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RE: College Park, Georgia's Response to the Concerned Citizens' Open Meetings Act Complaint

Ms. Settlemire:

As you know, Denmark Ashby LLC ("Denmark Ashby") represents the City of College Park, Georgia ("College Park" or "City"). Denmark Ashby received correspondence, dated March 27, 2024 ("Letter"), wherein the Office of the Attorney General requested that the City respond to an Open Meetings Act Complaint from concerned citizens who alleged items were added to the agenda improperly, a conflict of interest claim regarding a public hearing for a metal recycling facility, and allegations that improper notice was given regarding a town hall conducted on March 21, 2024. Without question, the City stands prepared to address each allegation. However, the Attorney General has only requested the City to address the addition of items to the agenda for the March 18, 2024 City Council meeting ("Meeting"). Therefore, please consider this correspondence as the City's response concerning that allegation.

Georgia's Open Meetings Act ("Act") provides that, if necessary, Cities can add items not included on the published agenda. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(1). In this regard, the purpose of the Act is to protect the public from "closed door" politics, as well as the potential abuse of individuals and the misuse of power such policies entail. College Park v. Martin, 304 Ga. 488, 489, 818 S.E.2d 620 (2018). Ultimately, what constitutes "necessity" is a discretionary act requiring local bodies to exercise reasonable judgment to control the content of agendas to conduct important public matters. Williams v. DeKalb Cnty., 308 Ga. 265, 840 S.E.2d 423(2020).

On March 18, 2024, the City held a properly noticed and open City Council meeting. At that start of meeting, under Item No. 2 of the posted agenda, the City Manager addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the addition of three items ("Items") to the agenda. March 18, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda. Specifically, the City Manager sought to add the following items: (1) renewal of a motion to rezone a property considered



at the August 7, 2023 city council meeting, (2) the acceptance of an economic grant, and (3) for consideration of an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) with Fulton County for election services. March 18, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. After a motion was made and seconded, the City Council unanimously voted to add the Items to the agenda for the Meeting. Id. Thereafter, the City Clerk announced each Item for consideration and the City Council voted on the same. For the rezoning, council approved the rezoning in a 3-1 vote count. For the acceptance of the grant, the council approved the measure in a 4-0 vote count. Lastly, the council voted 4-0 to approve the IGA with Fulton County. Id.

As authorized by the Act, the City determined that it was necessary and in the interest of the public to address and hear the Items at the Meeting. To hear those items and avoid any “closed door” politics, the City exercised its broad discretion to add the Items to the agenda. In this regard, Items 1 and 2 (the rezoning and corresponding grant) had deadlines, requiring the City to address the Items on March 18, 2024, to ensure the City would be able to receive the grant funds. Likewise, Item 3 (the IGA) required the City’s attention to ensure the contract would take effect timely. With respect to each Item, the City only became aware of certain facts and information after the agenda was published. Accordingly, as significant developments became known to the City after the agenda was published, these critical matters became ripe for action and Mayor and Council determined that it was necessary to add the Items to the agenda to protect and advance the public interest.

Accordingly, the City acted consistent with the Open Meetings Act when adding the Items to the subject agenda. Should the Attorney General require additional information concerning this matter, please contact Denmark Ashby. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Winston A. Denmark

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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 18, 2024**

This will be an in-person meeting that will also broadcast via [Facebook Live](#), and [YouTube Live](#).

Citizens wishing to give citizen remarks during a Regular Session Council meeting can choose one of two options:

[Option#1](#)

Sign in to speak by 7:30 pm on March 18, 2024, at the podium in the City Hall Council Chambers.

[Option #2:](#)

Submit an email with your **name, address, and comment or remark** to pcomment@collegeparkga.com **no later than 7:30 pm on March 18, 2024**. The City Clerk will read your name, address and comment into the official record.

Members of the Public who were unable to sign the Sign-In Sheet before the cutoff time may be granted three (3) minute to provide public comments; provided, however, that such three (3) minute of time shall not be donated to another speaker. No additional public comments will be received after the Citizens Remarks agenda item.

RULES FOR REMARKS DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Speakers must limit their remarks to no more than (3) minutes.
- Speakers must not employ tactics of intimidation, profanity, or threats of violence in their comments. Anyone who demonstrates these behaviors will not have their comments read into the record.
- (1) Specific topic may **NOT** be discussed during Citizens Remarks for more than 15 minutes.
- Members of the public who signed the Sign-In Sheet may donate time to another speaker; however, in no event shall the total duration of time allotted to one speaker (including donated time) exceed nine (9) minutes.

AGENDA

1. Opening Ceremonies.
 - A. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.
 - B. Invocation.
2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, Or Changes To The Agenda
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Annual Appointments
 - A. Annual Appointments - Ward 3 Planning Commission
5. Presentation Of Minutes Of City Council
 - A. Regular Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024
 - B. Workshop Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024
 - C. Regular Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024
 - D. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024
 - E. Regular Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024
 - F. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024
 - G. Regular Session Minutes dated March 4, 2024
 - H. Workshop Session Minutes dated March 4, 2024
6. Remarks Of Citizens
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Public Hearing for consideration of and action on a Conditional Use Permit application from United Scrap Metal at 2539 Sullivan Road (Parcel ID 13 0036 LL1240) in Ward 2 to allow for a private transloading metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power.
8. Other Business
 - A. Consideration of and action on a request to amend the date of the Mayor and City Council meeting from Monday, May 20, 2024 to Wednesday, May 22, 2024. This item is being requested by the Interim City Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This will impact all Wards.
 - B. Consideration of and action on a request to purchase ten OpenGate Magnetometers for venue security purposes at the Gateway Center Arena. This

is a request from GICC, Gateway Arena and Historic Golf Course Executive Director Mercedes Miller. This is in Ward 2. This is a budgeted item.

- C. Consideration of and action to accept Fulton County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award park improvements in the amount of \$ 214,125 for Phillips Park basketball court in Ward 4. This is a request from Department of Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Michelle Johnson. This is a budgeted item.
- D. Consideration of and action on a request for approval to purchase one (1) set of Jaws of Life extrication tools for the Fire Department. This is a request from Fire Chief Wade Elmore recommending Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES) at a total approximate cost to the City of \$38,313.85. This will serve all Wards. This is a budgeted item.
- E. Consideration of and action on a request to purchase a Fire Department Command Vehicle purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado at state contract pricing from Hardy Fleet Group in the amount of \$49,542.80, plus \$25,072.80 to complete the 1st responder's package for a total cost of \$66,372.80. This is a request from Fire Chief Wade Elmore. This will serve all Wards. This is a partially budgeted item.
- F. Consideration of and action on a request to approve replacement purchases of unit's 289 and 290, for two Chevrolet Silverado 1500 vehicles for Storm Water from Hardy Automotive Fleet Group under State Contract at a total cost of \$87,950.00 under the 2022 - 2023 current budget. This is a request from Raymond Cotton, Highway, Streets and Storm Water Superintendent. The will serve all Wards. This is a budgeted item.
- G. Consideration of and action on a request to purchase a replacements vehicle for the Water & Sewer Division from Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$49,300.00. This a request from Tim Lewis, Public Works. This will serve all wards. This is a budgeted item.

9. City Attorney's Report.

10. City Manager's Report.

11. Report Of Mayor And Council.

12. Executive Session

13. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes

14. Adjournment.

1 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
2 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
3 WORKSHOP SESSION
4 MARCH 18, 2024

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6 MINUTES
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8 Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe
9 Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and Councilman Roderick Gay; Interim City
10 Manager Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk
11 Shavala Ames
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13 Absent: None
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15 1. Opening Ceremonies

16 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the
17 mayor and city council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom. We have
18 a full quorum present, with Council Members McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay. And so, at 7:30
19 P.M., I will call the meeting to order at this time, subject to my continuing objections to the
20 omnibus motion passed by this council on January 2nd, and Ordinance 2024-01. So we'll start
21 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 A. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
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24 B. Invocation by Chaplain Walker.

25 2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, or Changes to the Agenda

26 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran?

27 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I have three items. The first one is a consideration to renew a
28 property zoning motion from August 7th 2023 --

29 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

30 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Consideration to renew a property zoning motion from August
31 the 7th, 2023. The second one is consideration to accept an economic grant, and the last one is an
32 IGA for Fulton County to conduct election services for the MOST referendum and this will cost
33 the city nothing.

34 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I also have an --

35 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Council Member McKenzie. Give me one
36 moment here. Let me -- the consideration to renew a property zoning?

37 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, from August 7th, 2023.

38 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Specifically what is it?

39 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Huh?

40 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What is it?

41 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It's a motion to renew, a rezoning motion from August 7th, 2023.

42 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What was the motion?

43 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The motion is to turn from a business park to a light industrial.

44 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What's the address?

45 COUNCILMAN GAY: I make a motion that we accept the addition to the agenda, as stated by the
46 city manager.

47 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member, I'm trying to get specificity on this, not only for
48 the governing body, but also the public. Because if we're renewing a property zoning -- so if you
49 could just list out the address?

50 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: 0 Welcome--.

51 COUNCILMAN GAY: Excuse me, Mayor. Mayor, excuse me. There's a motion.

52 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Sir, I was --

53 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I second it. I think we will understand whatever this is once
54 we get into the meeting. I think that that's what the purpose of discussion would be.

55 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes.

56 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So there's a motion, there's a second. Any discussion?
57 I've got some. What is the address?

58 COUNCILMAN GAY: The motion is carried, ma'am.

59 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I haven't called for the vote. What is the address?

60 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: 0 Welcome All Road.

61 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: 0 Welcome All Road.

62 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Do we need -- did we vote?

63 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No. And number two, Dr. Adediran?

64 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Number two is to accept economic grant.

65 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Can you be more specific than accept an economic grant?

66 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It's consideration of an option to accept a \$1,600,000 economic
67 development grant from Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage. I will be allocated for all of the four
68 wards. It will be shared equally.

69 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: A \$1.6 million grant?

70 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes.

71 COUNCILMAN GAY: I make a motion that we accept the addition, as stated by the --

72 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry. We're still in -- we're in discussion. You've already
73 made a motion. There's a second.

74 COUNCILMAN GAY: But this is the second item.

75 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You said all the changes.

76 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm sorry? We didn't call a vote on the first item. There's a motion. You
77 have to call a vote, ma'am.

78 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You're right. We're in discussion. I'm trying to understand item
79 number two. Accept a \$1.6 million --

80 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Grant, economic development grant.

81 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: From whom?

82 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage.

83 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage?

84 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes.

85 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And number three is the IGA for Fulton County for the MOST
86 referendum?

87 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes. MOST. Yes, ma'am. It's a government agreement.

88 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, you have those typed out, right?

89 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, ma'am.

90 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Can I have that, please?

91 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Sure. (INDISCERNIBLE) --

92 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

93 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The third row was from (INDISCERNIBLE). I think it was
94 from you, the IGA.

95 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That was from the city clerk. She sent that.

96 CITY CLERK: Yes, ma'am.

97 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: From the -- okay. Okay.

98 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

99 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: No. I have some other items to add, so I don't know if we're
100 actually getting ready to vote for all the items that we're adding, or -- is that what we're doing?

101 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Well --

102 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

103 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- the motion was made for these three, so we can add more, but
104 these three --

105 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. I do have another one to add.

106 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. The motion was for these three, so we can do more, but --

107 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. That's fine.

108 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: But all in favor to add these, and we'll put them at the top. We'll
109 put them at A, B, and C.

110 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: A, B, and C? Okay.

111 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All those in favor?

112 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

113 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

114 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

115 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any apposed? Any abstentions? That passes unanimously.

117 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay motioned to add to the agenda to consideration to rezone a business
118 park to an industrial park at 0 Welcome All Road, to consider an option to accept a
119 \$1,600,000 economic development grant from Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage and
120 to consider an IGA for Fulton County for the MOST referendum, seconded by
121 Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried (all said yes).

122 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie?

123 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. I would like to make, I guess consideration to install
124 sidewalks from the Oxford Walk Subdivision on Fairway to Washington Road. This actually
125 would cost less than \$10,000, but I wanted to put it to a vote. So that would be an extra additional
126 agenda item. To install sidewalks from the Oxford Walk Subdivision on Fairway to Washington
127 Road.

128 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Council Member McKenzie, is that a motion?

129 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: No. Well, that's what I want to add to the agenda.

130 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. So --

131 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. So --

132 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- you're making that motion?

133 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, yes. I guess I can make the motion as well. Yes.
134 Certainly.

135 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second?

136 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I didn't know if we had anything else --

137 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

138 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: -- that needed to be added. Okay.

139 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Any discussion? Hearing
140 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor? We'll add that as 8D.

141 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

142 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

143 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

144 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

145 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.

146 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie motioned to add to the agenda a consideration to install
147 sidewalks from the Oxford Walk Subdivision on Fairway to Washington Road, at the
148 cost of \$10,000 to be added to the agenda, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
149 carried (all said yes).

150 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any other additional changes, amendments?

151 COUNCILMAN CARN: I've got a change. Items 8, I'd like those on a consent agenda. However,
152 we'll start, City Clerk, in regards to agenda item 8. I'd like what is now I guess 8E, from 8E to
153 8K, with the exception of pulling out item -- which was 8E originally, which is Consideration from
154 the Fire Department, the you see 8E? So I'm pulling that out of the consent agenda, so we'll start
155 at what was 8A, which is now 8D, down to 8K, which is now 8K.

156 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member --

157 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- which was G. Do you follow that?

158 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member, for clarity, can you identify which particular
159 items that you would like as a consent agenda?

160 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Clerk, do you follow the ones that are on the consent agenda? So
161 all of those original ones, with the exception of what was E.

162 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn, please identify --

163 COUNCILMAN CARN: And with -- I'm identifying this with the city clerk right now --

164 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm asking --

165 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- if you'd let us finish.

166 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm asking you to actually just read them out. Read, identify
167 individual ones that you want, because you're pulling out one that's already in that list.

168 COUNCILMAN CARN: That's --

169 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So if you would, just for everyone's sake just --

170 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right. That's exactly what the city clerk's going to do for us here in a
171 minute, once she gets together. So you understand basically the items that we're talking about?

172 CITY CLERK AMES: Would you like me to read them?

173 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Yes. Well, originally it would be --

174 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I can read them.

175 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- items 8A, B, C, D, F, and G. That's --

176 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's the --

177 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Got it.

178 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- A, B, C, D -- which ones?

179 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Clerk, can you --

180 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Sir, can you just respond to me? I'm asking you a direct question.

181 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I'm giving this to the --

182 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Which ones? A, B, C, D --

183 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- city clerk, so she can make sure -- City Clerk, do you have the ones
184 we're putting on the consent agenda as one item?

185 CITY CLERK AMES: Consent agenda items are A, B, C, D, F, and G. Remove item 8E, to be
186 discussed separately.

187 COUNCILMAN CARN: That's correct.

188 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right.

189 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: That will require a motion.

