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>> Mayor Reed: Call the meeting to order. This is rules and open government committee meeting for March the 11th, 2009. Please take your conversations outside, if you want to continue talking. I want to welcome Councilmember Chirco back and all the media presence for her return. We're happy to have her back to the Rules Committee.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Not as happy as I am.

>> Mayor Reed: Any additions or changes to the agenda order that we don't have on the agenda? There are a couple of things that we probably should take up in slightly different order. Item 10.4, the Cesar Chavez memorial walkway, on 10.3, regarding the zoning code changes on certain rezoning and code amendment proposals, we need to defer that for a week. I think that's the request from planning. Any problems with that? Any other changes? Okay. We'll just go through the order. First item then is the council meeting for March 17th agenda. Changes on page 1? Page 2 or 3? Page 4 or 5? Page 6 or 7? 4.3, the annual progress report on housing element, I would just alert staff there will probably be questions about the ABAG numbers, and our issues with ABAG on this I think will probably come out as part of that discussion. Anything on page 8 or 9? Page 10 or 11? Page 12 or 13? Page 14 or 15? All right, I've got some requests for additions.

>> Councilmember Constant: Mr. Mayor, I had a note --

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: I had a note on 11.5 and 11.6 there was a deferral requested.

>> Lee Price: You're absolutely right. This is the memo from three councilmembers.

>> Mayor Reed: That's right, this is the week that we have three councilmembers going to a meeting. The request was to defer that for a week, was that the request for Councilmember Chu?

>> Councilmember Constant: Yes.

>> Lee Price: We can note that it is deferred pursuant the council meeting.

>> It will be deferred until the following meeting because we have no meeting on March the 24th, evening.

>> Mayor Reed: These are very small projects. I don't think there's any community interest in coming to a meeting so the afternoon is probably fine for those. Other additions, a proclamation for March 18th, Silicon Valley science and engineering fair day.

>> Mr. Mayor, we're going to make a small change to the add sheets. We're going to remove one of the items on the 24th add sheet, and bring it to the 17th add sheet, to make it a little more balanced. The women's history month, we'll move it to the 17th add sheet.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, women's history month proclamation, we have an excused absence for Vice Mayor Chirco. Any other additions or anything from the appointees, no? Okay we have a motion to approve it as agenda -- as amended. All in favor? Opposed? None opposed, that's approved. Item 3 be 2 is the March 24th draft agenda. Anything on page 1 to be changed or discussed? Page 2 or 3? Page 4 or 5? I had a question on 3.4, the settlement of card room litigation. There was an advance memo on that which went out in the early distribution packet.

>> City Attorney Doyle: That was posted last -- yesterday afternoon.

>> Mayor Reed: When will the accompanying documents get posted? When we post this agenda, is that correct?

>> City Attorney Doyle: That's correct.

>> Mayor Reed: Anything else on 4 or 5? Councilmember Pyle.

>> Councilmember Pyle: 3.5?

>> Mayor Reed: 3.5, appointments to unanticipated vacancies on --

>> Councilmember Pyle: It is my understanding, one candidate per board?

>> Lee Price: That's correct. We'll eliminate the S.

>> Mayor Reed: Let me ask on this one, how we will handle the interviews whether we'll do them during the council meeting or do you anticipate setting them for special interview like we do other boards and commissions? What about the questionnaire that we've asked the candidates to fill out, approaching that process?

>> Lee Price: Yes, Mr. Mayor, Lee Price, City Clerk. We anticipated that the council would want to interview the candidates. So I've prepared the draft agenda so it would reflect the interview as part of the consideration. We would provide to the council the statements prepared by the candidates, the recommendations by the retirement board, and they have also completed the surveys, the same questionnaires, that you recently had other candidates prepare. So we were going to provide all that information to you. If you would like to conduct the interview on a different date, we can certainly arrange that and take that off this agenda and schedule it for another date, and/or put it at the tail end of the day or earlier in the day. It's totally your prerogative.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. Why don't we come back to that when we see the whole agenda and see if we can pick a time for them, rather than they have to sit through the entire agenda, either at the end or somewhere here, although we have a lot of other things on this agenda. Let's come back to 3.5. Anything else on page 4 or 5? Page 6 or 7? Page 8 or 9? Page 10 or 11? We have also the housing authority agenda which will follow with one item. We'll follow the council meeting agenda. Do we have requests for additions, proclamation declaring March 28th as sport women artists now day, the request for women's history month well be put on to the 17th agenda. Excused absence for Councilmember Chu for the league of cities board meeting in Sacramento. Councilmember Constant request for excused absence due to illness. Any other requests or additions?

>> City Manager Figone: Mr. Mayor, I just returned from our monthly City Manager's association meeting. And cities are being asked to put on, it would either be for the 17th or the 24th, a proclamation declaring disaster service worker week, so I'd like to have the flexibility to put that on either of the agendas after I follow up with staff.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, let's look and see how many ceremonials we have, we can do that on either one of these, we can do that next week, right?

>> City Manager Figone: Yes.

>> Just so you know, Mr. Mayor, currently we do have our five for the 24th. Which is part of the reason why we moved the women's history to the 17th. It would be better if we could get it on the 17th.

>> City Manager Figone: If it's important enough for us to put it on, we will accommodate the 17th.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. Any other changes? No? Motion to approve.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Second.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion to approve as amended. All in favor, opposed, none opposed, let's go back and look at the 3.5, the appointments to fill unanticipated vacancies on police around fire retirement board, try to figure out what time to set that. If we put it at the end of the agenda, can we -- can we figure out what time that will be? Councilmember Chirco.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Well if there's additions --

>> Mayor Reed: Figure out what the number is.

>> Councilmember Chirco: The number of candidates.

>> Mayor Reed: We have only two candidates, we know that. But we may have changes to the agenda as well. So --

>> Lee Price: We'll make sure the candidates know it's on the agenda but to be flexible in terms of their time and we can confirm with them next week a more firm time frame.

>> Mayor Reed: I would suggest there are other items on the agenda that may take some time. Okay, that takes care of the city agendas. Next is redevelopment agendas.

