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GOOD MORNING:I
WANTED TO CHECK IN THAT YOUR
TEAM IS ALL SET.

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I THINK WE ARE
GOING TO GET GOING.

>> I AM CALLING THIS MEETING OF
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND
MEETINGS TO RECORD.

I AM KENZIE BOK, THE CITY
COUNCIL 8.

CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS.
THIS IS BEING RECORDED AND LIVE
STREAMED AT BOSTON.GOV.

IT WILL BE REBROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 8, RCN CHANNEL
82, VERIZON CHANNEL 1964.

THE OUR BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS,
WHICH IS ONGOING, YOU KNOW, WE
ARE OBVIOUSLY IN UNPRECEDENTED
SITUATION IN THE COVID-19 CRISIS
FOR, BUT THE CITY ALSO HAS TO
HAVE A BUDGET FINALIZED BY THE
END OF JUNE SO IT IS A 27
HEARING PROCESS OVER SIX WEEKS.

WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER.

WE HAVE A NUMBER TO LOOK FORWARD
TO AND WE REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU
AND ALL RESIDENTS TO BE INVOLVED
IN THE PROCESS SO THERE ARE A
NUMBER OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN ADD
YOUR VOICE.

I WANTED TO ATTEND A HEARING
LIKE THIS VIRTUALLY AND GIVE
PUBLIC TESTIMONY, SO WE TAKE
PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THE END OF
EACH OF THESE HEARINGS AND YOU
CAN GO TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE
ONLINE, E-MAIL STAFF, JOIN THE
ZOOM LINK AND THEN YOU WILL BE
IN THE ZOOM WAITING ROOM UP
UNTIL THE END OF THE HEARING
WHEN WE LET PEOPLE IN TO
TESTIFY.

WE ASK EVERYBODY TO IDENTIFY
THEMSELVES AND LIMIT THEIR
COMMENTS TO TWO TO THREE MINUTE
TO MAKE SURE ALL COMMENTS AND
CONCERNS CAN BE HEARD.

IF WAITING 0 FOR THE END OF THE HEARING ISN'T CONVENIENT TO YOU YOU CAN ACTUALLY GO TO BOSTON.GOV/COUNCIL/FY 21 BUDGET AND SUBMIT A TWO-MINUTE VIDEO AND SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT WAY AND ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO BOSTON.GOV.

AND WE WILL TAKE TESTIMONY IN ANY LANGUAGE AND COMMIT TO GETTING IT TRANSLATE HALNESS, TRANS LAID FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL COUNCIL.

YOU TESTIFY AT ONE OF THE DEDICATED HEARINGS.

6:00 P.M. WE WILL HAVE ONE FOCUSED ON A BPS BUDGET, ON MAY 2:86 P.M. WE WILL FOCUS ON THE ROAST OF THE CITY BUDGET AND ALSO INFORMALLY TWEET US YOUR QUESTIONS USING THE HASHTAG BOS BUDGET.

>> SO TODAY'S HEARING IS ON DOCKET 0588 TOO 0596, AND 0602, FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS.

DOCKET 0591 TO 0592, CAPITAL FUND TRANSFER ASSOCIATIONS. ORDERS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET, INCLUDING LOAN ORDERS AND LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, THAT IS DOCKET COLLECTIVELY MAKE UP THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED FY 21 BUDGET WHICH WE ARE CONSIDERING AND SCRUTINY FLIESING AND

ADDITIONALLY TODAY WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER DOCKET 0603, WRITE IS THE ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE LIMITS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, DEPARTMENT OF REVOLVING FUND. OUR FOCUS AREA TODAY WILL BE THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT ITSELF AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITHIN IT, AND THEN THE ENVIRONMENT REVOLVING FUND, THE DOCKET 0603 WHICH I JUST MENTIONED WHICH IS ENERGY RESOURCES.

I WILL NOTICE THE LANDMARK COMMISSION IS ALSO A PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, AND AS SUCH IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BUDGET AND WE WILL BE HAVING DEDICATED HEARING FOR LANDMARKS

THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW IN ENVIRONMENT ONE.

SO WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THAT TODAY BUT I WILL ASK COUNCILORS TO HOLD THEIR LANDMARK RELATED QUESTIONS TO THAT SECOND HEARING.

WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY CHRIS -- I AM SORRY, CHIEF CHRIS COOK, IT IS A TONGUE TWISTER, CHIEF OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE AND ALONG WITH HIM BY KARL SPECTRE, COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, ALLSTON -- DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DAVID MUSCLE MAN, THE DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ENERGY FOR THE CITY.

I AM ALSO JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY, ED FLYNN, COUNCILOR 2, FRANK BAKER, 3, MATT O'MALLEY 6, LIZ BREADON, NINE, MICHELLE WU AT LARGE, COUNCILOR ANDREA CAMPBELL DISTRICT FEWER AND COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, ALSO AT LARGE.

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO I WANT TO HAND IT OVER TO CHIEF COOK AND HIS TEAM.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

I WILL DEFER TO COMMISSIONER SPECTRE FOR OPENING REMARKS IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR REMARKS BRIEF SO WE CAN GET TO THE COUNCIL'S QUESTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

I DO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY THOUGH TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE HARDWORKING PEOPLE OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT. THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME TO ACTUALLY HAVE KEPT THE CLIMATE MITIGATION GOALS MOVING AT AN INCREDIBLE PACE, VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AND WITH THAT I WILL DEFER TO COMMISSIONER SPECTRE FOR OPENING REMARKS.

>> THANK YOU, CHIEF.

AND THANKS TO COUNCILORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE

PROPOSED, THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET.

THE CITY'S WORK IN CLIMATE ACTION, PRESERVATION, ENERGY MANAGEMENT, WETLANDS PROTECTION, ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUCH MORE.

THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONS AND THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION. WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES WE OVERSEE CAPITAL PROJECTS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION.

LIKE OUR COLLEAGUES ACROSS CITY HALL, THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT IS WORKING HARD TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COVID EMERGENCY. ALTHOUGH OUR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO MEETING THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF BOSTON RESIDENTS MANY STAFF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS FACING GREAT DEMANDS ON THEIR SERVICES AND RESOURCES.

IN ADDITION TO THAT AS THE CHIEF MENTIONED WE ARE ENSURING WE MEET ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

ALL STAFF ARE WORKING REMOTELY WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL BUSINESS TO CITY HALL.

OUR COMMISSION WAS THE FIRST ONE TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS WHICH THE STAFF DESERVES ENORMOUS CREDIT, ALTHOUGH YOU KNOW FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE THESE CAN SOMETIMES BE AWKWARD OR THINGS CAN GO WRONG, ON THE WHOLE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THE PUBLIC WORKS DONE, REPUBLICANS WORK DONE IN A PUBLIC WAY AND WE ARE GETTING BETTER AT IT.

OUR LONGER TERM PLANNING EFFORTS AND INFORMAL THE CONSULTATIONS SIMILARLY ARE MOVING FORWARD. THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL

INITIATIVES.

TO MENTION JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS, MAYOR WALSH RELEASED THE THIRD UPDATE OF THE CITY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN OCTOBER CENTERED ON THE GOAL OF CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2050.

WE COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF OUR INTERNAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE OF THE NEW BOSTON TRUST WHICH IS ALREADY SAVING THE CITY OVER \$600,000 A YEAR AND REDUCING THE CARBON EMISSIONS.

WE BEGAN WORK ON TWO FUNDED PROJECTS TO CATALOG AND INCREASE ACCESS TO THE CITY'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY COUNCIL WE ENACTED THE NEW WETLANDS ORDINANCE AND COLLECTIVELY REVIEWED OVER 1,500 PROJECTS FROM REPLACING WINDOWS IN THE HISTORIC BUILDING TO REBUILDING THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE.

AND PLEASED TO TELL YOU THAT THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUES STRONG SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT AND ITS PROGRAMS, EVEN AT THIS TIME OF BUDGET STRESS.

THE OPERATING BUDGET INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF THREE POSITIONS TO STRENGTHEN OUR EFFORTS IN CLIMATE PLANNING, WETLANDS PROTECTION AND -- REDUCTION IN, AND CONTRACT FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

OVERALL, THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ENVIRONMENT WOULD RISE FROM \$3.2 MILLION TO 3 UPON 4 MILLION.

IN ADDITION THE FAIR'S PROPOSAL INCLUDES INVESTMENTS IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FOR BOSTON.

ON THE CAPITAL SIDE PROPOSAL INCREASES THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR RENEWED BOSTON TRUST, THE MAYOR'S MULTIYEAR, MULTIPHASE INITIATIVE TO DECREASE ENERGY USE AND INCREASE REUSABLE

ENERGY.

AND CAPITAL BUDGET \$3 MILLION
FOR A CLIMATE RESILIENCE
RESERVE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RESERVE IS TO
SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF CLIMATE
ADAPTATION ELEMENTS TO CAPITAL
BUDGETS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE CITY THROUGH
BPDA ARTICLE 80 REVIEW AND THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REVIEW
IS NOW ASKING PROJECTS TO
PREPARE TO ARE THE NEXT 50 YEARS
OF PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE.

IN LINE WITH THE DECEMBER'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER ON CARBON
NEUTRAL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS THE
MAYOR WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT
CITY FACILITIES LEAD BY EXAMPLE
AND GO TOWARD ADAPTATION TOO.
THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT IS
THE RECIPIENT OF SIGNIFICANT
GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL AND
STATE GOVERNMENTS AND
PHILANTHROPIES, LAST YEAR OUR
ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM RECEIVED
GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND
FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE TO EXPAND THE
DOCUMENTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY
OF ITS COLLECTION, THE GRANT
FROM THE BAR FOUNDATION TO
SUPPORT OUR CLIMATE ADAPTATION
INITIATIVES.

WE ALSO HAVE A NEW GRANT FROM
THE COMMONWEALTH TO INSTALL PV
PANELS AND BATTERY STORAGE ON
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ISLAND
TRAINING FACILITY WHERE
FIREFIGHTERS FROM AROUND THE
METRO REGION WILL BE ABLE TO
COME FAMILIAR WITH THIS SORT OF
EQUIPMENT.

THIS GRANT AWAITS THE COUNSEL'S
APPROVAL OF THE ORDER.

IN ADDITION TO THESE EXCITING
PROJECTS, OTHER IMPORTANT GOALS
FOR FY 21 INCLUDE LAUNCH OF THE
COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM,
PROMULGATION OF MODIFIED
REGULATIONS FOR THE BOSTON
PARKING FREEZES UNDER THE AIR

POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION,
COMPLETION OF COASTAL RESILIENCE
PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN AND
DORCHESTER, AND LAUNCH OF PHASE
2 FOR EAST BOSTON AND
CHARLESTOWN, COMPLETION OF
REGULATIONS NEEDED FOR THE NEW
WET LANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE
AND CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE 2019 ZERO WASTE PLAN, AND
RELEASE OF A PROPOSAL FOR A
BUILDING CARBON PERFORMANCE
STANDARD AS OUTLINED IN THE
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.

THIS STILL LEAVES OUT A LOT OF
IMPORTANT ACTIVITY BUT LET ME
STOP THERE AND I AM HAPPY TO
ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH COMMISSIONER.
I AM GOING TO JUMP RIGHT INTO
QUESTIONS FROM COLLEAGUES.
AGAIN, I WILL REMIND TO THE END
OF THE ROUND SO JUST A QUICK
REMINDER FOR COLLEAGUES AND ALSO
JUST FOR OUR GUESTS WHO JOINED
US, I WILL -- FIVE MINUTES AND
HOLDING UP MY GAVEL AFTER A FEW
MINUTE BREAK PERIOD AN ALARM
WILL GO OFF.

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION,
IF THE ALARM GOES OFF WHEN YOU
ARE TALKING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
FINISH THE SENTENCE AND IDEA BUT
IT IS AN INDICATION WE ARE
TRYING TO MOVE ON AND I WOULD
SAY OBVIOUSLY OUR GOAL IS TO --
IS TO KEEP EACH ROUND EFFICIENT
SO THERE CAN THEN BE ANOTHER
ROUND ROUND OF QUESTIONS AND
EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO ASK
THE THINGS ON THEIR MIND AND
ALSO WANT TO CALL COLLEAGUE'S
ATTENTIONS TO THE FACT THAT
YESTERDAY EVENING THE ANSWERS
FROM THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
QUESTION HAD RAISED IN OUR
WORKING SESSION WENT OUT OVER
E-MAIL SO PEOPLE MAY WANT TO
PULL UP THAT DOCUMENT JUST FOR
REFERENCE.

AND WITHOUT FURTHER ADO WE WILL
GO TO COUNCIL MICHAEL FLAHERTY

AND PUT THE REST OF THE ORDER IN THE CHAT.

COUNCIL FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MA'AM, GREAT TO SEE THE CHIEF AND THE COMMISSIONER.

GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY AND I KNOW WE GOT SOME FOLKS FROM THE ALLANDALE COMMISSION THAT WORKED ON THEM CLOSELY WITH THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND SO MANY OTHERS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT SO I WANT TO GIVE EVERYONE A SHOUT WITHOUT AND RECOGNIZE THEIR TIRELESS ADVOCACY.

I KNOW SOME OF THE QUESTIONS I SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIR IN THE WORKING SESSION HAVE BEEN ANSWERED.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT, THE RESPONSE THEY WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER IS WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL OF THE -- AGAIN WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY SURPLUS, PARTICULARLY FROM A FOURTH QUARTER AS WE SORT OF TURN THE CORNER, SO I KNOW THAT SOME DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN PASSED MORE THAN OTHERS IN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE AND OTHERS HAVEN'T. WE KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS THERE COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 10 TO \$12 MILLION IN SURPLUS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THAT MUCH SNOW THIS YEAR SO NOT QUITE SURE WHETHER OR NOT THAT HAS HIT THIS DEPARTMENT IN WAYS THAT IT HAS OTHER DEPARTMENTS SO IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO WHETHER OR NOT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS RUNNING A SHORTFALL AND WHETHER THOSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED DEDICATED TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE.

IN ADDITION, TO THAT, I ASKED ABOUT THE TROUBLE SPOTS WITH THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE -- MORE LIKE THE HOTSPOTS, FOUR-POINT CHANNEL IS CLEARLY A HOT SPOT, YOU KNOW, -- A HOT SPOT.

SO WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME HOTSPOTS BASED ON WORST CASE

SCENARIOS AND JUST LIKE -- LIKE TO SEE IF YOU CAN EXPAND ON THE HOTSPOTS.

AND THEN THAT'S IT.

AND OBVIOUSLY I WOULD LIKE TO -- I WILL STAY ON AND DEFER AND SEE THE RESIDENTS SORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL GURU, IF YOU WILL, AS OUR COLLEAGUE MATT O'MALLEY, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO LISTENING TO HIS QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES IN ANY WAY I CAN, JUST GIVEN HE HAS BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN THIS SPACE FOR MANY YEARS NOW.

SO WITH THAT, JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FROM ME AND I WILL SIT BACK AND LISTEN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

I WILL DEFER TO THE COMMISSIONER ON ANY SURPLUS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH I DO KNOW THAT WE CAN FURTHER RESEARCH THIS ISSUE FOR YOUR UPCOMING COUNCIL HEARING.

I THINK IT IS NEXT WEEK, BUT KARL, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD REGARDING THE SURPLUS?

>> YES.

WE HAVE NOT FACED ANY EXTRAORDINARY COSTS DURING THE -- BECAUSE OF THE COVID EMERGENCY, SO WE ARE WITHIN OUR BUDGET.

THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A SMALL SURPLUS AND WOULD DEFER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO HANDLE WHATEVER SURPLUS IS LEFT OVER TO THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT.

AGAIN, WE ARE PROBABLY RUNNING A SMALL SURPLUS THIS YEAR.

>> THANKS, COMMISSIONER.

ON 4-POINT CHANNEL AND MOAKLEY AND CARSON BEACH I CAN SPEAK BRIEFLY TO THAT AND THEN I THINK COMMISSIONER CAN CONTINUE IN RELATION TO CLIMATE READY DORCHESTER.

WE ARE VERY FOCUSED ON THOSE TWO AREAS AND THAT IS WHY IT IS THE FOCUSED OF THE FEMA GRANT APPLICATION WE CURRENTLY HAVE TO

FIRM UP FOUR-POINT CHANNEL.
WE HAVE THOSE DESIGNS AND WE
FEEL IT IS A GOOD DESIGN TO
PROVIDE NEAR TERM AND THE
BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE STRONG
TERM STRATEGY.

AND OBVIOUSLY VERY NEAR AND DEAR
TO THE DEPARTMENTS DEPARTMENT'S
HEART BUT ALSO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
DEPARTMENT'S HEART.

