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GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE, MY NAME IS CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE MICHAEL FLAHERTY, CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUES, ED FLYNN, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS DOCKET 0803, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,002,200,337. FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND A OPERATING EXPENSES.

[\$1 MILLION]

>> FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CPC, FOR FISCAL YEAR, 2020 AND A FURTHER APPROPRIATION ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,309,813 FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND'S ESTIMATE ANNUAL REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, TO BE APPROPRIATED AND RESERVED FOR 0 FUTURE APPROPRIATION.

THIS MATTER WAS SPONSORED BY MAYOR MARTIN J WALSH AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF MAY 15, 2019.

>> THIS IS BASED ON AND ONE PERCENT SURCHARGE THAT WAS ADOPTED VIA THE BALLOT INITIATIVE ON IN 2016, FOR BACKGROUND REFERENCE, 44 B SECTION CALL, FOR THE ANNUAL IN ETCHINGS PRO -- FROM THE PRESERVATION FUND AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF THE FUND'S ANNUAL REVENUES.

IN THIS APPROPRIATION AMOUNT OF \$10,002,200,337 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES EQUAL TO 4.7 PARTICIPANT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION .. PROGRAM EXPENSES.

[\$1 MILLION]

>> JUST HOUSEKEEPING NOTE HERE

THIS THIS HEARING IS BEING
RECORDED LIVE AND BROADCAST ON
RCN 82, VERIZON 1964 AS WELL AS
BOSTON.GOV/CITY-COUNCIL-TV, AND
JOINED HERE BY THE
ADMINISTRATION'S CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER AND COLLECTIVE
TREASURER AND ALSO THE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DIRECTOR
FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON CHRISTINE
PARKS, SO MY COLLEAGUE,
INTRODUCTORY OPENING COMMENTS AT
THIS TIME?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY
AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR YOUR
GREAT WORK ON CPA RELATED ISSUES
AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
CHRISTINE AND TO EMMA FOR
PROVIDING GREAT LEADERSHIP ON
CPA AND FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN
THE COMMUNITY, AND CHRIS SEEN,
CHRISTINE I KNOW YOU SPEAK TO
DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS AND
PROVIDE REAL HANDS ON LEADERSHIP
AND WAY TONIGHT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
AND SAY THANK YOU.

THANK YOU AS WELL, I THIS THINK
IS ONE OF THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES
THAT WE HAVE AS CPA, HISTORIC
PRESERVATION, HOUSING, GREEN
SPACE, OUR PARKS, IT IS
PROVIDING INVALUABLE RESOURCES
TO OUR CITY, ESPECIALLY SOME OF
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT REALLY
NEED SOME ASSISTANCE. IT IS
BENEFITING EVERY -- ACROSS THE
CITY AND PROUD OF THE CPA
PROGRAM, I AM PROUD OF THE FUNDS
WE ARE GETTING INTO MY DISTRICT.
SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
AND CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, WITH
CHRISTINE AND WITH EMMA ON THIS
IMPORTANT PROJECT AND ALSO AS
CHRISTINE KNOWS WELL, THE
OPENING OF MARTIN'S PARK IS
ANOTHER TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY,
TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, AND IT IS
BENEFITING ALSO FROM THE CPA
FUNDING, SO WE WANT TO SAY THANK
YOU TO MAYOR WALSH AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION FOR A BEAUTIFUL
PARK AND ITS ACCESSIBILITY FOR

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SWAY
VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME, BUT
AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE CITY
ADMINISTRATION IN PROVIDING,
PROVIDING SO MANY YOUNG CHILDREN
WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND
TO USE THIS PARK, ESPECIALLY OUR
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AS SO I
WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, CHRISTINE
AND EMMA, AND TO THE MAYOR'S
ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AND THANK
YOU TO COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR
BEING ONE OF THE FIRST ELECTED
OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT CPA FUNDING
AND I THINK UNDER YOUR
LEADERSHIP, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY,
WE ARE ALSO HAVE, WE ALSO HAVE
STRONG LEADERSHIP IN MAKING SURE
EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IS BENEFITING
FROM CPA FUNDING, SO THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR PHYSICAL AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN
AND BE JOINING BY CITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT HAND A ANDREA
CAMPBELL.

