



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative

Public Works Committee

Chair Donna L. Purvis (D-5)

Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)

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Committee Member Dan Seum, Jr. (R-13)

Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)

Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)

Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

May 23, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair Purvis called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Purvis introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

*NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended in Chambers.

Present 7- Chair Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Vice Chair Robin Engel (R22), Committee Member Dan Seum, Jr. (DR-13), Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24), Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Excused 1- Committee Member Rashad

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Tammy Hawkins (D-1)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk

Olivia Bennett, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. **ID 23-0053** Parking in Louisville – Emily McKinley, Louisville Metro Police Department and Mike Tudor, Parking Authority of River City

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Purvis
- Mike Tudor, Parking Authority of River City
- Committee Member Chappell
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Emily McKinley, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Council Member Hawkins
- Committee Member Flood

Pending Legislation

2. **R-044-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$3,320,000.00 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR THE HIKES LANE RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ASSETS.

Sponsors: Rick Blackwell

A motion was made by Vice Chair Engel, seconded by Committee Member Seum, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Purvis adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on June 1, 2023.

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Hello.

Tv, we will need an additional 45 seconds please.

Good afternoon. Welcome to the meeting. Uh, public works. I.

The chair of public works councilman purpose and today I am joined by my Co chair councilman Robyn as well as counseling.

Dan sign councilman Jennifer chapel councilman Stuart Vincent.

Counts the woman Madonna flood councilman Brent ackrason.

Did I miss anyone? I think that's all of us. Okay so I'm going to switch some things around today. Number 1 on the agenda is a discussion.

I like to take up the legislation 1st, which is number 2 on the agenda, which is pending legislation. So, I'm going to.

That miscellaneous, I'll go ahead and read the disclaimer.

Prior to going until this legislation.

This meeting is being held, so it's a carrier 61.806 and council rule 5, a red and full.

Thank you.

And and I apologize, I'm having a hard time.

Adjusting to this new system so there's a pending legislation on the floor.

I can read it as R dash 044. there's 23 a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept 3.3Million dollars of additional. I'm sorry? 3.320.

3.3Million dollars. Okay. Uh.

I don't know what happened.

Motion motion to approve.

I didn't get I was on.

I wasn't this popped up.

Okay, sorry, let's start over a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept 3.32Million dollars of additional funding from the commonwealth of Kentucky, transportation cabinet for the hikes lane, restoration and rehabilitation project to be administered by the Department of. by the department of

Works in that sense motion to approve.

Do I get a 2nd, thank you who do we have here to speak on this? Thank you, Madam chair. I'm Jeff brown assistant. Director of metro public works in assets.

This is our along the way to project and I think councilman ackrason knows this 1 better than anyone, but we've been waiting for these funds for a while. We actually started construction last week.

And this will help us complete a restoration of the concrete sections of hike.

Uh, are there any questions on the floor? Any comments.

This resolution calls for you false a voice vote, all those in favor say, aye aye.

All of those that disapprove.

Thank you this passes, thank you, sir.

This will go on the consent calendar.

Hello.

Our next, um, piece of business is a special discussion on parking.

And before we begin councilman.

Our is anyone from here to discuss? I'm not seeing major McKinley or anyone else.

I don't know, I haven't gotten into her. Let me.

Okay.

Let me.

Are you trying to I'm trying to get the.

Okay, okay.

Okay, sorry about that today. We're going to be having a discussion on parking in Louisville and I like to know is there anyone here.

From police department.

No okay. Yes, ma'am.

Nicole George deputy mayor, public, health and public services major McKinley's on her way. Ma'am.

Yes. Okay. Okay. Okay. So with someone been on the right MS chapel this is your discussion do you want anyone else to speak prior to.

They also been on their way here if park folks are here, I can knock out their segment before joins us. Okay.

Madam chair and Mike tutor with the director for the parking authority of river city.

Hi.

Madam chair are going to go on.

Sarah, please proceed. Okay. I'm here to answer any questions. You may have.

Thank you so much for joining us today.

I just have a couple of questions in terms of enforcement, but as I said, I'll wait for to get here because I think that they're an essential part of that conversation, but I kind of have 4, um.

