

1 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
2 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
3 REGULAR SESSION
4 JUNE 20, 2023

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6 MINUTES
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9 Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilmen Ambrose Clay, Joe Carn, Ken Allen
10 and Roderick Gay; City Manager Stanley Hawthorne; City Attorney Winston
11 Denmark; City Clerk Shavala Ames

12 Absent: None

13 Mayor Motley Broom called the workshop session to order at 5:02 p.m.

14 **ACTION:** Councilman Clay moved to take up executive session to discuss real estate and
15 litigation at 5:02 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried by those
16 present. (Councilman Clay, Councilman Carn, and Councilman Allen)
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18 The workshop session reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

19 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Its 6:10 p.m., we are ready to commence with our
20 workshop session. Council Members Clay, Carn, and Allen are present creating a quorum. And
21 so, the first item on the workshop agenda is a presentation from MicroLife, and a discussion of
22 proposed Fulton County/City of College Park tiny homes project. Good evening, Ms. Rambeau.
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25 **1. Presentation from MicroLife and discussion of proposed Fulton County/City of**
26 **College Park tiny homes project.**
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28 MS. RAMBEAU: Good evening, Mayor, Council Members. As a way of update, we continue to
29 move forward with the plans for the Fulton County/City of College Park tiny homes partnership.
30 Last week, we had an opportunity of meeting with the Fulton County team, and we discussed
31 various aspects of the project and set some milestones. I know that the last time we were here
32 before Council, you all had some questions. And this evening, I have Mr. Will Johnston joining
33 me. He is the CEO of MicroLife Institute, and they're going to be serving as the developers for
34 this project. And he has a brief presentation for you that will, hopefully, answer some of those
35 questions. I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Johnston.
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37 MR. JOHNSTON: Good evening. Thank you for letting me be here tonight. Like was stated --
38 and, hello, sorry my back is to the citizens of College Park. My name is Will Johnston, I am the
39 executive director of the MicroLife Institute, and very excited to be selected to be the developer
40 and project manager for this tiny home cottage court community project. I do have a small
41 presentation, so if we can go ahead and put that up. I did put in a lot of pretty images, so I just
42 wanted to kinda show some examples of what could happen at the corner of Princeton and
43 Jefferson.
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45 Like I said, my name is Will Johnston, and the MicroLife Institute has been my ten year journey.
46 We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit developer, so we really want to create education and experience

47 and help people understand why we need housing choice and housing diversity in our
48 communities just like College Park. Obviously, what we're talking about is that missing middle
49 housing. You've probably all seen this slide. It just kinda speaks to where we are with single
50 family on the left, and where you can put an accessory dwelling unit, that small cottage behind a
51 house, all the way up to the live/work situation, which also College Park has abundant examples
52 as well. But what I'm focused on is that garden cluster; that ability to add gentle density, that
53 ability to connect community and create more walkable connected community through a smaller
54 footprint by being more sustainable in the way we build and as the way we connect community
55 with our housing choice.

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57 So some inspiration -- that is just me doing our ribbon cutting two years ago at our pilot project,
58 Cottages on Vaughan in Clarkston, Georgia. I recently took a trip to the Northwest, which I'm
59 going to speed through, because I do not have enough time to present all this. But I kinda went
60 into the mecca of pocket neighborhoods and cottage courts, where the idea is creating livable
61 spaces, livable housing around a common area. And so, these homes range around like 1200 to
62 1500 square feet. And then some get as small as 700 to 800. The pilot project that I'm going to be
63 speaking to tonight that I built in Clarkston, Georgia is -- just to prove I was there. There's me.
64 There's me again. And this is the quintessential beautiful -- this is what people see and think of
65 when I say cottage court and pocket neighborhood.

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67 You have a common area, useable size front porches surrounding that common area of green that
68 people can gather, and that middle space is a place for people, for the community, to gather as
69 well. What we do, we don't need to go into that; apologizes. We can skip over this. This is just
70 stuff that we do that we put into our projects. So this is the project that is going to be very similar
71 to the one that we would be bringing to College Park. The Cottage on Vaughan in Clarkston,
72 Georgia, we have won global attention and awards for this .57 acre parcel project.
73 We put eight houses, all under 500 square feet. One of them actually is a true tiny home. A tiny
74 house defined by the state of Georgia is 400 square feet or smaller on a foundation. The rest of
75 seven units that were on the .57 acres were 492, as you can see in this example of our layout.