>> WELCOME, YOU AND YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

CHAIRMAN FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR
FLYNN, MADAM PRESIDENT, WE ARE
HERE, MY NAME IS -- CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR BOSTON AND
JOINED BY -- WHO IS THE CPA
DIRECTOR TO OR THE CITY AS FAR
AS THE CP A-TEAM WHO IS HERE.
I JUST WANT TO THANK THEM ALL
FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

YOU ALL MENTIONED IN YOUR
OPENING REMARKS WHAT A GREAT JOB
THEY DO AND THAT IS CERTAINLY
TRUE, THEY ARE ALL OVER THE CITY
TALKING TO RESIDENTS AND
ORGANIZATIONS AND I THINK THAT
REALLY HAS BEEN KEY TO THE
SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM SO FAR,
SO I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY
THANK THIS EM.

WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CPA,
FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR,
FY-20, THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST
STEP TO SORT OF SET US UP SO WE
ARE READY TO TAKE ON THE NEXT

AWARD ROUND WHICH WILL ACTUALLY BEGIN TO START RELATIVELY SOON WITH OPENING OF ELIGIBILITY FORMS, SO THAT WE CAN DO ANOTHER ROUND, APPLICATION ROUND, I SHOULD SAY, TO BE AWARDED IN THE SORT OF WINTER, SPRINGTIME NEXT YEAR.

AND THIS IS A THIRD -- CPA, WE HAVE HAD TWO SUCCESSFUL ROUNDS. WE WILL BE FORWARD TO ANOTHER ROUND AS YOU MENTIONED THAT WILL REALLY BEGIN IN EARNEST IN THE FALL.

AND I ALSO SHOULD THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE CPC COMMISSION WHO SPENT AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF TIME REVIEWING A HUGE AMOUNT OF APPLICATIONS AND COMING UP WITH VERY, I THINK, SOUND AND REASONED AND FAIR APPROACHES TO HOW TO FUND THOSE APPLICATIONS AND REALLY TO DISTRIBUTE THESE RESOURCES ACROSS THE CITY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

FOR THIS FY-20 APPROPRIATION FOR BOTH THE AWARDS AND THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IS INTEGRAL TO US THE RUNNING THE PROGRAM AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CHRISTINE FOR ANYTHING SHE WANTS TO ADD.

>> SURE.

AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILORS AND I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT CPA STAFFER HERE -- HAS BEEN DOING ALL OF THE COMPLICATED WORK WITH THE BUDGETS AND AWARDS AND PAPERWORK AND -- SHE JUST RAN OUT BUT SHE IS REALLY SPHERE HEAD AGO LOT OF THE COMMUNITY REGS, RELATIONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH THAT YOU RECOGNIZED.

I THINK ONE IMPORTANT THING TO NOTE WHICH IS THAT THIS PAST ROUND WE DID THIS FALL, THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING WAS A COMBINATION OF FISCAL YEAR A EIGHT A TEEN AND \$19 BECAUSE WE DID JUST A PILOT ROUND TO KICK THINGS OFF IN FISCAL YEAR '18 SO IT WAS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST

AMOUNT OF MONEY WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVE TO GIVE OUT FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS SO THIS WILL BE A LITTLE BIT OF A SMALLER AMOUNT THIS YEAR BUT WE ARE SETTLING INTO A REGULAR ANNUAL ROUTINE. THAT'S WHY WE GAVE OUT -- THIS WINTER WE GAVE OUT \$34 MILLION OF FISCAL YEAR 19 FUNDS AND IN THE COMING YEAR IT WILL BE ABOUT 24 MILLION.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE WITH A LITTLE BIT OF INCREASES.

WE WERE REALLY THRILLED THAT THE MAYOR'S ADVOCACY AT THE STATEHOUSE FOR AN ELEVATED STATE PATCH HAS BEEN REALLY SUCCESSFUL, BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE VOTED TO SUPPORT IT, WHICH WILL GET -- WE THINK COULD BRING A FEW MILLION UP TO 5 MILLION MORE DOLLARS TO BOSTON.