>> Gary Miskimon for the redevelopment. The agency has nothing for March 17th. With your concurrence we will cancel the agency's afternoon agenda and of course the items that are on the joint agenda will be remaining.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion? All in favor, opposed, that passes unanimously. Okay, March 24th agenda. Anything on page 1, page 2 or 3? Page 4 or 5? Page 6 or -- well, page 6. Any changes or additions?

>> There are no changes or adds to this agenda.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Motion to approve.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Second.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion is to approve. All in favor, opposed, none opposed, that's approved. Next item is the legislative update. Betsy Shotwell is here for a verbal report.

>> Betsy Shotwell: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the committee, Betsy Shotwell, director of intergovernmental relations. I would request a delay. Our lobbyist is on her way here. If we could delay that, I'd appreciate it.

>> Mayor Reed: All right. We'll circle back. Anything from the public record, the committee wants to pull to discuss?

>> Councilmember Constant: Motion to note and file.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Second.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion is to note and file. I've got some cards I think they're all about other things, anybody here want to speak on the public record? I'll look through all the cards. Motion to note and file the public record, all in favor? Opposed, none opposed, that's approved. Appointments to boards and commissions. We have some recommendations for the project diversity screening committee, recommendation from Councilmember Nguyen, and myself, one for Trudy Ellerbeck for a second term and appointing Rick partridge as well.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Move approval.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Pyle.

>> Councilmember Pyle: I was a little confused about the number of recommendations Madison put forth. Councilmembers can only have six names. Is it closed at this point?

>> Speak into the microphone, please.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Sorry. I wanted to ask about the diversity screening committee, since the council can only have six members, and we have six from one councilmember. I'm not sure I understand how this works.

>> Lee Price: Let me explain, thank you, councilmember. Lee Price, City Clerk. Councilmember Madison Nguyen nominated six individuals for project diversity screening committee without making a preference. All of the candidates she feels are qualified to serve. So she put forward all of their names. But you're right, there are six appointments made by councilmembers, the other appointments are made by the mayor. We currently have four vacancies. I didn't receive nominations from any of the other council office. You have one coming?

>> Councilmember Pyle: Yes.

>> Lee Price: So perhaps we could defer the councilmember appointments for a week, while we also see if other councilmembers might provide some nominations, as well. Currently, all council districts are represented but for district 3, so I have suggested to Councilmember Liccardo that he might want to make a nomination to make sure that district 3 is represented. But we can take representatives -- more than one representative from a district, given the fact that are 13 members and ten districts.

>> Mayor Reed: Pete.

>> Councilmember Constant: I would just suggest if we are going to do that that we set a new deadline. I realize we missed the deadline and just stopped working on it because I figured, oh, I missed the deadline. If we're going to have another opportunity we should have enough time to contact people and do more work.

>> Lee Price: I'd be happy to do that and I'd like to have it a short deadline. The reason is this: The vacancies already exist because the folks termed out, have moved on and are doing or projects. Screening committee meets as a whole next Friday. And beginning the first week in April they will break up into their subcommittees to do the interviews of the applicants for about 42 openings are on -- on boards and admissions. I believe we have about 70 applicants -- 80 applicants, thank you Nora -- 82 applicants for about four seats. That's great but the screening committee has a lot of work to do to establish these subcommittees so they can get the interviews done the first part of April. So how much additional time do you think you might needs?

>> Councilmember Constant: My only concern is, if we're reopening it, the deadline's tomorrow at 5:00 to be -- for the Rules Committee for next week so --

>> Mayor Reed: Why don't we take two weeks, then, it will be the 25th, take it up here on the 25th.

>> Lee Price: Okay.

>> Mayor Reed: We have two reappointments, Rick partridge and Trudy Ellerbeck, whom we could appoint this week, and continue the others so the councilmembers can submit.

>> Councilmember Pyle: It is my understanding that you will have that by 5:00 tomorrow.

>> Lee Price: Good, good. Okay.

>> Councilmember Constant: I'd make that motion to reappoint the two and to reopen the councilmember nominations for -- to be heard at a meeting two weeks from today.

>> Mayor Reed: Which would mean the deadline for submitting names would be a --

>> Councilmember Constant: A week from tomorrow.

>> Mayor Reed: -- week from tomorrow. It's in the rules packet. Is there a second to that?

>> Councilmember Pyle: Second.

>> Mayor Reed: All in favor, opposed, none opposed, that's approved.

>> Lee Price: Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: All right, time for some baseball. Next item is 10.1A. It is always time for baseball. Regarding the A's stadium in San Jos . Have a memo from me, recommending that we place this on the agenda for April 7th in the evening, to allow for public participation in the discussion. Have a memo from councilmembers Campos, Pyle and Herrera who have some other recommendations. We will take this up at this time. Let me speak to my memo, I'm recommending that we put this on the agenda. There's obviously a lot of interest, lot of excitement around the possibility we might be able to get the A's team in San Jos . That's a really great thing, a great opportunity but at this point it's not yet really an opportunity. It's a possible opportunity. Because in my conversations with Lew Wolff, he's going to take a few weeks to decide what he's going to do next, now that he's begin up on Fremont. Least very much enjoying spring training, and spring training is a great time of baseball because every team has a chance to win, and they're all going to be great. If he decides he want to pursue a stadium in San Jos , then he's going to have to do something with major league baseball. Because major league baseball controls the territorial rights that have San Jos  in the Giants territory. Exactly how he might proceed with doing that is pretty much up to Mr. Wolff. Because it is truly a case of inside baseball. What happens with major league baseball and how it happens is probably going to be a mystery to most of us but is not something we can move ahead on unilaterally. It's going to have to be up to Mr. Wolff to deal with major league baseball. There will probably be a role for us to play, I'm sure he'll be happy to let us know what major role we can play. But there are things we can do in San Jos  and I've outlined some of them in my memo, to prepare for the possibility that major league baseball may be coming to ask us about a stadium possibility. We need to prepare ourselves to be in a position to take advantage of the opportunity, if it arises. There are several things we need to do. We need to build the community support. That means reaching out to the neighborhoods who might be affected by a possible stadium looking at the issues and the problems. Finding solutions. It means getting the business community engaged, it means getting labor engaged, it means getting the fan base engaged so that we can present the best possible opportunity for baseball. We know that we have a great market, lots of studies have looked at this market. And it's a great market for professional sports. There's not much we can do about that, but it's good to be great. But there are things we can do about our own part of this. The site that we have identified is not 100% ready, even though we've done an environmental impact report. There's work that can be done there. So that if and when major league baseball calls us, we're ready to go. We have the uniform, it's hanging in the closet. We've got to get it out of the closet, put it on and we have to wait for the fans in the stadium. We have to wait for a few things, one is to ask the staff to come forward with a resolution indicating our support for the possibility of bringing a team to San Jos . Identifying the site that we've already looked at. Having our team of city and redevelopment staff working together to assess the steps that might be needed to be taken. Prepare the site at park avenue for potential consideration, and develop an outreach for neighborhood and businesses. And I've asked that we bring that status report back to the council through the community and economic development committee which Councilmember Pyle chairs, within a couple of months of the April 7th meeting. So I think that allows the public a chance to get engaged in this, it allows us to make some preliminary decisions, but we have a lot of questions that have to be answered, a lot of work that needs to be done. But I'm excited about the opportunity even though there are hurdles. We've already gotten some excitement about this, obviously. Baseball San Jos  is rolling this time, they have a Facebook page, new technology is being applied here. And we have another group of people and I know some them are here, been involved in what's called the A's to San Jos  study group to begin to identify issues and move this forward. So the community support is beginning to be built. But there's a lot of work yet to be done. But I know a lot of people are excited and it's grate to have the enthusiasm, and excitement, part of the work that needs to be done. I'm recommending that we put this on the evening of April the 7th, based upon my conversations with Lew Wolff. There are things he doesn't really want us to do, like trying to get engaged with major league baseball. So that's not part of my recommendation. I think it's premature to worry about spending public funds on a poll. That is something that we might want to do at some point, we can certainly discuss that. But this agenda language I think moves us ahead and brings us to the coalition of labor and business and corporate and community that we need in order to be successful with this. So that's the explanation of my memo. Comments from the committee, Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: Well, thank you, mayor. I'd like to just say I agree with everything you said.