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77 The idea is to bring different types of design patterns to cottages. And what you see here is
78 parking off to the side. We went to 1.5 parking spaces per unit, as well as you can see that we
79 actually, we're able to make these a feasible product. Meaning, that each person owns their own
80 parcel, and each person owns their own house. So each parcel varied from -- you had the tiny
81 house, actually, that was 777 square feet all the way. And I actually put my money where my
82 mouth is, and I live there. So if you're interested in seeing it in person, I live house number 3. We
83 recently just had an amazing tour over this past weekend. One thing about MicroLife Institute,
84 we want to make people understand and educate them around housing choice.

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86 And so, we opened up our doors. And I have hosted over 5,000 people over the past two years
87 coming through the Cottages on Vaughan. I'm not telling people to live in that space, I'm making
88 sure they see the opportunities for others to live in a well-designed smaller footprint.

89 So for the City of College Park, we would be doing something very similar, hopefully, with the
90 .8 acres on Jefferson and Princeton. The idea that we would use -- development design patterns
91 that would allow us to build community utilizing cottage court style designs matching those
92 surrounding neighborhoods, probably, more on the feel of the bungalow craftsman style homes.

93 And so, tonight I just wanted to show you -- this is our lot -- show you, you know, the pictures
94 that we have accomplished. We just celebrated our two year anniversary. We had interest list of
95 over 1500 people grown organically just because of who MicroLife is and what we do to teach

96 and educate people around housing choice.

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98 These are just some other beautiful examples of the project itself. Like I said, we utilize different
99 design elements that allow us to build community through the built environment. Like I said,
100 some of those elements are useable size front porches, parking off to the side, common green
101 space. These homes were market rate, but we still hit 60 percent AMI, because of gentle density.
102 We're able to create the density needed to reduce the amount for purchase. So I don't want to take
103 up too much more time. There's me in my house. So, again, if you want to see what it's like to
104 live there, please come visit. But we're very excited to be the developer and project manager in
105 partnership with Fulton County. And we hope that you do open up your doorstep to College Park
106 and accepting and allowing us to build on Jefferson and Princeton. So that is my short, but brief
107 presentation.

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109 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Mr. Johnston. We'll start with Councilman Clay with
110 questions.

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112 COUNCILMAN CLAY: What is the typical person that occupies one of your homes?

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114 MR. JOHNSTON: That is a great question. So we range from 25 years old, PhD candidates, all
115 the way up to 62 entrepreneurs. We have African American, Latina, LGBTQ community, as well
116 as both male and female. We have one couple in the 500 square foot house, as well as everyone
117 else is single individuals.

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119 COUNCILMAN CLAY: And what is your policy with regard to renting out the houses?

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121 MR. JOHNSTON: So we have a standard HOA. Because we work with the City of Clarkston,
122 we wanted to create homeownership, and we only allow one rental at one time, if someone
123 needed to rent. So it would be through the HOA covenants and policies.

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125 COUNCILMAN CLAY: What is your timeline on construction?

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127 MR. JOHNSTON: Well, I learned building during a pandemic was no joke. But if we were to
128 have a streamline easy process, I would say a year or two, a year and four months.

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130 COUNCILMAN CLAY: And my last question, you know where you're located with regard to
131 the flight path --

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133 MR. JOHNSTON: Yes.

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135 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Do you realize that we have a requirement that the noise level, that the
136 insulation in the house will reduce the noise level by considerable amount?

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138 MR. JOHNSTON: Yep.

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140 COUNCILMAN CLAY: The target is 45dB, so that people are not awakened at night. So that's
141 where we want to end up.

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143 MR. JOHNSTON: Definitely; yes, and incorporate that --

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145 COUNCILMAN CLAY: And have you built other homes that meet that kind of sound transfer
146 coefficient?