THE MOAKLEY PLAN, THE VISION
PLAN THERE IS INTEGRATED WITH
CLIMATE READY DORCHESTER AND THE
REASON WHY THOSE TWO PROJECTS
ARE SO IMPORTANT IS THEY FORM A
CRITICAL PATHWAY TO NOT ONLY
PLUG THOSE IMMEDIATE
NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE TERMS OF
MOAKLEY IT IS SURROUNDED BY TWO
SIDES BY PUBLIC HOUSING, WITH
PATHWAYS -- IF YOU TAKE NO
ACTION ACTUALLY WILL LEAD TO
FLOODING OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS AND
OTHER TRANSPORTATION AND
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

SO THOSE IN YOUR WORDS,
COUNCILOR, THOSE ARE DEFINITELY
HOTSPOTS AND THAT'S WHY THEY
HAVE BEEN SUCH A FOCUS, NOT SO
MUCH BECAUSE OF THEY ARE JUST
INHERENT VULNERABILITY BUT
REALLY THE SOCIALLY VULNERABLE
POPULATION THAT WILL BE MADE
VULNERABLE OVER TIME.

COMMISSIONER.

>> YES.

SO COUNCILOR, IN THE 2016
CLIMATE READY BOSTON REPORT, IT
HAS SORT OF A HIGH LEVEL
ANALYSIS OF WHERE THE HOTSPOTS
WERE AND WHERE THE CRITICAL
AREAS TO ADDRESS WERE, AS YOU
ALREADY MENTIONED, AND THERE ARE
SOME OTHERS.

FIRST WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
PLANNING THAT WE ARE DOING NOW,
WE ARE SORT OF IDENTIFYING
HOTSPOTS, SPOTS LIKE THIS.

SO THE FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
WAS IN PARTS OF EAST BOSTON IN
CHARLESTOWN.

WE IDENTIFIED HOTSPOTS THERE AND
SO FOR EXAMPLE THE VERY FIRST
MEASURES WE TOOK WHEN THE CHIEF

WAS STILL THE COMMISSIONER OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WAS TO PUT A DEPLOYABLE FLOOD WALL, FLOOD BARRIER IN EAST BOSTON, SO WE COULD ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE RISK THAT WE DETECTED.

AND AS ACCOMPANIED BY LONGER TERM PLANS AND INVESTED IN MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND FAR REACHING WAYS.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN AND NORTH END AND FOR DORCHESTER WILL BE COMING OUT WE EXPECT LATER THIS YEAR AND YOU CAN SEE VERY DETAILED -- IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS IN ADDITION A DETAILED TIMELINE OF WHERE WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE WHOLE SET OF ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING ACROSS THE CITY.

I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE VERY MINDFUL THAT WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE HOTSPOTS AS IT WERE FOR THE HEAT WAVES AND -- AND WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR COLLEAGUES WITH BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION TO THINK ABOUT OTHER CRITICAL WAYS TO TAKE ACTION WITH MORE INTENSE RAINFALL THAT IS HAPPENING.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMISSIONER AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE THE LINE ITEM FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY IN THE BUDGET AND IF WE HAVE A SURPLUS WE WOULD ASK THAT NUMBER A LITTLE BIT -- AROUND 5 MILLION, IT IS AT 3 MILLION NOW.

BUT JUST FOOD FOR THOUGHT IF SOME MONEY CAN BE DEFLECTED TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE IF NECESSARY, GREAT, OTHERWISE -- AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUMP UP THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUND.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR CITY AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR

FLAHERTY.

NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR FLYNN AND THEN COUNCILOR BAKER AND THEN COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR BOK AND THANK YOU TO THE COMMISSIONER AND THE CHIEF AND THE DEDICATED STAFF FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT.

WE APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING.

I KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT THE I AM GLAD YOU MENTIONED THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT PLAYING A KEY ROLE AS WELL AS IT RELATES TO THE ISSUES OUT OF THE FOUR-POINT.

THAT IS A CRITICAL DEPARTMENT, NOT ONLY IN THE FOUR-POINT AREA BUT IN THE SOUTH END, ESPECIALLY, AS IT RELATES TO CLIMATE RESILIENCY .. AND IN THOSE CHANGES.

WHAT TYPE OF OUTREACH ARE YOU DOING WITH THE WATER AND SEWER AND HOW IS THAT GOING?

>> HOW IS THAT COMMUNICATION GOING?

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>> WELL, WE DON'T -- WE DO A LOT OF COORDINATION WITH WATER AND SEWER.

AT THE END WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY JOINT OUTREACH, SO THEIR REPRESENTATIVE OF WATER AND SEWER OFTEN PARTICIPATE IN FOR EXAMPLE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSES THAT WE HAVE HAD AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS THAT WE WE ARE DEVELOPING AND SOME OF WHICH YOU HAVE ATTENDED, OF COURSE, COUNCILOR.

SO WE HAVE, AGAIN, A VERY ACTIVE AND ROBUST COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AND EVEN IN THE PLANNING EFFORT WITH WATER AND SEWER.

THEY HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR CLIMATE PLANNING EFFORTS FOR A DOZEN YEARS AND WE HAVE INVOLVED THEM IN THE DETAILED PLANNING BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE NOT JUST SEPARATELY OF FLOODING FROM

PRECIPITATION BUT HOW THAT COULD INTERACT WITH COASTAL FLOODING AND BECAUSE THE MEASURES THAT WE ARE TAKING TO ADDRESS ANY FLOODING FROM PRECIPITATION OFTEN LOOK AT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF HEAT.

SO IT IS A VERY MULTIDIMENSIONAL COORDINATION OF OUR WORK WITH WATER AND SEWER AND OF COURSE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TOO.

>> THANK YOU.

THAT'S HELPFUL.

I AM ALSO GLAD YOU MENTIONED THE GROUNDWATER TRUST.

THAT'S ALSO ANOTHER IMPORTANT AGENCY, SO I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU MORE, YOU KNOW, MORE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS ABOUT THOSE TWO AGENCIES AND HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER.

AND I KNOW YOU WORK ON OTHER ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AIR POLLUTION, THAT'S AN ISSUE I FOCUSED ON OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

NOISE POLLUTION AS WELL IS A CRITICAL FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

I WAS WITH CHIEF COOK IN CHINATOWN LAST SUMMER WHEN THE UNITED SCIENCES COMPLETED A STUDY AND SAID CHINATOWN HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF AS MARKS RESPIRATORY ISSUES OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE STATE.

SO AIR POLLUTION IS A CRITICAL ISSUE FOR ME, BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR MY CONSTITUENTS AND IN THAT AREA ALONG ANDREW SQUARE AND IN SOUTH BOSTON AND DORCHESTER, HAVE BEEN TO ROXBURY A LITTLE BIT, THAT IS ANOTHER KEY CRITICAL AREA.

SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARE SOME OF THE INITIAL IT WAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON AS IT RELATES TO THE AIR POLLUTION?

>> SO RL KARL, IF IT IS ALREADY I WILL JUMP IN BRIEFLY AND PERHAPS YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

COMMISSION.

BUT JUST TO REITERATE WHAT YOU SAID, COUNCILOR, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ON RECORD PUBLICLY.

WE ARE IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT AND IN FACT OPPOSITION TO THE DEREGULATION THAT EPA HAS TAKEN ON AIR QUALITY STANDARDS.

WE THINK IT IS THE WRONG MOVE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE THAT ACTION AND SO WE HAVE PUBLICLY OPPOSED THAT, NOT ONLY AS PART OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AS CLIMATE MAYORS BUT ALSO REACHING OUT TO THE BOSTON DELEGATION AS WELL, AND FOR THE VERY REASONS YOU JUST SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, SIMILAR TO THE COVID CRISIS THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW OUR MOST SOCIALLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE VULNERABLE FROM THESE RESPIRATORY DISEASES SO WE THINK THERE IS INEQUITY BAKED INTO THOSE DECISIONS AND WE ARE OPPOSED TO IT.

SO WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT SOME OF THE INITIAL IT WAS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY, ONE I AM SURE WE WILL TALK ABOUT IN THIS HEARING BUT UNLESS THE PARKS HEARING, THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN IS ONE OF THE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO EXPAND TREE CANOPY IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE MOST AFFECTED TO TRY TO CUT DOWN ON SOME OF THE PARTICULATE MATTER FROM POLLUTION.

WITH THAT I WILL DEFER TO CARLTON REST OF THE ANSWER.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR, FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE ISSUES. THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE IN THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO THAT RESEARCH ABOUT HOW AIR POLLUTION LEVELS VARY ACROSS THE CITY FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE KNOWN THE SCIENTISTS WHO WORK ON THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS REPORT THAT YOU MENTIONED AND HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THEM FOR A DOZEN YEARS OR MORE AND IT IS

VERY IMPORTANT.
MOST -- AS I -- AS I KNOW YOU
ARE AWARE MOST OF THAT POLLUTION
ARISES FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
AND THE -- SO IT IS OUR WAY OF
ADDRESSING THAT DIRECTLY IS
THROUGH THE TYPE OF PLANNING
THAT IS BEING LED BY THE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND AS
REFLECTED IN THE GO BOSTON 2030
TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT CAME
OUT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
THAT PLAN IS ABSOLUTELY CON
GRIEWT WITH, CONGRESS GRIEWT
WITH OUR ACTION CON GRIEWBT
BECAUSE IT CONGRUENT TO, SO
ADDRESSING CONGESTION,
ADDRESSING AIR POLLUTION AND
ADDRESSING CARBON EMISSIONS FROM
TRANSPORTATION IT IS ALL THE
SAME SET OF ISSUES AND AGAIN,
MOST OF THE WORK IS BEING LED BY
OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.
WE HAVE AN SMALL PART TO PLAY
THROUGH THE AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL COMMISSION WHICH
ADMINISTERS PARKING FREEZES IN
DOWNTOWN SOUTH BOSTON AND A
LIMITED ONE IN EAST BOSTON AND
THE IDEA IS THERE IS THAT BY
CONTROLLING THE NUMBER OF
PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE WE HAVE
SOME CONTROL OVER THE NUMBER OF
PEOPLE DRIVING INTO BOSTON.
WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
AMENDING THE REGULATIONS OF THE
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
FOR THE PARKING FEES RIGHT NOW
TO MAKE THEM A MORE CONSISTENT
WITH EACH OTHER AND WE ARE
LOOKING AT THE COMMISSION HAS
ASKED US TO BE THE POSSIBILITY
OF ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM FEE
FOR THOSE SPACES.
AND THE PERMITS UNDER THE AIR
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION FOR
THE FREEZE ALSO INCLUDE A
VARIETY OF TRAFFIC DEMAND
MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ISSUES TO
PROMOTE BICYCLES AND OTHER MODES
OF TRANSPORTATION TOO.
AND 15 WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH
OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND IN THE BPDA TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A CONSISTENT SET OF MEASURES, CONSISTENT SET OF GUIDELINES TO INCREASE THE SHIFT TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, NONPOLLUTING SOURCES OF TRANSPORTATION AND THEN TO -- AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE THE SWITCH TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES ALSO, TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION FROM VEHICLES IN THAT WAY.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

I KNOW MY -- MY TIME IS UP.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE TEAM FOR YOUR GREAT WORK AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU, ESPECIALLY ON AIR POLLUTION AND NOISE POLLUTION RELATED ISSUES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY AS WELL SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND HARD WORK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN BOK.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, KARL, HI, HOW ARE YOU?

CYST.

CHRIS, HOW ARE YOU?

JUST THREE POINTS THAT EITHER KARL OR CHRIS YOU TALK ABOUT AND YOU TOUCHED ON IT A LITTLE BIT, CHRIS, IN THE PLANNING AROUND MOAKLEY PARK, CAN YOU GO A LITTLE FURTHER INTO THAT AND TELL US HOW THE PLANNING -- HOW WE ARE COORDINATING WITH THE STATE ON THAT WHOLE STRETCH.

I MEAN TO ME IT STARTS AT MOAKLEY PARK AND GOES ALL THE WAY TO -- CAN YOU JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT PLANNING? THAT'S ONE THING.

THE SECOND THING IS, WHERE ARE YOU GUYS ON -- AND I TALKED TO CHRIS OSGOOD QUITE OFTEN ABOUT IT, THE WAY THE FUTURE IS WITH RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING, YOU GUYS HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR JUST THOUGHTS ON WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING THERE?

I THINK WE SHOULD BE BUILDING OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE, WHETHER IT IS FOR RECYCLING AND/OR COMPOSTING, BUILDING OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD ALLOW US TO KIND OF HAVE SOME INPUT ON WHAT WE ARE PAYING, NOT JUST ONCE WE HAVE THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE, BUT THERE WOULD BE SURETY IN TEN YEARS ONCE WE OWN THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

AND THEN MY THIRD POINT WAS TREES, CHRIS.

>> YOU AND I LOVE TO TALK TREES WITH YOU.

I KNOW THE PARKS DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS THAT THEY CAN -- IS THAT ALL WE PLAN ON WITH THE CITY?

DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT PLAN ON INVESTING AT ALL IN TREE CANOPY AND ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

LIKE WHAT IS THE PLAN WITH THAT MILLION?

IS THAT CANOPY, IS THAT NEW TREES?

IS THAT, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE OLD GROWTH TREES, WE HELP THOSE OUT?

AND OF COURSE I AM TALKING -- PARK AND DORCHESTER PARK. SO THOSE THREE POINTS IF WE COULD JUST TALK ABOUT THOSE AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> GREAT.

KARL, IF IT IS ALL RIGHT WITH YOU I THINK I WILL TALK ABOUT TREES VERY BRIEFLY AND THEN PERHAPS YOU AND AL -- CAN TALK ABOUT ZERO WASTE AND THEN THE COORDINATION WITH THE STATE AROUND MOAKLEY AND CLIMATE READY DORCHESTER.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

>> GREAT.

SO JUST VERY BRIEFLY ON THE TREES, COUNCILOR BAKER, WE COULDN'T BE MORE EXCITED ABOUT IT, AGAIN WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THIS IN THE PARKS DIDN'T UPCOMING BUDGET HEARING BUT JUST TO BE CLEAR THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL MILLION DOLLARS FOR PLANTING AND IN ADDITION TO THE

NORMAL LINE ITEMS WE TYPICALLY HAVE, WHICH IS AROUND \$900,000 IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. IT IS ALSO, THOUGH, FOR CARE, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL TO YOUR POINT, COUNCIL RECORD, AND THE IS SOMETHING YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT AT LENGTH BEFORE AND IN FACT YOU HAVE POINTED OUT TO ME WHEN I WAS AN EARLY PARK COMMISSION SEARCH THERE IS A LOT MORE VALUE IN THESE OLDER TREES THAN WE THOUGHT.

AND ALL OF THE RECENT STUDIES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE JUST REINFORCED THAT VIEWPOINT. IT IS REALLY NOT ABOUT NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED.

IT IS ABOUT TREE CANOPY. AND SO IF IT IS ABOUT TREE CANOPY, INHERENTLY LARGER TREES ARE THAT MUCH MORE VALUABLE. SO WHAT WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET IS THE \$500,000 THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN, AND WHAT THAT WILL DO IS NOT ONLY DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN THAT HAS EQUITY BUILT IN AS AN INTENTIONAL MOTIVATOR FOR WHERE WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE PLANTING IN THE CITY, TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NOT THESE SOCIAL INEQUITIES AROUND AIR POLLUTION THAT COUNCILOR FLYNN REFERENCED BUT ALSO WE WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP NEW RULES, NEW REGULATIONS, YOU KNOW, A NEW ORDINANCE TO PROTECT SOME OF THOSE OLD GROWTH TREES THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE THEY ARE SO VALUABLE NOT ONLY FROM A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PER PERSPECTIVE, FROM THE -- ISLAND PERSPECTIVE, FROM AN AIR POLLUTION PERSPECTIVE, BUT REALLY JUST A VERY BASIC CARBON SEQUESTRATION, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE SUCKING IN A LOT MORE CARBON THAN SOME OF THESE NEWER TREES SO THEY DO NEED TO BE PROTECTED BUT THAT IS WHAT WE ARE MOST

EXCITED ABOUT.

KARL, WHICHEVER SUBJECT YOU WANT TO TAKE FIRST ON --

>> THANK YOU, CHRIS.

JUST WOULD ADD TO WHAT THE CHIEF SAID, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.