>> Mayor Reed: Mark that down!

>> Councilmember Constant: On this particular agenda item. [Laughter]

>> Councilmember Constant: So I don't want to belabor the point other than I'm fully supportive and I'd like to move your memo if there is a second.

>> Councilmember Pyle: There is a second.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, we have a motion to move my memo on council agenda for April the 7th. I do have some requests from the public to speak on this item. Anything else from the committee? We're going to take that at this point.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Sure, did I want to speak to mine, too. But sure.

>> Mayor Reed: Let me sort these out in a minute. I think I have some them on other items that are mixed in here. Some of them I have to guess so if you want to speak and I don't call your name, I'm sure you'll let me know. All right, first, Michael Mulcahy.

>> Vice Mayor, it's good to have you back. Good afternoon, I'm Michael Mulcahy. I'm a co-chair of the A's to San JosÉ study group, proud member of an organize that is really looking to -- look at and test sort of the local appetite for baseball. We plan to do a poll. We raised a significant amount of money to start that process. We are here to start that process, pushing forward the mayor's memo clearly outlining the move forward. April 7th is the first week of the new season of baseball. So good timing on choosing that week. And other members of our team are here today. But I'm also proud to say that Susan hammer former mayor of San JosÉ has agreed to co-chair the A's to San JosÉ study group along with me and we're very excited to get going. We're here to support you and your efforts and we look forward to getting San JosÉ its first baseball team. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Ross Signorino and then Paul Higgins.

>> Ross Signorino: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I agree with everything you've said, Mr. Mayor, too. I think. As you can see, my sign says here, A's okay in San JosÉ. Which I really mean. I think it would be a great thing if the A's were to come here and, if somehow or another, it could be financed in the right way, that no taxpayers' money will be spent here. Because you know, when you consider talk at the budget and so on, that we are debating whether we can even afford crossing guards at school, I think that's a priority that we must remember, and other priorities that we have, too, like library hours. We have parks that need maintenance, or there are many streets that need maintenance. Those things come first. They are priorities. They are the first services that a city -- a city administration should give. We should never forget that. But as far as the A's coming here I think it would be a great thing for San JosÉ. I think the location is great for the downtown area, and I think the stimulus for the community here. I don't live there, that is not in my backyard. So I don't know how the people in that particular area are going to take this, the community in that area. But as you said Mr. Mayor, you're going to have outreach and listen to the people and get their opinion. This is a thing that's great to your credit. You can't take that away from you and I think that's the right way to go about it. And I think this opportunity, they only come around once in a while. It happened once before, we could have gotten the Giants there, but unfortunately, they wanted to impose a utility tax and we defeated it at the ballot box. I'm sure it would be a good thing, if we handle it financially. A's welcome in San JosÉ but not taxes. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Paul Higgins, Yolanda Reynolds after that.

>> Good afternoon, thanks for this opportunity. Bear with me while I try to read my chicken scratches. I've got the worst handwriting. My name is Paul Higgins, a member of the San JosÉ downtown residents association and a baseball fan. I really do appreciate this issue being brought forward. I understand that thus far Lew Wolff isn't fully committed to bringing the team to San JosÉ. In life everything I have gotten I got because I showed people I really wanted it. We're putting the first steps in place to make this happen. For the most part, our neighbors in the neighborhood do support the idea of the Oakland A's coming to San JosÉ and specifically because it would increase the awareness of San JosÉ. It would help bring jobs to San JosÉ and really it would encourage

businesses to open up downtown which is something really important to our neighbors in bringing in more businesses and such. However, we do caution there is a concern about how it would be paid for, in particular we don't want to see a major city subsidy. If this were to come to fruition, we'd like to see this happen similar to what we saw happen in San Francisco through private funding. Otherwise we seem to be very supportive and very excited about the prospect of bringing the A's to San José. Thank you for bringing this forward.

>> Mayor Reed: Yolanda Reynolds.