190 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am.

191 COUNCILMAN CARN: I make that motion.

192 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So the motion is to have the former items 8A, which
193 would be Consideration and action of a request to amend the date of the Mayor and City Council
194 meeting from May 20th to May 22nd; item 8B, Consideration of and action on a request to
195 purchase 10 OpenGate Magnetometers for venue security purposes at the Gateway Center Arena;
196 item 8C, Consideration of and action to accept Fulton County Community Development Block
197 Grant Award park improvements in the amount of \$214,125 for Philips Park basketball court in
198 Ward 4; item 8D, Consideration of and action on a request for approval to purchase one set the
199 Jaws of Life extrication tools for the Fire Department; item 8F, Consideration of and action on a
200 request to approve replacement purchases of units 289 and 290 for two Chevy Silverado 1500
201 vehicles for Storm Water from Hardy Automotive Fleet Group under a state contract; and former
202 8G, consideration of and action on a request to purchase a replacement vehicle for Water and Sewer
203 from Griffin Chevrolet. All right. Is there a second on that?

204 CITY CLERK AMES: No, not yet.

205 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second?

206 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

207 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion?

208 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I wanted to say that all of these items that I see are budgeted
209 items, just for the information of the persons that are here, so they are all budgeted items that are
210 on the consent agenda.

211 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, why are we moving the date of the council meeting?

212 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Why what?

213 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Why are we moving the date of the council meeting?

214 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: It's a point of order. Point of order is they're -- we're not even
215 up to voting at this time, so I don't know if that is a question that should be -- we're not having
216 discussion on that item, so just -- yes. Not that the answer couldn't be given, but I'm just saying
217 that seems a bit out of order.

218 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Dr. Adediran, why are
219 we moving the meeting?

220 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: You're talking about the B, right? Mercedes?

221 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: 8A.

222 CITY CLERK AMES: No. Sorry. It's the Council meeting date. It's not Mercedes item.

223 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: 8B --

224 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: A. 8A.

225 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Oh, you mean -- excuse me -- motion to move it from the 20th
226 to the 22nd?

227 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

228 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The reason being that there's some conferences going on, and
229 we won't have a quorum.

230 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What's going on?

231 COUNCILMAN CARN: I can tell you I, for one, I was going to be out of town that day, so I
232 wouldn't be able to make it, and I asked, if it wasn't too inconvenient, to move it to Wednesday.

233 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is anyone else going to be out of town?

234 COUNCILMAN CARN: I think Council Member Gay.

235 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Both Councilmen Carn and Gay are going to the conference,
236 and you won't have a quorum on that day, and that's why it can be moved to Wednesday the 23rd

237 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll
238 move to a vote to make this a consent agenda, these items a consent agenda. All those in favor?

239 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

240 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

241 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

242 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed?

243 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

244 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. That is unanimous.

245 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn to have the following items placed on a consent agenda for
246 consideration: former items 8A, which would be Consideration and action of a
247 request to amend the date of the Mayor and City Council meeting from May 20th to
248 May 22nd; item 8B, Consideration of and action on a request to purchase 10
249 OpenGate Magnetometers for venue security purposes at the Gateway Center Arena;
250 item 8C, Consideration of and action to accept Fulton County Community
251 Development Block Grant Award park improvements in the amount of \$214,125 for
252 Philips Park basketball court in Ward 4; item 8D, Consideration of and action on a
253 request for approval to purchase one set the Jaws of Life extrication tools for the Fire
254 Department; item 8F, Consideration of and action on a request to approve
255 replacement purchases of units 289 and 290 for two Chevy Silverado 1500 vehicles
256 for Storm Water from Hardy Automotive Fleet Group under a state contract; and
257 former 8G, Consideration of and action on a request to purchase a replacement
258 vehicle for Water and Sewer from Griffin Chevrolet, seconded by Councilwoman
259 Arnold and motion carried (all said yes).

260 3. Approval of Agenda

261 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

262 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

263 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

264 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

265 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussions? Hearing
266 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

267 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

268 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

269 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

270 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

271 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous. Thank you.

272 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie put forth a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman
273 Arnold seconded, and motion carried (all said yes).

274 4. Annual Appointments

275 A. Annual Appointments - Ward 3 Planning Commission

276 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ward 3 Planning Commission. Council Member Arnold? Do you
277 have an appointee for Ward 3 Planning Commission?

278 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No. And where is this?

279 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: This is item 4A.

280 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No. We need to remove that. I didn't add that.

281 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, okay. All right.

282 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I was understanding it was supposed to have been taken out.

283 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes. I was going to say --

284 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: (INDISCERNIBLE) --

285 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- that was not supposed to be on the agenda.

286 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. We'll move past it.

287 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Manager -- City Clerk?

288 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes, sir?

289 COUNCILMAN CARN: You're still sounding the agenda, right?

290 CITY CLERK AMES: If that's the will, yes, sir. I can.

291 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right.

292 5. Presentation of Minutes of City Council

293 A. Regular Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024.

294 CITY CLERK: Okay. The next item is the Presentation of Minutes of the City Council. The first
295 item is Regular Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024.

296 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

297 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I would like to make a motion to approve, with discussion, of
298 course.

299 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

300 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

301 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Go right ahead, Council
302 Member McKenzie.

303 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. Line 832, in this, the January 16th session, regular
304 session, I want that correction to what I said. I said I would like to know exactly what we are
305 going to be discussing on this. I think it just, it doesn't say that, and I think that's important. So
306 it says, "I would like to know exactly what we are going to be discussing on this." Then for item
307 line number 931, all of my comments are missing from this. I will read what the comments are
308 that I actually said, and it's a quite lengthy. "I know that this is a project that we have been working
309 on for quite some time" -- we're talking about the Flint River. "I know that this is a project that
310 we have been working on for quite some time in the city. However, I'm ambivalent at this moment,
311 and I'm trying to make the determination. I hear from my colleagues the concerns that they have
312 had, and there is an unfair balance in our city in terms of recreation facilities, in terms of what I
313 should say parks. So I'm still, I'm still making a consideration, and that's all I have to say at this
314 point." So all of that was omitted from the minutes.

315 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any additional discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote.
316 All those in favor?

317 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

318 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

319 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

320 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: And this is with the adjustment, correct?

321 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: With the adjustment. With the corrections.

322 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn, do you still hold your second on that?

323 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

324 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: With the --

325 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second, yes.

326 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. Yes.

327 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

328 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.

329 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie to approve the January 16, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
330 with corrections, Councilman Carn seconded, and motion carried (all said yes).

331 B. Workshop Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024

332 CITY CLERK: The next item is Workshop Session Minutes dated January 16th, 2024.

333 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

334 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

335 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

336 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

337 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any discussion?

338 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes.

339 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

340 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Page 57, line 706, those are not my comments. Those belong to
341 Councilwoman McKenzie. Page 60, line 805, I don't -- I'm not sure. Page 60 -- wait.

342 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: In the workshop?

343 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: It's packet page --

344 COUNCILMAN CARN: Sixty.

345 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Sixty, yes. 805 is unclear. And then line 813, 812 clearly
346 indicates that it was Councilwoman McKenzie that was speaking, but 813 has Arnold, and that
347 needs to be corrected as well.

348 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Anything further?

349 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I don't have anything else.

350 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Sorry. Who was the -- was it Council Member Carn?

351 CITY CLERK AMES: Council Member Carn and Councilwoman McKenzie.

352 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Council Member Carn, do you accept those friendly
353 amendments?

354 COUNCILMAN CARN: I do. Thank you.

355 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And Council Member McKenzie, do you -- does your second hold?

356 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes.

357 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a
358 vote. All those in favor?

359 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

360 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

361 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

362 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the January 16, 2024 Workshop minutes with
363 corrections, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motion carried (all said yes).

364 Gosh. I need to amend the motion I made. I don't know. Did you make the motion? Who made
365 the motion? I know I seconded the motion for the January 16th meeting minutes. I did have
366 another correction --

367 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Which session is this?

368 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: This is the Regular Session. This was after we came out of
369 executive session the January 16th meeting. So there's one more correction to -- to the January
370 16th, 2024 Regular Session. I had it on another page.

371 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So you want to make a substitute motion with --

372 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes, a substitute motion.

373 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Is there a second?

374 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

375 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Go ahead. Discussion?

376 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. Line 1408, after we come out of Executive Session, in
377 between actions -- so this should be in between the actions. The mayor says, "We are not
378 adjourned," and asks, "Is there a motion out of Executive Session?" that's missing. Is there a
379 motion out of Executive Session? Line 1408.

380 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

381 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: No.

382 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. All those in favor?

383 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

384 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

385 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

386 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

387 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie asked for a correction of comments in the transcript of the
388 January 16th session. Councilwoman McKenzie put forth the motion, Councilman
389 Carn seconded, and motion carried (all said yes).

390 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.

391 C. Regular Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024

392 CITY CLERK AMES: Next item is Regular Session Minutes dated February 5th, 2024.

393 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

394 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

395 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

396 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

397 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any discussion?

398 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. I have several. And so, the motion I guess in this -- in
399 terms of these revisions, line 1649, it says Councilwoman Arnold. It should say Council
400 McKenzie. And I said, "Well, I have a motion that we discuss the travel policy." That is me
401 speaking. Line 1650, that is Councilwoman McKenzie, not Councilwoman Arnold speaking.
402 Lines 1653, all the way to line 1673 -- 74, rather. 21 lines -- is McKenzie speaking, not
403 Councilwoman Arnold. And the same thing with the paragraph beginning at line 1734. That's
404 another several lines. It's McKenzie, not Arnold speaking. Line 1741, McKenzie, Councilwoman
405 McKenzie, not Councilwoman Arnold. Line 1812 should be Mayor and Council, not the mayor's
406 council. Those are mine. Someone else may have some more.

407 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any additional discussion?

408 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I had the same items notated.

409 COUNCILMAN CARN: It might not be a bad idea to send these back, because there may be some
410 more with --

411 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: We've done that three times.

412 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: We did. We did. We keep getting back the same exact
413 incorrect, so it --

414 CITY CLERK AMES: We didn't get these corrections from you guys the first time around, so we
415 never had gotten these corrections for the record.

416 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, okay. Just Councilwoman Arnold in the last meeting
417 mentioned that in the February 5th -- we didn't give you the actual lines in the last meeting, and
418 you're correct about that. But she did say that those minutes from February 5th were incorrect,
419 and that we wanted somebody to go back and look at it, because they were saying it was her
420 speaking when it was actually me. And I believe you responded that it was because of the fact that
421 the person was listening, and they might have gotten our voices mixed up.

422 And there was a lot of confusion there, because actually, Councilwoman Arnold is being credited
423 in the discussion with making a motion that she never made, and so we kind of messed that up.
424 You know? So I can understand how somebody recording it became confused, but we do need to
425 make sure that the things that I said, I either get the credit or get blamed for it.

426 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Exactly.

427 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I'll take the credit, and I'll take the blame.

428 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So all those in favor?

429 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

430 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

431 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

432 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

433 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.

434 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Regular Session minutes dated February 5, 2024
435 with corrections, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motion carried (all said
436 yes).

437 D. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024

438 CITY CLERK: The next item is Workshop Minutes dated February 5th, 2024.

439 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

440 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

441 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

442 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

443 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any discussion? Hearing
444 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

445 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

446 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

447 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

448 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

449 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn, what is your vote?

450 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

451 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous. Thank you.

452 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes of February 5th,
453 2024, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motion carried (all said yes).

454 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you.

455 E. Regular Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024

456 CITY CLERK: Next is Regular Session Minutes dated February 19th.

457 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

458 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

459 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

460 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

461 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any discussion? Hearing
462 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

463 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

464 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

465 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

466 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

467 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

468 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Regular Session Minutes of February 19th, 2024,
469 seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motion carried (all said yes).

470 F. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024

471 CITY CLERK: Next is Workshop Minutes dated February 19th.

472 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

473 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

474 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

475 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

476 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any discussion? Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any
477 discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

478 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

479 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

480 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

481 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

482 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

483 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes of February
484 19th, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, and motion carried (all said yes).

485 G. Regular Session Minutes dated March 4, 2024

486 CITY CLERK: Next is Regular Session Minutes dated March 4th.

487 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

488 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

489 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

490 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

491 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any discussion? Hearing
492 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

493 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

494 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

495 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

496 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

497 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

498 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Regular Session Minutes of March 4th, 2024,
499 seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motion carried (all said yes).

500 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And lastly?

501 H. Workshop Session Minutes dated March 4, 2024

502 CITY CLERK: Workshop Minutes dated March 4th, 2024.

503 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

504 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

505 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

506 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

507 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Thank you, Council
508 Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

509 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

510 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

511 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

512 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

513 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Council Member Gay, you were
514 in favor?

515 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm in favor.

516 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. All right. That is unanimous.

517 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes of March
518 4th, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, and motion carried (all said yes).

519 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We've got remarks of citizens next.

520 6. Remarks of Citizens

521 CITY CLERK: The first person to sign in is Danny Tate, 1852 Vesta Avenue, to discuss crime.

522 DANNY TATE: How y'all doing?

523 COUNCILMAN GAY: Hi.

524 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hi. Good.

525 DANNY TATE: My name is Danny Tate. I live at 1852 Vesta in Liberty (INDISCERNIBLE)
526 since 2010. And we're doing a project two houses up, at the corner of Rugby and
527 (INDISCERNIBLE). And you know, I've done quite a few houses right here up in College Park.
528 I live here in College Park, and I've had the opportunity to invest in -- my invested money in
529 anywhere I can (INDISCERNIBLE). I choose to invest my dollars right in my neighborhood, right

530 in my city, and my last six projects have been right here, and my next four after these two are
531 preparing right here in College Park.

532 And I don't ask for much, but -- you know, and crime does happen. You know? But what I'm
533 most upset about is the response. And we got the College Park police in here, and this is the -- you
534 know, I'm not -- I'm for the police, and I love my city, and I love the police here, but the way that
535 they do things stinks. It just stinks, okay? Like for instance, just last Friday morning, they came
536 to the new house that we're building up there, and they stole a 4-ton unit and a 3-ton unit. And
537 that's not the only crime. Personally, this is the worst project, you know, that I've done. I've lost
538 over \$30,000. You know, they stole the two-ton units. Before that they stole my trailer, my covered
539 trailer, with all of my tools in it. Before that, my general contractor, they stole his 12-foot flatbed
540 trailer. And before that, they went into the house next door and they stole the furnace out of it.

541 We also own 2341 Rugby. Okay? They have been up there three times. They have been up there
542 more. I don't even bother calling the police. But what ticked me off about this weekend right here
543 was that we have cameras up. We have everything on camera. I'm telling College Park police,
544 okay. We've got it on camera. And the sad part is, right there on the corner of Rugby and Flowers,
545 there is a tag reader. If you come off Lowndes going up to (INDISCERNIBLE), you've got a tag
546 reader right there. And I'm telling you, coming (INDISCERNIBLE), I even seen the U-Haul truck.
547 Like I live on Vesta. It was at Lowndes and Vesta, parked on the East Point side. And I went and
548 looked at my camera, and I seen that that was the same U-Haul truck.