Questions pertaining to the structure of park and it's budget. Okay. So my 1st question is.

Is park receiving any money and the f y24 budget. So, our budget is, we did not receive any general funds.

All of our funds are derived from our operations and we're self sufficient. So, if you're asking if it comes from the general funds, no, we do not receive anything.

So, as I understand it park hasn't presented a budget.

To metro Council since fiscal year, 21, when it was decided that dark be taken out of our operating budget to be approved independent,

due to counseling all the hills employment with an opinion was issued by the Jefferson County Attorney's office that said that park wasn't. wasn't

Legally allow, it wasn't, it wasn't necessary that they present their budget to metro Council. So we haven't been presented to my knowledge with a budget in the last 2 years. Is that correct? And.

Is it my understanding that we would have to pass a resolution in order to get that budget information? The as far as our budget, it goes before the park board, and I've been with the.

The parking authority since 97, and every year that I've been with the parking authority, the park board has approved our budget. It's never from. My knowledge has not been brought before metro Council for approval.

It may have been brought before metro council just to notify metric Council of what our budget is. We actually just had a board meeting this past week. week

Where our budget for 24 was approved.

And what is that budget are you asking for the total numbers of our budget? So this year we're looking at about I think it was about around 18Million for our operating budget.

We are looking at a net income at the end of 4 of about 900,000.

And so that's still pretty low.

I have some information here from the labor and economic development committee from November 2nd, 2021 and that was talking about a study that Walker consultants had completed about park,

which you've been there since 97. I'm sure you're very familiar with. sure you're very familiar with

That, and, you know, in that, it said.

In fiscal year, 2016, there was revenues of 3.2000.

Uh, between 2016 to 2019.

Only 2.3Million, fiscal year, 2020 and 650,000 in fiscal year 21 and so it sounds like there was a dip during covid. But now you all are getting back to where. dip during covid but now you all are getting back to where

You need to be we're working our way back. Yeah. So we are doing better and I can give you some kind of rough numbers if you're interested comparing covid to where we are now. So Pre coded that would be 19.

I'm going to put my glasses. I can read numbers here for you, but let's see.

Pre covid our net income 2019. 3.4Million dollars.

Of course, you remember in March of 2020, that's when we hit covid things got shut down. We did have a budgeted net income of about 2Million dollars. We were looking at we actually came in losing a little over a 1Million dollars for that fiscal 2021. we lost about 4.8Million dollars during 2021.

one we lost about four point eight million dollars during two thousand and twenty one

Then we started building our way back and coming out of we made a lot of adjustments. We made adjustments into re, refinanced some of our bonds.

We had 2010, 2013 bonds that we refinanced and the way we structured it, it really helped us in coming out of code and to get a net income. And we also took a lot of measures. a lot of measures

Far as reducing our expenses, we had contracted staff that we laid off about 150 employees during the timeframe and we just took a lot of the operations in house that we could manage to keep things running. So, in 2022, we actually came out with a net income of just over 5,000 dollars.

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In 2023 we're projecting right now to end this fiscal at almost a 1Million dollars.

A net income, and I will also say, so, during that time frame, we have capital projects that we do,

and these capital projects we we maintain those out of our operating funds and so we've been able to maintain on average just about 1 and a half 1Million dollars to 2Million dollars a year in capital projects. We've got 15. fifteen

That we have to take care of and a lot of this, a lot of the capital projects goes into our structural.

Maintenance of those as well as some technology and some other upgrades that we tend to do. But typically we've got a plan from PHP consulting that lays out 5 years of capital projects for us.

And right now we're looking at about 36Million dollars that needs to be done in the next 5 years. And that's about 5 to 7 dollars 1Million a year. We really need to put back into.

Our facilities through our capital projects funds and again, that comes out of our operating income that we get each year.

So, in 2121, the former director Tiffany people.

Yes, yes said that you approximately had 20Million dollars.

Of cash on hand so.

I was wondering how much do your bond covenants require you to have in terms of cash on hand? How much do you have on hand currently? And if there's a difference in the mountain, which you're required to have on hand.