AND WE ARE ALSO HOPING THAT THIS FIRST YEAR, BECAUSE THAT WON'T GO INTO PLACE UNTIL 2021.

BUT WE ARE HOPING THAT FOR FY-20 THAT ANY LEFTOVER FUNDS AT THE STATEHOUSE WILL GO INTO THE -- THE GOVERNOR WILL APPLY THEM TO THE STATE MATCH AGAIN, WHICH COULD BE NEXT 20 MILLION BUT THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH.

AGAIN, YOU KNOW, A MILLION DOLLARS HERE AND THERE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE, IT MEANS A COUPLE MORE PROJECTS THAT CAN BE FUNDED AND SUPPORTED.

AND I WOULD SAY ALSO THAT WE ARE -- ACKNOWLEDGE THIS, BUT WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TOUCHING EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD.

THERE ARE SOME MAS SOME ROUNDS THAT WON'T GET FUNDED AND THEN WE JUMP IN AND DO EXTRA OUTREACH AND MORE SPECIFIC WORK TO TRY TO ENGAGE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CITY AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND WE ARE DOING THAT AGAIN THIS TIME FOR THIS FALL.

WE KIND OF RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF THE OUT LYING NEIGHBORHOODS WILL BE A LITTLE TOUGHER. EVERY TIME THEY HAVE -- THEY ARE NEWER NEIGHBORHOODS, ROXBURY, HYDE PARK, MATTAPAN, ROSLINDALE, THEY HAVE FEWER -- AS NEWER -- LESS HISTORIC, THEY TEAR DOWN HOMES WITH MORE BACKYARDS AND SO THERE MAY NOT BE AS MANY, YOU KNOW, NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, THE WAY YOU FIND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS SCATTERED IN THE MORE DOWNTOWN DENSE NEIGHBORHOODS. BUT WE WILL JUST KEEP WORKING AT THAT, AND HOPEFULLY IDENTIFY PROJECTS EVERY TIME. IT IS HELPFUL TO HAVE THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND DND IN OUR WORKING CLOSELY WITH US, BECAUSE THEY HELP IDENTIFY PROJECTS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, SO THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT ALREADY ANYWAY AND THEY NEED EXTRA FUNDING OR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ASK FOR MORE.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH CHRISTINE -- WAS DOWN THE OTHER DAY WITH RESPECT TO THEIR THE BUDGET PROCESS AND DIRECTOR GOLDEN REFERENCED TO ALL OF THE NEW THINGS THAT ARE COMING ONLINE AS WELL AS FUTURE STUFF COMING ONLINE TO THE TUNE OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF NEW GROWTH AND REVENUE, SO I EXPECT THAT THOSE NUMBERS SHOULD BE MOVING NORTH RELATIVELY SOON.

THE QUICK QUESTION ON THE MATCHING STATE FUNDS.

I KNOW THIS CONTINUED EFFORTS BY EVERYONE TO INCREASE THE STATE MATCHING FUNDS, I GUESS WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THAT?

AND ALSO TO DATE WHAT WE -- WHAT HAVE WE RECEIVED BY WAY OF THE STATE MATCHING FUNDS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF -- THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF FUND SOMETHING.

>> I CAN ANSWER THAT.