WE ARE INVOLVED IN THE MASTER PLANNING EFFORT TO, AGAIN, COORDINATE IT WITH ALL OF THE OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR APPROACH TO CLIMATE, CARBON REDUCTION -- IN REGARD TO -- COMPOSTING

COUNCILOR, I THINK AS YOU KNOW, THE MAYOR RELEASED A ZERO WASTE PLAN OVER A YEAR AGO AND THAT WAS A VERY -- THAT WAS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE OUR CABINET AND THE STREETS CABINET, CHRIS

OSGOOD COCHAIRING THE -- COMMITTEE AND THE GROUP WE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO -- AND

OBVIOUSLY COMPOSTING ARE VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THAT.

I BELIEVE YOU HEARD FROM CHIEF OSGOOD A FEW DAYS AGO THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THE NEW MEASURES --

THE NEW PROGRAMS WE ENCOURAGE AND INCREASE COMPOSTING AND TO INCREASE RECYCLING OF TEXTILES,

WHERE THE CITY TOOK -- LATER THIS YEAR, THOSE EFFORTS ARE

BEING LED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUT OUR TEAMWORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM IN PUTTING THOSE OUT.

ALSO THE IDEA OF OWNING OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE WAS ONE OF THE STRATEGIES THAT ARE DISCUSSED IN

THE ZERO WASTE PLAN, NOT WITH A DEFINITIVE INCLUSION BUT IT WAS THAT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT THE

CITY DEFINITELY SHOULD BE LOOKING INTO AND THAT ALSO IT IS GOING TO BE LED, AN ANALYSIS OF

THAT IDEA IS GOING TO BE LED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ALSO AND I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN SOME ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY IN THE BUDGET SO THEY CAN START TO EXPLORE THAT IDEA.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALAN OUR DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL

PLANNING AND HAS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY TO TALK ABOUT THE -- ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES, ARE THERE ANY MUNICIPALITIES OR EVEN STATES, FOR THAT MATTER, THAT HAVE THEIR OWN COME POST, COM POST OPERATIONS LIKE LARGE SCALE THAT COULD HANDLE OUR POPULATION?

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES OF IT AROUND THE COUNTRY, AROUND THE WORLD?

COUNCILOR, I AM SURE THERE ARE, BUT IF YOU DON'T MINDLY SUBMIT THAT INFORMATION TO YOU LATER BUT I WOULD MAKE SURE I IDENTIFY THEM ALL CORRECTLY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ALLISON.

>> HI, THANK YOU, COUNCILOR. THANKS FOR HAVING US HERE.

>> AND YOU RIGHTLY IDENTIFIED, COORDINATION WITH THE STATE IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT.

-- [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> SO FOR THOSE PLANS WITH THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND COASTAL SOLUTION PLANS, WE ARE TAKING -- THEY ARE UNDERWAY AND FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THEY ARE ONGOING FOR EVERYONE IN THE DORCHESTER AREA, THERE IS CLOSE COORDINATION, SO [INDISCERNIBLE]

-- INCREASED A ADAPTATION INCREASED ADAPTATION.

>> [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> I WILL WRAP IT UP BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND ELEMENTS OF COORDINATION WE DO WITH THE STATE AND WE CAN GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS IN WRITING AFTER THIS.

>> THANK YOU, ALLISON.

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THAT COORDINATION IS GOING ON.

IT IS GOING TO BE VERY COMPLEX, BUT I THINK IN KIND OF 15 YEARS, WE ARE ACTUALLY DONE WITH THE WHOLE STRETCH WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO BE REALLY PROUD ABOUT.

THANK YOU, ALLISON, THANK YOU

KARL AND CHRIS.

>> IF I COULD ADD VERY BRIEFLY THAT THE STATE HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT PARTNER WITH US, SINCE WE STARTED OUR CLIMATE PLANNING. THEY GIVE US SOME LARGE GRANTS THAT HELPED FINANCE CLIMATE READY BOSTON REPORT, 2016, AND THIS IS JUST A CONTINUED COLLABORATION THAT WE HAVE.

>> GREAT.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER, NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, CHAIR OF OUR ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THEN WE WILL HAVE COUNCILOR BREADON.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, CHRIS, KARL, ALLISON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK, ESPECIALLY DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. THERE IS A LOT TO GET THROUGH. I WILL START WITH ANSWERING COUNCILOR BAKER'S QUESTION. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITIES THAT HAVE.

>> ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA, DENVER, LA, I SHARE THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION.

THE FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONS, AND I APPRECIATE, I GOT MOST OF THE RESPONSES LAST NIGHT, THE QUESTIONS AT THE CLOSE OF THE WORKING SESSION BUT I WANT TO START ABOUT USING CITY FUNDS, OR HAVING THE CITY ACQUIRE LAND TO ADVANCE RESILIENCY IN OUR CLIMATE GOALS.

AND I ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC IN THE TIMELINE AND THE RESPONSES, WITH AN OPEN MIND, GREAT PLACE TO START IN REFERENCES THAT -- OPEN HOUSE IN DORCHESTER WHERE THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT DOING THIS. I WOULD JUST SORT OF ADD TO THAT THE OPPORTUNITY IN ROSLINDALE, IN THE WETLAND AREA WE KNOW PLACES WELL.

I PLAYED THERE AS A KID AND SPENT A GREAT SANCTUARY FOR ME TO WALK AND RUN THROUGH DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

BUT THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ADVANCE THAT GOAL.

-- THE FUNDING HEARING LAST WEEK IF THAT COULD PERHAPS BE ANOTHER REVENUE STREAM GOING FORWARD. BUT SPECIFICALLY THE QUESTION IS, WHAT WITH WOULD THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE FOR THE CITY TO ACQUIRE LAND TO ADVANCE OUR RESILIENCY GOALS SIMILARLY THE WAY THAT WE ACQUIRED LAND FOR OUR HOUSING GOALS AND SOME OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

>> SO I AM NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, BECAUSE I AM NOT ACTUALLY SURE ON WHAT THAT IS, BUT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LOOK INTO IT.

I THINK IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT, HOW DO WE SELECT AND PRIORITIZE PARCELS THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO ACQUIRE. OUR DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND I KNOW COMMISSIONER WOODS IS GOING TO BE APPEARING BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL TALK ABOUT IT MORE.

BUT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BE LEADING SORT OF A PARCEL PRIORITIZATION OR PURCHASE -- PURCHASING PRIORITIZATION EFFORT, SO THAT

--

>> YOU HAD IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, KARL.

>> -- THE PRIORITIZATION.

>> THANK YOU, CHIEF.

AND SO WE WANT TO ADDRESS WHAT ARE -- PARCELS THAT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS, OUR CLIMATE NEEDS, OUR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS, ALTOGETHER IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY, SO THAT WE CAN BE SURE WE ARE -- OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A LOT OF PROPOSALS.

I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF SOME OF THE PARCELS THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED IN THE ROSLINDALE AND WE ARE LOOKING AT -- WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT ANY PROPERTIES

THAT ARE -- TAX LIENS THAT ARE
COMING TO THE CITY WE ARE
IDENTIFYING THE APPROPRIATE ONES
TO ABSORB INTO THE WETLANDS
ALSO.

>> THAT IS HELPFUL.

SO WE WILL CONTINUE THOSE
DISCUSSIONS GOING FORWARD.

>> SHIFTING GEARS, SLIGHTLY
DELIGHTED TO BE WITH MANY OF YOU
LAST DECEMBER AS THE MAYOR
SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT
ALL MUNICIPAL ORDERS WILL BE --
CARBON.

DELIGHTED WITH THE EFFORTS OF
YOUR CABINET, CHIEF, AND GIVE A
SHOUTOUT.

I AM LOOKING AT THE CHANGE IN
ARTICLE 37 ZONING WHICH MANDATES
ZERO CARBON ASSESSMENT.
THAT IS HOW WE WILL MOVE
FORWARD.

WE HAVE BEEN SEEING THIS FOR
QUITE SOME TIME AND I DON'T NEED
TO -- I DON'T NEED TO REITERATE
IT OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT TO
SAVE OUR CLIMATE WE REALLY HAVE
TO START WITH OUR BUILDINGS.
SO PRIOR TO WORKING WITH YOU,
KARL, GOSH, TEN YEARS AGO OR SO
OR CLOSE TO IT ON THE BEARD DOE
LEGISLATION THIS IS OBVIOUSLY
THE NEXT STEP, TALKED VERY
BRIEFLY ABOUT SORT OF COMPLIANCE
AND ALSO IF THERE WOULD BE ANY
OPPORTUNITY -- I KNOW ANSWER IS
HOW WE GET THAT TO YES.

YOU HAVE BEEN A DESIGNATED
MANAGER FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT OR
FOR YOUR CABINET CHIEFS CAN
REALLY HELP THESE NEW BUILDINGS
DOWN THE PIPELINE COMPLY WITH
OUR REQUIREMENTS AND INDEED LOOK
TO STRENGTHEN THOSE.

SO COUNCILOR, FIRST OF ALL,
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE, YOU
KNOW, THE GREAT SUPPORT, VERY
STRONG SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP
YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THE COUNCIL IN
PASSING THIS AND MANY OTHER
ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES.

IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH
YOU OVER THIS WHOLE TIME.

WE -- AS I MENTIONED THE THREE

STAFF POSITIONS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET, THEY ARE ALL GOING TO THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM, SO ONE IS FOCUSED ON ZERO WASTE.

ONE IS FOCUSED ON THE WETLANDS, AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND THEN WE ARE ALSO GETTING A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM.

AND EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE THAT YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED, I THINK THAT THE ADDED CAPACITY WE ARE GETTING TO THAT TEAM AS A WHOLE ENABLE US TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN ALL OF THE REALMS AND INCLUDING THE NEW BUILDINGS, WE ARE ACTIVELY -- WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM.

WE ARE WORKING UNDER ALLISON AROUND CARBON NEUTRALITY, SPECIFICALLY AROUND BUILDINGS AND WE ARE DEVELOPING, YOU KNOW, INITIATIVE PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP US GOING FORWARD.

ALLISON, DO YOU WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DEVELOPING A BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARD AND HOW THE MEASURES THAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE TO HELP BUILDINGS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE WOULD BE DEVELOPING.

>> SURE.

SO BRIEFLY, ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE UPDATE OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS MOVING TOWARD CARBON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN BUILDINGS.

YOU IDENTIFIED --

[INDISCERNIBLE] -- AND ANOTHER ACTION THAT STONING IS TOWARD. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR 85 PERCENT OF OUR 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF OUR MISSIONS SO THEY ARE ALSO A REALLY CRITICAL COMPONENT.

SO HERE WE ARE LOOKING AT UPDATES TO THE VERDO ORDINANCE .. THAT COULD SUPPORT REASONABLE BUT AGGRESSIVE CARBON TARGETS THAT EXISTING LARGE BUILDINGS WOULD NEED TO ACHIEVE, IT WAS RAMPED DOWN OVER TIME IN

ACHIEVING THESE GOALS.
SO WE ARE IN THE PROCESS --
COUNCILOR, DO YOU HAVE A
QUESTION?

>> JUST BRIEFLY BECAUSE MY TIME
IS UP.

SO I GUESS I WILL TRY TO GET
THIS IN.

WHAT WAS THE COMPLAINS OF NEW
BUILDINGS THAT VOLUNTARILY
PARTICIPATED WITH OUR REQUESTS
OF ARTICLE 37?

>> YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT THE
CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDING
ASSESSMENT?

>> RIGHT.

SINCE THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED LAST
YEAR EVERY BUILDING GOING
THROUGH ARTICLE 37 HAS EITHER --

>> THANK YOU.

>> DO YOU KNOW OFFHAND HOW MANY
BUILDINGS THAT IS?

>> SO AT LEAST 20 HAVE, HAVE
GIVEN A REPORT ALREADY --

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU.

ALLISON.

I WILL GET TO DAVID IN THE NEXT
ROUND.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

GREAT, THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

>> NEXT UP IS COUNCILOR BRAEDON
AND THEN COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
COUNCILOR BREADON.

>> I WILL SEE IF I CAN TURN OFF
VIDEO TO SEE IF I CAN GET SOME
STABILITY IN THE CONNECTION.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE
IN ANSWERING ALL OF THESE
QUESTIONS.

WITH REGARD TO CLIMATE READY --
CLIMATE RESILIENCY, I HAD A
QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT
YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE ALLSTON
AREA.

IT IS ON THE FLOOD PLAIN OF THE
CHARLES RIVER.

IT IS INCREASINGLY RECOGNIZED AS
A PROBLEM WITH HEAT -- IN THE
SUMMER AND I JUST WANTED TO FLAG
UP THE COASTAL AREAS ARE
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND TO
WE ALSO NEED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE

READINESS INLAND.

THEN I AM DELIGHTED TO HEAR
THERE IS MORE MONEY GOING INTO
URBAN FORESTRY.

AGAIN IN ALLSTON WITH NEW
DEVELOPMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
YOU WORK WITH THE BPDA TO SEE
WHEN A FORMER INDUSTRIAL AREA IS
CONVERTED TO RESIDENTIAL I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE A MORE ROBUST
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GREEN SPACE
AROUND NEW DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE
ADDING A LOT OF DENSITY BUT NOT
ADDING A LOT OF GREEN SPACE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHICH PROBABLY
HAS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF GREEN
SPACE IN THE WHOLE CITY.

>> AND LET'S SEE.

OH, YES.

ALONG THE PIKE, ON LINCOLN
STREET, THOSE AREAS WERE
FORMERLY INDUSTRIAL AND
INCREASINGLY BECOMING
RESIDENTIAL AND THERE IS A LOT
OF PROBLEMS WITH NOISE POLLUTION
AND AIR POLLUTION.

INCREASED LEVELS OF ASTHMA ALONG
THAT CORRIDOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME
INITIATIVES AROUND TRYING TO
BUILD SUN BARRIERS THAT WOULD
ALSO DECREASE THE LEVEL OF
PARTICULATE MATTER THAT IS
LEAKING INTO THE NEW RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG THE PIKE
THERE.

SO THOSE ARE TISSUES I HAVE FOR
RIGHT NOW.

I ALSO -- THERE IS ONE MORE.
THE PROTECTION OF URBAN WILDS.
WE SOMEWHERE LOST SEVERAL IN
ALLSTON, BRIGHTON IN THE LAST
DECADE OR SO.

I AM ENCOURAGED TO HEAR YOU ARE
LOOKING AT POSSIBLY ACQUISITION
OF PARCELS OF LAND THAT WE COULD
BUILD SOME MORE CLIMATE
RESILIENCY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,
BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT IS
AGAIN TRYING TO KEEP OUR TREE
CANOPY AND CREATE NEW GREEN
SPACE IS REALLY IMPORTANT.
NOT JUST FOR SPORTS AND
RECREATION BUT ALSO PASSIVE

GREEN SPACE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

I THINK I CAN ADDRESS MOST OF THOSE WITH THE EXCEPTION AND I WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE LINCOLN STREET AREA, IF THAT'S OKAY, COUNCILOR.

>> SO MOVING FORWARD, I WILL HAVE KARL SPEAK TO THE NEXT PHASE OF CLIMATE READY WORK, WHICH DOES HAVE TO FOCUS MORE ON SOME OF THE POTENTIALS OF THE INLAND FLOODING FROM THE RIVERS AND THE -- AND THE CHARLES BUT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE A FAIRLY ROBUST ANALYSIS OF THAT, IF NOT THE DISTRICT ANALYSIS THAT WE HAVE DONE ON THE SEA LEVEL RISE. BUT WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY ABOUT LOWER ALLSTON IS THAT THERE IS A BIG OPPORTUNITY THERE, YOU KNOW, IT IS CALLED LOWER ALLSTON FOR A REASON.

THERE IS A LOT OF WAYS FOR THE WATER TO DRAIN.

THERE IS A CURRENT PROJECT PROPOSED BY BOSTON WATER AND SEWER THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO PARTNER WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY TO IMPLEMENT THE -- THEY CALL THE IT MASDEP PROVIDE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A NEW SEWER LINE THAT WOULD PREVENT NEIGHBORS FROM, YOU KNOW, ALMOST 1,300 HOMES FROM THE POTENTIAL OF FLOODING.

I WILL SAY YOUR ASSESSMENT OF ALLSTON IS CORRECT AS FAR AS CANOPY AND AS FAR AS AVAILABLE GREEN SPACE.

IT IS NOT THE LOWEST IN THE CITY, BUT IT DOES HAVE POCKETS WHERE IT IS VERY, VERY UNDER TREE CANOPY.