549 If they were to bother to take a little time -- and like I found out this morning that U-Haul reported
550 that trailer stolen. If the tag readers worked, if they were working like they were supposed to, they
551 would respond, and I believe that my two units were still in the back of that trailer. That trailer
552 took off about -- and I've got to do the, you know, the detective work myself. All of the information
553 that I found out, like I say, is because of me. They have (INDISCERNIBLE) --

554 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Hold on, sir. Your time has expired.

555 COUNCILMAN CARN: Please continue.

556 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on. It needs a motion to be -- to extend.

557 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion to continue.

558 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. For how long, Councilman Carn?

559 COUNCILMAN CARN: Until he finishes.

560 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there --

561 DANNY TATE: And I'll --

562 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on one second, Mr. Tate. Is there a second?

563 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

564 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Any discussion? Hearing none,
565 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

566 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

567 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

568 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

569 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

570 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

571 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to extend Citizen Remarks for Danny Tate, seconded by
572 Councilman Gay, and motion carried (all voted yes).

573 DANNY TATE: I'm just saying, you know, if we can put a man on the moon, they've got that
574 specific tag reader, they should be able to dial into that tag reader. If they would have simply got
575 that tag, I'd have confirmed it on my video. I would have my things back. That's over \$10,000
576 worth of theft. The insurance is going to cover it, but then they're going to turn around and drop
577 me. Like I said, I live here. I invest in this area, pay taxes in this area. And I'm telling the cops,
578 the police over the weekend, I'm not asking for much. Just do me a solid. I'm literally begging.
579 What about the tag reader? Well, come to find out the tag reader doesn't work. If it doesn't work,
580 get it off my property. If it's not working, just go put it in the trash. Don't give me a sense of
581 security.

582 And when they put that there, I'm saying, okay. Wow. Okay. These folks are serious. The last
583 two major thefts, when they stole my trailer, right there it was \$7,000. Trailer and tools. And then
584 also, they come up there, they do the report, hand it to the detective. The detective calls me two
585 weeks later. Come on, man. Y'all can't be serious. So, you know, I know they have their rules,
586 but there is no way in the world that that tag reader is right there, and they can't dial into and try
587 to solve the problem right then and there. That could have saved me at least \$10,000. And this is
588 crazy.

589 So I've got a lot more to say, and I'm just telling you -- you know, and I've done projects on this
590 side of the tracks. All my theft happened right where you're thinking that's the good part of town.
591 So like I said, crime happens. What is killing me is the response from College Park Police. It's
592 just like -- I said, well, why even bother calling? But when they took my units this time, it actually
593 hurt me, and that hurt my business. And I was trying my best to get them to respond. Get up in
594 that trailer, so y'all can look. And I think somebody -- like I heard scuttlebutt in the neighborhood

595 that they might have still been in the trailer. But because the tag reader is not working -- I've got
596 it on tape. And they were saying, well, we've got to wait until Monday, until CIE come. So
597 anyway, I do have a lot more to say, but I'm not going to take any more time.

598 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Appreciate it, sir.

599 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you.

600 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is Natasha Barnett, 1786 Rugby Avenue, to discuss general.

601 NATASHA BARNETT: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

602 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

603 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening.

604 COUNCILMAN GAY: Good evening.

605 NATASHA BARNETT: Dr. Elizabeth Frederick, a behavioral coach, said people will work really
606 hard to secure the role of the victim, because they are so offended that you had the audacity to
607 expose their true colors. A blatant inability to take accountability, resulting in the deflection,
608 justification, or abandonment whenever you express hurt is a common trait seen in covert
609 narcissism. Covert narcissists are a bit tricky to understand. They're often very friendly, helpful,
610 and likable to most people. They work hard to maintain a public persona of this all around good
611 person, but when they don't get their way, these behaviors take a quick turn. They can be hard to
612 identify, because they gain their reputation of being so likable through tactics such as
613 manipulation, people pleasing, being overly friendly and well-mannered, making everyone laugh,
614 and, you know, being the yes person and so on.

615 Covert narcissists are also hard to spot because they claim to be very self-aware. They talk nonstop
616 about everything they're reading, learning, and doing for self-improvement, and yet when you look
617 a bit closer, they're not changing much. They're pretty effective at going unnoticed, because their
618 behaviors are often under the radar, being either passive-aggressive, or so that they can easily deny
619 that behavior, or when they are more obvious, it's rarely done in front of other people. Because
620 much of this is done under the radar, they can easily make you feel like you are crazy, or that
621 you're the problem, because they'll often deny, deflect, or justify their behaviors, resulting in you
622 thinking, I must be the issue, or something I missed or misunderstood.

623 When you've finally had enough and call out that behavior for exactly what it is, brace yourself
624 for how quickly they call you toxic, crazy, hypocritical, all while they start working really hard to
625 get everyone else to support their narrative, highlighting themselves as the victim in the chaos
626 they've created. Don't continue to be gaslighted. Get clear on your truth. Take ownership,
627 accountability for your role in the situation.

628 Well, what does this have to do with College Park, you ask? A lot. The truth is, we as citizens are
629 responsible for what we're seeing in our city today. We own our complacency, and are accountable

630 for being uninvolved until things began to take a direction that struck us as odd, concerning, or
631 downright alarming. The good news is your awareness is not the end. It should be the beginning.
632 Stop listening to what people want you to listen to, and being triggered into being emotional. Go
633 seek information from the sources for yourself. Get the facts beyond the feelings, and you may
634 just find that you've been misled or misinformed, either intentionally or unintentionally.

635 When a fellow citizen mentioned a 200-plus page document in the Mayor's lawsuit, I told myself --

636 KAREN CORBIN: I'm donating my time --

637 NATASHA BARNETT: Thank you. In the mayor's lawsuit, I told myself it was a lot, but
638 definitely important enough to dig into. Well, page 198 of the exhibits is the beginning of a copy
639 of Stanley Hawthorne's 12-page resignation letter, dated January 17th, outlining what he referred
640 to as an act of vengeance and retaliation when two members of the Council, Councilman Carn and
641 Gay, voted to terminate his employment for cause, while the other two members of Council,
642 Councilwoman McKenzie and Arnold, abstained.

643 Despite the legalese you'll need to use a dictionary's help to get through, there are complaints in
644 plain text that are hard to dismiss, and frankly understand the basis for. Here are the excerpts from
645 that 12-page letter. "As the new Council has only been in office since January 1st, or 16 days,
646 there's a limited window for determining that I committed an offense of Section 91A, which
647 outlines the 6 criteria determining termination for cause. At the new Council's initial meeting on
648 January 2nd, I presented a City of College Park organizational orientation, in particular outlining
649 the roles, responsibilities, powers, and duties of the Council and the City Manager, as cited from
650 the charter sections 1-3, 4-1, and 4-7.

651 "In citing these sections of the charter, I was careful to advise the new Council of the importance
652 of the City Manager fulfilling all of the powers and duties entrusted to the City Manager, and that
653 I would not be shy in fulfilling the requests of the charter, the highest local law of the City of
654 College Park, and in particular, the first power and duty listed, to see that all laws, ordinances, are
655 enforced, including by the Council. I also apologized in advance if my fulfillment of this duty
656 ever offended any of them.

657 "During the January 2nd regular meeting of the new council, unknown to the city manager and
658 announced to the general public ahead of the publicly posted meeting agenda, Councilman Carn
659 introduced at the meeting an omnibus packet of 14 distinct motions, largely intended to reduce the
660 role of the Mayor, and to produce -- and to provide administrative powers to the Council. The 14
661 separate motions, without explanation or voice provided to the public, were all approved in a single
662 motion.

663 "Upon realizing this drastic potential change to my duties and responsibilities as city manager, I
664 reviewed my employment agreement for what I believed was a transgression of my role and
665 contract, citing Section 9-2, termination. As I determined from a professional assessment
666 standpoint that I could no longer be successful in my role as City Manager with this unanticipated
667 change in my powers and duties, I decided this section of my employment agreement would be an
668 appropriate course."

669 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

670 SHERRY GODFREY: I'll donate my time.

671 NATASHA BARNETT: Sherry Godfrey has -- thank you. On page 203, it addressed where, "On
672 January 9th, the former city manager learned that a member of his staff had sealed an egress door
673 between the mayor and legislative assistant's offices. In placing an immediate call to the Public
674 Works director, the now current acting city manager, he advised me that he'd been directed by
675 Councilman Carn and Councilwoman McKenzie to seal the door, a clear violation of the charter,
676 in that the City Manager had not authorized such an administrative undertaking. The Mayor was
677 also not advised prior to the sealing as a courtesy, at a minimum.

678 "I directed the Public Works director to remove the seal. Following my directive, I asked the Chief
679 Building Official for his independent and professional assessment of the egress closure. Marcus
680 Robinson provided a solution and path forward, after consulting the Fire Marshal, with the
681 assistance of the space management committee, director of Public Works, and approval by the City
682 Manager, the area in question can be properly adjusted to remove the door and replace with a wall.
683 He attached a space allocation request as a reference for future alterations inside City Hall, and
684 offered to assist after a clear decision was made.

685 "Councilwoman McKenzie sent an email stating in part, 'The request made concerning the sealing
686 of the interior door was not an ordinance change or official event. It was simply an administrative
687 request on the part of four Council Members at separate times. At this time, the mayor is utilizing
688 the executive reception area as her own private office. All the wall hangings, pictures, and items
689 throughout the office are hers, and related to her. However, this is an area that's shared by all five
690 members of the governing body. It gives the impression, though, to our visitors that it is solely a
691 space for the mayor. I have no problem addressing the issue in a council meeting, but it definitely
692 does not seem necessary to waste the public stakeholders' time with discussions that can be
693 addressed through the interoffice communication with the City Manager."

694 You don't want to waste our time with transparency, but you want to waste our money with
695 unnecessary drastic actions by staff. Instead of everyone solving a problem by bringing their own
696 personal items to better identify the shared space, the decision was made to wall off her door. As
697 I stand before you today, that door is now a wall. You went on a retreat after sealing a door in her
698 office, but only ever mentioned what she did or didn't do to support your narrative. Twice a month
699 you sit on this dais to do the work of the city, as though the contention and lack of cooperation we
700 see is either all in our minds, or merely a flame fanned by the Mayor. Based on the words in your
701 email, the council is holding both the gas and the lighter in this situation.

702 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, ma'am.

703 NATASHA BARNETT: Thank you.

704 CITY CLERK: The next person on the list is Michael Tezeno.

705 MICHAEL TEZENO: I signed that list in error.

706 CITY CLERK: Okay.

707 MICHAEL TEZENO: Thank you..

708 CITY CLERK: Next is Mr. Bobby Wilson, 3271 Main Street, to discuss The Farm.

709 BOBBY WILSON: To this distinguished group here tonight, those who live, work, play, and live
710 in College Park, this great city of ours, I want to say thank you for allowing me to come before
711 you tonight to talk about some real positive things that's going on on the north end of this great
712 city of ours, at 3271 Main Street in College Park, Georgia. I often tell a lot of the young people
713 that I work with that you're either part of the problem, or you're part of the solution. I want to
714 think that Metro Atlanta Urban Farm is part of the solution.

715 We have on Earth Day, coming up on the 19th of April, V103 and its three other subsidiary radio
716 stations will be live at Metro Atlanta Urban Farm from 6:00 in the morning until about 2:00 on the
717 evening. We're excited about that. This is the Earth Day celebration. We have AARP coming
718 out to film at Metro Atlanta Urban Farm on the 20th of April. On the 25th of April, we have a
719 group from Washington, D.C. We have two distinguished guests coming from rural development,
720 as well as NRCS, and we also have our state directors from the state of Georgia that will be there
721 talking about the things that we can do in urban agriculture, and what farmers need to do.

722 I'm proud to say that I am a farmer. I said that at a meeting just this past week, and said, "I know
723 you from somewhere, Bobby." And I told him, "Well, I was a 2000 CNN hero -- 2022 CNN hero."
724 I'm proud to say tonight that I'm bringing that class of CNN heroes to the city of College Park,
725 with the hope that we can take the work that we have done to another level. And I want College
726 Park to be a part of that, so I'm inviting you. This faith-based initiative that will take place on the
727 25th of April is centered around faith, food, and land, and we want you to be a part of that, with
728 more than --

729 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

730 BOBBY WILSON: -- 100 people --

731 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on one --

732 BOBBY WILSON: -- in attendance.

733 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

734 BOBBY WILSON: Thank you so much.

735 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Mr. Wilson.

736 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

737 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Appreciate it.

738 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

739 CITY CLERK: Next is James Walker, Rugby Avenue, topic of discussion not listed.

740 JAMES WALKER: Mayor and Council, again, good evening.

741 GOVERNING BODY: Good evening.

742 JAMES WALKER: Glad to be here. I am here again, unfortunately, to let everybody know that
743 we do have a problem about crime. My yard, this weekend, was vandalized by a criminal who
744 stole a car in broad daylight at Barrett Parkway, proceeded to come up Napoleon, turn on Rugby,
745 I guess, ran into my yard, knocked over my mailbox and a stop sign post. Now, what's interesting
746 to that is the police officers, they showed up very timely. Cleared out the accident within 15-20
747 minutes. Very helpful, very friendly. They did a phenomenal job, so credit is due to them.

748 Where the blame lies is that when I asked the police officers and several other people about the
749 cameras in Barrett Park, they told me they did not work. So I ask you, how can we spend \$600,000
750 to \$800,000 on bathrooms, and not have the cameras that we already have paid for not operational?
751 That breeds liability. That's dangerous. And what that does is give us a false sense of security. I
752 was also told that we had about 50 cameras in the city that do not work. Now, how we have a
753 Mayor and a Council -- and this happened last year, I guess -- to have the fiduciary duty of
754 overseeing this great city, but cannot make sure that our cameras, our police cameras, are
755 operational.

756 As Mr. Tate said, that had they been operational, perhaps we could stop some crime. Perhaps we
757 can ward off criminal activity. But I tell you who do know the cameras don't work are the
758 criminals. For anybody to be brazen enough to sit up in broad daylight at 12:00 P.M. on a Saturday
759 afternoon, when women and children and families are in the park, and steal a Kia car, which I did
760 see over there before, and run down Rugby, crash into my mailbox and leave, and vanish into the
761 wind like a ghost, with nobody knowing who they are -- that is unacceptable for College Park. But
762 yet still, we can run around and spend money on things that we didn't sign up for.

763 I'm also to understand that this was not even in last year's budget. Apparently, Mr. Michael Hicks
764 brought this to Council's attention last year, and nothing was done to it, done about the cameras.
765 So --

766 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

767 COUNCILMAN CARN: You can continue. Motion to continue.

768 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Oh, I want to -- yes.