>> Good afternoon Mayor and members of the city council. I do not remember having the mass questions we had submitted for that draft EIR, I never saw the results of it. Because that all faded, everybody said, oh, we don't have to finish, wasn't done. That site that you've chosen is going to cost us money already if it comes out of the redevelopment pot. Or I don't even know, you say that redevelopment owns it, I don't know when they purchased it and at what cost. But even so that's taxpayer money. Even now, you have a huge shortfall in the city budget and we have a lot of people whose homes have been foreclosed. I'd like to see that money go to help those people stay in their homes. Every time I read the newspaper, there's a list of foreclosed homes there. I'm sure sports are very important but I'm not sure, two things, one, the economy and two, the location. I must admit, you can call me a NIMBY, but this is the heart of the city and I live near the heart of the city and I -- we cannot tolerate any more. I don't know how many of you went to see the -- to listen to the scoping for the high-speed rail. They're Planning, as far as I can tell, it's going to be on top of your stadium. That's not -- we really have to look at this. And I also want to remind you of measure G. This has to go before the public for a vote. And also, that particular site that you say is going to be for the stadium, that was promised to this -- that area of the city, to be a park. That is a very park-deficient area. I'll leave it with that. There are other people who will come up with even more.

>> Mayor Reed: Katherine Mathison and David Wall.

>> I live in the Shasta Hanchett area. When this subject came up, I cannot tell you how much emotion, I can't tell you what other subject has attracted more attention and most of it is negative. Most people want a ballpark in San José, that's not the problem. It's the location. I had an office three blocks from the San Francisco ballpark when it came in. It destroyed the neighborhood. The people, the creative people, the small, really good small businesses, the good restaurants, all left. I was just really -- I had to leave. I could not stand that community anymore. And I am -- I'm a -- I grew up here in San José. So I -- the deadening thatches that happens and the kinds of businesses that come to a community around a ballpark is not something that I would like to see for San José. I've also been to Camden yards and Wrigley field in Chicago and urban parks and they also have the same feeling around them. And this would just bring one side of San José to be a very sort of negative deadening area. Train stations in active cities are a vital part of the city. And with arrivals, visitors will want to visit San José at all times of the day and night. Think about places like Grand Central Station. Now, I think the important thing, there's this article in MSNBC --

>> Mayor Reed: I'm sorry, your time is up but if you could share that article with us, the clerk will make sure it gets circulated. Your time is up for now.

>> I just want to say it talks about all the various transportation notes and it is going to be --

>> Mayor Reed: Please share that with us. David Wall and Debra Errant.

>> First I'd like to welcome back Vice Mayor Chirco. Your absence has been sorely missed. There is inherent danger dealing with teams of any kind unless you own them. A careful review of the detrimental reliance of the Oakland A's might be looked into. Next we have the Oakland municipal code, in the application and purchase of land under redevelopment for one punch and then some later date, the purpose is changed. Then we get into the destruction of the neighborhood which I do not live in. But it will require certain measure of eminent domain and that has yet to be talked about to secure the other properties. But the bigger issue here is to bring baseball, it's a location. A joint venture with the county, at the fairgrounds is the most prudent land use issue. You could build in excess of 100,000 plus stadium down there and get a football team and a baseball team. Downtown baseball, you don't have the money in this economy. But if you're going to invest it, do a joint venture with the county so the taxpayers of the region can be better served. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Debra Arent. Anybody else want to speak on this? That's the last card I have.

>> Good afternoon, my name is Debra Arent, vice president of the Shasta Hanchett neighborhood neighborhood committee. We suggest that neighborhood meetings be scheduled before any further action. The EIR is currently outdated. Significant changes have occurred since its acceptance. The city has significant budget issues already. Where are the funds for this? How does the selection of the area for the stadium affect the high speed rail, the Diridon station and BART. All of these things require answers. We respectfully request you have public meetings before you pursue this any further. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. That concludes the public testimony. Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: Thank you. I just wanted to thank all those who spoke, and there's been a lot of questioning raised. And I think that the mayor's memo is the first step in getting those questions answered. The city of San Jos  needs to prepare for these discussions, and this memo and these actions that the council may take at the council meeting on April 7th will allow us to set up those type of meetings and make sure that all these questions are answered in the event that the A's do become ready to come to San Jos . So I just want to reassure you that all these will happen when there's something more definitive on the table.

>> Mayor Reed: Anything else from the committee? We have a motion to approve my memo and April 7th meeting. Yes, please.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Yes, thank you. I just want to clarify some information. First of all on the editorial from the Mercury News on the 9th, and the memo I signed with Councilmember Constant and Herrera. I wanted to congratulate you, mayor, your memo was outstanding, I agree with all of it. In reference to that, there was already a Brown Act that had been created, so there was no way for information to slow down so we were operating outside the vacuum. First of all taxpayers can't pay for this and the city doesn't have any money. So it's a poll that is going to have to take place with other people's money, OPM, we call it. And -- but the point is that we've had some very reputable firms that have done polls for us, especially J and K and some of the others that would be extremely reputable. And based on what I heard from the committee, I'm sure there would be no reluctance to try to work with these same firms. And then I think it's great that the City Manager and in this case Harry rather than the chief development officer would be working with us so there is a continual flow of information, not only for the public at large but for councilmembers as well. So I'm very, very happy about that. And then that basically covers it. I just want to thank you and I'm delighted that Susan hammer and Michael Mulcahy are co-chairing this group. Should be a really good, well founded group and I look forward to the progress that we're going to be make. Thank you, Mayor.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. Anything else from the committee? We have a motion. All in favor? Opposed? None opposed, motion's approved. See you all on April 7th. Our next item is 10.2. Regarding a resolution confirming, and indicating current support of land use designations on former San Jos  medical center site. Says it's been deferred from February 11th, 18th and March 4th. We have a memorandum from the City Attorney with the draft resolution language that's been circulated all those weeks. Any additional report, City Attorney?

>> City Attorney Doyle: No, I think it's self-explanatory, it's consistent with what the memorandum asked, and just await any direction from this committee.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: I just wanted to ask the City Attorney if he had any comment on the letter that we all received, dated March 6th from Mattioni, Loffman and Herchmon. Do you have any opinion on these that staff should know?

>> City Attorney Doyle: My staff is sharing their information with Mr. Mattioni. My staff shared some information with me about 15 minutes before this meeting and I haven't had a chance to go through this. I surely can -- if this is agendized with the council we'll be prepared to address this then. Some of this is just language. I think the one issue on the recordation, that was something that was specifically requested in the memo and it really is an

attempt not to quiet title but to really put the world on notice of the council's intentions. And -- but other than that I really haven't had a chance to digest it.