THEN IN ADDITION EVEN THOUGH 100 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON LIVE WITHIN A TEN-MINUTE WALK OF THE PARK THERE ARE STILL WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK POCKETS OF INEQUITY BUILT IN AND ONE OF THOSE POCKETS IS IN THE ALLSTON, SO

AGAIN AS THOSE INSTITUTIONAL
MATS SEARCH PLANS DEVELOPMENT,
AS THE BPDA WITH DEVELOPS ..
WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN
ALLSTON, A PRIORITY OF OURS WILL
BE EXPANSION OF GREEN SPACE IN
ALLSTON AND IN ADDITION AND
PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY THE
CREATION OF CONTINUOUS GREEN
SPACE SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE SAFE
GREEN WAYS TO GET IN AND OUT OF
THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

KARL, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT
TO ADD ON THE CLIMATE READY
ASPECT?

>> YES.

SO COUNCILOR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
QUESTION.

CERTAINLY WE ARE LOOKING CLOSELY
AT ALLSTON AND, YOU KNOW, NOT
EQUITY

NEGLECTING ANY OF OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CLIMATE
READY PLANNING WORK.

IN REGARD TO FLOODING FROM THE
CHARLES RIVER, WE CERTAINLY
RECOGNIZE THAT WITH ENOUGH SEA
LEVEL RISE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
THE CHARLES RIVER DAM, THE WATER
GOES OVER THE CHARLES RIVER DAM
OR THE CHARLES RIVER DAM GETS
BYPASSED BUT IT IS FRANKLY IT IS
FARTHER DOWN IN TERMS OF TIME
AND IT IS MUCH LESS OF A
PRIORITY IN TERMS OF OUR
IMMEDIATE PLANNING.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IS WE
HAVE BEEN ENGAGING WITH THE
STATE TO THINK ABOUT TWO ASPECT
OFFICE THE CHARLES RIVER DAM.

ONE, WHAT DO WE DO IN THE
LONG-TERM WITH THE CHARLES RIVER
DAM SO THAT WATER IT DOESN'T GET
OVER THE TOP IN COASTAL STORMS
WITH A SEA LEVEL RISE.

AND THE SECOND THING IS, IS
THERE ENOUGH CAPACITY TO COME
OUT OF THE CHARLES RIVER BASIN,
SO THAT WHEN THERE IS VARYING
INLAND OF PRECIPITATION, THAT IT
CAN KEEP THE WATER FROM RISING
UP BEHIND THE DAM.

IT IS A STATE RESPONSIBILITY,
BUT WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY

WITH THEM ABOUT HOW WE DO THAT.
AND, YOU KNOW, IT WOULD -- BUT
IT IS A LITTLE FARTHER DOWN THE
LINE THAN SOME OF THE OTHER
THINGS WE ARE LOOKING AT AND I
THINK CHIEF COOK ADDRESSED OUR
CONCERNS ABOUT HEATH AND ALLSTON
TOO AND THE CANOPY.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST THE WHOLE MANAGEMENT OF --
WATER, THE NEW DRAINAGE PIPE
THAT THE BOSTON WATER AND SEWER
IS WORKING ON IS A SEVEN-FOOT --
TO THE RIVER. YOU KNOW, IT IS
GREAT THAT IT WILL PROVIDE
DRAINAGE IN THAT AREA BUT I AM
JUST CONCERNED THAT IT IS GOING
TO BUTT A LOT OF EXTRA PRESSURE.
AND WE NEED TO DO SOME SMALL
STUFF LIKE -- COUNCILOR BRAEDON,
WE JUST LOST YOU.

>> WE HAVE BEEN MANAGING OUR
RUNOFF WITH BIOSWALES AND WIND
GARDENS IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT
ASPECT WE SHOULD BE ATTENDING TO
AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR, YOU ARE RIGHT, AND
ACTUALLY IF ANYTHING COVID, THE
COVID CRISIS IS ACTUALLY
ACCELERATED CHIEF OSGOOD AND
IT'S COORDINATION ABOUT
ENHANCING THE PUBLIC REALLY ONLY
WITH GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE.
IT HAS TO BE A PRIORITY .. SO WE
WILL CONTINUE THAT PLANNING AND
WE WILL LOOK AT THE
NEIGHBORHOODS MOST AFFECTED AND
CERTAINLY I MEAN LOWER ALLSTON
AS FAR AS STORM WATER IS GREATLY
AFFECTED.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU, CHIEF.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BRAEDON.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARD IS UP NEXT,
THEN COUNCILOR WU AND --

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> GREAT.

I WANTED TO FIRST COMMEND AND
THANKS THE FOLKS FOR THEIR
WONDERFUL MEETING SO FAR.
I HAVE TO SAY WE JUST HAD A
HEARING IN FRONT OF THEM AND I
WANTED TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT MORE

ABOUT WHAT THEIR BUDGET
STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE.

I DO THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BE
A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH IN
TERMS OF ENFORCING THE WETLANDS
ORDINANCE AND I THINK THAT'S A
GREAT THING.

BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE IF WE
HAD THE MONEY OR THE
INFRASTRUCTURE THAT THEY NEEDED
TO BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THAT, I
THINK HISTORIC AND WONDERFUL
EVENT, BUT PARTICULARLY WANTING
TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE, I
DON'T KNOW IF IT IS AN INTAKE,
WHAT THE INTAKE LOOKS LIKE, THE
TECHNICAL OUTREACH.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

IF I WANTED TO FILE SOMETHING,
CAN I FILE SOMETHING SAYING, ABC
VIOLATES THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE?
DO WE HAVE THE BUDGET AND
INFRASTRUCTURE BUILT IN FOR THE
COM, COM, TO BE THAT ENFORCEMENT
MECHANISM?

YOU KNOW, SO THAT IS THE FIRST
QUESTION.

IF YOU COULD TALK TO THE BUDGET
AND HOW PEOPLE CAN REACH OUT AND
HOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE AN
ENFORCER OF THE WETLANDS
ORDINANCE AND WHAT MONEY YOU
HAVE TO SUPPORT THAT.

I WANTED TO SAY ON THE -- I
DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAD MENTIONED
THAT THE TREES SHOULD HAPPEN
MORE WITH PARKS OR HAPPEN NOW.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHAIRWOMAN
BOK?

>> IT IS MORE OF A PARK.

THE CHIEF ALLUDED TO IT BUT THE
DETAILS OF IT WE ARE GOING TO DO
IT IN PARKS.

>> ALL RIGHT.

I CAN SAVE THAT, THEN.

SO WE CAN GO TO THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, THEN.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN MANY CASES
WE WILL NOT HAVE -- BE LIMITED
IN SOME KIND OF CAPACITY, SO I
THINK IT IS A WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THOSE
BUILDINGS, INTO SCHOOLS,
ESPECIALLY AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE

ARE GOING TO MAKE THEM AS GREEN
AS RETROFITTING THEM AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

SO I WONDER IF THERE IS AN
ADVANCE OR PRIORITIZATION FOR POSSIBLE.
SO IS THERE A PRIORITIZATION FOR
THOSE BUILDINGS.

ALSO, JUST LOOKING AT, YOU KNOW,
WE'VE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT PROCUREMENT AND MAKING
SURE THAT WE HAVE DIVERSITY IN
OUR SUPPLY CHAIN AND WHO GETS
CONTRACTS FROM THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

ONE OF THE AREAS OPEN FOR A LOT
OF FOLKS TO GET INVOLVED AND FOR
THE CITY TO FARM THIS OUT IS
CHANGES OR PAINTING THE ROOFS OF
OUR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WHITE.
I BELIEVE THAT THAT HELPS WITH
THE HEAT RESISTANCE AND MAKING
THEMED -- I DON'T KNOW --
BETTER.

SO I'M WONDERING IS WHY CAN'T WE
HAVE A PROGRAM THAT LOOK AT OUR
SENIOR STATES PROGRAM THAT
CONTRACTS \$10,000 OR LESS BUT
GET OUT THERE AND RETRO-FIT.
SO MY LAST QUESTION IS ABOUT
UTILITY BILLS.

WHY -- SO WHEN THIS CRISIS IS
OVER WITH, DOES THE CITY HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW IT WILL HELP PEOPLE
WITH ANY FORM OF UTILITY BILLS
OR PAYING FOR ELECTRICITY.
IS THERE A GREEN OPPORTUNITY,
SOMETHING FOR FOLKS THAT ARE
GOING TO OWE A LOT OF MONEY.

>> OKAY.

SO COUNCILLOR, I THINK I'M GOING
TO -- IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU
IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, WE CAN
RESEARCH THE ROOF QUESTION YOU
HAVE FOR US.

I KNOW NEW YORK HAS HAD SUCH A
PROGRAM FOR A LONG TIME.
SO WE CAN RESEARCH THAT AND GET
BACK TO YOU.

CARL CAN SPEAK TO THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET
AND THE WAY THAT THEY'RE GOING
TO INTEND TO APPROACH THE WE'D
LANDS APPROACH AND ALLISON CAN
HELP WITH THAT.

YOU MAY BENEFIT FROM HEARING FROM DAVID MUSCLEMAN ABOUT THE INTENTIONALITY WE'VE HAD WITH GETTING INTO SCHOOLS TO DO ENERGY RETRO-FITS.

I THINK THAT IS YOUR QUESTION THERE.

AND ACTION WELL AS THE COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PROGRAM ICH OVER LONG-TERM ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO REDUCE RESIDENTS' ELECTRIC BILLS, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

>> RIGHT.

>> STARTING WITH CARL.

>> OKAY.

LET ME START WITH THE CONVERSATION COMMISSION.

SO THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR, FOR THE QUESTIONS AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE NEW WETLANDS ORDINANCE, TOO.

SO THE MAYOR'S BUDGET WOULD ADD A STAFF VISIT, ENVIRONMENTAL

PROJECT.

THE TEAM CONSISTS OF TWO PEOPLE AND WILL RAISE IT TO THREE.

SO IMMEDIATE TERM, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE SO THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ORDINANCE AND TO HELP WITH NEW APPLICATIONS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE ADHERING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND TO HELP WITH WHAT YOU DESCRIBED.

ANY RESIDENTS OF BOSTON CAN SUBMIT THAT INFORMATION TO THE CONVERSATION COMMISSION STAFF THAT THEY BELIEVE THERE'S A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATION.

FRANKLY SPEAKING, MOST OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IS JUST A MAJOR PIECE OF ENFORCING THE ORDINANCE WILL BE IN THE INITIAL PLANNING AND THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES.

THAT IS THE FOCUS.

WE DO GET INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE HAVE -- TO TAKE AN ACTION OR THEIR FIGHT OR BUILDING IN

THE WAY THAT MAKES IT
NONCONFORMING AND WE'RE GETTING
MORE RESOURCES TO REACH OR
CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH THAT.

>> OKAY.

DAVID?

>> THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME
TODAY.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.
I'M GOING TO ADDRESS THE
QUESTION FIRST AND TALK ABOUT
COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY.
SO AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE ARE ABOUT
TO COMPLETE THE NEW PHASE OF THE
BOSTON TRUST, WHICH IS A PILOT
PHASE.

WE SPENT ABOUT \$10 MILLION GOING
THROUGH 14 BUILDINGS AND DOING
SOME SIGNIFICANT RETRO-FITS.
WE'RE GETTING READY TO LAUNCH A
SECOND PHASE.

WE SELECTED THE BUILDINGS FOR A
THIRD PHASE, WHICH INCLUDE SIX
POOLS FOR WHAT WE'RE CALLING
DEEP DIVES, WHICH ARE FAIRLY
COMPREHENSIVE REVIEWS.

WE'VE SELECTED ANOTHER
APPROXIMATELY TEN SCHOOLS TO DO
LIGHTER TOUCHES, WHICH WILL
INCLUDE LIGHTING, WATER
CONVERSATION, BUILDING, PROBABLY
NOT QUITE AS DEEP A DIVE ON THE
INFRASTRUCTURE.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE
LOOKING AT 30 BUILDINGS, ABOUT
25 SCHOOLS FOR SOLAR PANELS ON
THE ROOFS OR ON PARKING LOT
CANOPIES.

THESE ARE ROOFS THAT WERE
IDENTIFIED AS NEWER ROOFS
BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO PUT
SOLAR PANELS ON ROOFS THAT ARE
DUE TO BE REPLACED.

SO WE ARE TARGETING THIS.

WE'RE HOPING TO START THE
AUDITING WORK ON THAT OVER THE
NEXT MONTHS OR TWO.

AND WE WOULD BE EXPECTING TO
START A FULL DESIGN WORK EARLY
NEXT YEAR IN THE CONSTRUCTION
WORK WOULD PROBABLY START IN THE
LAST QUARTER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR
OR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE
FOLLOWING YEAR.

WE'RE TRYING TO CATCH THAT
SUMMER CONSTRUCTION.

THERE'S A FAIR AMOUNT OF
PLANNING THAT HAS TO GO IN,
WHICH MAKES IT HARD TO SORT OF
MOBILIZE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THE FACT THAT PEOPLE AREN'T IN
BUILDINGS NOW.

BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY MOVING THE
SCHOOLS.

ON THE UTILITY -- I'M SENSITIVE
TO THE TIME.

I HAVE A SHORT ANSWER ON UTILITY
BILLS.

AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF TRYING TO GET OUR
MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM UP
AND RUNNING.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT WE
ESTABLISHED IS TRY TO PROVIDE
UTILITY BILL STABILITY AND
REFLECT WHAT WE KNOW, THAT A
SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BOSTON
RESIDENTS ARE ENERGY BURDENED
AND WE'RE TRYING TO COME UP WITH
STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING A LOWER
COST OF ELECTRICITY.

MAY NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT
IS ARISING RIGHT NOW BUT WE'RE
TRYING TO ADDRESS IT FOR THE
LONGER TERM.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR WU AND THEN
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL AND THEN
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
COUNCILLOR WU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

I HAD A QUESTION ON THE
MUNICIPAL CARBON FOOTPRINT.
WHAT IS THE UPDATE?

WE TALKED ABOUT RENEW BOSTON
TRUST, ET CETERA.

ALSO WONDERING ABOUT THE ENERGY
PROCUREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND
ANY DECISION ON MOVING TO ENERGY
CREDITS OR SOLAR PANELS OR JUST
LOOKING AT CITY BUILDINGS IN
PARTICULAR.

ALSO ON THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH I
KNOW IS GOING TO BE LATER TODAY,
BUT JUST HOPING I COULD GET

QUICK ANSWERS ON WHETHER THAT IS FOCUSED ON CITY-OWNED TREES OR HOW NONCITY-OWNED -- TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FITS INTO THAT AND WHAT THE PROCESS IS LIKE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

I CAN BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THE MASTER PLAN B THAT IS PROBABLY BEST SUITED TO TALK ABOUT THE CITY'S UTILITY USE.

VERY QUICKLY, THE POINT -- THE REASON IT'S SUCH ROBUST BUDGET FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN, WE'LL HAVE ROBUST PUBLIC PROCESS AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN HAVE THE SAME KIND OF PUBLIC PROCESS THAT WE'RE ALL ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ABOUT CAPITAL WORK, NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS, SURVEYS.

WE HOPE NOT TO BE COMPLETELY LIMITED TO ZOOM MEETINGS AND OTHERS IN THE COVID CRISIS.

BUT WE ALSO NEED TO ACCELERATE THE WORK.

TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE URBAN FORESTER MASTER PLAN CONCENTRATES NOT ONLY ON TREES IN THE PUBLIC WAY OR IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

IT'S CRITICAL THAT IT FOCUSES ON TREES ON PRIVATELY-OWNED PROPERTY TO COUNCILLOR BAKER'S EARLIER QUESTIONS, IT'S OFTEN THOSE PROPERTIES THAT ACTUALLY HAVE THESE OLDER TREES WITH LARGE CANOPY.

SO IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THEM AND COME UP WITH A PRESERVATION STRATEGY FOR A CARBON_{w3} REPLACEMENT STRATEGY WHEN PEOPLE.

>> LET ME START THE SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR, THANK YOU.

THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS, CARBON EMISSIONS ARE DOWN OVER 40% SINCE 2015.

WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROCESS. CURRENTLY IN TERMS OF BUYING RENEWABLE ENERGY OR BUYING

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY, WE BUY FOR ABOUT A THIRD, ROUGHLY A THIRD OF OUR ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE INCREASE IN P.B. INSTALLATION OR CITY BUILDINGS, WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE COMING UP TO TALK ABOUT. WE ARE HAVING A BIG FOCUS THROUGH THE RENEW BOSTON ON REDUCING OUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION OVERALL.

AT THE MOMENT, WE THINK THAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND MOST FAR-REACHING THING THAT WE CAN DO.

DAVID, DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE INSTALLATIONS?

>> SURE.

WE COMPLETED TWO IN THE PAST

YEAR.

WE ARE WORKING ON ONE THAT WILL GO IN THIS SUMMER AT BOSTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE PARKING LOT.