Versus, you know, the difference what are you doing with that money? Yeah, some of that I can answer some.

I may have to get back to you on so our total cash on hand and I'll tell you in 2019, 2019 we were sitting at about 35Million dollars currently. We're estimated. about thirty five million dollars currently we're estimated

And at the end of 23 to be sending about 27Million dollars.

As far as our requirements of what's set aside for bond requirements, I might have to get back to you on that answer.

Okey doke, thank you. And I'm in no way accusing any 1 of any anything. I'm just trying to simply understand operations. Yes.

So, park is a nonprofit, nonstop, public corporation. I'm getting that from a letter that Tiffany um.

Had Tiffany and Barry Barker had written to.

To metro count, Tiffany Smith and Barry Barker had written to metro council in 2017.

Okay, um, and in that, it says.

I apologize, um.

When park was established in 1966, the purpose is to create or increase the public recreational, cultural, unrelated business facilities of local Metro and the creation improvement, revitalization, renewal and modernization of local Metro, Central.

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Business and shopping community, all revenues drive from parking fees are used to paid on park's debt as well as operational expenses park.

Bondholders have 1st lean on revenues that are derived from parks, parking facilities with outstanding debt.

Do through 2046 and I understand that.

The terms of those might have changed given what you just said.

But I was just wondering how.

Since park was established in 1966.

Have all revenues been going towards paying down debt and operational expenses and have.

And even give, em, back to rebuilding our downtown, are there any feathers in the cap of park to say we did that to make our downtown look better? Because that was our job for the last.

60 years yeah. So I can tell you from my starting in 97 prior to that, I'd have a little bit of trouble telling you what took place with part. But so we are part of economic development and there are many projects. That would not have taken place at park, not been involved with those negotiations. negotiations

And most all of our facilities are tied to some sort of structure or business that has come back downtown. So, when I started in 97, we had just finished the 8th, the main garage to help bring the back factory to downtown from there.

And I think when I started there was probably about 7 or 8 park facilities. And now we're at 15. at fifteen

So, we've added the lease in a garage, which helped establish the Mohammed ali's center. We've added our most recent 1 was the Omni garage, which helped with the Omni development. We did the arena garage to help establish the arena downtown.

We have a.

Done glass works, which at the time was supporting, it's now way star. There is a development over near the old YWCA block, which is the clay Commons garage.

That we helped establish that core that was there for the hotel that went in over there. And so, every facility that we put in, we've done it in coordination with the development has taken place downtown. So we've helped spur millions.

If not hundreds of millions of dollars of development in the central business district.

By the way of garages, by the way of garages and helping support, because all of these facilities needed,

whether it's tourism or hotel activity or employees that were coming downtown to work for businesses to be able to park and be able to do their business downtown.

Or well, I can pivot if major McKinley, you would like to join the conversation.

The main reason that I am. Oh, excuse me councilman councilman ackrason has some questions are too. Yeah. Well, 1st of all Mike I think you're a fantastic job. Thank you.

I think that everybody in this committee has to recognize 1st and foremost.

You deal with massive concrete facilities.

That require maintenance, and we've seen where we're at, with the roads right now.

We're on a 10 year plan to hopefully get back up to minimum par.

To make sure we maintain those and so I would hate to see park be in a position to start borrowing from Peter to get to Paul and fall behind on those things. But what I'm trying to figure out here at Madam chair or the councilman.

We've got this down as a special discussion. I'm hearing a lot of information. Where are we going with this? Because I don't know what facts I should be listening to and what facts I shouldn't be listening to. So, what exactly is the purpose of today's discussion and we're trying to gather from it.

That's what we were trying to get to. If you let me continue.

That's what we're trying to get, too if I can continue. Well, if you could tell me what we're looking at. So I'm hearing everything, but I don't know what's relevant. Not relevant to what I'm supposed to be deciding or judging upon.

As a new council member, I would like to know more about the parking authority of the river city. If you don't mind.

You have more questions? Nope, I, thank you. Sir. Thank you.

So, the main reason that I brought you here today is because there are parking enforcement issues across our city. I get parking complaints all the time as I understand it.