WHERE THINGS STANDS IS THE BUDGET IS -- THE STATE BUDGET IS IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RIGHT

NOW.
BUT BECAUSE -- THE HOPEFUL PART
IS BECAUSE THE -- BOTH THE HOUSE
AND THE SENATE VOTED THE EXACT
SAME INCREASE WHICH WILL -- IT
WILL RAISE -- RIGHT NOW, THE
STATE MATCHES AT 11 PARTICIPANT
AND IT WILL RAISE IT TO ALMOST
30 PERCENT, NOT JUST A
PERCENTAGE POINT OR TWO UNDER
THAT.
AND WHAT HAPPENED THIS PAST YEAR
IS IT WAS 11 PERCENT BUT THE
GOVERNOR PUT AN EXTRA 10 MILLION
-- YES, THANK YOU.
SURPLUS.
INTO -- AND THAT GAVE -- THAT
INCREASED THE AMOUNT TO GIVE US
-- I THINK IT WAS AN EXTRA, OH,
I SHOULD KNOW THIS.
AND IT GOT THE MATCH TO
19 PERCENT, WHICH IS GREAT.
AND WE HOPE -- SO WE HOPE THAT
IT WILL BE REGULARLY 30 PERCENT
.. WITH THE ADDITIONAL
GOVERNOR'S, YOU KNOW, INPUT.
AND THE GOVERNOR DID COMMIT TO
SIGNING A BUDGET WITH THE CPA
INCREASE.
SO HOPEFULLY WITH THAT, YOU
KNOW, -- I MEAN IT IS VERY
POSITIVE BECAUSE IN CONFERENCE
IN BE 0, AND BOTH HOUSES HAVE
VOTED FOR IT AND BECAUSE THE
GOVERNOR HAS COMMITTED PUBLICLY
TO APPROVING CPA INCREASE, WE
EXPECT IT TO GO THROUGH.
YOU NEVER KNOW.
>> ON TOTALS.
THE FY-19 BUDGET THAT YOU
ADOPTED ON COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION FOR THE STATE OF
BOSTON IS \$2.26 MILLION OF STATE
MATCH, WE HAVE RECEIVED
3.6 MILLION IN FY-19 IS OUR
ESTIMATE AS WELL, SO I THINK
THAT SPOKES TO WHAT CHRISTINE
TALKED ABOUT WITH ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES, THAT THE STATE
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS IN FY-19, WE
ARE STILL CARRYING THE LOWER
ESTIMATE FOR FY-20 BUDGET TODAY
BECAUSE WE WILL OBVIOUSLY THE
ACTION WHICH IS THE FINAL FORMAL

PART OF THAT PROCESS THAT AS CHRISTINE SAID, LOOKS GOOD.

>> AND FROM OUR PER SICK IF THE DO THE SURFACE REF KNEES GET CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OR PLAN TO SPEND ALL OF THAT REVENUE IN THE YEAR WHICH IT DISMAIM.

>> WE CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT -- ON FY-18, SURPLUS WHICH WAS REALLY CITY SURPLUS AT THAT POINT GOT CARRIED OVER AND THAT'S WHY CHRISTINE SAID WE HAVE SUCH A LARGE ROUND IN FY-18.

I THINK I THINK THE PLAN AS OF NOW IS TO SPEND EVERYTHING THAT WE WILL RECEIVE IN FY 20 BUT CERTAINLY THAT COULD CHANGE AS WE SORT OF GET A BETTER FEEL FOR WHAT THE CASH WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND WE WILL SORT OF HAVE THIS OPEN QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER WE SHOULD DO ONE SINGULAR LARGE FALL ROUND OR TRY TO SPREAD IT OUT A LITTLE BIT INTO THE YEAR. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE PROJECTS WITH PARKS IN DND THOSE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO PLAN IN THE FALL, AND SO WE ARE STILL NOT SURE ABOUT WHETHER IT MAKES SENSE TO DO TWO ROUNDS BUT IN THAT EVENT IT MIGHT CARRY FORWARD IF THAT MADE SENSE.

>> OKAY.

GREAT.

AND I THINK IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROGRAM -- THE FIRST ROUND, WHICH WAS SORT OF THE SHOVEL READY, THAT WAS SORT OF OUR BIGGEST MARKETING TOOL, IF YOU WILL, BECAUSE PEOPLE SAW THINGS HAPPENING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SORT OF IN REAL-TIME WHICH WAS ENCOURAGING AND ALSO THAT LED TO THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING WHICH ALLOWED US TO DO SORT OF MORE WITH MORE.

SO ARE THERE MY FOLKS THAT HAVE APPLIED AND RECEIVED A GRANT BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL OF THE FUNDS?