>> Councilmember Constant: I wasn't aware that you just received it. I guess I should have sent you my copy earlier, I got this in advance and I assumed everyone has. If you just let us know by the time this comes to council.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Absolutely.

>> Councilmember Constant: I'd like to have answers or at least our perspective on these questions.

>> Mayor Reed: There is one other date that I can't remember and this is a referral from the council. We had council direction a long time ago, I've lost track of when. Was it in January when council approved the actions regarding this site?

>> City Attorney Doyle: At the time when the EIR on the demolition was approved.

>> Mayor Reed: When was that?

>> City Attorney Doyle: I want to say it was January but --

>> January 13th.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, back in January. So council said, we want to do this, get a resolution. So it's come back from the council. That's how we got it back. I did have a chance to talk with Councilmember Liccardo who wasn't able to be here, I think. He would like to move this on to the council, let the council make whatever policy decision on the language or anything else that needs to be done. I think April 7th is probably a date to do that, looking at the March 24th agenda, and so I agree with Councilmember Liccardo, let's -- we deferred this three or four times now. Let's just move it on to the council.

>> Councilmember Constant: I'll make that motion for you.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. We have a motion and second to do that. All right, people who want to speak on this item, we'll take testimony now. Bob Lininger, Gary Shanehauer, come on down.

>> Thanks for your support on this. Bob Lininger, coalition for the downtown medical center. This is going to go a long way to build trust with the community. We wholeheartedly support your going ahead with this on April the 7th.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, Gary Shanehauer.

>> Thank you, mayor and members of the committee. The letter that was sent to the rules committee by Norm Mattioni was initially set to the city attorney's office a month ago. Rick may not have seen it, but his staff have. They expressed to us a concern that unless the council Rules Committee gave direction to attempt to respond, and incorporate some of the concerns that we have expressed, that they weren't in a position to make those changes. So I would hope, today, that the committee would suggest to the city attorney's office that prior to the 7th, comments that we have offered, as well as the other stakeholders, could be incorporated into a revised draft so that when it comes before the council on the 7th, perhaps our concerns have been addressed, as well as others. And that way, the council could in fact hopefully have agreement from all of us, and act on the resolution on the 7th. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. Lisa, and I can't quite read your last name well enough to be able to pronounce it, Maratz, Marotz, I've got bad eyes and bad handwriting together --

>> I'm Lisa Morrow. I think many of you know our organization, California nurses organization, public welfare advocacy organization. We've been involved in this issue now for several years. And we're here to speak on

behalf of getting this agenda item before the city council as soon as possible, as-is. And we wholeheartedly support this resolution and are looking forward to having it heard before the city council in its entirety at the next earliest available date. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Ross Signorino and then Rosalind Dean.

>> Ross Signorino: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the committee here, Rules Committee. The first speaker that spoke, he used the word hospital. I don't think this is a hospital. I think it's some sort of a medical center that people can go take care of minor things if you want to catch it that. Well, at any rate, this is a sorely needed operation, in that particular area that you're talking about here on Santa Clara, on Santa Clara Street here, because it's a lot of people live there, and they certainly have all kind of medical needs. And for them to go to a hospital, I think valley medical is a long ways off, and I think what is that used to be Lexington brothers hospital, I don't know what they call it now, San José medical group, I think that's a long ways off too, and this is right in the heart of the city where it's sorely needed. All the attention, as much effort as necessary to be put into this to see that this goes through. And I'm sure you've held this location in reserve for such an occasion and maybe it's coming to fruition that you could do this. And I think this is something that would be to your credit beyond words. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Rosalind Dean.

>> Rosalind Dean with the coalition for San José hospital, previously the San José medical coalition. I would like to see this go forward, as soon as this is written, April 7th sounds good. I would like to see the city council that the attorney addressed some of the issues on here that that be brought forth to the city council but that there be discussion at city council. There is one addition that we would like to make, some of the additions that HCA wants to make, we agree with, some we don't. I'd like to see it go forward as soon as possible. April 7th sounds good to me. In conclusion, at our April meeting for the coalition for a downtown hospital which is the second meeting of the month, we meet at the first Presbyterian church in downtown, we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary. We have been at this for ten years. You are all invited, please come.

>> Mayor Reed: That concludes the testimony, I think. Unless somebody else wants to speak on this. Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: I just want to be sure it was kind of implicit in my motion, maybe I will get it explicit. Maybe we should have it in the motion like the clerk said.

>> Mayor Reed: We will have a motion to put it on our agenda. All in favor, opposed, that's approved. 10.4, we didn't talk about 10.4 in the additions for the March 24th meeting. That is the Cesar Chavez memorial walkway. I just wanted to make sure that actually got included in the work.

>> Councilmember Constant: Just make a motion?

>> Mayor Reed: Yes.

>> Councilmember Constant: Make a motion to add that.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion to add the Cesar Chavez walkway to the March 24th, agenda.

>> Mayor Reed: All right, the City Auditor's update.

>> Sharon Erickson: Thank you, Sharon Erickson, city auditor. We issued the report of Macias Gini, for the fiscal year dated June 30, 2008. No exceptions were noted as a result of their procedures and that report has also been accepted. I wanted to also point out that we participated, my office participated in a nationwide conference call over the last several weeks with the general accounting office and other local government auditors regarding the review and audit requirements under the federal stimulus package and my office will be following up on that. The act requires significant transparency and accountability provisions with potential audit implications, and my office will follow whatever we need to do, we will do. Assignments in progress include audit of auto theft investigations

and workers compensation. We hope to have those out in the next month. Our audits of the park bond funds and parcel taxes and also the San José conservation corps agreements are being delayed for a month to allow for additional review of audit findings by the auditees and that's my report.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Pyle.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Sharon I have a quick question. Sharon, congratulations on your great work. Any audits that you're in progress with that would have significance when it comes to budget talks?

>> There are potential budget implications of some of these. I'm not sure that they would have potential to affect this coming year's budget. Given the cycle time, I'm not sure whether it would happen that quickly.

>> Councilmember Pyle: I hated to ask.

>> Sharon Erickson: I have asked my staff. We are also following up on audit recommendations currently to make sure that we're following up on anything with any potential budget implications immediately. Nothing is jumping to mind. I'm looking for magic bullets but haven't found one yet.

>> Councilmember Pyle: I think you're not alone. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Constant.