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148 MR. JOHNSTON: I have not yet.

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150 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Okay. Are you --

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152 MR. JOHNSTON: Since I would be working with a builder, so I would definitely have that on
153 my RFP working with Fulton County, to have that on RFP that they understand those
154 requirements.

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156 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Okay. But that means that you're going to need a consultant who is able
157 to achieve that kind of sound transfer.

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159 MR. JOHNSTON: Thank you so much.

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161 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

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163 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thanks for coming out. There was a previous presentation that we had
164 on missing middle housing, and it was interesting. And there are some gaps in terms of choices
165 people come into communities. I never really understood the tiny house thing. I could not
166 understand that for the life of me. The first time I saw one, I said, that's a dollhouse, you know;
167 that's a playhouse. And I went in the ones on Godby. And, I mean, it was cozy, but it wasn't as
168 claustrophobic as I thought it would be. You just never know about markets. I said to myself,
169 well, who would want to buy this? Who would want to live in it? But people would come down
170 from New York and Philly and this is nice and, you know. The Clarkston project, tell me again
171 what size were those houses there?

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173 MR. JOHNSTON: The largest houses were 492 square feet with a 200 square foot storage loft. I
174 use my loft as an office.

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176 COUNCILMAN CARN: My thought was 500 square feet. And I guess you'll do all of ours about
177 the same?

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179 MR. JOHNSTON: Yep.

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181 COUNCILMAN CARN: Since we've only got a few we're talking about. I did -- I went out there
182 with someone with the county. It was a year and a half ago, maybe. And I did see it, so, I mean,
183 very colorful. The square footage, is that front porch included in that square footage?

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185 MR. JOHNSTON: No, it's not.

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187 COUNCILMAN CARN: So that's kind of a bonus. Because it look like a good size front porch.
188 Well, that's good to know. I would also say, you know, for us, I think it would be great if you
189 could give us a little -- I'd like to see a little more spacing in between the houses than I saw on
190 that map that showed the thing. So if that's doable, you know, because we're talking a little more
191 land, so I'd like to see that. And like he said, the noise requirements. There's some different
192 requirements for us. We redid apartment communities over the years, you know, to get to that 45
193 interior dB, you're going to have solid corridors, the windows with the sound transmission