AND WE'RE UNDER A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

THAT IS ADDING THE AMOUNT OF GREEN CAPACITY WITHIN THE CITY FOR PHASE 3 OF THE NEW BOSTON TRUST.

WE'RE LOOKING TO ADD UP TO 30 ADDITIONAL ROOFTOP OR PARKING LOT STRUCTURES, WHICH IS A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL MOVE THAT WOULD BE, YOU KNOW -- IF WE GOT THEM ALL IN, IT WOULD BE ABOUT 10% OF CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE WORKING ON EFFICIENCY THROUGH THE EXISTING RENEW BOSTON TRUST, WHICH WE'RE RAMPING UP PHASES TWO AND THREE AND ALSO GETTING READY TO LAUNCH A RENEW BOSTON FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING.

WE WOULD ALLOW A CONVERSION OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING FROM -- WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 20% OF OUR STREET LIGHTS THAT ARE TRADITIONAL SODIUM VAPOR LAMPS TO MOVE THEM TO L.E.D., WHICH WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS ON 20% ELECTRICITY USE FOR

EXTERIOR LIGHTING.

WE'RE GOING TO ASSESS THE REST OF THEM TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE CAN USE CONTROLS TO BETTER MANAGE HOW THE LIGHTS ARE USED.

WE'VE SEEN CAMBRIDGE DO THIS. WE'LL SEE 15 TO 20% REDUCTION IN ENERGY USE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU. NEXT UP IS COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL. AND THEN COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND COUNCILLOR PRESIDENT JANEY.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BOK. I'LL BE QUICK BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER COOK AND CARL AND DAVID.

I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DAVID CORBY DOING GREAT WORK, TOO.

ALLISON, THANK YOU AS WELL. I GUESS I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS.

THIS CONNECTS TO -- FIRST, A SHOUT OUT TO COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, TOO.

HE BROUGHT THESE CONVERSATIONS UP WITH RESPECT TO HOW WE ENGAGE CERTAIN COMMUNITIES THAT OFTEN DON'T SEE THEMSELVES REFLECTED IN THE CONVERSATION AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE OR NOT CONNECTED TO OUR CLIMATE READY GOALS AND STRATEGIES.

SO I'D LOVE TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT MORE AROUND JUST HOW -- WHAT IS OUR APPROACH, HOW IS THE DEPARTMENT SHIFTED TO GET IN FRONT OF THESE COMMUNITIES MORE TO PULL THEM IN AND TO SAY ABSOLUTELY AFFECTS YOU AND RELEVANT TO WHAT IS GOING ON. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTIONALITY AROUND EQUITY. THAT IS ONE QUESTION ABOUT THE APPROACH NOW.

OBVIOUSLY WITH THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN PARTICULARLY ON COMMUNITIES OF COUNCILLOR AND DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN, HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL

RESILIENCY IN SORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOGETHER AND HOW DOES -- WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC THINGS THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING.

COMMISSIONER COOK, WE'VE DONE TREES.

WE'VE DONE SOME CREATED THINGS ON THE GROUND.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER SOLUTIONS THAT ARE READILY AVAILABLE THAT DON'T COST A LOT OF MONEY?

THAT'S MY QUESTION.

THANK YOU.

>> A GREAT QUESTION.

I CAN BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THE LAST PART AND THEN I THINK IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO HEAR FROM ALLISON AND CARL REGARDING THE LEADER'S PROGRAM.

I WANT TO ECHO DAVID CORBY IS DOING GREAT WORK AROUND THAT INTENTIONALITY WITH SOCIALLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

JUST ON COVID, THE POPULATION THAT HAS BEEN MOST AFFECTED BY COVID ARE LIKELY TO BE THE SAME POPULATIONS THAT IF UNABATED ARE GOING TO BE MOST AFFECTED BY THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

SO THERE HAS TO BE AN INTENTIONALITY BEHIND THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND THE BOSTON HEALTH COMMISSION'S WORK AROUND THINGS LIKE AIR POLLUTION, SEA LEVEL RISE AND MORE.

I'LL SAY IN THAT HIERARCHY, THE REAL THREAT TODAY IS HEAT ISLAND EFFECT AND ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT IT EXACERBATES AROUND RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

LOOK AT ASTHMA RATES AMONG SOCIALLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. TREES ARE A PART OF THAT.

AS WE LOOK AT THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE, WE DO ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PUBLIC REALM AND SEE HOW MUCH MORE ENHANCED THE PUBLIC REALM CAN WORK FOR US.

WE CAN NO LONGER LOOK AT PARKS AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND NO LONGER LOOK AT STREETS GOING FROM A TO B.

WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THEM AS PART OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH

INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH MEANS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE ROAD AND MEANS VERY PRODUCTIVE VEGETATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS WE'RE LOOKING AROUND THAT. CARL, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

>> THANK YOU.

SO THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS OF OUR OUTREACH -- TWO FORMS TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS BOSTON. ONE IS WE HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED THE CLIMATE LEADER'S PROGRAM, WHICH DAVID CORBY HAS BEEN LEADING.

WHAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED IS A PROGRAM WHERE WE GO OUT TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND SAY, YOU ARE THE ONES THAT KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY BEST.

GO TO LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW THE COMMUNITY BEST. YOU HAVE THE BEST NETWORK.

YOU CAN BE THE BEST MESSENGERS. AND WE TRAIN THEM IN BASICS OF CLIMATE AND CLIMATE ACTION AND WHAT THE CITY IS DOING.

WE SAY -- WHAT WE ASK OF THEM IN RETURN, TAKE THE INFORMATION, CUSTOMIZE IT WHERE YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR NETWORK AND BRING THEM INFORMATION ABOUT CLIMATE.

GENERALLY AWARE OF THE CLIMATE ISSUES THAT THEY -- THE ACTIONS THAT THEY CAN TAKE WITH INVOLVEMENT, IN TERMS OF INVOLVEMENT, WITH DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND IN DIRECT CLIMATE ACTION AND WE ALSO ASK THE CLIMATE LEADERS TO BRING BACK SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

ALLISON, WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT THE OUTREACH YOU'VE BEEN DOING WITH SOME OF THE CLIMATE READY BOSTON WORK?

AND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND PERMITS STANDARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

I'LL START WITH OUR CLIMATE WORK.

I WANT TO GIVE A THANK YOU THE

PEYTON WHAT HAS DONE A LOT OF
THIS WORK.
THERE'S ANOTHER LEVEL AT
WHICH -- FOR THOSE PLANS, A
SERIES OF COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES
THAT HAVE EDUCATION AND FEEDBACK
ELEMENTS.
WEIGHING IN ON PRIORITIES AND
THE VALUES OF COMMUNITIES AND
INFORM OUR CUSTOMIZED
NEIGHBORHOODS FOR COASTAL
RESILIENCE IN THOSE
NEIGHBORHOODS.
WE HAVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS.

[INAUDIBLE]

FINALLY, WE HAVE RESOURCES
AVAILABLE THAT PEOPLE CAN GIVE
FEEDBACK AND LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE EFFORT.

AN EXAMPLE --

[INAUDIBLE]

THIS IS A PROCESS THAT WE'RE
WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES
AND A CONSULTANT TEAM FOR THE
ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, TO USE THEM
IN GROUPS AS WE KNOW.

RESOURCES AND HAVE UNIQUE
EXPERTISE IN THE AREA THAT WE
DON'T KNOW WILL BE THE IMPACT
AND THE NEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

SO WE'RE WORKING WITH THESE
GROUPS TO DEVELOP WHAT IS
APPROPRIATELY.

IN LIGHT OF THE COVID AND THE
NEW CONCERNS WITH HOW TO DO
APPROPRIATE OUTREACH ONLINE,
HAPPY TO GIVE YOU MORE
INFORMATION AS IT DEVELOPS.

>> THANK YOU, GUYS.

I APPRECIATE THE CO-CREATION
LANGUAGE, WHICH IS CRITICAL.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BOK.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE NEXT.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND TO
EVERY ONE HERE TODAY.

I AM -- MANY OF THE QUESTIONS
THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ARE VERY

THOUGHTFUL AND VERY IN DEPTH AND VERY GOOD.

I THANK THEM FOR THAT.

MY QUESTION IS REALLY RELATED TO COUNCILLOR EDWARD'S LANE OF QUESTION.

I CALLED FOR A HEARING ORDER REQUESTING INFORMATION BASICALLY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUILD BPS AND THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT.

FOR ME, IT'S A SPECIFIC THING I'M INTERESTED IN AND MAKE SURE WHEN WE REBUILD AND DO RENOVATIONS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS THAT WE'RE BEING THOUGHTFUL ABOUT NOT JUST ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUT CLIMATE RESILIENCY.

SO I'M INTERESTED IN THAT. SORT OF MORE BROADLY I'M INTERESTED IN THE WORK THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT DOES WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS ACROSS OUR CITY. BECAUSE YOU KNOW, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT AS WE TALK ABOUT EFFICIENCIES AND TRANSPORTATION THAT WE'RE THINKING MORE BROADLY AND MORE DEEPLY ABOUT RESILIENCY.

I IMAGINE AS OUR CITY'S EXPERTS, WHICH ALL OF YOU ARE, THAT YOU'RE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE WORK THAT EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING.

IF YOU CAN SPEAK ABOUT THE BUILD BPS FURTHER IN ADDITION TO WHAT COUNCILLOR EDWARDS HAD ASKED ABOUT.

AND THEN SORT OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CITY'S DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD. AGAIN, AS YOU ARE OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERT IN THIS FIELD.

THANK YOU, CHIEF AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR THE WORK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

I'LL TOUCH BRIEFLY ON BPS AND IF DAVID WANTS TO ADD ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THE RENEW BOSTON TRUST WORK WITH BPS IN ADDITION TO WHAT HE ALREADY SPOKE TO. PROBABLY BENEFIT TO US HEAR FROM CARL.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT IS A RESOURCE FOR ALL THE OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CARL CAN TALK ABOUT THOSE RELATIONSHIPS.

EXPLICIT RELATIONSHIP EXISTS.

THAT'S THE SMART UTILITIES PLAN.

VERY BRIEFLY ON BPS, WE'RE INTENTIONAL ABOUT OUR WORK AT BPS.

WE HAVE A RULE IN THE CABINET THAT WHEN AN E-MAIL COMES FROM THE STUDENT OR TEACHER OR PARENT OF BPS, ALL WORK STOPS AND WE ADDRESS THAT WORK.

IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE GIVE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BPS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL NOT ONLY THAT THEY'RE HAVING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT BUT ALSO IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT OF LEARNING.

SO IT IS REALLY A GOAL OF OURS TO ASSIST BPS AND MAKING THOSE SCHOOLS AS ENVIRONMENTALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY FRIENDLY NOT ONLY FROM A STORM WATER PERSPECTIVE --

>> CHIEF, CHIEF, IF I CAN INTERRUPT QUICKLY ON THAT.

I HOPE ALSO THAT YOU'RE INSERTING YOURSELVES IN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES.

AGAIN, THE IN-HOUSE EXPERTS, WE THINK ABOUT OUR SCIENCE OR ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS ACROSS A NUMBER OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS.

YOU TOO SHOULD BE IN THE CLASSROOMS AND RESPONDING TO THE REQUESTS.

SORRY.

>> NO, AN EXCELLENT POINT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT AND MYSELF WERE ON TRACK IN REVIEWING, YOU KNOW, THE POSSIBILITIES FOR INTERACTION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES.

THAT IS A PRIORITY.

SO WE'LL MAKE SURE TO CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE THAT WORK.

AS FAR AS BUILD BPS, WE'RE SURE THAT WE'RE COORDINATED BETWEEN RENEW BOSTON TRUST AND BUILD BPS NOT ONLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF

MAKING SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, KIDS
ARE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE
BUILDING BUT ALSO SO THAT WE
DON'T WASTE CITY MONEY.
WE DON'T WANT TO DO ENERGY
RETRO-FITS IN A BUILDING THAT IS
COMPLETELY REDESIGNED.
DAVID, I THINK YOU SPOKE TO
RENEW BOSTON TRUST AND BPS THAT
YOU CAN TALK MORE IF YOU WANT OR
CARL YOU CAN GO INTO THE
INTERCONNECTIVES WITH OTHER
DEPARTMENTS.

>> SURE.

OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, FOR MAJOR
PROJECTS, WE HAVE THE MAYOR'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER.

SO THIS STANDARD FOR ALL MAJOR
PROJECTS IN BPS AND, YOU KNOW,
OTHER MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ALSO.
WE -- I WAS ABOUT -- WE WORK
VERY HARD TO ESTABLISH, YOU
KNOW, VERY THOROUGH AND BROAD
COMMUNICATIONS AND LINES OF
COOPERATION AND COORDINATION
WITH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS CITY
HALL AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR
JUST THE REASON THAT YOU
MENTIONED.

THAT THE GOALS ARE BROAD AND
THEY REQUIRE THE WORK OF ALL THE
DEPARTMENTS.

YOU CAN SEE --

[INAUDIBLE]

-- THE ZERO WASTE PLAN THAT
CHIEF COOK PUT TOGETHER THAT
GOES TO BOSTON 2030 PLAN, WHICH
THOROUGHLY EMBRACES THE CLIMATE
GOALS THAT WE HAVE.

IMAGINE BOSTON 2030, YOU KNOW,
THE CLIMATE GOALS AND THE
CLIMATE PLANS IN PLACE FOR OUR
CITIES.

THE CITYWIDE PLANNING THAT IS
GOING ON.

SO WE WORK ON IT IN VARIOUS
WAYS.

YOU KNOW, SORT OF -- IN TERMS OF
SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

WE'RE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO
COLLEAGUES AND OTHER
DEPARTMENTS.

THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT, IN THE
PROPOSALS FOR NEW CAPITAL

PROJECTS IS ASKING ALL DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE IN LINE WITH CITY CLIMATE PLANS AND OTHER PLANS THAT WE HAVE OF COURSE, TOO.

SO WE ARE VERY HAPPY, WE ENJOY COLLABORATING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WITH THE MAYOR'S LEADERSHIP, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY HAPPENING. YOU KNOW, THE CHIEF AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CABINET, MAKES THAT EASIER.

I THINK THAT COVERS THE QUESTION UNLESS THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.

>> GREAT.

ONE OTHER THING AND MY TIME IS RUNNING TIGHT.

SO PERHAPS YOU CAN ANSWER IT IN THE NEXT ROUND.

THINKING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FOR EXAMPLE.

WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT UPPER AND LIFT AND OTHER RIDE SHARES COMING IN AND THE IMPACT OF THOSE ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

I WONDER IF, YOU KNOW, THERE'S OPPORTUNITY TO INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY PLAYS A ROLE IN OUR EFFORTS.

MY TIME IS UP.

I'LL LEAVE THAT QUESTION TO SIMMER A LITTLE BIT AND GET TO IT IN THE NEXT ROUND.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU, CHIEF.

THANK YOU, CARL.

>> I CAN JUST ANSWER THAT VERY QUICKLY.

THIS WORK IS LED BY THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. WE'RE ABSOLUTELY PART OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER, YOU WERE BREAKING UP BADLY ON AUDIO.

I TURNED THE VIDEO OFF.

I WANT TO SAY TO PEOPLE, WE'RE HAVING A LOT OF CONNECTIVITY ISSUES TODAY.

IF YOU FIND YOU'RE HAVING A

PROBLEM AND I'M TURNING OFF THE VIDEO, PRIORITIZE WITH THE AUDIO.

SO NEXT UP COUNCILLOR PRESIDENT JANEY FROM DIRECT 7 AND THEN COUNCILLOR MEJIA.

COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> THANK YOU.

I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME.

WE'VE BEEN HAVING CHALLENGES.

I WANT TO BEGIN BY MAKING CHIEF

COOK, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND

THANK YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.

IT'S BEEN JUST A JOY TO WORK

WITH YOU IN MY FIRST TERM.

I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT

HOW THE ENVIRONMENT IS IMPACTING

POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

I SEE THIS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL

JUSTICE ISSUE, BUILDING ON SOME

OF THE REMARKS FROM COUNCILLOR

FLYNN EARLIER.

I HAVE VERY HIGH RATES OF ASTHMA

IN MY DISTRICT.

SO I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS -- I

THINK I'D LIKE TO START WITH THE

IMPACTS OF COVID.

I HEARD COUNCILLOR -- YOUR

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR

CAMPBELL'S QUESTION HERE.

MY QUESTION IS A LITTLE

DIFFERENT.

MAYBE IT WAS COVERED EARLIER.

I THINK ABOUT THE WAYS THAT

COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED US IN THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

ONE OF THE IMPACTS IS HOW IT

CHANGED HUMAN BEHAVIOR ON A

LARGE SCALE ACROSS THE WORLD.