>> Councilmember Constant: I just wanted to comment on item 9, the white paper follow-up on the SEA. I'm looking forward to seeing that. I'm glad you're taking the extra step because it is going to be helpful and informative to everyone in the city. Thank you.

>> Councilmember Chirco: I would like to make a motion to approve.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Reed: All in favor, opposed, approved. Before you go, the next is the legislative update, there is work based on my conversations with people in Washington, audit and follow up and make sure the money gets spent the way they intend it to be spent. It's a high priority for the administration as well as members of Congress and we have to think in advance. Before we start spending the money how we're going to make it easy to do the audit and the follow-up. So I think there's work in there for your office, as well as elsewhere in the administration. Because almost every agency got additional funding for oversight. Including Tony West who I had breakfast with. He's just had his hearing for taking over the civil division of the Department of Justice, 950 lawyers. And they gave him a budget increase to add some more lawyers for oversight prosecution of waste, fraud and abuse, so we don't want to go there. We want to make sure we do it right out the door. I think there will be some work done there for somebody, probable the auditor.

>> Sharon Erickson: That's what we're hearing as well.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay. Thank you very much. We're back to the rest of the legislative report. [Break in captions]
By comparison, a 24/7 schedule for 100 days while the legislature is prodivided on ideological and political positions until we finally did address the \$42 billion shortfall. Like the Mayor just mentioned a recent trip to D.C. and stimulus program and recovery package, in Sacramento I would like to describe a couple of those issue areas and the next step, as well. What we have going right now, obviously, is great confusion. The complexities which the budget deal was put together, keep in mind legislators didn't even see the writing of it until they were on the floor the 20th and 19th of February.

>> They didn't have a 10-day rule book?

>> They have no rules. [LAUGHTER] And we learned very quickly with regard to the rules, they can always be broken. They're written to be broken. But setting that aside, the complexities now are the details of implementing the 33 bills that were part of the budget package. And to also recognize, it is best illustrated that you're hearing

right now this week in next step is this whole issue of triggered cuts. Obviously, across-the-board, huge implications for every segment of state government and anyone who is connected with state government. But there was a provision put in to give guesstimate, if you will, what was anticipated in the federal stimulus dollars that would be coming to Sacramento. At the time it was truly guesstimate, and so they wrote language that they anticipated that initially 7.8 billion would come through the stimulus federal program and could be used as an offset for certain categories of general fund funding. Those categories, the first draw down certainly for education purposes and for social services and for retiring debt, but they were particularly eyeing those ... how much dollars could they get in their share of the stimulus in the state level to cover their otherwise education costs and mitigate for the \$11 million hit. So they were looking at that, they also knew they probably could qualify because of the complexities of the dollars and how they're defined in the qualifies, as we all know, the confusion at this point, how they could also apply funding for unemployment insurance compensation, and also, in addition to education, the huge funding of health care service providing and Medical/Medicaid relationship. So the guesstimate was made and it was originally put in the budget documents they assumed they would get \$7.8 billion. Then they decided, well, we'll put it at 10. And what they did, then, was to go ahead and put in place language called trigger cuts, not trickery, but trigger cuts. And what they were doing then is betting on that amount of money at minimum, and then they set, they did the construct of the resolve of the budget, and assumed that that money would be of a color and nature they could use to defray some of those costs. So the language, I think you're probably hearing something about, the trigger cuts said that to the extent the federal dollars realized are \$10 billion or more, they will not then have to go back and reopen the state budget and make another \$950 million cut to help social services. And the issue of expanding the personal income tax increases. Now, what has happened in the last two days is that the department of finance has issued a preliminary report and they are saying, you know, we were wrong in our guesstimate, we don't think we will get that much for these categories of funding so we think it won't be 10 billion, it will be more like \$8 billion, \$2 billion short. What that does correspondingly, it puts all those social services programs in jeopardy, potentially, with a first look-see estimate, and then it also --

>> I'm sorry, ROXANNE, could you clarify which budget you're talking about because they did it in a very confusing way. So is this for next year's budget or the year we're currently in.

>> This is next year.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, I know we have troubles in the year we're currently in.

>> And Mr. mayor, that is currently complicated by the federal government now passing their budget schedule, which I understand was six months late. So the supplemental is starting to look more like Washington so in any case, if the outcome, if that estimate were to be maintained would be that it would be unlikely that the social service program could be helped at all and would be in jeopardy almost another billion dollars. And the other piece that's a tax, a personal tax increase, it is likely that would be automatically increased from a .12% increase to a .25% increase. Now, keep in mind that this was a guesstimate and even the governor yesterday said, well it is a mess up here and I don't know where my director of finance even came up with those numbers, I don't know those numbers, look at the law. And the law says that by April 1 of this year, it would be a joint discussion between state treasurer and straight director of finance, who had already opined with his opinion. We expect that to happen. There are other interest groups, as you can imagine, in Sacramento who have already indicated we can do the math and our math comes to a different conclusion and we are clearly going to be well beyond the 10 billion. So that is a big issue and that has the potential to really skew what is already a budget filled with --

>> Mayor Reed: Well, get to the bottom line here, it seems to me we don't really have a budget for next year. Under no way, in the real world that we have to live in, would you consider that a budget for next year. It's not done yet.

>> That's right.

>> Mayor Reed: It depends on six measures on the ballot in may, money coming into the federal government, we don't know, so we're really starting over on next year's budget, it seems like.