769 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. Me, too.

770 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry. Hold on. Okay. Mr. Anderson has yielded his time.

771 JAMES WALKER: Thank you. Furthermore, with the Flint River project coming, we all know
772 that that's going to breed more traffic and more people into our cities. What are we telling them?
773 I would really like for council and the mayor to take inventory of the cameras that are not working
774 in the City of College Park, and make sure that they are operational. This makes absolutely no
775 sense to me, when we can do the basic things, the very basic things to make sure that our citizenry
776 is safe and we are protected, and that we give our police officers the tools that they need to help
777 catch the criminals in a timely fashion. I just, I don't understand how we could miss such a needful
778 thing, but yet ask for attorneys fees and lawsuits that we have nothing to do with.

779 So let me tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to take it upon myself. I'm going to install
780 cameras at my house. Officer Porch, all the police officers, if y'all need to know what happened,
781 ask me. Because apparently, our city government does not take our safety as seriously as they say.
782 They take other things seriously, but when my family walks in that park at night, and God forbid
783 anything happen to anybody, in College Park or anywhere, we will not have the ability to find out
784 or to identify who is over there, save for the people who have Ring doorbells and other cameras.
785 So we are going to get cameras. Council Member McKenzie, I called you, and you were right on
786 it. We're going to make sure that if you all can't do it, I'm going to do it.

787 And I strongly encourage other citizens to do the same thing, because just like Mr. Tate said, we
788 have to take it into our own hands, and make sure that if the cameras don't work, we have to get
789 them that work. And what I'm going to do is hopefully send y'all a bill for doing y'all's job. The
790 last thing that College Park needs is this. This should have been resolved. I should not be standing
791 here in the wake of all that is going on, and have to ask for cameras that we paid for and we're
792 currently paying for now. We deserve better. Thank you.

793 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames?

794 CITY CLERK AMES: Yes. Next is Larry Brady Evans, 2112 West Princeton Avenue, topic of
795 discussion not listed.

796 LARRY BRADY EVANS: Good evening.

797 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

798 LARRY BRADY EVANS: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

799 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

800 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening, Larry.

801 LARRY BRADY EVANS: I would like to greet you all first. My name is Larry Brady Evans. I
802 reside at 2112 West Princeton Avenue, College Park, Georgia. I'd like to greet you all with a
803 greeting of peace and understanding. The issue I have tonight is first I'd like to say congratulations
804 to you all that you enjoyed the trip to D.C., and it's good to see you all back. And I don't know
805 what you went for, but I hope you got what you went for, because you all reminded me of one of
806 those old classics. It's called The Wizard of Oz. They was off to see the wizard. You all went

807 off to D.C., and in that journey, there was one who needed a brain. Another one needed a heart.
808 Another one didn't have no courage. And it was an old wicked witch who had the spirit of not
809 allowing them on their journey, but as it all turned out, I hope and pray that you all got what you
810 went for. I hope you got a brain, a heart, and the courage to rule and to manage this city.

811 And the last one said there was no place like home, so for you all to come home, I hope you come
812 with a beautiful spirit that you all left that wicked witch spirit wherever it was, and look forward
813 to doing the right thing here. And I can see, and I hear from the citizens of College Park, something
814 just ain't right here. And everybody's slinging mud, and I'm not going to say they're wrong, but
815 I'm not going to say they're right. But I have proof in the pudding here, and I'd just like to share
816 with you all tonight this is what's going on right down the street from my home. When I come out
817 of my house and turn left --

818 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Someone -- that used to --

819 COUNCILMAN CARN: Please continue.

820 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Dr. Chisulo has yielded his time.
821 Go right ahead, Mr. Evans.

822 CITY CLERK AMES: He didn't sign in.

823 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: He did not sign in?

824 CITY CLERK AMES: No.

825 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is anyone who signed in willing to yield their time?

826 CITY CLERK AMES: The only person left is Pam Grier.

827 COUNCILMAN CARN: I motion for him to continue.

828 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Please let the clerk answer the question first. Madam
829 Clerk?

830 CITY CLERK AMES: Just one other person that signed in, Pam Grier.

831 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. So she still wishes to talk, so -- correct, ma'am?
832 All right. So Council Member Carn, you made a motion to allow Larry Brady Evans to extend his
833 time for what period?

834 COUNCILMAN CARN: Just so he can finish his statement.

835 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Is there a second?

836 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I second.

837 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
838 none, I'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

839 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

840 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

841 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

842 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

843 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you. That's unanimous.

844 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to extend citizen remarks for Larry Brady Evans,
845 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, and motion carried (all voted yes).

846 LARRY BRADY EVANS: Thank you all so kindly. As you have a sign at the conference center
847 that says it's proof in the pudding, so I got proof here tonight. This is a sign. When I come out
848 my driveway headed to the golf course, this is what I see. Manager? This is what I see. Do you
849 all see this? I want the citizens of College Park to see this. That says a lot about our city. It's
850 upside down. I didn't say it. The proof is in the pudding. So as you all return from the city of
851 D.C., let's get this place right, because I'm here to stay. College Park is born. College Park, my
852 home. College Park is where we learn to get along. And when I die, I be College Park gone. And
853 I thank you all for hearing me. God bless us all. Thank you.

854 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

855 CITY CLERK: Next is Pam Grier, 2034 Cannon Court, topic of discussion not listed.

856 PAM GRIER: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

857 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

858 COUNCILMAN GAY: Evening.

859 PAM GRIER: My concern is about the cemetery over there on Atlanta Street and Andrew, over
860 there in the apartment. I would like to know who the head of that is, because something needs to
861 be done to it like now. Because when it gets hot going to be a lot of trees (INDISCERNIBLE),
862 that's my concern.

863 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, ma'am.

864 CITY CLERK AMES: Moving on to my email comments, Mayor and Council, there's three
865 minutes on the clock, and I have five comments to read. Any direction?

866 COUNCILMAN GAY: I motion that you read them.

867 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

868 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: How many are there?

869 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There's five.

870 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: How many did you say there were?

871 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There's five.

872 COUNCILMAN GAY: Are we out of time?

873 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There's three minutes left.

874 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: We're out of time.

875 CITY CLERK AMES: I'm going to start while the time is going. Okay. So the first one, actually
876 I'm going to skip that one, because Mr. Bobby came to the mic already, so there's four. The next
877 comment is from Andy Gosch, and it reads, "To all the four Council Members, I'm asking what
878 your plans are for the city business and finances going forward. There has been a high rate of
879 terminations, resignations since you all took office. These vacancies interim hold three jobs at
880 once. People will undoubtedly weaken our structure. It would have the natural side effect of
881 further depleting the city's reserves through significantly higher costs while on board, upscale, and
882 pay for unexpected mistakes by unprepared staff. I'm also asking who is approving any and all
883 bids. It appears work is being done, and how was this arranged? Respectfully, Millie and Andy
884 Gosch."

885 The next comment is from Kenneth (Keith) Thieme, and it reads, "Mayor and Council, good
886 evening. My name is Keith Thieme. I reside at 1760 Vesta Avenue. I have been a proud College
887 Park resident since 2001. I am greatly concerned about the hostile feel from a work environment
888 created by Council since the last election cycle in November 2023. For the City to lose five key
889 employees since January 2024 due to actions of this Council is an unprecedented disgrace and
890 embarrassment. In my 23 years of living in College Park, we have never lost so many key
891 employees at one time. Not even during the COVID pandemic did we lose so many key
892 employees, nor were City employees fearful to speak up. The current events over the last three
893 months make everyone wonder what the new council's plans actually are for the beloved city.
894 Regards, Keith Thieme."

895 The next comment is from Demetris Taylor, and it reads, "Greetings, Mayor and Council. I'm
896 Demetris Taylor, a 16-year resident of the Embarcadero Club Apartments in Ward 2, and you
897 know I'm not the voice of the people. I am the people. Today I have a few items on my mind that
898 I hope will be addressed soon. First, it saddens me that the retreat did not function at the expected
899 100 percentile we as citizens were hoping. It is my continued prayer that the cohesiveness needed
900 to gel the communication gap between the elected body will find its coming around soon, to halt
901 all covert operations of city unrest and emotional recourse.

902 “Secondly, the stain in which the lawsuit has infiltrated the fabrics of our city’s tapestry is not a
903 good look, and I’m hoping that we are able to have a proverbial tapestry cleaner on deck that will
904 be able to remove the ugliness, so that we can continue to move forward. Yes, these are growing
905 pains, but if we are not willing to grow and do the exercises needed to sustain such growth, then
906 all those efforts are in vain.

907 “Now on to the business of the city. Will someone please go on public and let citizens know who
908 is the interim economic development director? We are hearing that BIDA has been entertaining
909 LOIs and folks who are interested in development within 6 West, but my trepidation is do we have
910 the proper people in place to ensure that we can secure the job correctly. What is all of the
911 construction development improvement that is happening with the Brady Trail over on Sullivan
912 Road? I have been seeing what I thought was Public Works over there for some time, in what
913 appears to be digging, excavating the land along the trail. Please share what’s going on.”

914 I am currently out of time.

915 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Ms. Ames. We’ll move forward to a public hearing.

916 7. Public Hearing

917 CITY CLERK AMES: The item on the Public Hearing is for consideration of and action on a
918 Conditional Use Permit application from United Scrap Metal at 2539 Sullivan Road in Ward 2, to
919 allow for a private transloading metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power.

920 DEBORAH ROGOFF-EZRA: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

921 COUNCILMAN GAY: Evening.

922 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

923 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Good evening.

924 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Good evening.

925 CITY PLANNER DEBORAH ROGOFF-EZRA: To repeat, we are here, and we have United
926 Scrap Metal Georgia, LLC in the audience, so they will be representing and will be doing the
927 session after the presentation. We have a petition for a Conditional Use Permit at 2539 Sullivan
928 Road, to allow for a private transloading metal recycling facility in the M2 zone, which is heavy
929 industrial, on a 4-acre site, per the requirements of Appendix A, Article 3, Division 14, Section
930 3.44, Conditional uses under industrial uses.

931 An approved Conditional Use Permit is necessary for the applicant, who is a diverse supplier to
932 the Southern Companies and Georgia Power, to convert the vacant facility, which currently exists
933 onsite, to a metal recycling and transloading operation of recovered Georgia Power materials, and
934 it will assist Georgia Power in improving their service division through replacement and
935 retrofitting of their existing infrastructure and provision systems.

936 The applicant actually began providing services to Georgia Power at the beginning of January
937 2024, in the capacity of storing materials only onsite, in response to emergency storm restoration,
938 field operations, and grid modernization. They currently hold a business license to only operate
939 as a container storage facility, until such time as a Conditional Use Permit is approved, and or we
940 have a determination that the process is complete, and the CUP is signed into an ordinance. At
941 that time, they then can begin to apply for a new business license, to do the recycling and
942 transloading operations. So at this time, they are only operating as a storage facility.

943 The property has been vacant for three years. Previously it was Rider Cylinder, which was a repair
944 and refurbishment facility for auto cylinders, auto and truck cylinders. It has been, as I said, vacant
945 for the past three years. The applicant will not be changing, adding, or retrofitting or making any
946 changes to the existing structures, so there will be no need for variances to be requested in addition.
947 All of the surrounding land uses are either industrial or vacant zoned industrial sites, and there is
948 a commercial rail line to the north of the site, the AWP Railroad.

949 The applicant is seeking the conditional use permit in response to the zoning code, which identifies
950 recycling operations and scrap metal yards as permitted uses only with a conditional use permit,
951 which is the ultimate use of the property. In terms of the physical onsite conditions, the as-built
952 layout of the lot and siting of existing structures is considered legally nonconforming, as far as site
953 setbacks and site coverages. Those setbacks do not conform to the current requirements of the
954 code that is currently in effect. However, as I mentioned before, they do not need to seek any
955 variances as to the actual building. There will be no changes to the building.

956 Landscape buffering is relatively nonexistent on the site at this time, and the majority of the site is
957 covered with either concrete or the structures. There is very little landscape and buffering, and
958 that will be a focus as far as the conditions that are recommended, and that the planning
959 commission recommended. The proposed recycling activities do not involve operation of
960 pollution-emitting equipment, handling of appliances, or steel shredders.

961 There will be two to three trucks entering and exiting the site on a daily basis, and they will be
962 operating between 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday. They are going to be
963 working only as a private commercial industrial service. It is not open to the public as a public
964 recycling facility, so there will not be customers driving in and out of the site. There would only
965 be the employees and the two to three trucks per day that will be adding to the traffic volume.

966 The organization's environmental management systems, and the recycling industry operating
967 standards and certifications ensure regulatory and environmental compliance, and the applicant
968 explained in more detail what those are, if you have questions about them. Overall, the proposed
969 use does not adversely impact the community, the surrounding properties, which are all industrial
970 in nature, or the economic climate of the city or the environment. Allowing the new use will
971 actually support new business and employment opportunities in the city. The applicant will be
972 adding a potential of 20 to 25 workers within I believe the first year, so it will be bringing in
973 potential homeowners to the cities who are relocating their families to College Park.

974 Additionally, and this is a bonus, the applicant provides contracted services to Southern
975 Companies, specifically Georgia Power, and this encourages goodwill and positive relations in the

976 south for Fulton County area. They have also provided a letter of commitment for community
977 engagement with the Main Street Academy, Georgia Track Favor House, and Ignite, and they also
978 work with the Ronald McDonald Foundation on Recycle Day. And the money that they raise on
979 Recycle Day, which is the one day that it is open to the public, is donated to the Ronald McDonald
980 enterprise.

981 Overall, there is consistency and compatibility with surrounding properties and uses, the
982 comprehensive plan land use map, which is also industrial, and the associated goals and policies
983 in the comprehensive plan. There is a lesser impact to the roadways that would be anticipated if
984 it was a regular permitted use within the M1 district, such as a truck facility or a storage or
985 distribution facility, so that is actually a benefit.

986 The Planning Commission unanimously approved recommendation to the Conditional Use Permit
987 at the January 29th meeting, subsequent to two following conditions: that there be landscaped
988 islands and lighting poles installed in the interior of the parking lot, to provide proper lighting and
989 minimize large areas of unshaded pavement; and that the City Planner has recommended removal
990 of concrete within portions of the required front setback, and installation of landscape buffers to
991 improve compatibility with the existing M2 uses along Sullivan Road, which are in front of the
992 subject property. Currently it's a vet who has been there for many, many years, although there is
993 no landscaping buffer along the fence along the private drive to screen the veterinary facility from
994 trucks that will be entering the -- to go to the back. It's like a flag light lot to the back of the lot
995 where the actual recycling activities will be taking place.

996 So landscape materials are required as part of the submission for the second business license in
997 order to screen the activities from the roadway (INDISCERNIBLE) uses. And that is it.

998 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

999 DEBORAH ROGOFF-EZRA: Any questions?

1000 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie?