AND WE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH SOME POKES NOT HAVING SOME PAPERWORK

AND SOME GLITCHES, THERE WAS SOME HOLDBACKS BUT THAT IS A CONCERN OF MINE BECAUSE IF THAT WORD GETS OUT THERE THAT MAY DETER PEOPLE FROM APPLYING SO TO THE STORY IN ROUND ONE LED TO FOLKS APPLYING IN ROUND 2 AND FOLKS GETTING READY TO FEARP WHENEVER THE NEXT ROUND IS, WHICH IS -- BALLPARK --.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION WOULD BE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

>> END OF SEPTEMBER.

>> YES.

>> AND JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHEN FOLKS PUT THE APPLICATION IN, PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD AND LINED UP CONTRACTORS OR VENDORS OR THAT EVERYONE IS TRYING TO GET THE CHECK IN AND PAYING ON A REGULAR TIME.

I KNOW WE HAVE SOME SMALL ISSUES FROM TIME TO TIME.

ALL OF THOSE MATTERS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED?

>> COULD I --

>> SURE.

I WILL JUST SAY GLOBALLY, CHRISTINE CAN SPEAK BETTER TO THE DETAILS THAN I CAN.

FIRST, AS WE STOOD UP A NEW PROGRAM IT HAS TAKEN UP A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO MAKE SURE WE SORT OF UNDERSTAND HOW TO PICK UP SPEED IN TERMS OF PICKING UP CONTRACTS.

I WOULD SAY GLOBALLY TWO REASONS WHY AN ORGANIZATION TODAY MIGHT NOT HAVE ALL OF THE FUNDS FROM THAT FIRST ROUND WOULD BE EITHER BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T FULFILLED THE TOTALITY OF WHAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING AS PART OF THE CONTRACT THEY SIGNED, OBVIOUSLY WE PUT BENCHMARKS IN THERE TO BE SURE THAT THE TAXPAYER MONEY THAT FUNDS CPA IS PAID FOR, PAYING FOR WHAT THEY SAID THEY WILL DELIVER SO THAT IS ONE ISSUE AND THE OTHER ISSUE IS THAT THAT CHRISTINE'S TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON SORT OF HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WHEN WE FUND SOMETHING

WITH CPA THAT THE GOOD THAT WE
HAVE FUNDED IS PERMANENT.
OR AT LEAST PROTECTED, AND SO WE
HAVE LAND ODDN'T A CLAWBACK
PROVISION THAT IF THE USE OF THE
FUNDS, THE USE OF THE LAND IN
THE CASE OF THE PARK OR
SOMETHING LIKE THAT CHANGES OVER
THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS, THEN
SOME OF THAT CPA MONEY WOULD
HEED TO BE BE REPAID TO THE CITY
SO WE HAS TO REISSUE SOME
CONTRACTS IN THERE TO MAKE SURE
THE LANGUAGE IS IN THERE SO THAT
MEANS WE NEEDED TO RESIGN SOME
CONTRACTS OR WE NEEDED TO MAKE
SURE THAT THE ORGANIZATION
UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS REQUIRED OF
THEM BEFORE WE ISSUE THAT FINAL
CHECK.

THERE ARE CERTAINLY SOME CASES
WHERE THE CITY JUST NEEDS TO DO
A BETTER HAVE BEEN OF MAKING
SURE WE ARE GETTING THINGS DONE
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WE
CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT
PROCESS.

>> YES.

NEW PROGRAM, GROWING PAINS TO BE
EXPECTED BUT ALSO NEEDS TO BE
TWO-WAY STREET WITH THE
EXPECTATION GRASS KNOWS
RECEIVING FUNDS, OBVIOUSLY ARE,
IT IS VERY PRECIOUS FUND AND
VERY COMPETITIVE PROCESS W HAVE
SEEN IT VERY OPEN, VERY
TRANSPARENT, WE PARTICIPATED IN,
I KNOW THE FOLKS THAT
PARTICIPATED PARTICIPATE WITH
OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE OPEN
MEETINGS AND HEARINGS AND IT IS
EXCITING TO SEE.