194 ratings, the double panes, the vent baffles and stuff like this that you'll probably have to add in,
195 you know. It sounds good.
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197 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?
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199 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Yeah, thank you very much for being here. Can you walk me through
200 the process? We give you the land, or give the land to Fulton County. Fulton County -- how do
201 they -- they hire you?
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203 MR. JOHNSTON: Correct.
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205 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: And they pay you through their funds?
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207 MR. JOHNSTON: Correct. Through the American Rescue Plan funds that they have received.
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209 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Who works with the land, cut down the trees, make sure it's level, and
210 so forth? It's got a pretty steep drop off. It's got a creek going through the back of it. So who
211 takes care of that, and where does that money come from?
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213 MR. JOHNSTON: So that's going to be in our funds, as well as I'm looking at being able to
214 create, since I do believe these are going to be homeowners to own these structures. So we would
215 look at the financing and see how we could create, take the art funds, the American Rescue Plan
216 or is it American -- anyways, sorry, I'm getting ahead of myself. As the developer, we would be
217 getting the survey. We would be working with the city. We would be the main contact, but then I
218 would be working with Fulton to make sure we have the funds necessary to hire the consultants
219 for, especially, what Councilman Clay mentioned, for the sound, as well as understanding your
220 tree ordinance and being respectful of everything that you all require within the building permit
221 and building codes.
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223 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Okay. And then you all sell the houses to individuals?
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225 MR. JOHNSTON: I would work with a realtor company that we would agree on through Fulton
226 County to sell the houses. I'm working with Fulton County to create the application process. I
227 think that's something that you all would probably be involved in as well.
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229 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: And where does that money go? If Fulton County is paying you to
230 build them and everything, where does that money go -- that they're buying these?
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232 MR. JOHNSTON: That is an excellent question. So the idea would be that we would look at the
233 next project in Fulton County.
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235 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: So you would take that money on and we would just be out the
236 property? The people would be there at, presumably, a low --
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238 MR. JOHNSTON: A subsidized mortgage.
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240 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: How many houses do you think would be on that lot? I know you've
241 said you looked at the lot. How many house do you anticipate?
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243 MR. JOHNSTON: I mean, a 500 square foot house, you could fit up to 12 easily. But to what
244 Council Member Carn said, you know, we're wanting to make that a nice spacious, welcoming.
245 So I think we'd probably go as far as 8.
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247 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Have you talked to any of the neighbors at all about --
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249 MR. JOHNSTON: This is just starting.
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251 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Just starting; okay. So the people would own their own house. Do you
252 look for people in Fulton County? I've heard one time that everybody is going to be coming from
253 Fulton County. I would like to see College Park have a chance at some of these houses too.
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255 MR. JOHNSTON: I would need just to make sure we stick with the standard, you know. I'm not
256 remembering the correct term for making sure it's fair -- accessible for anyone who wants to
257 purchase. But that would be us working with Fulton County and the City of College Park to
258 understand what a good application process would be for people to apply for these homes.
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260 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: And, again, this is just the beginning process?
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262 MR. JOHNSTON: Yes. We just literally kicked off last week.
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264 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Okay.
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266 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Johnston, it's my understanding that Fulton County has set
267 aside 1 million dollars in ARPA funds overall for this project; correct?
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269 MR. JOHNSTON: Correct.
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271 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And how much of that is your project management fee?
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273 MR. JOHNSTON: My project management fee is around 300.
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275 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So that leaves, roughly, 700 for everything else?
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277 MR. JOHNSTON: Yes.
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279 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What is that everything else?
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281 MR. JOHNSTON: Well, like I said, I plan on finding other -- I do plan on finding other, not
282 revenue, but capital, that would help offset the cost. Because we still need to look at
283 infrastructure. Like Councilmember Allen said, making sure the trees are taken care of, the
284 grading, all the infrastructure work that needs to happen that needs to go into this, as well as, we
285 can look at partnering with the local institution banks for construction of home loans that would
286 allow us to have access to capital. So they would be helping us put a down payment and be the
287 draw that would allow us to expand that \$700,000 to maybe a little over a million, to allow us to
288 build the better project for these individuals, or for these families.
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290 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Do you have any sense of how much it will cost to construct each
291 unit?

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293 MR. JOHNSTON: So the Cottage on Vaughan was roughly around \$75,000 for a vertical. And
294 infrastructure, we have looked at different costs, but I won't be able to give you a rough estimate,
295 just because I would need to get the survey back, topography, and understand what that would
296 cost. But for Cottage on Vaughan, we should have gotten it down to 20. But, unfortunately,
297 pandemic, and some other mistakes were made by a builder that we had to remove, and so we
298 had to go with a second builder and we had to fix his mistakes.

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300 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

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302 MR. JOHNSTON: Lesson learned.

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304 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you so much, appreciate your time. Have a great evening.

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306 **2. Discussion of the Consent Agenda.**

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308 **A. Motion to approve MHB Paving, Inc., as the vendor to manage the project of**
309 **resurfacing ten streets within the City utilizing the Transportation Special**
310 **Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST).**

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312 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Next item is discussion of consent agenda. The first item is
313 approve the relocation of funds from the TSPLOST program for the project of resurfacing streets
314 within Wards I, II, III, and IV, utilizing MHB Paving, Incorporated as the lowest bidder in the
315 amount of \$2,161,430 for the street resurfacing. This is a Public Works issue. All right.

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317 MR. HAWTHORNE: Mayor, this is our new Public Works Director Mr. Adediran.

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319 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening, sir. Questions for -- one more time, sir, because I
320 want to make sure I get your last name correct.

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322 MR. ADEDIRAN: Adediran.

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324 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Adediran?

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326 MR. ADEDIRAN: Yes.

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328 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It is such a pleasure. Good to see you again. Councilman Clay,
329 any questions?

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331 COUNCILMAN CLAY: I don't really have any questions. I have seen the area that's going to be
332 done before. And, I assume, we're still doing exactly what we had said previously that we were
333 doing. I realize you're new, can you verify that, Jackson?