1001 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: No. I am familiar with the project. I was actually in the
1002 meeting when you had met with the planning commission about this, so all my questions are
1003 already answered. Thank you so much.

1004 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

1005 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you. I got my questions answered. I met with the outfit bringing
1006 this, and it looks like it's something that'll be okay. There's no heating of metal, and no odors and
1007 loud noise and the whole nine, and the applicant -- are they coming up, or are they --

1008 DEBORAH ROGOFF-EZRA: Yes, they will come up when --

1009 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. All right.

1010 DEBORAH ROGOFF-EZRA: -- any questions that you have of me are completed.

1011 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I guess I'll wait until they come up. I had --

1012 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1013 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No questions. I was here the night that they presented as well.

1014 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

1015 COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

1016 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. If you'd like to have the applicant come up?

1017 CITY CLERK AMES: Are we in the public hearing?

1018 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I haven't opened it yet.

1019 CITY CLERK AMES: Okay.

1020 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Excuse me?

1021 COUNCILMAN GAY: She hasn't opened it yet.

1022 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, okay.

1023 SADZI OLIVA: Is it okay to speak?

1024 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am.

1025 SADZI OLIVA: Okay. Good evening, Mayor, City Council. My name is Sadzi, S-A-D-Z-I,
1026 Oliva, O-L-I-V-A. I'm the vice president of government relations and community at United Scrap
1027 Metal. Also present this evening is our president, Brad Serlin, and our chief operating officer, Jim
1028 Sause. Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to answer your questions and those of the
1029 public.

1030 Just a little bit about United Scrap Metal and its history. We were established in 1978 by our CEO,
1031 Marsha Serlin. Today we're one of the largest full-service recyclers in the country. We have
1032 facilities in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida. Our
1033 mission statement is making a positive impact in the lives of others, and our core values are trust,
1034 commitment, loyalty, passion, respect, service, and performance. We're a nationally certified
1035 woman owned business enterprise. We have an award winning history in philanthropic efforts,
1036 safety, quality, industry standards, and we're the fastest growing woman-owned business
1037 recognized.

1038 We are United strong in our communities. Economic impact is important to us. Charitable and
1039 philanthropic endeavors are important. Diversity, equity, and inclusion, youth leadership,
1040 education and arts, public/private partnerships, and of course sustainability, which is the nature of
1041 our industry. We have a longstanding relationship with Ronald McDonald House charities across
1042 our footprint, which demonstrates our commitment to our communities. Through our recycling
1043 and fundraising activities, we've raised millions to provide a home away from home for families
1044 of hospitalized children facing terminal illnesses. We also have high ratings in sustainability,
1045 having a silver medal from EcoVadis, which is an environmental social governance metric
1046 assessment.

1047 We service a resource to government agencies as it relates to the recycling industry. I recently
1048 joined at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Recycling Assessment Advisory Council.
1049 Environmental compliance and management of downstream liability is why customers and
1050 consumers choose United Scrap Metal. Workforce health and safety are a priority, with regulatory
1051 compliance beyond industry standards, including Global Biorisk Advisory Council star, Industry
1052 Standard Operations 14001, and recycling industry operating standards and certifications every
1053 year, and they are up to date. We recycle 97.25 percent of the material we receive in all of our
1054 facilities, while putting the balance that really can't go anywhere else into beneficial applications.

1055 As to the location here in the City of College Park, we hope to have 25 jobs. It's a \$13 million
1056 investment for the City of College Park. As you heard earlier, we're a diverse supplier to Georgia
1057 Power Southern Company, and the ultimate use of the property will be metal recycling and
1058 transloading operation for recovery of Georgia Power material. Also as you already heard, we will
1059 not have any polluting equipment involved, no handling of appliances or running of steel
1060 shredders. While we will not be open to the public, we will plan one community recycling day
1061 per year in order to meet the needs of the community, and for those who want to recycle their
1062 material.

1063 Finally, we have pictures of the planned requested landscape buffering for you to see, and also we
1064 have reached out to the Main Street Academy and Ignite for community engagement opportunities.
1065 I hope to speak to them soon. And our vision is collaboration with the City of College Park on
1066 outreach to the community via social media, to create the annual recycling event for both
1067 businesses and residents. Any questions?

1068 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member McKenzie? Do you have any questions?

1069 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I said no.

1070 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. Council Member Carn?

1071 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Thanks for coming. I saw your illustration of the buffer, and
1072 like I mentioned, I would like to see a bit taller trees there, due to the height of trucks. We want
1073 to make sure that that's, you know, aesthetically pleasing there. So outside of that, you know, it
1074 looks okay. All right.

1075 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1076 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No questions.

1077 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

1078 COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

1079 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. At this time, I will declare the public hearing open. If
1080 anyone wishes to speak on this matter, they can approach at this time.

1081 LARRY BRADY EVANS: Good evening. You all says that you won't be serving the public.
1082 Who will you be serving?

1083 SADZI OLIVA: So we'll be serving in the interim, Georgia Power --

1084 CITY CLERK AMES: Can you speak in the mic, please? I'm sorry.

1085 SADZI OLIVA: Sorry. Sure. We have to share. So for now we're serving Georgia
1086 Power/Southern Company. That's our main customer right now.

1087 LARRY BRADY EVANS: Thank you.

1088 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Anyone else wishing to speak during this public hearing? All
1089 right. Public hearing closed. Is there a motion?

1090 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

1091 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1092 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

1093 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn and Council Member Gay. Any
1094 discussion? Hearing none, move to a vote. All those in favor?

1095 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1096 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1097 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1098 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1099 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.

1100 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn made a motion to allow United Scrap Metal Georgia LLC a
1101 Conditional Use Permit at 2539 Sullivan Road. Councilman Gay seconded, and
1102 motion carried (all said yes).

1103 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

1104 SADZI OLIVA: Thank you.

1105 8. Other Business

1106 A. Consideration of and action to renew the motion to approve the rezoning of property at
1107 0 Welcome All Road.

1108 CITY CLERK: The next item on the agenda is consideration of and action to renew the motion to
1109 approve the rezoning of property at 0 Welcome All Road from business park BP to light industrial
1110 M1.

1111 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1112 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion.

1113 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

1114 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1115 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Any discussion?
1116 Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1117 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1118 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1119 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1120 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed?

1121 COUNCILMAN CARN: Opposed.

1122 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So that is Council Member Gay, Council Member
1123 Arnold, and Council Member McKenzie in favor. Council Member Carn opposed. The motion
1124 passes.

1125 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay made a motion to approve the rezoning of property at 0 Welcome
1126 All Road from business park BP to light industrial M1. Councilwoman McKenzie
1127 seconded. Councilman Carn opposed, and the motion carried.

1128 B. Consideration of and action to accept \$1,600,000 for economic development grant from
1129 Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage, LLC

1130 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is consideration of and action to accept \$1,000,600 -- I'm
1131 sorry, \$1,600,000 for economic development grant from Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage, LLC,
1132 to be allocated equally among College Park city council districts, pursuant to their award letter.

1133 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is the award letter attached?

1134 CITY CLERK AMES: No, I just got this.

1135 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there an award letter?

1136 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: No.

1137 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What award letter is this talking about, pursuant to the award
1138 letter?

1139 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It is a grant that's supposed to come to the city, a grant. I don't
1140 have the documents with me here. That is something I can turn in to the clerk tomorrow.

1141 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: For \$1.6 million dollars, and you -- did you share it with
1142 everybody?

1143 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Did I share it? No, I haven't shared it with anybody. It's a
1144 grant motion that came to me, and I thought I, you know, would bring it to the governing body.

1145 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: With no supporting documentation?

1146 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I don't have the documentation with me here, but I can furnish
1147 it to the clerk tomorrow.

1148 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So this is the agenda item addition, with no supporting
1149 documentation, to accept \$1.6 million?

1150 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Madam Mayor, I don't have the documents with me here, but
1151 I'd be more than happy to give it to the clerk tomorrow.

1152 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. When did you get the information?

1153 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: When did I receive the information?

1154 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

1155 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Early part of today.

1156 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

1157 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Point of order. Have we had a motion on this, and a second?

1158 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No, ma'am.

1159 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. Because I know we're in a discussion. I just was
1160 wondering --

1161 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No, I don't think we're in discussion yet, because there hasn't been
1162 a ruling.

1163 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Oh, you were in a discussion with the City Manager. Excuse
1164 me, Madam Mayor. (INDISCERNIBLE) --

1165 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So --

1166 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Excuse me.

1167 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So did you receive an email, Dr. Adediran?

1168 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Did I what?

1169 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: How did you become aware of this situation?

1170 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: There was no email. I received correspondence. It was not an
1171 email, no.

1172 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: How did you become aware of this?

1173 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Huh?

1174 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: How did you become aware of this?

1175 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It was information that was passed down to me from one of the
1176 governing bodies.

1177 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: From whom?

1178 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: From, you know, Councilman Gay.

1179 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. So Council Member Gay gave you information
1180 that we were going to get \$1.6 million, but we don't have any supporting documentation?

1181 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Not with me, but it's something I'll give to the clerk tomorrow.

1182 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

1183 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I was asked to add it to the agenda tonight.

1184 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. And moving forward, if you have these printouts, please
1185 make sure that the entire governing body, including me, gets them before the meeting. Okay?

1186 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay. No problem.

1187 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a motion?

1188 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion.

1189 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1190 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

1191 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Any discussion? Hearing
1192 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1193 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1194 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1195 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1196 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1197 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

1198 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay made a motion to accept a \$1,600,000 economic development grant
1199 from Southwest Atlanta Battery Storage, LLC, to be allocated equally among College
1200 Park city council districts, pursuant to their award letter. Councilman Carn seconded,
1201 and the motion carried (all voted yes).

1202 C. Consideration on the action to improve the IGA Fulton County Election Services contract
1203 to conduct the MOST referendum.

1204 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is a consideration on the action to improve the IGA Fulton
1205 County Election Services contract to conduct the MOST referendum.

1206 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1207 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

1208 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Carn. Is there a second?

1209 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1210 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
1211 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1212 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1213 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1214 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1215 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1216 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you. That is unanimous.

1217 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn made a motion on action to approve the IGA Fulton County
1218 Election Services contract to conduct the MOS referendum. Councilwoman Arnold
1219 seconded, and the motion carried (all voted yes).

1220 D. Approval of a consent agenda, which consists of Consideration of and action on a request
1221 to amend the date of Mayor and City Council meeting from May 20th, 2024 to
1222 Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024; Consideration of and action on a request to purchase 10
1223 OpenGate Magnometers for venue security purposes at the Gateway Arena;
1224 Consideration of and action to accept Fulton County Community Development block
1225 grant award park improvements in the amount of \$214,125 for Philips Park basketball
1226 court in Ward 4; Consideration of and action on a request for approval to purchase one
1227 set of Jaws of Life extraction tool for the Fire Department; Consideration of and action
1228 on a request to approve replacement purchases of units 289 and 290 for two Chevrolet
1229 Silverado 1500 vehicles for Storm Water from Hardy Automotive Fleet Group under a
1230 state contract, at a total cost of \$87,950 under the 2022/2023 current budget;
1231 Consideration of and action on a request to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Water
1232 and Sewer Division from Griffin Chevrolet in the amount of \$49,300

1233 CITY CLERK AMES: The next item is the approval of a consent agenda, which consists of
1234 consideration of and action on a request to amend the date of Mayor and City Council meeting
1235 from May 20th, 2024 to Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024; consideration of and action on a request to
1236 purchase 10 OpenGate Magnometers for venue security purposes at the Gateway Arena;
1237 consideration of and action to accept Fulton County Community Development block grant award
1238 park improvements in the amount of \$214,125 for Philips Park basketball court in Ward 4. Next
1239 is the consideration of and action on a request for approval to purchase one set of Jaws of Life
1240 extraction tool for the Fire Department. Next is the consideration of and action on a request to
1241 approve replacement purchases of units 289 and 290 for two Chevrolet Silverado 1500 vehicles
1242 for Storm Water from Hardy Automotive Fleet Group under a state contract, at a total cost of
1243 \$87,950 under the 2022/2023 current budget, and consideration of and action on a request to
1244 purchase a replacement vehicle for the Water and Sewer Division from Griffin Chevrolet in the
1245 amount of \$49,300. Those are all the items on the consent agenda.

1246 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda?

1247 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

1248 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

1249 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1250 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
1251 none, all those in favor?

1252 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1253 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1254 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1255 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1256 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous. Thank you.

1257 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was
1258 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, and the motion carried (all voted yes).

1259 E. Consideration of and action on a request to purchase a fire department command vehicle,
1260 purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado at state contract pricing from Hardy Fleet Group, in
1261 the amount of \$49,542.80, plus \$25,072.80 to complete the first respondents package, for
1262 a total cost of \$66,372.80

1263 CITY CLERK AMES: Item 8E is a consideration of and action on a request to purchase a fire
1264 department command vehicle, purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado at state contract pricing from
1265 Hardy Fleet Group, in the amount of \$49,542.80, plus \$25,072.80 to complete the first respondents
1266 package, for a total cost of \$66,372.80.

1267 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1268 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I move.

1269 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member McKenzie. Is there a second?

1270 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second with discussion.

1271 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. All right. Go right ahead.

1272 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So I just have really a question on the \$25,000. Nothing in the
1273 backup materials say where we're going to get the additional \$25,000 from.

1274 CHIEF ELMORE: The \$25,000 is budgeted. In this year's budget, we only budgeted \$21,000 for
1275 the truck. When July came around, the truck was no longer available because of supply chain
1276 issues. When they opened the purchase up again, which was in December, there was an increase
1277 of \$8,000, so add that on to the \$41,000. But then if you all approve the purchase of the truck, we
1278 still have to put lights and sirens on the truck, and that's where the additional \$16,000 came from.
1279 So that's \$16,000 plus \$8,000. That's the \$25,000.

1280 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. And has Finance told you where they're going to allocate
1281 that \$25,000 from?

1282 CHIEF ELMORE: We have some savings --

1283 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay.

1284 CHIEF ELMORE: -- in salaries, so we can move that money, those funds over.

1285 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. That was my question.

1286 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any additional questions? Hearing none, we'll move
1287 to a vote. All those in favor?

1288 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1289 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1290 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1291 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1292 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? All right. That is unanimous.
1293 Thank you.

1294 CHIEF ELMORE: Thank you.

1295 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion on the approval to purchase a fire
1296 department command vehicle, purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado at state contract
1297 pricing from Hardy Fleet Group, in the amount of \$49,542.80, plus \$25,072.80 to
1298 complete the first respondents package, for a total cost of \$66,372.80. It was
1299 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, and the motion carried (all voted yes).

1300 F. Consideration to install sidewalks from the Oxford Walk Subdivision on Fairway to
1301 Washington Road, at the cost of under \$10,000.