BUT I KNOW HOW SPIRITED AND HOW
COMPETITIVE IT IS SO YOU GUYS
ARE MAKING VERY DIFFICULT
DECISIONS IN TERMS OF ASSESSING
THE APPLICATIONS AND THE
PROPOSALS AND THEM YOU HAVE TO
MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISION ASS TO
WHO GETS AND WHO DOESN'T AND
DON'T ENVY THAT POSITION YOU
LIKE TO GIVE TO EVERYBODY BUT AT
THE VERY LEAST IF SOMEBODY IS
RECEIVING FUNDS THERE IS A LEVEL

OF EXPECTATION ARE US TO THEM
THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY CAN GET
THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER AND MAKE
SURE THEY ARE ROSING THE
PAPERWORK AND GETTING THINGS IN
ON THEIR END AS WELL SO --
COUNCILOR FLYNN, ANY QUESTIONS
OF THE COUNCIL [THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY'S QUESTION HE
HAD OR COMMENT HE HAD.
THE FIRST ROUND WAS KIND OF A
SHOVEL READY PROJECTS, THE
SECOND ROUND WAS MORE OF
HOUSING, A LOT OF MONEY WENT
TOWARDS HOUSING S THERE A THEME
FOR THE NEXT ROUND THAT YOU WANT
TO FOCUS ON?

>> NO.

NOT NECESSARILY.

I THINK WE WERE CONCERNED THAT
SO LITTLE HOUSING WAS FUNDED IN
THAT PILOT ROUND WE PUT OUT THE
EMPHASIS ON HOUSING, BUT IN
FACT, WE HAVE MANY MORE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION AND -- OPEN PROJECT
APPLICATIONS AND STILL NEED
SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN BOTH
OF THOSE CATEGORIES.

THE PREPROCESS THAT -- WITH
ELIGIBILITY FORM I THINK
SOMETIMES HELP TO SET THE SCENE
AS WELL BECAUSE CHRISTINE'S TEAM
GETS A FEELING FOR WHO IS OUT
THERE AND WHO IS READY FOR
FUNDING AND WHO MIGHT NEED -- IF
THEY CAN DO SOME HANDHOLDING
RIGHT AWAY AS THOSE WHO NEED TO
WAIT FOR ANOTHER ROUND SO WE
WILL KNOW A FEW MONTH WHAT THIS
ROUND WILL LOOK LIKE AHEAD OF
THE FORMAL SORT OF APPLICATION
DEADLINE.

>> THANK YOU.

EMMA, THANK YOU, CHRISTINE.
AND ANOTHER QUESTION.

I KNOW I REFERENCED IT IN MY
OPENING COMMENTS ABOUT MOM AND
POPS, ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU DOING CITY
WIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES?

HOW ARE YOU DOING SOME OF THE
OUTREACH?
WHAT ARE YOU 0 LOOKING FOR?
AND HOW ARE YOU MAKING OUR PARKS
AS ADA A ACCESSIBLE AS YOU
POSSIBLY CAN?

>> SO, IT IS PROBABLY A LITTLE
BIT EASIER TO TALK ABOUT THAT IN
TERMS OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS, LIKE
FOR INSTANCE THE RESTAURANT --
COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR VETERANS IS
GOING TO BE FULLY ACCESSIBLE, WE
HAVE A REALLY EXCITING
PARTNERSHIP WITH -- AND THAT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM IS
-- IF THAT GOES SMOOTHLY WE ARE
HOPING TO HAVE THEM BUILD A LOT
OF OTHER PROJECTS.

THERE ARE ALL KIND OF GARDEN
PLANTING GROUPS THAT WOULD LIKE
TO PIONEER WITH WENT WORTH.
THERE ARE SOME OTHER, YOU KNOW,
WITH WITH THE CHARLESTOWN
MEMORIAL HALL.

WITHER DOING THE EXTERIOR AND
THE FRONT OF THE FACADE OF THAT
BUILDING AND THAT WILL INCLUDE
AND ASSORT. OF APPROPRIATE
LANDS AND ACCESS TO THE
BALANCINGS BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE
VETERAN SERVICE THERE IS.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER
PLAYGROUNDS IN THE WORK THAT
WILL HAVE ACCESSIBLE FEATURES.
SOME OF THEM LIKE THE JOSEPH LEE
-- IN DORCHESTER A THIRD OF THE
CHILDREN AT THAT SCHOOL ARE ON
THE AUTISM SPECTRUM, SO THEY ARE
REALLY DESIGNING A PLAYGROUND
THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF
THEIR STUDENT POPULATION.