AS A RESULT, IT'S LED TO THE

REDUCTION IN AIR POLLUTION AND

THE WHOLE HOST OF OTHER THINGS.

I WONDER HOW WE SUSTAINED THOSE

GAINS AS WE MOVE TO REOPENING.

THAT'S ONE QUESTION.

>> YEAH, SO IT GOING TO BE A

CHALLENGE, COUNCILLOR.

I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

SO THERE'S BEEN -- BECAUSE

EVERYONE -- NOT EVERYONE.

PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE ABILITY OR

THE PRIVILEGE TO STAY HOME HAVE

BEEN ABLE TO STAY HOME.

THAT HAS LED TO A HUGE REDUCTION

IN EMISSIONS GLOBALLY AND DEFINITELY IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL.

OUR CONCERN IS PEOPLE DON'T TRUST PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS AND WON'T FEEL SAFE ON PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS WHEN IT COMES TIME TO RETURN.

THAT WILL ACTUALLY LEAD TO MORE SINGLE USE CAR USE, WHICH COULD DRIVE OUR TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS UP.

ONE THING THAT WE HAVE TO BE AGGRESSIVE ABOUT IS WORKING WITH THE MBPH TO MAKE SURE IT'S NOT ONLY SAFE FOR COMMUTERS TO TAKE THE MBPA AND ALSO THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE PRIORITIZE THAT AND IF THERE IS FLEXIBILITY FOR PEOPLE TO WORK FROM HOME, THAT THEY SHOULD EXERCISE THAT FLEXIBILITY TO SORT OF REDUCE THOSE TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS. THAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE CONCERN WE HAVE.

>> I'M GOING TO AGREE.

I'M SORRY TO CUT YOU OFF, CHIEF. I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS.

I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE FEEL CONFIDENT IN THE T.

WE HAD A GREAT HEARING THE OTHER NIGHT AND I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS CONNECT TO TALK ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WHATEVER WAYS WE CAN ENCOURAGE AND NOT JUST YOUR -- WHAT YOU OVERSEE IN TRANSPORTATION BUT OBVIOUSLY THINKING OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE OF IT IS INTERCONNECTED.

WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO TRY TO SUSTAIN SOME OF THE GAINS.

OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE START USING CARS, MORE BUSES AND TRAINS AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE NUMBERS GO UP

AGAIN.

THE BAD NUMBERS WE DON'T WANT TO GO UP.

HOW CAN WE SUSTAIN THE GAINS THAT WE SAW IN TERMS OF THE

REDUCTIONS?

THOSE WERE IMPORTANT.

THEY CERTAINLY IMPACT THE

RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT.

JUST CONTINUING ON THAT THEME OF

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

I'D BE INTERESTED IN HOW -- I

THINK OF THE HIGH ADMIRATION IN

DISTRICT 7, THE HEAT ISLAND AND

HOW THIS BUDGET WILL ADDRESS

THAT USING AN EQUITY LENS.

THEN I WOULD ALSO ADD TO THAT

THINKING ABOUT RECYCLING, WHICH

I THINK IS A CHALLENGE IN MY

DISTRICT, TO HAVE A VERY DENSE

DIRECT.

LOTS OF RENTERS IN MY DISTRICT.

LESS GEOGRAPHIC SPACE ESPECIALLY

TRUE IN THE SOUTH END.

WHERE DO WE PUT THESE BIG BLUE

BINS.

TRUE IN ROXBURY AS WELL.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE NUMBERS GO,

I'D LOVE TO PARTNER WITH FOLKS

ON HOW WE GET THESE NUMBERS UP.

I'D BE INTERESTED IN YOUR

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ON HOW THE

BUDGET WILL SPEAK TO THAT.

I ALWAYS AM INTERESTED IN THE

SPEND.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU

GUYS FOR FY-20, I THINK THERE

WAS FOR CONTACTED SERVICES

\$863,000 AND SOME CHANGE THERE.

I'M INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH OF

THAT IS BUSINESSES OWNED BY

PEOPLE OF COUNCILLOR,

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND

LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES AND HOW

WE MIGHT IMPROVE FOR FY-21,

WHICH IS THE BUDGET THAT WE'RE

DISCUSSING NOW.

I'LL PAUSE.

IF I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION, I'LL

FOLLOW UP IN THE NEXT ROUND IF

WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

THANK YOU, CHIEF.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HEAT

ISLAND IN YOUR DISTRICT, I'LL

DEFER THE QUESTIONS TO THE

COMMISSIONER AND HIS TEAM.

BUT THERE HAS TO BE EQUITY IN

THE MASTER PLAN AND BAKED INTO

THE REST OF OUR CLIMATE READY
WORK.

WE HAVE TO BUILD ON OUR
SUCSESSES.

WE HAVE TO DO MORE WORK.

THAT'S WHAT COVID-19 HAS SHOWED
US.

WE HAVE TO BE VERY INTENTIONAL.
BUDGETING IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU
SPEND MONEY ON.

IT'S WHO YOU SPEND MONEY ON YOU
HAVE TO SPEND MONEY ON THE
SOCIALLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
COMMISSIONER?

>> AS YOU GO ON, MY OTHER
QUESTION REALLY MAY NOT HAVE A
NEED FOR A SECOND ROUND IS HOW
WE ENGAGED POOR COMMUNITIES OF
COLOR INTO THIS WORK.

THEY ARE OFTEN THE MOST IMPACTED
BY THESE DECISIONS AND OBVIOUSLY
OUR CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS ARE A
WAY TO ENGAGE.

I'D BE INTERESTED IN THE
DEPARTMENT AND HOW YOU RESPOND.
THANK YOU, SIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

SO I HAVE -- I'M NOT SURE
WHETHER YOU'RE ON THE -- WERE IN
THE HEARING WHEN WE DISCUSSED
THE CLIMATE LEADERS AND CLIMATE
AMBASSADOR'S PROGRAM.

>> I MAY HAVE MISSED IT.
SO PLEASE DON'T FEEL THAT YOU
NEED TO REPEAT IT.

>> VERY BRIEFLY, THOSE ARE
SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED, THEY'RE
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BOSTON
AND OUTSIDE BOSTON BUT WE TARGET
POPULATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN
BOSTON THAT MAY BE HISTORICALLY
LESS INVOLVED OR LESS
REPRESENTED IN SOME OF THE
PROCESSES THAT GIVE THEM -- MAKE
SURE THAT WE'RE REACHING OUT
SPECIFICALLY ABOUT INFORMATION
ABOUT CLIMATE, HOW THEY CAN TAKE
ACTION AND HOW THEY CAN BE
INVOLVED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF
POLICY AND PROGRAMS AND OUR
INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND THE
OUTREACH ASSOCIATED TO MAKE SURE
THAT WE'RE REALLY REACHING OUT
TO THE COMMUNITY TO GET PEOPLE

AFFECTED BY THIS PROJECT.
WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE
ATTENTION AND THE SUPPORT YOU
GIVE TO THE EFFORT.
IN REGARD TO OUR CONTRACTING,
FRANKLY WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE
ANY CERTIFIED -- EXCUSE ME.
THE MW --
[INAUDIBLE]
EXCUSE ME IF I BUTCHER THAT.
I'M SURE I DID.
BUT WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING
OUT.
WE'RE NOT A BIG CONTRACTING
DEPARTMENT BUT WE ARE TRYING TO
INCREASE --
[INAUDIBLE]
-- SMALL PLANNING PROJECTS AND
WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE
PUTTING TOGETHER -- AT THE
CITY'S DATABASE OF CONTRACTORS,
FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES TO SEE
WHETHER IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO -- OR
IT'S POSSIBLE TO INCORPORATE
THOSE TYPES OF BUSINESSES THE
GROUPS THAT COME TO US.
WE ARE SEEING MORE OF THAT.
WE COULD PROBABLY DO MORE.
>> COUNCILLOR, I'M HAPPY TO TALK
MORE ON CLIMATE ADAPTATIONS
REGARDING YOUR QUESTIONS IN THE
PARKS DEPARTMENT BUT LATER ON.
>> GREAT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
THANK YOU, CHIEF.
THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR PRESIDENT
JANEY.
NEXT UP, COUNCILLOR MEJIA AND
THEN MY QUESTIONS.
COUNCILLOR MEJIA.
>> YES.
GOOD MORNING.
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU CAN SEE ME.
I'VE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF
DIFFICULTIES.
>> I CAN HEAR YOU AND SEEING YOU
BUT MAYBE NOT SO MUCH ON THE
SEEING FRONT.
>> YOU WON'T SEE ME.
YOU'LL HEAR ME.
HOW ABOUT THAT?
JUST TO ENSURE THERE'S NO
CONFUSION HERE.
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH

TO CHIEF
TEAM FOR THE AMAZING WORK THAT
YOU'RE DOING.
AS SOMEONE THAT IS SO
UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD OF
CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SOMEONE WHO
HAS SURVIVED A LOT OF THE
EFFECTS OF IT, YOU KNOW, I HAVE
ASTHMA, MY DAUGHTER HAS ASTHMA.
I GREW UP IN DORCHESTER AT A
TIME -- YOU PROBABLY WEREN'T
BORN THEN BUT HURRICANE DAVID,
GEORGE, I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT I
REMEMBER THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
SWIM ON OUR STREET BECAUSE IT
GOT SO FLOODED.
SO I THINK ABOUT THAT.
THAT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO.
YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE THAT I
BOUGHT IS IN DORCHESTER.
THE STREET THAT I LIVE ON, IT'S
A SIDE STREET AND IT GETS
FLOODED, TOO.
A LOT OF THE ENERGY WE FOCUS ARE
ON THE BIGGER STREETS, FRANKLIN
PARK AREA, THEY GET FLOODED BUT
THE SIDE STREETS DO, TOO.
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF
INFRASTRUCTURE OR IF THERE'S A
DASHBOARD OR SOMEPLACE THAT WE
CAN LOOK AT TO SEE THE SIDE
STREETS THAT ARE TRENDING IN
TERMS OF FLOODING AND WHAT TYPE
OF COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH IS
BEING DONE TO THOSE
NEIGHBORHOODS ABOUT HOW TO
PROTECT THEMSELVES, HOW TO DEAL
WITH THE FLOODING.
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT.
I KNOW AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF
THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN
FROM MY COLLEAGUES IN REGARD TO
JUST COMMUNICATIONS TO LOW
INCOME COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY
THOSE THAT DON'T RECOGNIZE THE
CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
DISPARITIES THAT THEY HAVE FACED
IN TERMS OF HEALTH AND HOW IT
RELATES TO TRANSPORTATION AND
EQUITY, HOW ALL OF THESE THINGS
ARE CONNECTED.
BESIDES THE OUTREACH, I'M
THINKING ABOUT THE CULTURAL
COMPETENCY OF THAT OUTREACH,

MAKING SURE THAT IT'S EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

JUST WONDERING WHAT TYPE OF FEEDBACK ARE YOU GETTING WHEN YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT YOUR MESSAGING IN TERMS OF ENGAGING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

JUST CURIOUS IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HIRE OR CONTRACT MARKETING FIRMS THAT ARE LED BY WOMEN OR PEOPLE OF COLOR TO KIND OF HELP WITH THEIR THINKING AROUND THAT OUTREACH.

AND THEN IN REGARDS TO THE OUTREACH, OFTENTIMES A LOT OF IT IS BASED ON WHAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR CAN DO TO BE ENGAGED.

I'M CURIOUS IF THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE PEOPLE THAT ARE DRIVING THESE ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY LIKE CORPORATE FOLKS.

HOW ARE WE EDUCATED THEM AND WHAT IF ANY OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TO HAVE AROUND A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS, THAT EVERYBODY IS ACCOUNTABLE AND ENGAGED IN THESE DIALOGUES.

THE LAST QUESTION IS AROUND THE TREES AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

I'M CURIOUS BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE TREES.

IF THE BRANCHES FALL, PEOPLE CAN GET HURT.

HOW DO WE RECONCILE THE NEED TO KEEP THE TREES ALIVE AND WELL AND JUXTAPOSE THAT WITH THE SAFETY OF THE BRANCHES.

IF YOU CAN SHARE THOUGHTS AROUND THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> HAPPY TO, COUNCILLOR.

I'LL START VERY BRIEFLY WITH THE TREE ISSUE AND THEN I THINK CARL AND ALLISON CAN SPEAK TO THE OTHER QUESTIONS.

I'D LIKE THEM TO HIGHLIGHT THE PLANNING READY TOOL.

JUST VERY QUICKLY ON TREES.

LITTLE KNOWN FACT THAT YOU CAN CUT THE TREE BRANCHES TO YOUR OWN PROPERTY LINE.

SO IF THERE'S A BRANCH OR IF

THERE'S A LIMB THAT SPREAD OUT TO THE PUBLIC WAY, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT CAN ADDRESS THOSE LIMBS AS CAN PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN IT COMES ON THE PROPERTY, A LOT OF PEOPLE ASSUME THAT BECAUSE THE TREE ORIGINATES ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROPERTY, THEY CAN'T TAKE MEASURES TO ADDRESS DANGEROUS LIMBS. THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THE TREES ARE LIVING THINGS. JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE IN OUR HOUSE THAT WE HAVE CONFLICTS WITH, WE HAVE CONFLICTS WITH LYING THINGS. WE LIVE IN CONFLICT WITH TREES. JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE IN OUR HOUSE, THERE'S MORE BENEFITS TO LIVING WITH THOSE TREES THAN DISADVANTAGES. CERTAINLY IN MY EXPERIENCE, THERE'S A LOT OF BENEFITS TO TREES. WE DO HAVE TO PROACTIVELY PROTECT TREES. I WILL SAY THAT PART OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE SEE WITH BRANCHES FALLING DOWN, CREATING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IS THE LACK OF CARE THAT WE GIVE TO TREES. WITH PROPER PRUNING, TREES CAN BE VERY HEALTHY AND THEY CAN ACTUALLY LEAD TO AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE'S LESS OF THOSE CONCERNS AND LESS CONFLICT. THEN IN THE PUBLIC REALM, WE NEED TO GIVE THE SPACE THAT TREES ARE DUE. WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SO HOW DO WE MAKE ROOM FOR THE TREES SO THE ROOT SYSTEMS DON'T UPROOT SIDEWALKS AND PAVEMENTS AND CREATE ADA ISSUES. CARL? >> THANK YOU, CHIEF. SO COUNCILLOR, YOU'VE REFERRED A FEW TIMES TO THE CLIMATE LEADERS PROGRAM. THE REASON WE ESTABLISHED THESE PROGRAMS IS TO ADDRESS THE CULTURAL COMPETENCE THAT YOU'VE

DISCUSSED.

WE ARE GETTING LEADERS AND
AMBASSADORS FROM THOSE
COMMUNITIES AND TALKING WITH
THEM.

THEY HAVE STEPPED FORWARD AS
VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE BACK ALL OF
OUR VARIOUS MESSAGES AROUND
CLIMATE TO THEIR OWN COMMUNITY,
TO THEIR OWN NETWORKS AND PUT IT
IN A LANGUAGE AND A FRAME WORK
THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY THINK
IS MOST EFFECTIVE FOR THEIR
NETWORKS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
IT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL
PROGRAM.

IT'S NOT JUST ENGLISH BUT A
COUPLE LANGUAGES.

I'M NOT SURE WE GOT TO SIKH BUT
WE'RE WORKING ON IT'S.

[INAUDIBLE]

-- TO HELP US EFFECTIVELY, YOU
KNOW, WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES.
THEY CAN BE INVOLVED AND TAKE
ACTION.

WE HAVE LOTS OF TOOLS ON OUR
WEBSITE AND WHICH WE TOUTED
THOSE AS AMBASSADORS THAT ENABLE
PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN RISKS.

MORE DETAIL.

WE HAVE MAPPED WHERE WE EXPECT
FLOODING TO OCCUR IN THE NEXT 50
YEARS.

FROM COASTAL STORMS AND
INCREASED PRECIPITATION AND
WHERE WE EXPECT HEAT TO
INCREASE.

ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IS ON
THE WEBSITE.

WE WORKED WITH SCIENCE LAST
SUMMER.

A BUNCH OF CITIZEN SCIENTISTS
WHERE THEY MAPPED WHERE -- YOU
KNOW, ON THE ORDER OF 100 PEOPLE
IN DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND
BOSTON AND BOSTON AREA, GOING
AROUND WITH, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY
THERMOMETERS AND MORE
SOPHISTICATED IN TERMS OF
EQUIPMENT AND ACTUALLY MAP WHERE
HEAT WAS HAPPENING.

