> Any objection to waiving the readings of 9.1 through 9.36? And approve this evening? Seeing none of those items are all approved I was going to make a few comments

about a few but again, no one's watching anywhere this point go see the stuff good all the stuff you watch the recording of this look at the stuff on the list at school go see it. Next item.

>> Agenda Item 10.3.

>> I would like a counselor 's heart.

>> I would like to take up 10.3 and 10.4 together please.

>> All right.

>> Waive the reading.

>> I think if we prove that eating this meat in the evening , let's have the readings of these because they are new public events. Read them in, we will take them out for approval.

>> Agenda Item 10 for their public event Somerville Road runners apply for public about license for moms run at K run and walk for cancer on May 10th from seven AM to two PM and agenda item tempered for public about arts Council applying for public license for porch Fest 2026 on May 9th from 10:30 AM to seven PM.

>> Discussion answer Scott.

>> Mr. President, it has been your practice lately to hold these until the next meeting because they were supplements but given that Porch Fest is Porch Fest, and the Somerville Road runners have been doing this for a long time I am in kind to let it slide and approve these this evening.

>> Thank you counselors got both these would take place prior to our next city Council meeting hence the time of emergency. They were not able to be presented just to do the process of getting ready in place. I do want to read them because they are the new nude on the agenda. I would have the items read. In case anyone has any concerns, seeing no concerns goes items over the proof.

>> That brings us to the end of the agenda Mr. President.

>> Delayed items.

>> No other items before.

>> Are you sure there's nothing we can do tonight?

>> I will.

>> Mr. Present we do have our Saturday clean up days thanks to counselor McLaughlin.

>> This Saturday?

>> It was the one banging the drum for them. I encourage everybody who is still watching to come on out and help us clean out starting at I believe ten AM.

>> Ten AM.

>> There will not be a competition as to who has the most volunteers.

>> There will be an addition as to who Ward is the cleanest afterwards.

>> Of course.

>> All right with that counselors got also moved to adjourn, we are adjourned thanks everyone.