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335 MR. MEYERS: Yes, sir. What was approved on the Mayor and Council's list a few months ago
336 are the same exact ones that we took time to –

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338 COUNCILMAN CLAY: I'm good with that. I have no other questions. Thank you.

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340 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

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342 COUNCILMAN CARN: How soon would you get started on some of these roads?
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344 MR. GARCON: As soon as -- excuse me -- my name is Ruiz Garcon, I'm with MHB Paving. As
345 soon as we fill out contracts and everything, depending on the schedule, we'll be starting as soon
346 as possible.
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348 COUNCILMAN CARN: So July? August?
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350 MR. GARCON: Around July or August.
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352 COUNCILMAN CARN: And you finish it all before fall, I'm assuming; right?
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354 MR. GARCON: Yes. Roughly, it's 10 streets, so probably take us 10, 15, 20 days.
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356 COUNCILMAN CARN: In terms of the roads themselves, you don't have a set list of which
357 ones go first?
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359 MR. GARCON: We still haven't gone through that process, but we are on that procedure right
360 now, to set up exactly where to start and where is going to be our finishing point.
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362 COUNCILMAN CARN: Would anything be going into July for sure, or is that too soon?
363 MR. GARCON: I'm not -- too soon to know.
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365 COUNCILMAN CARN: I ask, because we got the Global Gateway Connector, we got a detour
366 that's going to be going on in July and that's why I asked. So I'm hoping you're not going to be
367 working on that one. All right. Sounds good.
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369 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?
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371 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: The only question I have, is the neighborhood, the neighbors that live
372 on the street, how do you notify them that you're going to be starting this next week or two
373 weeks from now, so they can make plans that, hey, it's going to be torn up for a while?
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375 MR. GARCON: Yes, we'll email, or I, myself, will get together with the City project manager
376 and notify him exactly what streets -- what's going to be done on what day and how long it's
377 going to be.
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379 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Well, be sure and let us know as well so we can let our citizens know
380 that the work is going to be done and expected time, you know, it should be two days, three days.
381 So we can be aware and let everyone know.
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383 MR. GARCON: Okay. We'll notify the people that are necessary to be notified.
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385 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Okay. I just want to make sure we do that.
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387 MR. ADEDIRAN: And, councilman, from my experience, you can expect several of my guys go
388 door to door and giving out the flyer as to the starting date, and I'll walk with them. The
389 deployment will be such a way that it won't cost the city any more, you know.

390 We group the streets together. I mean, I work from experience, so you don't have to worry. The
391 residents will know minimum a week before, you know, we start paving the streets there.

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393 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Just make sure we let them know. That's all I had.

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395 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?

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397 COUNCILMAN GAY: Is this the paving company? This is MHB?

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399 MR. GARCON: Correct.

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401 COUNCILMAN GAY: Good evening. I'm just saying hi; no questions.

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403 **B. Motion to approve a \$20,000 contribution for hosting KidsFest on August**
404 **5, 2023 at the Georgia International Convention Center.**

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406 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you, sir. We'll move on to 2(b) which is motion's
407 to approve for Kids Fest on August 5th. Any questions on this item, Councilman Clay?

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409 COUNCILMAN CLAY: I have no questions as long as we do what we're saying we're going to
410 do here. If this is the plan, I'm okay.

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412 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

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414 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yeah, I'm fine. Pretty much the same program as last year, the 20, and
415 then we're going to try to raise an additional -- okay.

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417 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?

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419 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: I don't have any questions. We're talking about the same time 12 to 4
420 that it was last year?

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422 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?

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424 COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

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426 **C. Motion to approve the installation of new speed humps in Ward 4.**

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428 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Moving on to the installation of new humps in WARD IV.
429 Councilman Clay, any questions?

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431 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Yeah, these speed humps are longer than what we've put in before.

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433 CHIEF ROGERS: Slightly.

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435 COUNCILMAN CLAY: And the cost seem to be significantly higher. As I recall, the original
436 ones that we put in were about \$5,000 or something like that.