SO THERE'S LOTS OF THAT
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND, YOU
KNOW, WE ARE EAGER TO GET IT OUT

IN A WAY THAT IS MOST USEFUL TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE FINAL THING IS THAT WE ARE -- WE WORK VERY HARD TO ENGAGE ALL LEVELS OF THE COMMUNITY, OF THE BOSTON COMMUNITY IN A BROAD SENSE. WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH A GROUP CALLED THE GREEN RIBBON COMMISSION, WHICH CAME TOGETHER TEN YEARS AGO AFTER THE FIRST CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PLAN.

AND NOW INCLUDES 35 LEADERS FROM MAJOR BOSTON BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS, UNIVERSITIES AND HOSPITALS, YOU KNOW, WHO ARE MAKING THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS TO ACTION IN THEIR OWN INSTITUTIONS AND HELP US INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CLIMATE ACTION.

THE LATEST ADDITION LAST YEAR THE GREEN RIBBON COMMISSION WORKED WITH OUR ARTS OFFICE AND WITH THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, A CULTURE WORKING GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES LARGE AND SMALL INSTITUTIONS OF ART, OF MUSIC, OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS AROUND BOSTON TO WORK TOGETHER. BOTH BOTH IN CHANGES IN THEIR OWN OPERATION AND INSTITUTIONS AND IN CERTAIN MODES OF EDUCATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GO TO THOSE VENUES --

[INAUDIBLE]

SO WE ARE ENGAGED COMPREHENSIVELY TO COMMUNICATE WITH EVERYONE.

AND I THINK THAT WE CAN SAY WE ARE VERY, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RESPONSE THAT WE'VE GOTTEN FROM ALL SECTORS OF BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MEJIA.

ALL RIGHT.

WE WILL JUMP NOW TO MY QUESTIONS AND THEN WE'LL DO A SECOND ROUND.

COUNCILLOR MEJIA, SORRY IF YOU'RE TALKING.
I CAN'T -- YOU'RE BREAKING UP.
WE'LL DO A SECOND ROUND.
ANOTHER CHANCE.
I WILL SAY BEFORE I ASK MY QUESTIONS THAT IF COUNCILLORS FOR THE SECOND ROUND QUESTIONS CAN HAVE THEM READY AND BE ABLE TO BE SUCCINCT TO GIVE FOLKS TIME TO ANSWER THEM.
I'M MINDFUL -- WE HAVE A LANDMARKS HEARING AFTER THIS ONE WHICH WILL START LATE BUT I DON'T WANT IT TOO LATE.
SO START THE TIMER ON MYSELF.
CHIEF COOK, IT'S AMAZING THAT WE'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THIS MANY QUESTIONS AND NO ONE HAS REMARKED ON THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE ROBBED THE MFA DURING THE COVID CRISIS.
GOOD TO SEE PAUL REVERE THERE BEHIND YOU.
>> THEY'RE REPRODUCTIONS.
POLAROID REPRODUCTIONS.
>> THE MFA IS IN MY DISTRICT.
>> YEAH.
ALL KINDS OF MISCHIEF WE CAN GET UP TO.
ANYWAYS, I WANT TO ASK -- I ASKED IN MY WRITTEN QUESTIONS BUT I WANT TO UNDERLINE IT.
THE GUIDELINES FOR THE COASTAL FLOOD RESILIENCY ZONING IS AN EXCITING SET OF GUIDELINES.
LAST WEEK WE HAD A PRESENTATION.
MY CONCERN IS THAT OFTEN GOOD GUIDELINES THAT WE CORRECT AND ONES CORRECTED LIKE THIS WITH THE KNOW HOW OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT CAN LANGUISH BEFORE THEY BECOME ZONING.
RIGHT?
BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY GET CODIFIED.
I KNOW THAT YOUR RESPONSE WAS WITH THE BTA.
BUT SEEMS TO ME LIKE THE EXPERTISE IN THIS DEPARTMENT AND I WOULDN'T WANT AS THIS GETS MOVED OVER TO THE OTHER DEPARTMENT TO GET WATERED DOWN.
IF YOU CAN SPEAK TO THE TIMELINE

AND THE COLLABORATION ON THAT IS.

>> YEAH, I'LL BE BRIEF.

WE WOULD DEFERRED TO THE BPA ON THE EXACT TIME LINE.

IN OUR PINT OF VIEW, THEY'RE VERY WELL-RECEIVED.

I WILL SAY THIS IS PRIOR TO PANDEMIC.

SO WE ARE LOSING A LITTLE BIT OF THE GENERATION THAT THOSE GUIDELINES WOULD HELP US REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THEM TO MOVE IT TO ZONING.

GENERALLY I WOULD SAY THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE EXCITED ABOUT THOSE MOVING TO ZONING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AS THE BPDA SEEMS APPROPRIATE. ALLISON AND CARL, ANYTHING TO ADD?

>> TO EMPHASIZE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE BPDA.

WE HAVE FORMER STAFF PEOPLE AND WE KNOW THEM WELL AND THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERTISE THAT, YOU KNOW, MAKES A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK THAT WE DO TOGETHER.

WE ARE EAGER TO MOVE IT FORWARD JUST AS MUCH AS YOU ARE.

>> GREAT.

AND I GUESS MY OTHER RELATED QUESTION ALSO RELATED TO ZONING IS WHAT -- AGAIN, THE PROCESS WITH THE BPDA IT'S ABOUT MOVING TO CARBON NEUTRAL ZONING, THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO DISCOURAGE OR EVEN PREVENT THE CREATION OF NEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHERE THE CONVERSATIONS ARE ABOUT THAT.

I KNOW OBVIOUSLY BROOKLINE JUMPED AHEAD OF US ON THAT. BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING CONCRETE ON OUR SIDE.

>> SURE.

HAPPY TO DEFER MY TIME TO ALLISON AND CARL.

>> ALLISON, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT?

>> SURE.

THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.
ABSOLUTELY IT WAS IDENTIFIED,
THE ZONING OF IDENTIFIED EARLIER
AS A MAJOR ACTION IN OUR 2019
UPDATE, AN ACTION THAT WOULD BE
CLOSELY COLLABORATING ON.
I DEFER THE DETAILS OF THAT
TIMING FOR THEM OBVIOUSLY.
I UNDERSTAND THE BOARD IS

THINKING CAREFULLY ABOUT THE
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.
GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON THE
TECHNICAL SIDE TO UNDERSTAND THE
BALANCE OF THE EFFICIENCY AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THAT AREA --
[INAUDIBLE]

>> BUT BASED ON THAT, I WILL
SAY, COUNCILLOR, EVEN IN THAT
CONTEXT THROUGH THE EXISTING
ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT'S
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS -- WE'RE
STILL STAUNCH ADVOCATES TO
REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL
INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT.
I THINK THAT TO SOME EXTENT -- I
GUESS MY ANXIETIES, AS WE THINK
ABOUT OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
AND WE MEASURE EVERYTHING
RELATIVE TO WHERE WE'RE TRYING
TO GO.

SO IT'S GOOD TO MEASURE GOALS
LIKE OH, WE MADE A LIST OF GOALS
AND WHERE ARE WE.

THE REAL QUESTION IS WHERE ARE
WE ON HITTING THE TARGETS,
RIGHT?

JUST SEEMS LIKE WE CAN'T BE
BUILDING A BUILDING AND ADDING
FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE.

YOU ANSWERED IN THE HEARING, I'M
CURIOUS ABOUT 10% OF OUR CAPITAL
BUDGET THAT WE'RE ASCENDING
TOWARDS, HOW WE THINK ABOUT THAT
AND HOW WE PRIORITIZE THAT.

WE ALL KNOW WITHIN THE CAP OF
RESILIENCY, THERE'S THE
MITIGATION PIECE THAT WE TALKED
ABOUT A LOT TODAY AND ALSO KIND
OF EMISSION REDUCTION PIECES.

I MEAN, I COULD IMAGINE US
SPENDING ALL OF THAT 10% IN ONE
OR THE OTHER OF THOSE

DIRECTIONS.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> SO I'M CURIOUS ABOUT HOW YOU THINK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH IS THIS SPENDING DOING TO HELP US REACH OUR CLINICALS VERSUS HOW MUCH IT WILL HELP THE SITUATION AND 10% IS A GREAT NUMBER.

BUT DOES THAT NEED TO BE MORE. IS IT 10% OF THE NEW CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM OR IS IT ACHIEVING 10% OF THE OVERALL CAPITAL PLAN.

>> IT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

WE DO HAVE A FORMAL WRITE-UP FROM OBN TO SHARE WITH YOU AND SHARE OUT PUBLICLY.

IN GENERAL, I CAN GIVE YOU THE BASIC PRINCIPALS OF IT.

I HAVE TO GIVE ALL THE CREDIT IN THE WORLD TO THE BUDGET DIRECTOR AND OUR CFO.

THEY REALIZE THAT OUR CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT IN PARTICULAR, WE'RE STARTING TO HAVE MASSIVE NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, RIGHT?

IN ADDITION TO WHAT ALLISON AND CARL SAID, THAT WE WORKED WITH THESE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS AS COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE REFERENCED TO MAKE EVERY SINGLE CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE CITY MORE RESILIENT.

THAT'S BEFORE YOU GET TO THE NET ZERO TARGET GOAL.

THERE WERE GOING TO BE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY BUT FOR A SUBSET OF FUNDING, THAT WOULD ACHIEVE CLIMATE RESILIENCY GOALS.

SO THE INTENTIONALITY AROUND THIS 10%, THE 10% TARGET OF OVERALL CAPITAL SPENDING AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

THE UPCOMING BUDGET 10% OF THE OVERALL CAPITAL SPENDING.

ALSO AROUND THIS CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUND THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IS TO CREATE A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT DEPARTMENTS COULD TAP INTO TO MAKE THEIR PROJECTS THAT MUCH MORE RESILIENT IN

COLLABORATION, IN COORDINATION
WITH THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT AND
WITH THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT.
I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR
QUESTION.

>> YEAH, THAT'S HELPFUL.

I'M ABOUT TO GET TO TIME MYSELF.
SO WE WILL LEAVE MY QUESTIONS
THERE FOR A MINUTE AND JUMP BACK
TO THE TOP OF THE ORDER.

THANK YOU FOR THAT, CHIEF.

>> I WILL PROVIDE THE WRITE-UP
FOR YOU AS WELL.

>> IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET
THAT.

IT WOULD BE GREAT.

I THINK OF THAT EMERGING OF MY
QUESTIONS ACROSS THESE HEARINGS,
I FEEL LIKE THE ONLY COUNTER
THING THAT THE CITY CAN DO IS
CAPITAL SPENDING IN THE NEXT FEW
YEARS AND WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT
HOW WE EFFECTIVELY USE THAT
CAPITAL SPEND ON THE BIG PICTURE
TARGETS THAT WE HAVE AND ALSO A
WHOLE EMPLOYMENT ASPECT OF THAT,
TOO.

I WILL LEAVE MY QUESTIONS THERE
AND GO BACK TO THE TOP.

SO COUNCILLOR FLYNN AND THEN
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN, ANY SECOND
ROUND QUESTIONS?

COUNCILLOR FLYNN?

YOU THERE?

ALL RIGHT.

DON'T SEE HIM AT THE MOMENT.

GOING TO JUMP TO COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

I GUESS IT'S BETTER CHIEF COOK
TO BE STEALING FROM THE MFA THAN
ACCUSED OF STEALING FROM THE
GARDEN MUSEUM.

WELL-DONE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS.

WANTED TO CIRCLE BACK A LITTLE
BIT TO THE QUESTIONS ABOUT
BUILDING.

I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT.

CARL YOU TALKED ABOUT THE NEW
POSITIONS THAT THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR SERVED UNDER YOU.

GIVEN THE ENORMITY OF BUILDINGS

AND THE FACT THAT I THINK WE'RE MAKING SOME REALLY AMBITIOUS GOAL TOWARDS ZERO CARBON AND RETRO-FITTING ZERO CARBON. DND HAD A GREAT REPORT THAT TALKS ABOUT THE COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BIGGEST NET, THAT IT COST MORE TO BUILD GREEN WHEN IN FACT IT DOESN'T. IT CAN SAVE REAL MONEY OVER THE LONG-TERM.

SO I GUESS I WONDER IF WE'RE NOT FOCUSING ENOUGH ON SORT OF BUILDING AND HAVING A DEDICATED POSITION IN THAT AND PERHAPS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION COULD BE SORT OF THE POINT PERSON TO HELP NOT ONLY FOCUS ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE BUT ALSO ACT AS A LIAISON WITH THE CITY DEPARTMENTS, BPS, DMV. ANY THOUGHTS ON THAT.

>> THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR COULD HELP US ELEVATE THOSE EFFORTS.

I AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT THEIR IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF WORKING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

ALLISON IS ALREADY DOING AN ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC JOB IN WORKING AND GETTING THINGS DONE WITH DND, WITH SCHOOLS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TOO.

SO I APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, THE FOCUS THAT YOU HAVE ON IT AND YOU KNOW, THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO GET MORE RESOURCES THERE.

I THINK THAT WHAT WE ARE GETTING IS A REAL BOOST TO THOSE EFFORTS.

>> OKAY.

LISTEN, I WILL SING ALLISON'S PRAISES TILL THE COWS COME HOME TO MAKE METAPHORS A LITTLE BIT. BUT THE ENORMITY OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE BAND WIDTH÷ THERE. THIS IS NOTICE RESPECT FOR ANYONE ON THIS PANEL OR YOUR DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS A GOAL OF THE CITY AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE BANDWIDTH TO FOLLOW UP ON THOSE GOALS BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND IT RELATES TO BUILDING THAT SHOULD BE MY FOCUS EVEN MORE SO

THIS YEAR WITH THE TRASH AND RECYCLING THOSE ARE THE TWO LARGEST FOCUSES I'M GOING TO SPEND MY TIME ON THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

I WOULD JUST, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE THAT PERSON SORT OF THE FOCUS ON BUILDING.

TO THAT POINT THIS MAY BE MORE FOR YOU CHIEF COOKING AS IT RELATES TO THE -- CHIEF COOK, AS IT RELATES AND I SHOULD HAVE SAID THIS IN THE BPA HEARING BUT IT'S MORE RELEVANT TODAY. AS WE ALLOCATE THE NEW BUILDING [INDISCERNIBLE] DOES THE CITY MANDATE [INDISCERNIBLE] BECAUSE IT'S USED WITH CITY FUNDS APPLIED?

>> NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, COUNCILOR, BUT I'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

SO ACTUALLY, SO WE HAVE, AND AGAIN ALLISON IN PARTICULAR HAS WORKED VERY HARD WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN DND TO RAISE THE STANDARDS FOR THE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

ALLISON, DO YOU WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE THAT EVIDENT STANDS.

>> SURE.

SO THE WORK OF OUR COLLEAGUES AND YOU'RE DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILOR O'MALLEY YOU MENTIONED THE REPORT THEY WERE ABLE TO RELEASE EARLIER IN THE YEAR. THAT WAS AN ASSESSMENT OF HOW TO BUILD NET ZERO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A NUMBER OF THE MOST COMMON TYPE POLICIES THAT THE NBCs AND THEIR PORTFOLIO AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A PORTFOLIO-WIDE APPROACH TO THIS CONSTRUCTION.

THEY COULD BALANCE THE NEED FOR DENSITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DENSITY IN THIS AREA WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

AS YOU SAID, THEY HAVE WONDERFUL RESULTS.

THAT'S THE FIRST STEP IN AS I

UNDERSTAND IT, IN UPDATING AND
UPGRADING THEIR REQUIREMENTS.
SO FIRST COME THE GUIDELINES IN
PEER REVIEW AND COMMUNITY REVIEW
OF THIS GUIDELINE AND THE
INTENTION IS TO UPDATE THE
STANDARDS SO THAT THEY ARE MET
FOR CITY-FUNDED AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.

AND THEN THERE WILL BE OBVIOUSLY
MORE WORK IN COLLABORATION
THAT'S ONGOING AND UNDERSTANDING
HOW THAT MOVES INTO THE
[INDISCERNIBLE] CRITICAL AREA.

>> TERRIFIC.

CELEBRATE THE REPORT.

I THINK WE ALL DO.

EVERYONE ON THE CALL DOES AND
LIKELY THOSE WATCHING DO.

CLEARLY WHEN THEY SEEK
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEY WOULD
BE UNDER THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AS
IT RELATES TO NBC READY.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS THE CASE
WITH CPA PROJECTS BECAUSE IT'S
NOT A FULLY FUNDED CITY PROJECT.
USUALLY A MILLION DOLLARS OR SO.