THE SAME WITH THE EARLY LEARNING
CENTER IN EAST BOSTON.
THEY HAVE THE K ZERO PROGRAM AND
SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS IN THE
PROGRAM.

SO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE REALLY
LOOKING AT ALL OF THE PLAYGROUND
PROJECTS AND MOST OF THEM HAVE
SOME FORM OF ACCESSIBILITY, AND
-- WHICH IS GREAT.

AND THEN WE ARE ALSO WORKING --
AND POST OF THE MINUTE GARDENS
THE PROJECTS DO ALSO.

SO SPECIFIC IN TERMS OF -- AND
THERE IS A PARK PROJECT WITH --
WITH AND THAT IS PARTICULARLY --
SO THERE ARE A COUPLE OF
PROJECTS, AND SOME HISTORIC
CEMETERIES WE HAVE HAD THAT ARE
PARTICULARLY COGNIZANT ON MAKING
SURE THAT THEY ARE WHEELCHAIR
AND DISABILITY ACCESSIBLE.

>> THANK YOU.

AND WHAT CAN YOU -- WHAT CAN YOU
TELL US ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER
THINGS YOU ARE DOING IN ENSURING
OUR PARKS OPEN SPACE, GREEN
SPACE FOR OUR SENIORS?
ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING,, YOU
KNOW, ANYTHING TARGETED TOWARDS
SENIORS THROUGHOUT BOSTON ON
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE?

>> SO OFTEN -- AND I THINK WE
SEE THOSE ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES
ABSOLUTELY MEETINGS THE NEEDS OF
SENIORS BECAUSE IT IS NOT JUST A
CHILD IN A WHEELCHAIR.

I MAY BE SOMEONE WHO IS OLDER
WHO JUST HAS WALKING DIFFICULTY
OR HAS A WALKER OR KAINE AND IT
SHOULD BE 0 A SMOOTH SACK SEES
FOR THEM.

THERE ARE A FEW PROJECTS ..
WHICH HAVE VERY -- AS THE
INVESTMENT I WANT TO IS THE
MILDRED HALEY TENANT TASK FORCE,
WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND
THERE, AND VERY VISIBLE LOCATION
THAT IS SURROUNDED BY SENIOR
HOUSING.

AND EVEN AS A PLAYGROUND FOR
CHILDREN AND ALSO AN EXCELLENT
-- HEALTHCARE CENTER, THERE ARE
VERY INSISTENT THAT SPECIAL
FOACHES GO IN FOR ALL AGES.

AND SO THEY HAVE BEVERAGES AND
GAME TABLES FOR SENIORS.

THEY HAVE SOME FITNESS EQUIPMENT
THAT COULD BE FOR ALL AGES, EVEN
FOR A SENIOR WHO HAS -- WHO IS
FULLY ABLE BODIED SOMEiHZ
THAT ARE GENTLE AND EASY.
SOME THINGS FOR TEENAGERS AND
ALSO PLAY STRUCTURES FOR
CHILDREN.

SO -- I MEAN THOSE KIND OF
PROJECTS REALLY RISE TO THE TOP

FOR THE COMMITTEE AND FOR ALL OF US, BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY KIND OF -- BE AS POSSIBLE AS POSSIBLE, AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE.

>> THANK YOU, CHRISTINE, I KNOW YOU ARE DOING GREAT WORK, ESPECIALLY ON OUTREACH AND FUNDING FOR OUR SENIORS, FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, PROVIDING GREAT OPEN SPACE AND PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THEM. AND I GUESS MY TIME QUESTION, MAYBE MAJORS IF YOU COULD WALK US THROUGH A LITTLE BIT, BASICALLY LEADS TO THE PROPERTY TAX.

CAN YOU JUST PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND. WHERE THE MONEY DIRECTLY GOES TO WHEN SOMEONE PAYS THEIR PROPERTY TAX AND HOW IT EVENTUALLY ENDS UP INTO OUR CPA FUNDS IN BOSTON?