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438 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes. They were bid out. This was a project before I came. And after

439 having conversation with Councilman Gay and at my town hall with Ward IV and the concerns
440 about speeding at these three locations, we decided to try to accommodate the residents.
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442 COUNCILMAN CLAY: But these are unlike any speed humps we've put in so far.
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444 CHIEF ROGERS: Not to my knowledge; no.
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446 COUNCILMAN CLAY: You're saying they're exactly the same?
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448 CHIEF ROGERS: No, they're not the same.
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450 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Okay. And my question is, they appear to be five times more expensive
451 to put in; is that correct?
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453 CHIEF ROGERS: I'm not sure of the cost of the previous.
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455 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Well, they're \$25,000 for --
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457 CHIEF ROGERS: And that would include all three locations.
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459 COUNCILMAN CLAY: All three locations? So that would be 8,000 some apiece. And I think --
460 I'm quite sure the other ones were -- Jackson probably knows, but I think the other ones were
461 around under 5,000 something like that. My only concern is, and it's -- I don't have a problem
462 with it. It's not my Ward, but if these are like the ones that we saw, you and I saw in Atlanta --
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464 CHIEF ROGERS: That wasn't me. I wasn't there.
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466 COUNCILMAN CLAY: You've not seen the ones --
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468 CHIEF ROGERS: No. I saw pictures, but I wasn't -- this was previous to me.
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470 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Okay. I'm sorry, it wasn't you. It was your predecessor. And they were
471 a lot longer. They were a lot gentler. I don't know whether they were the same height. I suspect
472 they, ultimately, were the same height. My concern with these is -- and this is really for
473 Councilman Gay's benefit more than anybody else -- that they are not going to deter speeding as
474 much as the ones we put in. And they will be gentler on our emergency vehicles --
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476 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes.
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478 COUNCILMAN CLAY: And I know that's, from your standpoint and the fire department's
479 standpoint, that's a good thing. But because of that, I do not believe they're going to deter
480 speeding as much as what we have now.
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482 CHIEF ROGERS: Well, the ones that we looked at for installation, it would slow the driver
483 down. If they proceed at a high rate of speed, it's going to mess up the under carriage of their
484 vehicle.
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486 COUNCILMAN CLAY: They will what?
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488 CHIEF ROGERS: It would mess up the undercarriage of their vehicle. So they would have to
489 slow down in order to travel over them.
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491 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Okay. Well, I'm going to be very interested in hearing, because I have a
492 bunch people that wants speed humps. And I would like to get my name in for more speed
493 humps as soon as I know and see how these work out. But, frankly, I'm concerned that I know
494 I've had reports from people in the College View Hills area; that the speed hump on Atlanta that
495 some people are actually going over it deliberately at high speeds in order to go airborne.
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497 CHIEF ROGERS: Well, you're always going to have a few that's going to violate no matter
498 what.
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500 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Absolutely. But my concern is that with these speed humps being
501 gentler, they will go airborne with less risk of damage to their vehicle. So I'm concerned that
502 these might even be an encouragement for people to go over them at a high speed. Not most
503 people, but a few people. So I just mention that and, hopefully, they'll work out great. And if
504 they do, I'd like a bunch. But that's -- I'm just throwing that out for point of concern.
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506 CHIEF ROGERS: Thank you.
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508 COUNCILMAN CLAY: That's all I have.
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510 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?
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512 COUNCILMAN CARN: No questions. I just will say, I'll talk about it at the regular session, just
513 that accident from today. People are out of control with the speed everywhere. It's like a certain
514 segment of population just chose to all of a sudden ignore all speed limit signs; it makes no
515 difference. It's just like, you're going to have wrecks. I don't get it, so anyway.
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517 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?
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519 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: I don't have any questions as long as Councilman Gay is fine.
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521 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?
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523 COUNCILMAN GAY: Chief, I just had two questions. Who did you recommend?
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525 CHIEF ROGERS: SH.
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527 COUNCILMAN GAY: And the second question I had, you remember when you had done your
528 town hall meeting, there was a lot of talk about a speed hump on Virginia Avenue. You
529 remember those two ladies?
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531 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes.
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533 COUNCILMAN GAY: Have you had a chance to get back with them?
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535 CHIEF ROGERS: We have spoken. We're doing traffic studies there to see if an actual speed
536 hump would be appropriate for the location.