THERE ARE TWO IN MY DISTRICT
[INDISCERNIBLE] THE LAST ROUND
SO I GUESS THAT WOULD BE

SOMETHING I'D LIKE US TO WORK ON
GOING FORWARD TO BE ABLE TO
EXTEND THE AMBITIOUS BUT
IMMINENTLY ACHIEVE BEEN

GUIDELINES I'M POSING ON THE NEW
CITY BUILDINGS TO INCLUDE
BUILDINGS SOME CITY FUNDS SUCH

AS THE CPA AND I BELIEVE IT'S A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO,
CERTAINLY THE LEADERSHIP WITH
YOU ALLISON AND YOUR TEAM.

I WOULD JUST CLOSE BY REALLY
ECHOING THE CHAIR'S POINT ABOUT
MOVING TOWARD LIMITING FOSSIL
FUELS THAT SO MANY OTHER CITIES
HAVE DONE.

CLEARLY THAT ARE SOME CHALLENGES
IN A CITY LIKE BOSTON

[INDISCERNIBLE] BUT WE REALLY
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO, AND THIS
IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK CARL
AND ALLISON AND CHIEF COOK, YOU
GUYS CAN REALLY HELP LEAD NOT
ONLY SETTING THE CONVERSATION

GOING FORWARD ABOUT WORKING
COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS
DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY PUT THE
FOCUS ON RENEWABLE, ON LIMITING
NO MORE TRADITIONAL FOSSIL FUEL
INFRASTRUCTURE.

IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE IT'S
A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE,
QUALITYITY OF LIFE ISSUE AND
CERTAINLY AN ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUE.

WE ARE SEEING NOW THE BENEFITS
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT WE'RE
SEEING AS A COASTAL CITY BENEFIT
OF TESTING.

BOSTON LEADS IN SO MANY WAYS
ESPECIALLY IN THE WORLD AS FAR
AS I'M CONCERNED ESPECIALLY
WHERE I THINK WE NEED TO BE
INCREDIBLY AGGRESSIVE AS IT
RELATES TO OUR BUILDING AND OUR
RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE.

WE ARE SO FAR SO MANY SOUTHERN
STATES AND SO MANY CONSERVATIVE
RED STATES, WE ARE BEHIND SO
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHT
THING.

WE'RE IN AGREEMENT BUT WE NEED
TO BE REALLY AGGRESSIVE
[INDISCERNIBLE] RECOVERY FROM
OUR COVID 19 PANDEMIC IS
DIFFICULT BUT THIS IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD GREATER,
STRONGER, BETTER AND HEALTHIER
AND THAT'S WHAT I'M COMMITTED TO
DOING AND I KNOW YOU ALL ARE TOO
AND I LOOK FORWARD WORKING
TOGETHER TO BE INCREDIBLY
AGGRESSIVE [INDISCERNIBLE] THANK
YOU MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S ALL FOR
THIS ONE.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

NEXT ONE IS COUNCILOR BREADON
THEN COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND THEN
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

COUNCILOR BREADON, DO YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS.

>> NO, I THINK I'M DONE.

IN THE INTEREST OF TIME
[INDISCERNIBLE] QUESTIONS THAT I
WAS GOING TO ASK SO

[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> YOU'RE BREAKING UP ON US.

ALL RIGHT, GREAT.

NEXT UP COUNCILOR EDWARDS,

SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONS?

I MAY HAVE LOST HIM.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS?

CAN FOLKS HEAR ME.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THAT WAS QUICK.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY

QUESTIONS THIS ROUND.

I'M TRYING TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY

AND DO A COUPLE THINGS.

>> GREAT.

WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE TO

LANDMARKS.

COUNCILOR PRESIDENT JANEY AND

THEN COUNCILOR MEJIA.

COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

JUST TO SAY ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU

TO THE TEAM.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ON THE

EARLIER QUESTION AROUND THE

CONTRACTING WHICH IF MY FIGURE

IS CORRECT IS CLOSE TO A MILLION

DOLLARS.

A BREAK DOWN OF THE

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES AND

LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES FOR

FY20 AND THEN WHAT THE

PROJECTIONS WOULD BE FOR FY21

AND WHAT THE PLAN WOULD BE FOR

INCREASING THOSE NUMBERS IN

FY21.

AGAIN I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK

AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING

PARTNERSHIP.

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

>> I DON'T EXPECT, JUST TO

CLARIFY, I'M NOT EXPECTING THAT

HEAR.

I APPRECIATE YOU DON'T HAVE

THOSE NUMBERS.

JUST AS A POINT OF FOLLOW UP.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT.

YES WE'LL DEFINITELY FOLLOW

OCCUPY ON BEHALF OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THAT FRONT.
AND NOW COUNCILOR MEJIA.
COUNCILOR MEJIA, YOU'RE MUTED AT
THE MOMENT.

>> THANK YOU CHAIRWOMAN BOK.
I LISTENED TO THE TEAM, I HAVE
NO QUESTIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO
SAY THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING
THOSE QUESTIONS DURING THE
WORKING SESSION.

IT WAS REALLY HELPFUL TO HAVE
ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS BEFOREHAND
SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
FOR PUTTING THAT TOGETHER.
I JUST HAVE ONE QUICK FOLLOW UP
QUESTION IN REGARDS TO THE PILOT
WARRIORS I FORGET THE NAME OF
THE TITLE OF THOSE PARTICIPATING
IN THIS PROJECT [INDISCERNIBLE]
AND IF YOU HAVE A BUDGET FOR
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT TO MAKE
SURE THERE'S FOOD AND CHILD CARE
PROVIDED [INDISCERNIBLE]
ENGAGEMENT WHETHER OR NOT THAT
IS PART OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE].
I STILL WANT A LITTLE BIT OF
CLARITY IN TERMS OF
ACCOUNTABILITY.

IT SEEMS LIKE THE STAKEHOLDERS
THOSE CREATING THE POLLUTION IN
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, I JUST WANT
TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS SOME
WAY OF HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE
AND WE HAVE REGULATIONS AND SOME
THINGS PUT IN PLACE BECAUSE I
FEEL LIKE AS A CITY WE HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY AND A RESPONSIBILITY
IF WE'RE GOING TO BE GREEN THAT
WE'RE UTILIZING ALL OF THE TOOLS
WE HAVE IN OUR TOOLKIT TO HOLD
PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE.

>> YES.
SO WE DO HAVE A STIPEND FOR THE
LEADERS.

I FORGET WHETHER IT'S \$100 OR
\$200.

DO YOU REMEMBER ALLISON.

>> I DON'T BUT WE CAN GET YOU
THAT INFORMATION.

>> WE CAN GET THAT.

AND THE LEADERS WHEN THEY HOLD
THEIR COMMUNITY EVENTS IN
WHATEVER FORM THEY THINK IS
APPROPRIATE, THEY CAN USE THAT

MONEY FOR REFRESHMENTS, FOR HELP, WHATEVER THEY WANT TO USE IT FOR.

WE GIVE THEM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF -- WE ASK FOR A PROPOSAL FROM THEM AND WE GIVE THEM A SPECIFIED FOR WHAT THEY THINK ARE IMPORTANT.

I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU.

WE ARE TRYING TO REACH [INDISCERNIBLE] WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO THE COMMUNITY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

ALL SECTORS OF THE BOSTON COMMUNITY ABOUT THE SOURCES OF THE POLLUTION AND EMISSIONS.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COMMISSIONER AND THANK YOU COUNCILOR MEJIA. I'LL RAISE A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS BRIEFLY AND WE DO HAVE TWO PEOPLE PATIENTLY WAITING TO TESTIFY AT THE END OF THIS HEARING.

I'M GOING TO ASSUME KOIRMS ARE DONE -- COUNCILOR ARE DONE WITH THEIR QUESTIONS UNLESS YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS.

I WANT TO JUST BRIEFLY ASK, IT'S REALLY FOLLOWING UP ON COUNCILOR O'MALLEY'S QUESTIONS ON EXISTING BUILDINGS [INDISCERNIBLE] NOT GOING ANYWHERE AND FRANKLY [INDISCERNIBLE] WE TALKED ABOUT SHORTLY.

SO JUST LIKE A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT THE PATHWAY LOOKS LIKE TO REALLY RAMP UP A PROGRAM THERE THAT WOULDN'T BE A TRADITIONAL BIG PROJECT CAPITAL THING WHERE YOU'RE TAKING DOWN A POOL OR A MUTUAL BUILDING BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE ARE SUPPORTING A RETROFIT OF EXISTING STOCK ACROSS THE CITY.

I WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR PROJECT TREE THERE.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HEAR FROM ALLISON ABOUT THE PROJECT [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

>> SURE.

SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THE

EXISTING BUILDINGS ARE THE LION'S SHARE OF OUR MISSION BUT THERE'S A LARGE DIVERSITY TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO APPROACH RENT FIT AND DIFFERENT STRATEGIES FOR THESE BUILDINGS.

WE MENTIONED A FEW TIMES EARLIER THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR THE LARGE EXISTING BUILDINGS.

SO THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT WOULD DECREASE OVER TIME SO THAT WOULD BE A MECHANISM BY WHICH BUILDINGS WOULD HAVE THE [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT'S AN IMPORTANT BOTH THE ELEMENT BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT ARE HAVING THE SUPPORT STRUCTURES AND THE RESOURCES THERE TO SUPPORT THE CARBONIZATION WORK.

SO COLLABORATION WE HAVE WITH THE GREEN RIBBON COMMISSION AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS [INDISCERNIBLE] RIGHT NOW FOR SOME EXISTING BUILDINGS THAT REPRESENT THE BUILDING STOCK [INDISCERNIBLE] AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WOULD IT REALLY TAKE TO [INDISCERNIBLE] OVER TIME TESTS TO DECARBONIZE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE PROVEN TECHNOLOGY THAT A LOT OF INFORMATION UP THERE TODAY IN THE ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER'S EXPERTISE WHERE THE FINANCING WORKS.

HOW AGGRESSIVELY CAN THE CARBONIZATION HAPPEN IN THOSE BUILDINGS AND WHAT ARE THE SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS NEEDED.

SO THESE ARE A NUMBER OF [INDISCERNIBLE] AND GIVE YOU A LOT MORE DETAILS AFTERWARDS THAT'S HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE DETAILS OF THOSE PROCESSES SO THAT WE CAN BUILD THOSE SUPPORTIVE NETWORKS AND PROGRAMS.

JUST BRIEFLY ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS, WE UNDERSTAND [INDISCERNIBLE] PRESENT ANY CHALLENGES BUT ALSO [INDISCERNIBLE] COMMUNITIES IN THE DECARBON TO MAINTAIN EXISTING BUILDINGS AND EMBODY

EMISSIONS THAT EXIST IN THOSE BUILDINGS.
SO WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE LANDMARK COMMISSION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TEAM IN THE AREA TO UNDERSTAND THE TECHNOLOGIES [INDISCERNIBLE].
>> GREAT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I'LL LEAVE IT THERE.
I'LL JUST SAY I WOULD LOVE TO BE CONNECTED INTO THOSE PROCESSES AND [INDISCERNIBLE] A LOT OF BUILDINGS [INDISCERNIBLE] I LOVE THE PEOPLE THERE.
AND I'LL JUST SAY THAT AS AN ADDENDUM I BROUGHT UP WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MERGE AND MOVE TOWARDS BETTER AIR FILTRATION IN BUILDINGS IN NEW AND OLD AND ESPECIALLY.
I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE I KNOW WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE STATE TO PUT 13 IN THE BUILDING CODE BECAUSE THE STATE THING I THINK IT'S REALLY BAD WHEN YOU HAVE THE SCIENCE TO KNOW SOMETHING IS MAKING PEOPLE SICK AND THEN YOU HAVE FIVE TO TEN YEAR LAG ON ACTUALLY GETTING IT INTO CODE. I JUST REALLY WANT TO DO A FEW THINGS ON THAT TOO JUST TO THE AIR POLLUTION POINT THAT THE OTHER COUNCILORS RAISED.
THE BIG CONCERN OF MINE [INDISCERNIBLE] CLOSE TO HIGHWAYS.
BUT I WILLND MY QUESTIONS THERE.
I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE [INDISCERNIBLE] COMMISSIONER AND ALLISON AND DAVID FOR BEING WITH US TODAY AND TO THE CHIEF AND COMMISSIONER WHO I KNOW ARE GOING TO BE IN MORE HEARINGS WITH US THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE DAY.
BEFORE I CONCLUDE THIS ONE I WANT TO RECOGNIZE I'VE GOT TWO FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO SPEAK.
SO I'LL BE RECOGNIZING FIRST FRAN O'BRIEN AND THEN IT WILL BE SARAH [INDISCERNIBLE].
SO FRANK YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

JUST INTRODUCE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

>> YES, HI.

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY, FRANK O'BRIEN FRIENDS OF AL AND DALE. I'M GOING TO MAKE TWO VERY FOCUSED AND BRIEF POINTS. I REFER THE COUNTERS AND CHRIS TO HIS TEAM TO THE MATERIAL THAT I'VE SUBMITTED.

THE FIRST POINT IS THAT I ESTIMATE THE UNDER SPEND ON THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY AT ABOUT 50%. PARTICULARLY IN DISTRICT ONE, I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE THE COUNCILORS TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THE BUDGET IS ADEQUATE TO PROTECT OUR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS IN EAST BOSTON.

THE SECOND POINT IS ON THE CLIMATE, FOCUSING ON THE CLIMATE READY RESERVE FUND.

OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IT SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FIVE AND THAT THERE BE A VERY ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMPONENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESOURCES ARE BEING DIRECTED NOT JUST TO WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED BUT TO WHERE THE RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS OURSELVES SEE THE NEED AS BEING.

I'LL LEAVE IT THERE AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH EVERYONE ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT SERIES OF INITIATIVES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, FRANK. YES, I'LL MAKE SURE AGAIN THAT YOUR SUBMITTED TESTIMONY AND LIVE IS CIRCULATED TO EVERYBODY. SARAYA.

>> YES, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME COMMENTS I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT VERY BRIEF AS WELL.

AS A RESIDENT OF THE FOUR POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION I LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S VULNERABLE TO COASTAL SEA LEVEL RISE AND FLOODING.

THE SOUTH BOSTON COASTAL RESELL RESELL -- RESILIENCE PLAN [INDISCERNIBLE] COASTAL FLOODING [INDISCERNIBLE] YEAR TERM

ACTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THESE PLANS BE IMPLEMENTED.

IN ADDITION, FPNA IS A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE WHICH COVERS THE WATER FRONT NEIGHBORHOODS OF CHARLESTOWN, EAST BOSTON, SOUTH BOSTON, NORTH END, DOWNTOWN AND DORCESTER. THESE NEIGHBORHOODS EITHER HAVE CLIMATE PLANS OR IN THE PROCESS SUCH AS DOWNTOWN, NORTH END AND DORCESTER.

CLIMATE MEMBERS ARE CRITICAL TO HARBOR SIDE RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU IMPLEMENTING AND TO EXCEL IMPLEMENTATION WITH THE NECESSARY AMPLIFICATION OF FUNDING.

IN ADDITION TO THE [INDISCERNIBLE] WE'VE HEARD TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A SENIOR LEVEL CLIMATE REZILLION POSITION TO HELP COORDINATE AND COMMUNICATE BETWEEN EAST BOSTON CHARLESTOWN NORTH BOSTON DOWNTOWN AND DORCESTER WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE KNOW ONE PROPERTY PROTECTS THEIR AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS IS NOT UP TO THEIR PERFORMANCE STANDARDS BUT OUR WEAKEST LINK. WE NEED A [INDISCERNIBLE] AND ESPECIALLY TO ENGAGE THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCILORS O'MALLEY AND WOULD -- AND WU AND THE MAYOR AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE COUNCILOR'S MESSAGES HEARD TODAY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THE COMMISSION RECEIVE THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO CREATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE NEW LOCAL WEAPONS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, SARAH. WITH THAT I GUESS I AGAIN WANT TO THANK THE TEAM AND SAY IF YOU'RE WATCHING AT HOME WE ARE

OBVIOUSLY A LITTLE BIT LATE TO
THE NOON LANDMARKS COMMISSION
BUDGET HEARING.

WE'LL PAUSE FOR 10 MINUTES,
WE'LL START THAT IN 10 MINUTES
JUST BECAUSE WE'VE GOT AN
OVERLAP AND I'VE GOT TO GIVE
PEOPLE A CHANCE TO STRETCH THEIR
LEGS.

SO FOR COUNCILORS, WE WILL
DEFINITELY BE GAVELING THAT IN
FOR REAL JUST BEFORE JUST AT
12:29 AND I'LL SEE YOU ALL THEN
SHORTLY.

WITH THAT I'M ADJOURNING THIS
MEETING AT THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS 2020.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANKS EVERYBODY.

>> THANKS.

>> THANK YOU, BYE.