>> SURE K YOU EVEN GIVE US JUST THE MECHANICS OF THE LOGISTICS OF?

IT.
SURE.

WE CALL IT A SURCHARGE BECAUSE IT IS NOT SORT OF TECHNICALLY PROPERTY TAX, IT IS NOT TREATED AS PROPERTY TAX, IT REALLY DOES -- WHEN YOU GET YOUR TAX LINE FOR CPA AND THE COLLECTING DEPARTMENT AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT REALLY DO SORT OF HOLD THOSE SEPARATELY, AND THE CPA DOLLARS GO DIRECTLY INTO THE CPA FUND.

FUND.
>> OKAY.

A. AND ARE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION BY THE COUNCIL AND THEN AWARDED BY THE CPC.

>> THANK YOU.
AND THANK YOU TO MOHAMMED AND THANK YOU TO CHRISTINE FOR BEING HERE.

BUT ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK ON CPA ISSUES.

>> I WILL RECOGNIZE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ANDREA CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, LADIES AND THANK

YOU, CHRISTINE AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE HARD WORK YOU ARE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY, IT IS NOT AN EASY PROCESS, BUT IT IS EXCITING AND PEOPLE ARE JUST ALWAYS EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE CPA PROJECTS COMING TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, SO THIS IS A GOOD THING.

I JUST HAD A QUICK QUESTION. WHEN IS THE NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS?

SOMETIMES SEPTEMBER.

DO YOU KNOW WHEN?

>> YES.

WE ARE HOPING THE APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY MIDSUMMER.

>> JULY, THEREABOUT?

>> AND THEN THE DEADLINE WILL BE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

>> AND WE HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF INFORMATION SESSIONS AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE SCHEDULED.

>> AWESOME.

>> I USUALLY TRY TO MAKE, DEVELOP SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH AN APPLICANT SO THEY CAN COME IN FOR HELP. YES.

AND -- BROWN HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARES A LOT OF THAT SUPPORT OF APPLICANTS.

>> IT IS GREAT A.

AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRING IDEAS TO SEND PEOPLE YOUR HUAWEI WHICH IS ALWAYS NICE, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK. IT IS NOT EASY AND I APPRECIATE IT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR, ON BEHALF OF COUNCILOR -- ALLISON QUINN, BROWN, THIS DOES A GREAT JOB.

>> THEY REALLY DO.

>> WITH YOU.

SO I KNOW THAT BASED ON THE OPENING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING WE WERE AT 4.7, AND .3 LEFT, WE NEED OFFICIAL STAFFING AND/OR IF WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION IN THE FUTURE JUST BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF

APPLICATIONS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS WELL AS HOPEFULLY GET SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT MAY GIVE US SOME FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW YOU AS THE DIRECTOR TO GROW YOUR CAPABLE STAFF AS YOU HAVE RIGHT THOUSAND BETWEEN ALLISON AND PEGGY, SO I AM SURE THEY ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD AND GETTING PULLED IN 1,000 DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND IT IS THE WHOLE CITY.

SO I CAN RELATE THERE ZAZI WIDE, CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OVER THE CITY SO IF THERE COMES A POINT WHERE THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES ARE BECOMING RESTRICTIVE AND WE SHOULD BE HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS, SORT OF SOONER RATHER THAN LATER SO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AT OUR LEVEL TO MAKE SURE YOU THE TOOLS YOU NEED OBVIOUSLY WORKING WITH EMMA AND HER DEPARTMENT AS WELL.

SO .. THAT'S IT.

DO MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANYTHING ADDITIONAL TO ADD?

ALL RIGHT.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED WORKING TOGETHER AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE THIS CPA PROGRAM FORWARD SO WITH RESPECT TO DOCKET 0803 THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IS ADJOURNED AND GET A COMMITTEE REPORT TURNED AROUND AND WE WILL BE MEETING THIS WEEK SO IF MICHELLE IS AMENABLE TO THAT WE COULD HAVE THIS BEFORE THE FLOOR AND THE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

THANK YOU.

HAVE A GREAT AFTERNOON.

>> THANK YOU.

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