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538 COUNCILMAN GAY: Can you let me know later who that was?

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540 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes, I sure will.

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542 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you so much, Chief, appreciate it.

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544 **D. Motion to approve Stenography Services for the 2024 Fiscal Year.**

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546 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The next item is consideration of approval of stenography
547 services. I think there was one change in that contract, Madam Clerk; is that correct that was sent
548 out earlier?

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550 MS. AMES: I think the date that the minutes were due was the Friday preceding the council
551 meeting. So it should have been after the council meeting.

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553 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. With that change, any questions? Councilman Clay?

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555 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Yeah, that was my question and it got answered. So I'm good.

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557 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

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559 COUNCILMAN CARN: No questions.

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561 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?

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563 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: I had the same question and Shavala answered that for me, so thank
564 you.

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566 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?

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568 COUNCILMAN GAY: My only question is I think we're getting a good value for a lot of work,
569 so thank you.

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571 MS. AMES: Yes, we are.

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573 **E. Motion to approve the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation**
574 **Panel of Physicians for the 2024 Fiscal Year.**

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576 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Next is consideration of the Georgia State Board of Workers'
577 Compensation Panel of Physicians for the '23-'24 fiscal year. Questions on this item, Councilman
578 Clay?

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580 COUNCILMAN CLAY: I think the answer I got from Dwight was that this is basically the same
581 panel we had last time.

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583 DR. BAKER: It is, sir.

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585 COUNCILMAN CLAY: So I'm good. I have no questions.

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587 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?
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589 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm good.
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591 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?
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593 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: I talked to you earlier and I got no questions. I got everything
594 answered.
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596 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?
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598 COUNCILMAN GAY: Is the TPO on here that handles this?
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600 DR. BAKER: I'm sorry, sir?
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602 COUNCILMAN GAY: The TPO.
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604 DR. BAKER: The TPA? The third party administrator, is that what you're referencing?
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606 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes.
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608 DR. BAKER: They are not listed as a panel of physicians. The TPA is responsible for processing
609 the claims. But they're not listed on the panel of physicians.
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611 COUNCILMAN GAY: And Dr. Dolphin, is that Caduces?
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613 DR. BAKER: Yes, sir.
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615 COUNCILMAN GAY: He's still down there?
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617 DR. BAKER: I don't know if he's there, but we still use that clinic.
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619 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Thank you.
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621 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Dr. Baker.
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623 **F. Motion to approve the annual contract with City Judge Monica Ewing**
624 **Contract for Fiscal Year 2024.**
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626 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Next is the annual contract with the judge. Questions on this item,
627 Councilman Clay?
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629 COUNCILMAN CLAY: I got my questions answered. I just wanted to verify the answer with, I
630 guess, the Chief of Police. And that is, I just I don't know that you need to come up. I got the
631 impression from you that it was that you are getting the chief judge the assistance that she
632 needs that she brought up two council, I don't know, several months ago?
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634 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes, sir.