1302 CITY CLERK: Next is the City Attorney's report.

1303 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Excuse me. Point of order. We did not --

1304 CITY CLERK: You are correct.

1305 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I thought maybe -- I had another agenda item.

1306 CITY CLERK AMES: You sure did. I apologize.

1307 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I don't want to miss that. I've got to look at Oxford Walk.

1308 CITY CLERK AMES: I apologize. Let me back up. So this will be 8E.

1309 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: F.

1310 CITY CLERK AMES: Sorry, 8F, consideration of and action to install sidewalks from Oxford
1311 Walk subdivision on Fairway Drive to Washington Road.

1312 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1313 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I move.

1314 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1315 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

1316 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor?

1317 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1318 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1319 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1320 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1321 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? That is unanimous.

1322 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion on the approval to install sidewalks from
1323 Oxford Walk subdivision on Fairway Drive to Washington Road. Councilman Gay
1324 seconded, and the motion carried (all voted yes).

1325 9. City Attorney's Report

1326 CITY CLERK AMES: Okay. Now we can move on to the city attorney's report.

1327 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Nothing this evening.

1328 10. City Manager's Report

1329 CITY CLERK AMES: Next is the City Manager's report.

1330 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Nothing tonight.

1331 11. Report of Mayor and Council

1332 CITY CLERK AMES: Report of Mayor and Council, starting with Mayor Bianca Motley Broom.

1333 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Well, it has been a very exciting couple
1334 of weeks. The -- I'll wait until you sit. I'm good. Thank you. So as I was saying, it's been a very
1335 exciting last couple of weeks. We have had the opportunity to be the beneficiary of a \$50 million
1336 grant through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Act through the U.S.
1337 Department of Transportation. It is such an exciting project, that will connect the Atlanta Beltline
1338 to the Flint River Trail that goes right by the Finding the Flint project. And Congressman David
1339 Scott has been our champion in getting Congressionally directed spending for that project in
1340 particular, and that also came through in the last couple of weeks. And so, in addition to that \$50
1341 million for the region, we're going to be receiving \$500,000 for the Finding the Flint project at the
1342 Headwaters.

1343 And it's just such an exciting time. I want to thank Senators Ossoff and Warnock, Congresswoman
1344 Nikema Williams, the Atlanta Regional Commission for all the hard work that they did to get all
1345 the cities and the county and all of our partners together on this Reconnecting Communities and
1346 Neighborhoods Grant. That they've been hard at work for that for the last year or so, and we are
1347 so grateful for their efforts. I also want to thank Aerotropolis Atlanta for all of their advocacy and
1348 their work to make this possible. This is a big, big deal. It really, really is, because it improves
1349 the quality of life for all of our residents, because when we are connecting in ways that allow us
1350 to use other modes of transportation, we're not only improving health outcomes, but we are
1351 improving our environment, and improving our resiliency. And the \$500,000 for the Flint will
1352 help us get closer to reality in terms of making that a great, sustainable project for generations to
1353 come.

1354 And the good news just keeps on coming. We got \$959,752 for a water storage tank, actually to
1355 just improve our water capabilities, because we all know that we went through some trying times
1356 with the deep freeze in December of '22, and we responded to that. We heard you. We recognized
1357 that this was not only a problem in College Park. It was throughout the region. But when we went
1358 down, the airport also went down and had some issues.

1359 And so I want to thank our partners at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport for being
1360 willing to sign on to this for Congressionally directed spending, because they recognized how
1361 important it is to make sure that since part of the airport -- the arrival/departure gates, the T gates,
1362 the A gates, and the southern half of the B gates -- sit in the City of College Park, that we need to
1363 be hand in hand to make sure that we've got the resources available to service all the people who
1364 are not only in our city, but coming through our city on a daily basis.

1365 And so, that project in and of itself helps our resiliency in the event of another emergency, and so
1366 we certainly appreciate not only Hartsfield Jackson, but again, our federal representatives for doing

1367 everything that they are doing on our behalf to bring those dollars home to the City of College
1368 Park.

1369 We've got an exciting opportunity next Thursday, March 28th, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the
1370 College Park Library. Congresswoman Nikema Williams -- I think I told you about this about a
1371 month, month and a half ago -- she is offering a service, and they're actually doing it in East Point
1372 with Senator Ossoff, a little -- in a couple of days. But we are going to have Congress in our
1373 Community from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. next Thursday. When all the mayors of the 5th District
1374 had lunch with Congresswoman Williams she told us about this program, and I said, "Sign us up.
1375 Let me know."

1376 So I got calls today saying we're actually doing this, and so if you're having issues with federal
1377 programs like Social Security or VA benefits, if you're having issues with getting your passport
1378 processed, all of those things that the congresswoman's office can help with, they will be there at
1379 the College Park Library from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. next Thursday. So you have an opportunity.
1380 You don't have to go to her district office. You don't have to email them in Washington, D.C.
1381 They are coming to us. So please mark that on your calendars, and please make your way over to
1382 the College Park Library and take advantage of this opportunity of having Congress in the
1383 Community.

1384 As mentioned earlier, we had a great opportunity to go see our elected representatives in
1385 Washington, D.C. last week, and it was very fruitful. We had the opportunity to see both of our
1386 senators, Congressman Scott, and we were able to meet with the staffers in Congresswoman
1387 Williams' office. She was right on the floor voting while we were there. And so, obviously
1388 making sure that our interests are protected, and actually doing the job is very, very important.
1389 But we met with her legislative director, Nick Pennington, and also her chief of staff, Melanee
1390 Farrah, and the entire team, and they were absolutely wonderful to work with, and we appreciate
1391 all of their efforts.

1392 Senator Ossoff's office reached back out, let us know about all the opportunities that are available
1393 for the priorities that we have in this upcoming federal budget. And so we will be getting our
1394 priorities together to send to them in a formal way in the next couple of weeks, and certainly look
1395 forward to that as well. And hopefully in this next budget cycle, when Congress finishes the budget
1396 cycle that they were supposed to finish in September, but I think they're coming to a close. I think
1397 they have to finish it by the 22nd. But when that happens and they go to the next budget that
1398 should be done in September, we will have our priorities, and make sure that we are continuing to
1399 move this community forward.

1400 We were also in Washington, D.C. for the National League of Cities conference, and it was
1401 amazing. Absolutely amazing. I have the privilege of serving on the board of directors of NLC,
1402 and our meeting revolved around a lot of issues, but one in particular that is so important to
1403 communities like ours: rail safety. We don't always know what's going through our city on those
1404 trains, and this is a conversation I've had with Chief Elmore more than once. But the tragedy that
1405 happened last year in East Palestine, Ohio really opened up everyone's eyes as to what can go on
1406 when a train derails in your city, and the National League of Cities has really moved forward with
1407 aggressive action to get Congress to act on this particular matter.

1408 The Railway Safety Act of 2023 is a bipartisan bill to do a lot of different things, but in some cases
1409 the trains that are going through our city might have one person on them, maybe two. These are
1410 long trains. If something happens, we need to make sure that trains are fully staffed and supported,
1411 so we've got the communication that we need to adequately respond, in the event that something
1412 does go wrong. And so, the railway safety act of 2023 addresses a number of these issues.

1413 I would ask that you look at it, that you get some information on the bill, and if you're so inclined,
1414 reach out to our representatives. Let them know how you feel about it. Because there are so many
1415 communities across the country that this impacts, and we are not immune to this. We could be the
1416 next East Palestine, and no one wants that, so we need to be loud about our priorities.

1417 And this is something that the National League of Cities has taken up as one of their championing
1418 causes, because if you have people raising their hands in just about any room, and ask them, you
1419 know, do you have a railroad going through your town, or are you impacted by one, 85, 90 percent
1420 of the people in the room will raise their hands, because rail is such an integral part to how
1421 transportation occurs in our country. However, it's not as safe as it could be with some common
1422 sense measures. So I would encourage you, take a look at the Railway Safety Act of 2023. If you
1423 are supportive of it after you take a look, reach out. Let our elected representatives know, because
1424 it is vitally important for the safety of all of our communities across the country.

1425 I also had the opportunity to moderate a discussion on housing and homelessness that included the
1426 deputy secretary of HUD, Adrienne Todman, and it really did show some of the issues facing cities
1427 of different sizes across the country, including one of the things that we see here in College Park --
1428 that homelessness has a lot of different faces. It's not just about people who might be living on
1429 the street. And there was a consensus in the room that we need to be talking broader about people
1430 who are facing issues of homelessness, and thinking about how we tackle the problem in a way
1431 that's -- because there's a lot of folks that just aren't visible who are dealing with homelessness,
1432 who might be couch surfing, or living in their car, or in our situation a lot, living in hotels. And
1433 they aren't the face of homelessness that we think of, but they are still impacted by not having
1434 safe, stable, decent housing.

1435 It was a wonderful discussion, and one of the things that was a topic of it was that we haven't done
1436 a great job of stemming the tide of people who are susceptible to entering into homelessness. And
1437 that leads us to Friday, where we cut the ribbon on the Diamond College Park and the Ion Arts
1438 Development, right there by the MARTA station, where there are 50 new apartments that are
1439 affordable out of a building, the Diamond College Park, that has 60 units. And there's a lot of
1440 really good things going on in this city, and that event was absolutely a culmination of that.

1441 And I want to congratulate the College Park First United Methodist Church, Good Places, and all
1442 the partners that worked so hard on that development. Diamond College Park is 100 percent
1443 leased. The full move-in should happen by April or so. And it is a testament to radical leadership,
1444 and what can happen with a truly community-driven and focused development, and while it took
1445 a while, and there were bumps and there were fits and there were starts, Friday was a great day. I
1446 also want to thank Senator Sonya Halpern for coming, and all of the folks who spent their time
1447 celebrating that wonderful event.

1448 While I was in D.C., I did get an invitation to go to the White House to talk with four other mayors
1449 in the national member -- I'm sorry -- members of the National Economic Council. I joined the
1450 mayor of Nogales, Arizona, Athens, Ohio, Opa-locka, Florida, and Kinston, North Carolina to talk
1451 about how our smaller or medium sized communities might have opportunities to have high tech
1452 manufacturing happen in our cities, and we talked about the need for regional cooperation to make
1453 that happen. And I think that we are on the cusp of that, certainly with our relationship with the
1454 Atlanta Regional Commission, and I've been having active conversations with them, with
1455 Aerotropolis about how we make sure we are using all of the resources that we have to attract
1456 development to our community.

1457 We also talked about workforce development, and I told them about the great things that are
1458 happening next door here in College Park at the Promise Career Institute, and how we are preparing
1459 kids who can walk out of that door and get certifications in a number of different areas that are in
1460 high demand in our community. And I also promised them that I would send them an invite,
1461 because when we cut the ribbon there in April -- I'm sorry, August, that is also going to be a huge
1462 celebration of what this community can do when we work together.

1463 So a few announcements. If you were not looking at our workshop meeting, the airport MARTA
1464 station is going to be closed from April 8th to May 19th. They will be running shuttles 22 hours a
1465 day, from 4:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. And MARTA is going to continue to promote this, and make
1466 sure that everybody knows, but tell your neighbors, tell your friends, because that will be a huge
1467 shift for all of us, but I'm confident that we have been working well with MARTA. Our amazing
1468 team at the College Park Police Department has been in conjunction with the MARTA PD to make
1469 sure that this is a smooth transition for the six weeks that that station is going to be closed, and just
1470 look for additional updates as we get closer to the time.

1471 MARTA is actually having an open house on March 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Southern
1472 Regional Medical Center Education Center on 11 Upper Riverdale Road, and they're going to be
1473 talking about the South Lake Bus Rapid Transit Line. So that should be a very informative
1474 discussion, as bus rapid transit can really change the shape of an entire region, so we are certainly
1475 looking forward to those developments here on the south side.

1476 And I guess it would start at about 7:00 P.M., and it's going to run until 7:00 A.M., the warming
1477 center tonight; is that right, Chief?

1478 CHIEF ELMORE: Yes.

1479 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. And so, if you know anyone who needs to get in out of
1480 the cold tonight, because we've got a freeze warning going on, they can go to 3717 College Street,
1481 and they can stay there until 7:00 A.M., and please make sure to pass that information along.

1482 And this Saturday, we've got the third annual citywide cleanup. The idea is that you form a team
1483 and tackle an area. And so, if you want further details, you can reach out to Frances Kennedy at
1484 fkennedy@collegeparkga.com. And that is all I have. I will pass it to Council Member McKenzie.

1485 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Well, thank you, and good evening again, everyone. As we
1486 are now more than halfway through Women's History Month, I want to begin this evening by
1487 expressing the gratitude that I have personally for serving with amazing colleagues on this council.
1488 You know, we made history as the first female majority governing body of the City of College
1489 Park. And I don't take this honor lightly, and I look forward to us doing phenomenal work as we
1490 put the citizens of College Park first.

1491 And then I want to acknowledge every single woman who is a department head or an employee of
1492 the City of College Park. Thank you for your service and your commitment to the city. You know,
1493 it's not always easy for women who work. We often are expected to perform the same roles at
1494 home as we would if we didn't work. Y'all know about that. So you still got to go to work, and
1495 still go home and do what you would have done if you didn't have a job, because you've got plenty
1496 of jobs.

1497 In addition, I want to show appreciation to those women who are heads of households that work
1498 for our city, or single parents. My hat goes off to each of you. I have stood in your shoes as a
1499 single parent and as a head of a household, and I honor you during this month for all the sacrifices
1500 that you make on a daily basis. Next I want to appreciate all the women that serve on my Ward 1
1501 leadership team -- I see some of you here -- and our community champions. Your dedication and
1502 your desire to see Ward 1 move forward is invaluable, and I look forward to making our dream of
1503 creating a community where everyone can thrive a reality. We are a great city that has great
1504 women that put their hearts into this community, and we are grateful for each of you. I actually
1505 had a list of about 60 women I was going to read off, but we need to go home tonight. Okay?

1506 I also want to thank the Community Spotlight for honoring me and my accomplishments in their
1507 Women's Empowerment Month celebration article, which was last week. I want to congratulate
1508 Director of Chaplaincy Dr. Marjorie Dent, another amazing woman, for conducting her first
1509 training seminar on law enforcement for the chaplains of the City of South Fulton's police
1510 department this past Friday. I heard back. I was actually with one of the majors there and captains,
1511 and we heard back from them and the staff, and they said that our chaplain, Dr. Dent, was fantastic.
1512 And I'm glad to see partnerships between College Park and our sister cities, because you know, it
1513 takes the whole village. It takes the whole community to make things work.

1514 We had an awesome two weeks in service to the residents of Ward 1. On March 7th -- some of
1515 this will be repetitive, but it's not going to be exactly the same. On March 7th, our governing body
1516 traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with our federal representatives, and the purpose of this trip
1517 was to thank our representatives for their continued support to our city over the past two years,
1518 and to share our city's 2024 federal legislative agenda and priorities. I was honored to have been
1519 elected by my legislative colleagues to be the spokesman, the spokesperson on behalf of our
1520 delegation at each of our meetings with Senator Raphael Warnock, Senator John Ossoff,
1521 Congressman David Scott, and Congresswoman Nikema Williams and their staff.