>> That is correct. And everyone is cautioning, don't spend the stimulus money too fast, although we've got to get it out the door quickly to meet restrictions for eligibility. But that brings to the next point in the steps that are

happening. That is the statewide election coming up on may 19, which Mr. mayor, it does have six items on it. And some of those include, are critical, because it is a redirection of first five commission dollars, it is a redirection of prop 63, which is the health care services. It is also authorization for a new what is called a spending cap on the state of California. It is also a proposal that will provide substantial increases authorized, \$5 billion to be realized from the lottery, also three different funding sources that are part of funding the \$40 billion short fall, including an increase in the personal income, a 1% increase in the sales tax, and a couple of other proposals. So that will be happening. So it is going to be very difficult, as you say, to say there is anything done until we get through a couple of these tests. So if I may, in the meantime, what is happening and what can we expect. As you may recall, we had not only the cash ... we had not only a budget problem, and a huge one, but we had ... it was twofold. We had a cash flow problem, and that was brought home to us in December when the pool of money investment board looking at the lack of the market, the disaster of the market, the cost of entering the market, even if you could, which you couldn't for these last few months, what could we do. We had an aggressive effort already under way, even without the stimulus at the federal level, to continue to draw down on our \$42 billion infrastructure bonds that has previously been approved in the fall of '06. So the pool of money investment board which is made up of the state controller, the state treasurer and the director of finance on behalf of the governor met and concluded they had no choice because of the limited cash flow available where they were down to about \$550 million to the state of California to operate. That is on a \$104 billion budget, and a lot of demands and a lot of people like the city of San Jose investing in infrastructure and fronting some of those costs. So, what they did was to freeze mid-December then all of those requests for funding, unless the infrastructure dollars that were in play, that then froze about 5600 projects with a dollar value of over 18 billion. Those projects then, having an impact to the tune of about 325,000 jobs statewide, and that freeze has been in existence, there have been meetings every month, I've been there and on the city's behalf continue in contact with the controller and the treasurer and the department of finance, they are well aware of the pressures. What got us to the point of over the cliff that ultimately decided the budget was twofold. We were literally hours away from about 400 projects being shut down, closed up, and bankruptcy for all those contractors. We were going to lose another 80,000 jobs, if that happened. So, we were able, the legislature was finally able to come together, work out a compromise with the necessary three votes in the Senate and three votes in the assembly. I would like to report to you that part of the strategy to get that one vote was very closely with senator able Maldonado. Some of you know he represent as portion of south San Jose, and so ... because they all needed bolstering, it was huge for anyone to step out in this, so very pleased and have continued to thank him and his staff for their efforts. So that being said, we are now in a position where the pool money investment board will be meeting next week, we will be there, in the intermediate time what we have been doing is working with all the city departments, anyone that has a request for reimbursement, any of our plans that are in midstream, we have submitted with each of the core responding state departments to have that invoice, that documentation, ready to go so what when things start to move we are at the front of the line. And so that should help us, obviously, somewhat cash flow, it will help certainly get people back to work so that will be next week. And then the controller has already started to release some of the dollars. He had about \$3 billion this month, so he is metering that out and we're getting a little bit of money there. And then with regard to the stimulus, we just mentioned the stimulus. The legislative analysts at this point from the state perspective is indicating the total dollar that will come to California are in the range of \$40 billion. They are concluding but it is difficult to decipher what the money is and the conditions that go with it but they're believing of that 40 about \$30 billion will be on the state side and 10 billion local side of things. So with that --

>> Mayor Reed: Very little of that is something the state will use to solve the budget problems. Those are all funds submitted for other things but not the budge neat that is absolutely right and that is what they will have to come to grips with, what is and what isn't, absolutely. So with regard to transportation, the transportation piece is certainly looking like it is about \$2.6 billion, and at this point it looks like it will go two-thirds to the state and then a third, so we're certainly working on that we expect there will be bills that will have to be put in to deal with this so we will be bringing those bills with you and we will certainly be at the forefront of working on those. But I would be pleased to answer any questions. A lot is going on and we've got a long way to go but we will create our opportunities.

>> Mayor Reed: Questions?

>> You just said two-thirds of the transportation money would go to the state. Where is the other third going?

>> Actually I misspoke. About 52% will go regional and to the locals and 30% will be at the state. Thank you for that.

>> And then it would be so helpful if you could put any of this in writing, because we have an opportunity here to help educate the rest of the council so we can all be on the same page.

>> We have a memo, it may be good to go while we're here.

>> Councilmember Pyle: I will really appreciate that. And thirdly the, the six items that go before the voters, are there any guesstimates, and in reference to the passability factor? I mean I can't believe people are going to be jumping up and down, oh, yeah, we're going to raise those taxes.

>> It is not really attractive, but some polling I saw about two weeks ago, they were on the cusp of passing or failing. I think the way they're coupled together, when you think about it, very clever. Proposition 1-A used a lot, but this particular 1-5 includes not only the spending cap and the budget reforms and the rainy day so hopefully this will not happen again, also is the one that includes some of the major revenue increases. An importantly there, when it is a personal income tax, the one cent sales tax, right now those categories of four major revenue increases were scheduled to expire in a year or at most two and the good thing there is that those will continue for one or two extra years, so to answer your question, I think those proposals that we're going to need most to get beyond this, they have coupled them together so that there will be some attractions where there would have not been had they been separate.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Right, but this will take a concerted education component to push it. The other thing is, in reference to the budget, you're absolutely right. But as I understand it, this last adjustment was the result of the end of the year fourth quarter period where we realized, wow, the income wasn't there, not only from the property taxes and sales tax, so we've had that readjustment. And in may, we're going to have another adjustment so God knows when we get to June in preparation for July, what we're going to have. So this is going to be one adjustment after another.

>> Right.

>> Councilmember Pyle: And one shifting of more debt, I suspect, on to another.

>> Correct. And to further emphasize that, the may revise normally occurs the second week of may. Latest revenues, anticipated. They in the budget have delayed that out to June 8, and so they obviously have done that very, very deliberate. But I want to mention to you --

>> Councilmember Pyle: They all agreed on that, though.

>> They agreed on that. I do need to mention to you, as I make the rounds and talk to different fiscal experts with the state, I think folks are thinking at this point we're probably six billion short. Just informal. When you look at the detailed budget and the analysis, we're probably looking started in 10-11, 11-12, and 12-13, deficits in the range of 12, 10, 9. That far out. And I know, keeping in mind, the state --

>> Mayor Reed: We need move on here. If you have a specific question, we're running out of time.

>> Quickly, ROXANNE, I'm not really familiar with the details what is in 1-A, I heard from outside interest groups there could be onerous elements associated with the spending cap so if you can't comment now I think it would be important to understand how that cap might effect cities, if it does at all. It might affect broader interests, social interests.

>> At the averaging, I have the details.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Any other questions? Thank you very much for the report. It is always fascinating to see how they work things out. Or not. We need to go back, 6.1 B.

>> This is legislation that would enact a statewide program for household and handling of household pharmaceuticals. By this entity. And we're here to answer any questions.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay.