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636 COUNCILMAN CLAY: That should make the courts flow more efficiently. Okay. I'm good.
637 Thank you.
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639 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?
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641 COUNCILMAN CARN: Chief, is the judge here?
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643 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: She is.
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645 COUNCILMAN CARN: I didn't see you there. All right. I know last year you came up, there
646 were some issues and stuff. Well, now, I see this contract doesn't cover everything that we talked
647 about. So how do we get to the point where we need to be in terms of some of the other tweaks
648 we talked about with some a little more of your sovereignty, more or less? Have y'all sat down
649 and come up with something?
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651 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I think Mr. Hawthorne wants to respond to that.
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653 MR. HAWTHORNE: Or both, but I can get started.
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655 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm fine with hearing from everybody.
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657 MR. HAWTHORNE: Yeah, I've had a chance to meet with Judge Ewing, along with
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659 COUNCILMAN CLAY: Excuse me, could you pull the mic down a little bit.
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661 MR. HAWTHORNE: Good evening, everyone. I've had a chance to meet with Judge Ewing and
662 the City Attorney. I am aware of the directives that the City Council previously issued in order to
663 address some of the concerns. So we've got some parallel activities that are going on. City
664 attorney's has been working on changes, I believe, both to the Charter and the Code or
665 Ordinances that will make judicial function of the city of College Park independent, at least,
666 reporting to the City Manager the way we are proceeding as a department. In effect that will be
667 separate from the overall restructuring that I'm working on and will be bringing back to you.
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669 The judge has also made us aware and looking at the legislation that will be needed; fiscal
670 resources that will need to be addressed. And although you are scheduled to vote on the fiscal
671 2024 budget this evening that begins July 1, it's not reflective of those requests. But you'll recall
672 at the last public hearing, you afforded the City Manager an opportunity within the first quarter
673 of the fiscal year to bring back, not only look at the judicial resources, restructuring, things that
674 I'm looking at, but also individual requests that you all had made a list of that we look at. So I do
675 appreciate that time and this will cover judicial area resources that you've been made aware of
676 the deficiencies.
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678 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So it's in progress?
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680 MR. HAWTHORNE: Yes.
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682 COUNCILMAN CARN: As long as y'all working on it and getting the buy in from everybody.
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MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: That was the only question I had, as long as we're working on that and continuing to move forward and getting the judge what she needs, then that's fine.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?

COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

G. Motion to approve the annual contract with City Judge Pro Tempore, Kenneth E. Morrow.

H. Motion to approve the annual contract with the City Solicitor Kimberly Cornwell for Fiscal Year 2024.

I. Motion to approve the annual contract with the City Public Defender.

J. Motion to approve the annual contract with Warren Bond Photography

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Gentlemen, I don't believe there are changes to items G, H, or I. The contract with the City Judge Pro Tem, the Solicitor, or the Public Defender. Are there any questions on any of those three? We'll start with Councilman Clay.

COUNCILMAN CLAY: I already asked that question and so, I have no questions.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

COUNCILMAN CARN: No real substantial issues. I know what the City Solicitor -- we've touched on it a few times. It's an important position and we want to make sure, I guess, the best way to say it, we want to all be on the same page, you know. The City as a whole is moving in this direction. City Manager, we want to make sure everybody got the memo, because it's a chain of events to make sure everybody's on the same page. Here's what we're trying to do, everybody adjust accordingly, so you get what I'm saying, I guess. All right.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: No, I have no questions at all.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?

COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. And the last one is, the contract for the city photographer. Any questions Councilman Clay?

COUNCILMAN CLAY: No questions.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn?

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734 COUNCILMAN CARN: No questions.
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736 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Allen?
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738 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: The only question I have, do we figure in a cost of living increase for
739 this at all, or how does that work?
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741 COUNCILMAN CLAY: There is no cost -- it's the --
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743 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: There's no cost of living at all. I know it's a contract.
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745 COUNCILMAN CLAY: It's the same contract we had last year.
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747 MR. HAWTHORNE: Yeah, I believe they're annual contracts, so we would factor in any cost of
748 living at that time.
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750 COUNCILMAN ALLEN: I just didn't know if we were -- if it's the same thing as last year. I
751 don't have any other questions.
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753 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Gay?
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755 COUNCILMAN GAY: No question.
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757 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.
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759 COUNCILMAN CARN: I know we never had a contract with a COLA in it, not that I've really
760 seen. We can give him a Coca-Cola, but I guess that's about it.
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762 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That concludes the workshop items. Can we get a
763 motion to enter back into executive session for the discussion of real estate?
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765 COUNCILMAN CLAY: So moved.
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767 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilman Clay. Is there a second?
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769 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.
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771 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilman Carn. All those in favor?
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773 COUNCIL MEMBERS: AYE.
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775 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, gentleman. That is unanimous. We will enter into
776 executive session for the purposes of discussion of real estate.
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778 **ACTION:** Councilman Clay moved to re-enter executive session for the purpose of real estate,
779 seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.
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