1522 We made great strides, and when we returned home, as you know, we received news that the
1523 Senate had voted in favor of the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act, and on Saturday, March
1524 9th, our president, Joseph Biden, signed it into law. And so, the significance of this act was that it
1525 granted \$500,000 in funding for our Finding the Flint Preserve project, which will be used to pay

1526 for the purchase of seven and a half acres for the preserve, and give us the ability to begin the work
1527 in the preserve as well. We also, as the mayor has said, we were funded with \$959,752 for our
1528 College Park Water Supply project.

1529 On Sunday, March 10th, our legislative body traveled back to D.C. for the National League of
1530 Cities Congressional Conference. It was a great opportunity to meet elected representatives from
1531 across the country, and get involved in national projects that will present great opportunities to our
1532 city now in the present, and in the near future. While we were in Washington, we received word
1533 from Senators Ossoff, Warnock, and Congresswoman Williams that a \$50 million federal
1534 investment in the South Side Trail is being made to assist the Atlanta Regional Commission project
1535 that will build a new multipurpose trail, to help connect schools, hospitals, job centers, and
1536 MARTA between the Beltline and the Flint River Trail. Amazing. This is huge for our Flint River
1537 Preserve project, but not only for the project, but for our city as a whole, because it's going to
1538 bring some additional amenities that we need, and that can cause us to be an even more thriving
1539 community.

1540 Other business that I conducted over the past two weeks in serving the citizens of Ward 1 -- I want
1541 to thank Oxford Walk HOA for inviting me and Sergeant Anthony Paniagua to their March 5th
1542 meeting. We talked on crime, and of course I was open to ask me any questions. I don't have
1543 anything to hide. So we answered questions, and I want to thank my colleagues for voting tonight
1544 so that I can go back to Oxford Walk and say, hey, we've got a sidewalk that we can walk safely
1545 now from your subdivision to Washington Road. So I truly appreciate you all for that.

1546 It's good to see Mr. Bobby Wilson, our CNN hero here today in the building with us. I was able
1547 to tour the Urban Farm with him on March 8th, and just to start talking about ways that we can
1548 partner -- because that's actually in Ward 1, how we can partner. And I'm excited about the Urban
1549 Farms three days of Earth Day celebrations that's coming up, from April 19th -- or actually it's
1550 more than three days, but from April 19th to 25th. So we'll be putting that on the calendar, and
1551 hopefully as much of our community can participate as possible.

1552 We had a fantastic wine stroll on March 14th, y'all. Jeff and I were so glad that we were able to
1553 attend until the Biden meeting. Biden had a meeting that night, but we got out there at 4:00, and
1554 it was so good to see our citizens out there. Also, we heard that the music on the lawn was fantastic,
1555 phenomenal, just having our community come together. I want to thank Ginger and the Main
1556 Street merchants, College Park Recreation. We had golf carts for the first time that would take
1557 people from one place to the other, which really helped us to get a feel for the total downtown
1558 business district. So I want to thank everybody that participated in that.

1559 Also, earlier today I was called, contacted by Nikema Williams' office about the Congress in the
1560 Community, which will be held at our public library here in College Park next Thursday the 28th,
1561 from 4:00 to 6:00. And as I spoke to her constituent services office, they will be here. And so, if
1562 you have even Veterans Affairs concerns, you might be a Veteran, you're concerned about some
1563 things -- anything Social Security, federal types of programs and you need some assistance, come
1564 to the library next Thursday. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends that they'll be there from 4:00
1565 to 6:00, constituent services from our congresswoman, to assist you.

1566 And yes, I also attended the ribbon cutting for the Diamond Project and Ion on Saturday -- actually
1567 Friday, and that was a great opportunity to see that project. I was involved in that project from
1568 2020, and to see the manifestation of it was amazing, and we're looking forward for some of the --
1569 those of you that have not been over there, you need to come over there. Push Push is doing some
1570 great things, and they're going to be having some shows. There's an open area that's kind of like
1571 a café. It is an added plus to our community.

1572 On March 16th, I attended the Fulton County Board of Commissioner Vice Chair Khadijah's
1573 annual salute to citizens. That was phenomenal as well. We got to see quite a few people there,
1574 and, you know, she was able to celebrate them. I also want to thank the South Metro Women's --
1575 Democratic Women's Counsel and Ward 4 Know Your Neighbors for having me as their guest
1576 speaker for their Women's History Month program on diversity, equity, and inclusion. That was
1577 also this past Saturday.

1578 Yesterday, I had the honor and the privilege to attend the Spring Into Favor House Third Annual
1579 Track Meet, hosted by Rex and Sabrina Willis at Badgett Stadium. We had over 350 youth that
1580 competed in this track meet yesterday. We had more than 1,500 persons in attendance. It was a
1581 great day, and I'm happy about what Rex and Sabrina and Favor House and their organization
1582 continue to provide for our citizens. They are giving our youth -- most of the youth in their Favor
1583 Track program are College Park youth, and so this is opening up doors, opportunities, and
1584 alternatives for our children, because our children are our future.

1585 Some of the ward updates that I have is that we're planning to set a date shortly for the opening of
1586 our Barrett Park restroom. It will be sometime in April. Again, Michael Hicks and I are still
1587 working on that, in conjunction with the city manager. I have also received submissions from our
1588 City Hall employees in the submission box for the breakroom upgrade. I want to thank those
1589 persons that gave suggestions, and I will be sharing that with the city manager to discuss what we
1590 can do, and what kind of budget might be there to really spruce up our breakroom, make it
1591 something so that when you're on the job, you feel like you have a place where you can get away
1592 and relax and feel appreciated.

1593 We also have, again -- thank my colleagues again for the sidewalks to be added, not just from the
1594 Oxford Walk to Washington, but we also are looking for other areas. And I have other residents
1595 in Ward 1 who would like to see sidewalks, so that is going to be an ongoing project, and we will
1596 be looking for continued funding for that.

1597 Also, my Ward 1 survey. I want to thank everybody from Ward 1 that filled out the survey that
1598 we circulated in the community earlier in this month, and just to kind of add on to Danny Tate and
1599 James Walkers' concerns, we saw in our survey that more than 90 percent of the persons who were
1600 surveyed were very concerned and wanted upgrades in our security cameras throughout the city.
1601 The security cameras we have are years old, and you know when it comes to technology, things
1602 are constantly being updated. So it's not our police personnel's fault. It's the fact that we just
1603 have to stay up to date with technology. So I am looking forward to, in our new budget, to be able
1604 to make sure that we include the type of technology equipment that we need, so that we don't
1605 continue to have the situations that we were hearing about today. We also need to evaluate the tag
1606 readers and see if there's an issue with that, so we will be looking into that.

1607 In addition to Pam Grier's concerns about the cemetery, I toured the cemetery with Ms. Grier, and
1608 actually Dr. Williams and I looked at that as we drove by there a couple of days ago. We are
1609 concerned with the overgrowth there in the cemetery. It is really disappointing to look at it, so we
1610 need to be able to address that. I will be pulling together a couple of folks in our community
1611 champions, so we can kind of discuss this, and then also get it back to the city. So I just want you
1612 to know, Pam, that we heard you, and we've seen the condition, and we're going to get on that.

1613 Tomorrow I have the honor and the privilege of being the Career Day speaker for fifth grade
1614 students at Field Road Elementary School, and I'm looking forward to that. I'm going to bring
1615 some College Park bling bling, and tell them, you know, to get their parents to get registered to
1616 vote and vote. Next Wednesday, we are going to be having the collaborative firms South Metro
1617 Development Outlook Economic Development conference at the GICC. I don't know if there's
1618 registration still available, but that should be a very good opportunity even to learn more about
1619 what's going on in our city, and I plan to be in attendance.

1620 I'm also having a board meeting for all of my board appointees this Saturday. We will not be
1621 having a community meeting for Ward 1, but I will be meeting with my board appointees. The
1622 next Ward 1 meeting should be held sometime in April. Also in April I will begin my in-person
1623 office hours. We just now got some things straightened out in terms of renovations to our offices.
1624 These offices had not been renovated since this building had been built, and the furniture, I think
1625 I may have mentioned to you, it looked like something from Office Liquidators. You know?
1626 Anyway, 30 years ago. So we are doing some upgrades, and we are also looking forward to being
1627 able to have a space where we can have our citizens come and they can feel comfortable as well.

1628 My final remarks are that we are in the holy season of Ramadan, which officially began on March
1629 12th and will continue through April 9th. So I want to let everybody be aware of that. Easter will
1630 be celebrated on March 31st, and our senior Easter event at College View Hills that I will be doing
1631 with my seniors there will be held on next Wednesday, March 27th. We're going to have our own
1632 Easter egg hunt. Also, on March 28th, I want to remind everybody that at Badgett Stadium at
1633 10:30, we are having our citywide Easter egg hunt for our children.

1634 I'd like to end today's comments with a quote that was made by Mr. Alex Santiago of the Human
1635 Foundation. He was one of the persons that Vice Chair Khadijah honored when I was there on
1636 Saturday. And this is what he said, and I want you to kind of marinate on this. "Service is the rent
1637 you pay for living." Service is the rent you pay for living. It's an honor and a privilege to pay my
1638 rent to the citizens of Ward 1 and College Park every day. I appreciate you. We are going to put
1639 you first, and it is an honor to serve you. Thank you so much.

1640 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Carn?

1641 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Well, see, those consent agendas come in handy sometimes.
1642 They save us (INDISCERNIBLE) time.

1643 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: We needed it.

1644 COUNCILMAN CARN: Because I thought we were going to get out of here.

1645 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. I had 20 minutes for the comments, though.

1646 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right. Right, right. I'm not going to be very long. I think we covered
1647 most of -- the Mayor and Councilwoman covered a lot of what I wanted to speak about. Great
1648 meetings up in D.C. We brought money home for our community, for our neighborhoods, for our
1649 blocks, and we are very proud of that. The NLC convention was really great. Very, very
1650 informative. One of our keynote speakers, the second morning, was a fellow by the name of Joseph
1651 R. Biden. Perhaps you've heard of him. The President spoke at our event. It was really great.
1652 I've seen three Presidents, I think speak at the NLCs. Always good information, best practices.
1653 We see a lot of things that cities are doing that we're going to adopt and take on ourselves.

1654 City Manager, I don't know how often we check those tag readers, but I think we need to do a full
1655 assessment of all of the flock camera tag readers that we do have city-wide, as well as the cameras.
1656 You know, we want to make sure that everything that we paid for and purchased is working
1657 properly now.

1658 A couple of things that are going on I wanted to just touch on a bit here. It is women's month in
1659 College Park. I was raised in a house full of women, Mom, grandmom, and my two sisters, and
1660 in College Park, you know, women are without question the backbone of this community, and we
1661 honor them in every way that we can, and we will continue to do that.

1662 The Saturday Citywide Clean-up, I'm going to be rounding up volunteers. I've got two locations
1663 I want to cover. I want to cover my side of Godby Road, as well as portions of Camp Creek. And
1664 Kenny, you know I'm going to be calling you.

1665 You know, one of the things I've seen in other communities are community benefit arrangements
1666 and agreements, and this is something that's done in lots of communities throughout this country.
1667 We've got to be more cognizant with those things. You know, when I first got into office, I was
1668 demanding and expecting more community benefits from any companies, developers, and outfits
1669 that came into our communities. Now, City Manager, some of these cities have codified
1670 community benefit agreements into the codes, into the cities, whereas if an outfit does want to
1671 come into the city, we want and expect a direct community benefit for any and all outfits.

1672 I think we more so need that expectation as opposed to other cities. One of the major reasons is
1673 because we're a lot smaller than other cities. Being only 11 square miles, we've only got so much
1674 space to put in so many projects and developments. A very honorable elected official who has
1675 passed on told me years ago, he said, "Joe, do not let these developers or corporations just come
1676 into your community, build whatever they want to build, and reap millions of dollars in profits for
1677 their corporation, and leave the community like, 'Hey, thanks a lot, community. Thanks for
1678 helping me make all this money.' You make sure that your community gets something when these
1679 developers come in." And we have to make sure that a community benefits package is presented
1680 and expected from here on out.

1681 And City Manager, City Attorney, I don't know how we put something together like that. I know
1682 Cleveland is one of the biggest cities to have something like that, but there are dozens of cities that
1683 have something along those lines, with some expectation of minimum expectations in terms of

1684 what they bring to the table for the community. I remember when there was a warehouse that
1685 wanted to go in on Sullivan Road, and we made sure that they committed to over 1,200 linear feet
1686 of community sidewalks and other benefits. Things like this. So we want to make sure if you are
1687 going to work in this city, if you're going to work in developing this city, that the community is
1688 going to get something out of it, the community directly. Now, we're not going to hold you
1689 hostage, but the community is going to benefit when these outfits come in here, and we have to
1690 make it our business to make sure that that happens.

1691 I definitely have to put a special thanks and shout out to Congressman David Scott. While our
1692 Congress members, our great Congresswoman, Nikema Williams, is absolutely tremendous, as
1693 well as Senator Ossoff and Senator Warnock, who we met with in D.C., Congressman Scott has
1694 come through for us many, many, many times. He is dedicated to College Park, and as this will
1695 be his last year representing the City of College Park, we're sad to see him re-districted out of
1696 Fulton County in its entirety, as well as out of College Park. So that's not a good thing for College
1697 Park, but the good news is that he's still our Congress member from here until the end of the year.

1698 I would like to arrange some type of an event for Congressman Scott here, somewhere in the city
1699 if possible, if there's interest among this body. I think he has certainly earned that, and even have
1700 him come down, or have a reception for him, or something along those lines. He committed to the
1701 job fairs that he has every year with us at our convention center, the largest job fairs in the state.
1702 He picked College Park for 18 years and going strong, plus. I'm assuming it's coming up. It
1703 usually comes up in April, the job fair. So I'd like to make sure that we recognize him and do
1704 something extra special for our Congressman, being that this is his last year representing us. So I
1705 definitely would like to look at something along those lines.

1706 Let's see. I think that's about -- oh. Michelle, I wanted to just get an update at some point on how
1707 we're looking with our parks and rec, the free programming program. So at some point I'd love
1708 to see at the next council meeting that, you know, we roll this thing out. You know, we're --

1709 MICHELLE JOHNSON: (INDISCERNIBLE) --

1710 COUNCILMAN CARN: Oh, excellent. You must be psychic. Thank you so much. I'm really
1711 excited about that. The buzz is going around our community about that, the programming and
1712 how it works, so people are very, very excited about that. The other program that we want to make
1713 sure that we kick in -- we talked about this at a couple of meetings. Some of our residents of a
1714 certain age, when they have troubles, difficulties with web-based challenges, applying for the
1715 online benefits and such, and just tax difficulties, and things like collecting unemployment and
1716 Social Security benefits, health care enrollment. They can't afford to miss those deadlines and
1717 application processes, and there's a lot of confusion and web challenges for folks, so we are
1718 definitely still looking at putting that customer service node into the city, a staff member, and we're
1719 going to kind of work on ironing out what that looks like in terms of direct service to folks that are
1720 most in need of service. And this may not be someone that just sits in the office and waits for the
1721 phone to ring. We want this person out in our community, on our streets, in our apartment
1722 communities, and meeting, where they'll be available to help folks process through this modern
1723 day world. So we want to continue to work on that.