>> Councilmember Constant: Thank you. I'm a very strong advocate of the waste pharmaceuticals. We've had three events in my district and collected over 400 pounds of medicines from our residents, some that expired before I was born. Old stuff. They expired before I was born. I had a question, though. There is one line on the bottom of the page three that just briefly talks about the funding. Funding in part by the retailers, but there's not a whole lot of detail on what the cost implications of this or and how that is going to be worked out, and I just want to make sure by the time it comes to the council we know what those details are.

>> Mary Ellen from the environment service department --

>> Councilmember Constant: Would you turn the mic up so we can hear you better.

>> Is that better?

>> Councilmember Constant: Question.

>> There is not real clear information on what the retailers are going to pay but what is anticipated is it is giving up enough space to have the drop-off box and putting it in a container to ship back for destruction. It is not expected to be a major cross issue for the retail.

>> Councilmember Constant: That is what I was looking for, it is not going to add \$5 to every prescription or anything like that.

>> No, this is giving up the space so they have to give some kind of shelf space for it.

>> Councilmember Constant: As far as our events we host, is there any implications for those type of events we have in our council districts or the city as a whole?

>> It actually should make it easier for us to have events and we're hoping over time this will become less, because what this ... besides making it positivable to have a drop box in every pharmacy, we should make it more convenient for our residents to get rid of their material and not have to store them up for an event, it also makes it possible for us to offer a mail-in process where people can put the pharmaceuticals in an envelope and send it to our household hazardous waste program. Right now, that is not legal.

>> Councilmember Constant: Good. Now I will make a motion to support an announcement, if you're listening and holding on to pharmaceuticals, April 17, valley fair mall, bright and early in the morning, call us for details and come and get rid of your dope.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay is there a second?

>> Second.

>> Mayor Reed: There is motion is to support and put it on the counsel agenda for next week.

>> Councilmember Constant: Yes.

>> Mayor Reed: Further discussion on it? All in favor? Opposed? None opposed. Let me give a brief federal legislative report. Most of last week in Washington, D.C., I mentioned earlier one of the themes from really almost a couple of dozen meetings was the oversight audit and the need to spend the money the way it's intended. I

don't go back over that there were two other themes that came out. The first was on the discretionary or competitive allocations, the grants. There is a lot of interest in things that would be more than just a one-time expenditure, so if you build something and a great job, that is all good, that is stimulus, but if there are things that will have a much longer return, they would be interested in that. The one example that I use, people found very interesting, is our energy conservation when we save money or get PG&E rebates, our policy is to put that back in and do more energy conservation. And that idea of a revolving fund was appealing to people who were going to be making discretionary decisions on some of those grants. So I think that's an important thing to consider as we're looking at opportunities in the package. Third theme was collaboration. The agencies are looking to collaborate among the agencies and they will look favorably on things where we can collaborate so while we have weatherization money and job training money and summer employment for youth money and energy conservation block grant money, all of which will come in individual applications, but if we can figure out a way to work across so we're not just training somebody for a green collar job, we're training them for a green collar career so if they're doing weatherization, it is not just a short-term weatherization project and they're unemployed again. But if we can get them into an apprenticeship or training program or community college and make it life long, they're interested in seeing that and agencies like the department of labor and the department of energy are trying to work together at their level, but they haven't figured out how to make this work. They're hoping we'll figure out how to make it work and we'll put in applications where we will have this kind of collaboration. The other thing was there is a lot of money and a lot of unusual places that when we look at the stimulus package we can't just look at it, transportation people look at the transportation section. For example, the department of energy has a grant program which is very important and that was the top agenda item for me on the trip was to try to get those guarantees released that have been pending a couple years in some cases. There is more money for the department of energy loan guarantees in the stimulus package, but there is more money for the treasury department to do grants for energy. One wouldn't necessarily think of the treasury department doing grants but they do have the money, I guess. So we have to look at all these alternatives where money may be in places you wouldn't ordinarily think of it and finally, I was in the White House talking with the director of governmental relation, they're very interested in what we will do with the money that will be a good-news story. A lot of people will be looking for bad-news stories so if we can do good news stories it will help members of the administration coming out for ribbon cuttings and announcements and those types of things so we're working on putting together a list of interesting things. With that, I will be doing a written report to the council members as well. A very worthwhile trip, and I wouldn't volunteer to do it again but I'll probably have to. Anything else on the federal level? That's the legislative update. Taking us to item 11. Community economic development committee. Recommendation: Add the following items to the CED committee work plan. March 23, city hall retail, April 27, small business development commission annual report, April 27, local/small business participation. Economic strategy update work plan.

>> I'm not on the committee any more so I will make that move.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Reed: We have a motion to modify the work plan. All in favor? Opposed? None opposed. Approved.

>> We have nothing under sunshine reform today. Open government initiatives, nothing listed. Open forum. The baseball, that would be one that goes under work plan but that's I think April 7. By then, you will have had a chance to work with staff and figure out how that might fit into the work plan.

>> We don't need to add it here?

>> Mayor Reed: No. Anything else? Okay.

>> I think your report on the federal trip that you made was outstanding, simply outstanding, I look forward to being able to help you. I have a garbage bill at home and I don't know how HNVF gets the entire allotment of the donation. I would suggest that this be relooked at, for example, crossing guards, if a person wanted to reup their bill a little bit or find a way to donate money on your garbage bill to a variety of other programs they're having problems funding with, you already have the collection mechanism in place, but HNVF gets all the categories, which I'm not complaining at, it's just that people would have a better opportunity to fund things they like to fund that they don't have an opportunity to fund under the doctrine of passing the plate. The good news story you might

consider looking at would be a complete rebuild, of the collections system, special emphasis on the storm drains, but if you could rebuild the entire sewage collection system with miniature sewage treatment plants throughout the city, you can't get better news than reformulating the clean water act. Next would be the reformulation of parcel taxes that I spoke about last year. Lastly, some form of city wide docent programs where citizens of good character going through police background check could volunteer their time in certain sensitive areas of the city that takes up time, like answering phones at the police department or doing other sensitive materials or sensitive tasks, rather that would require a background check and citizens of good character can stand forth and be counted.

>> Thank you.

>> That concludes the open forum and that concludes our meeting. We're adjourned.