1724 You know, a lot of residents may wonder, you know, there are a lot of transitions and changes that
1725 are going on in this city. Well, you know, it's the beginning of the year, and when you have 50
1726 percent of a new government, you're going to get transition and changes. A lot of people may ask,
1727 you know, why these changes were made, and there have been a lot of changes made this year.
1728 Well, the reason is because there were some staff members that weren't quite meeting expectations,
1729 and we had to make some necessary changes.

1730 Our new City Manager, Dr. Adediran, has hit the ground running, and he faced a monumental task,
1731 but I can tell you all one thing that I've known about him since he's been here -- he has high
1732 expectations, and he has a high bar, and he will not accept mediocrity. Even before he became
1733 city manager, when he came in as our Public Works director, we got about 36, 37 employees over
1734 there. Dr. Emmanuel had to dismiss 26 of them, 26. Now, that may seem extreme, but it was
1735 something that may be needed and was needed, because they did not meet his expectations for
1736 what we needed to do in this city in terms of getting things together here.

1737 And you know, we've got to raise the bar in expectations, and raising the bar, sometimes
1738 everybody's not going to like it. But at the end of the day, we have to do the best for our
1739 community and our residents, putting them first, and if somebody's not meeting expectations, well,
1740 hey. We need to get someone that can handle the expectations and meet the bar, and that includes
1741 all of us. And we are all a work in progress. I think this city is doing much better, and I'm hearing
1742 many, many comments of the differences that we are seeing.

1743 Is any city perfect? No, of course not. But we're moving forward, and we have made some
1744 extraordinary changes and some unique, unique improvements to this community, and things that
1745 have never been done. And I get the feeling that we're just getting warmed up. But yes, transitions
1746 are very jarring, but with change comes some turmoil, some agitation. But we're going to try to
1747 keep moving forward, and do our best for this community. One thing I can say about this group
1748 here is that they truly want the best for this city. Everybody has their way of going about that
1749 route, so there's diversity in terms of process. There's diversity in terms of how we get to that
1750 goal. But I do truly believe that everybody up here, they make a decision, and they make it their
1751 best bet for our community and for our residents, putting them first.

1752 But Dr. Emmanuel, I just want to let you know I am proud of the work you've been doing, and
1753 you have been hitting the ground and doing the business that, you know, a lot of people don't want
1754 to do, but it has to get done. We have to improve service on every level, on every department, on
1755 every block, and we are moving towards that goal. So I want to thank you, and I want to thank all
1756 of the staff that's been working hard and meeting and raising the bar. We are in a bit of a transition,
1757 but we're coming out the other side of this doing better, bigger things for this community. And I
1758 think in the end, at the end of the day, when you look at the end of this year, you're going to see
1759 major changes in the City of College Park.

1760 So I'm excited, and I'm looking forward to good things happening in this city. So hang in there
1761 with us. We're transitioning. But sometimes you may pass by a construction site and there's a
1762 sign that says, "Excuse our mess. Renovations in progress." Well, we are in progress, and we are
1763 making renovations, but when we come out of this transition, you're going to see a marked
1764 improvement in this city, and in the quality of services that you're going to get.

1765 This budget is coming up, and we're being very particular about this budget. The city manager
1766 has had folks come in leaner. All departments are coming in leaner, because we have to make
1767 room to make sure that what the residents are expecting and want, that there are funds for that as
1768 well. And when we do this budget this year, you know, we are going to try not to spend money
1769 on things that our residents aren't interested in. Bottom line. That's going to be the first bar, as
1770 far as I'm concerned. When someone has an expenditure, my question is how is this going to
1771 directly benefit the residents? And if you can't defend that and justify that, I'm not supporting it
1772 going in the budget. So we're going to do things a little differently, and we've got some bold
1773 leadership with our doctor here, and I believe he's pointing us in the right direction. So that's all
1774 I got.

1775 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Arnold?

1776 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So I have to add to the comments of all of my colleagues so far,
1777 this has been a remarkable two weeks. It really has. And I would first like to thank our federal
1778 lobbyist, Ms. Jennifer Imo, for all of her hard work, her guidance with helping us to outline our
1779 federal priorities, and assisting us, this entire body, with articulating those priorities to our federal
1780 delegation. It was amazing to have the opportunity to meet Senator Warnock, Senator Ossoff,
1781 Congressman Scott, and the members of Congresswoman Williams' office, and to just sit down
1782 and talk to them about our city, the needs of our city, and to learn about the opportunities of new
1783 and continued funding that we can pursue and bring back home to our city for our citizens. So I'm
1784 really excited about those relationships, and like I said, you've already heard about the money bag
1785 that was brought back.

1786 Also, I mean, the National League of Cities, just having that opportunity to engage with other
1787 leaders from other cities around the country, was also -- it was just an amazing opportunity to talk
1788 to other people, to hear what other cities are going through, to bring back some of those best
1789 practices, understanding things that other cities are leveraging to make their cities more efficient
1790 and more effective. And you know, learning about the flexibility, because everything can't always
1791 be so rigid, right? So it is always good to be able to hear what other people are going through,
1792 because sometimes, you know, when you're sitting there and you're like, "Man, this just doesn't
1793 make sense." But if everybody's kind of dealing with the same thing, learning some of the steps
1794 that they've taken is always a great opportunity. I'm hopeful that the information from both of
1795 those trips will continue to prove to be fruitful for our city and our citizens.

1796 In between those trips, I had the opportunity to meet up with the College Park Lady RimRockets
1797 (Rockers) for their media day on March 9th. I'm rooting for the team as they strive for the
1798 championship. Thank you to Mr. George Oliver and the coaching staff, the entire support team,
1799 and the parents for supporting these young ladies in their endeavors, and thank you for the
1800 invitation to allow me to participate. Now I need y'all to bring home the trophy.

1801 COUNCILMAN CARN: Amen.

1802 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you to the entire Keep College Park Beautiful Committee
1803 for the invitation to the tea that they held on that same day, and really, you know, that day ended
1804 up being like really rainy and cold. It was just a bad -- but by the time we got to the tea, it was a

1805 beautiful day. The music was good. And I am extremely proud of this committee and the work
1806 that they're doing in the city. The event held on the 9th, along with the information that was
1807 shared, is a true testament to the committee's dedication to our city and to the citizens.

1808 I want to thank CPCA for hosting an information session this past Saturday for seniors. I wish
1809 that we had more seniors at the event. The information that was shared by Ms. Pier Holder, who
1810 was the guest speaker at that event, she provided vital information about several resources that are
1811 available to our senior citizens through Fulton County. And as soon as I get my hands on that
1812 material, I plan on making sure that I share it not only on my city website and social media, but
1813 I'm also looking to possibly have some hard copies of the magazine that she had with the services,
1814 where (INDISCERNIBLE) at some of the senior facilities.

1815 I am still in the process of holding conversations for the Ward 3 planning board opening. I should
1816 be wrapping that up this week with those conversations, and hopefully be able to name a person
1817 to this board at the next meeting. On March 22nd, I am partnering with Favor House and the
1818 Atlanta Food Bank, Community Food Bank, to perform a food giveaway, from 2:30 to 5:00 at the
1819 Tracy Wyatt Recreation Center. There will be fresh produce and shelf-stable items, snacks, and I
1820 was told to say it's going to be meat. Apparently meat is a big thing, so there will be meat given
1821 away at this food giveaway that is on this Friday from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M.

1822 Our Ward 3 town hall meeting for Ward 3 residents will be held on the 27th, again at the Tracy
1823 Wyatt Recreation Center at 7:00 P.M. The agenda includes information and updates specifically
1824 for Ward 3 residents. We will be providing food and drinks. So I am asking for everyone who
1825 plans to participate to please register, so that we can appropriately plan to have the food and drinks
1826 for everyone who plans on participating. The registration link is live on the city website on my
1827 page, and also on the Ward 3 website. And if you miss going to either one of those, you can also
1828 get to the link on social media. And those are all of my updates. Thank you.

1829 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council Member Gay?

1830 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you, colleagues, for your great reports. I'll be brief. The first item
1831 I have is we're having a Ward 4 town hall meeting this Thursday night at 7:00 at the Public Safety
1832 building, and years past we've been honored to have actually had great town hall meetings. We've
1833 had every elected official that represents College Park, from (INDISCERNIBLE) to Chairman
1834 Pitts to John Lewis, Marvin Erickson. The list goes on and on. But it appears that with the event
1835 being televised, and with at least for Ward 4 being so -- you know, somewhat a lot of families
1836 moving and new people coming, we don't see that type of activity.

1837 So I don't know how many people here, you know, watch this, but if you are watching, I'm asking
1838 that if particularly Ward 4 would come out and support the town hall meeting, because we only
1839 have it like every four months, so you can't complain if you don't support. And those people that
1840 don't support Ward 4, you should especially come, because then that way you can find out more
1841 stuff to be mad about. So absolutely, y'all come out, and our food is This Is It Catering.

1842 And a couple things that we're going to talk about is the senior tax lien. Now, I've been called
1843 several times about people have gotten an application for the senior tax lien, but they're ineligible

1844 because they make just a little bit too much money. Some of our educators have an annuity or
1845 pension, whatever it was, 50163. So what I'm going to consider doing is seeing how we can
1846 sponsor that legislation back on the 24/25 general assembly, and I'll be talking more with my
1847 colleagues about the importance of putting that back. I know our reputation was somewhat tainted
1848 with some of our legislative officials, but there are some that are neutral, and hopefully we can
1849 find a response to that bill. Maybe State Senator Tonya Parker.

1850 So the other thing we're going to discuss is Camp Truitt. I want to thank my colleagues, especially
1851 Council Member Carn, who has been committed to supporting the Camp Truitt revitalization,
1852 which we're requiring IGA from Fulton County. Everybody knows we've been working on this
1853 since at least 1998. It's just a shame. But we're not going to worry about the past. We're just
1854 going to focus on the present and the future. So they were able to have that as one of the legislative
1855 priorities. I was just thinking how awesome was it to be sitting there with my colleagues talking
1856 about Camp Truitt as a legislative priority, and that was impossible years past on this same council,
1857 so it is absolutely a new day. I'm excited about seeing Camp Truitt become a performing asset for
1858 the county.

1859 The third thing is there's discussion about the ball field, Bill Evans, being sold, and we're having
1860 a conversation about having that ball field put at the Jamestown 18 acres, at least on six acres of
1861 that. I've been in conversation with Council Member Carn, whose ward that is, but I'm excited to
1862 talk to more stakeholders about it. I was out there today with a developer who had proposed to
1863 improve the ball field at Bill Evans before he knew that that may possibly be sold for better and
1864 higher use, so we're excited to have that conversation about bringing that at Jamestown, which by
1865 the way is the most centrally located parcel in the city. If you look at it from an aerial view, it's
1866 actually center of the four wards. It's not encroaching the neighborhood, and it has access from
1867 the interstate and state highway, so it just makes sense.

1868 The next thing I want to talk about is the Jack Longino Scholarship. Those that are listening, if
1869 you live in College Park and your child is 12 credit hours or more, you would be eligible to receive
1870 the Jack Longino Scholarship, which is approximately \$1,000 per school year. The intent by the
1871 late Jack Longino was there were kids that were ineligible for the Pell Grant, which is about \$2,000
1872 per school year, as well as students in community college, trade schools. And Mayor Longino
1873 wanted to make sure that they were able to get some monies for their books, whatever. So we
1874 were able to get that money, put it into one talent, Joanne over at Club E. She's the administrator
1875 of that. So thank the staff for getting that together. And if you know of any college students, have
1876 them apply until those funds run out.

1877 The next thing is -- just got a few more. I need to do like you, type my notes. I can't read my own
1878 handwriting.

1879 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I understand.

1880 COUNCILMAN GAY: Cameras. So listen. You know, I don't like taking victory laps, but I just
1881 contacted the Dr. last week on a Sunday, and what did I say? We need to talk about staff looking
1882 at these cameras. Because we can look at the cameras. The technology can actually put them on
1883 your phone. I was just at the Apple Store in D.C., and they got a thing you do like this, and you

1884 can see about 100 cameras. I'm going to talk with Michael Hicks about getting it. But the point
1885 is, I assume that if you look at the screen time of staff, if someone were to do a study and look at
1886 how the screen time of our employees that is not work-related, I bet you you got approximately
1887 1,000 hours of screen time that we could identify employees, key employees to have those cameras
1888 on their phone.

1889 We also have the technology that's being introduced -- I don't know if the chief has unveiled it --
1890 that residents' cameras can be now connected to their database. So residents, now they can see --
1891 the Police Department can see on residents' cameras. The next thing is, we have a staff that can
1892 look at these cameras. I don't know what they're doing, but we have staff that can look at these
1893 cameras, and keep a report of what cameras -- in fact, I thought we had staff that whose job was
1894 to just make sure they report on what cameras are operative or inoperative. So you need to have
1895 that conversation with your IT director when he comes back.

1896 And moreover, when it comes to cameras, I don't agree that all our cameras are down. I mean,
1897 you're not just going to come out here and make statements and don't get fact checked. All our
1898 cameras are not down. So Doc, you need to find out exactly what cameras are operative and
1899 inoperative.

1900 I wanted to have Ms. Brecca and Doc, you can talk to your airport affairs about, and this
1901 Councilman Carns idea actually, to go over to the Atlanta Airport and bring job information for
1902 our residents, or at least put their link on our website. Because this is hiring season at the airport,
1903 and they got lots of entry-level jobs. Citizens can go to the airport, but the citizens on our website
1904 should also have access to it as well.

1905 The last two I have is that we have a gentleman who was raised on Rugby with his grandparents.
1906 He's a state lobbyist and went to UGA. He ran Herschel Walker's campaign, the State Agriculture
1907 Commission's titlist campaign, and several others. He passed at just 52 years old, Matt Littlefield,
1908 state lobbyist, and my condolences to Matt, to his family. You'll probably hear more about it,
1909 because he was quite connected at the Capitol. Matt was also a friend of my wife and I, so we
1910 miss Matt.

1911 And I think, Mayor, that's pretty much all I have. I think I'm checking all my notes. And that's
1912 it for Councilman Gay.

1913 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you very much. I don't believe we have executive
1914 session this evening, so we are adjourned at 10:07 p.m. We will see you back in April.

1915 The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

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