The parking authority of the river city prioritizes meters and garages. They do not really enforce outside of the water sin.

I believe I heard that you have 12 contracted employees that monitor the.

Meters downtown, and that there's 1 person that's responsible for ticketing outside of those situations that 1 person works Monday through Friday. Let's say 9 to 5.

That response responsibility then falls on.

I'm ticketing for street sweeping. There's also they have the enforcement as it relates to cars, parked illegally in front of bus, stop areas, and also peak our restrictions in the downtown area. Um.

So, we have the parking authority of the reverse city, but when somebody parks the wrong way on a street on a curb illegally, blocking an intersection, any of that.

I'm told that that's not park's responsibility and that's responsibility. I don't know how many tickets L MPD issues.

But I also don't think it's, it should be the responsibility of to be the parking authority of the river city. So there's a hole. And when I ask the question, I get, I get told it's their responsibility.

It's their responsibility, but we need someone to take accountability for these. And I don't think that we can enforce our way out of a parking.

I think that, you know, public works. It's great to see director kern's in here. Director current. Sorry?

But, you know, things can be done, just a little yellow paint on a curb goes a long way, right? A bump out to say, hey, don't park here. So we can help people to guide them to make good parking decisions. But when enforcement needs to be made.

Whose responsibility is that at 7? P. M. at night.

Yeah, so I can address, I can address how we handle those parking issues and give you a little bit of insight into it.

So, part that we have staff that is Monday through Saturday from 60 am to 600 PM and that's our enforcement staff and our enforcement staff is contracted out, except for the 1 in. one in

That you mentioned, and she is, she's on our staff.

But she is here just Monday through Friday, assisting us from 8 to 5 for other outside areas that need to be addressed. A lot of what she addresses comes through metro calls.

And so we will give those metro calls to her, and she'll go out and address those various areas. The contract is staff. Their main responsibility is the downtown area with the metered parking the street parking. That is there.

We have budgeted for 12 enforcement positions. We currently probably have about 8 of.

Field fluctuates a lot. It's considered really 1 of your front line positions and it has been very hard for us to.

Fill those positions, and when we do, we fill it 2 or 3, and we lose 2 or 3, and it's constantly going up and down.

So since we, we have not been fully staffed in those positions when it comes to enforcement outside of the Waterson. There are metric calls that we do.

From time to time outside of that, but we try to maintain inside of the Watson because of our staff staffing capabilities and what we can handle. So, we also enforce to our parking. There's different areas like, along Frankfurt Avenue has them to our parking.

I can't think I can't remember if Newark has some, but there's different 2 hour parking zones that we also.

Force and so we, we just have constraints with our staffing.

To be able to go outside of that. We also find that.

We don't just go into neighborhoods and just our siding vehicles that are illegally part.

We have gone in and tried to help certain neighborhoods when they've had problems and done, like, a a focused enforcement just to get the residents that are parking there illegally to see how they should be parking. But we don't continue.

An effort for a long period of time it's more of just focused for like, a week.

To get their attention and get them back into the routine of how they should be parking.

I think I'm answering a lot of your questions. What else did you what else can I answer for? You?

So, at 70 P. M. Oh yeah. So after hours so there's an issue.

Do I call and do they respond and I can't answer for how MPD will handle it, but yeah, after hours would go to and typically we don't see metro cause outside of the Waterson. Typically those automatically go to.

Excuse me, I like to speak up and say something from my experience. They have certain hours that's designated to police and monitor the parking. And after that period is gone. Parking is normally free.

Now unfortunately, if someone has parked illegal in the wrong direction, that would become.

Police issue not a park issue. Thank you Madam chair. Thank you. Can we give major moment to talk about and their parking enforcement? Yes.

Hello apologies I'm just running a little bit late. Um.

Again, major, Emily McCain, William, with global metro police, administrative services division. So, 1 of the things that falls under my purview is the inbound and tow operations of the department.

We do work a lot with part toe operators and the personnel at the total. I work often with park and parking.

Enforcement and enforcing bonds related parking citations.

But, yeah, to your question about if it's 7 o'clock, and after in the evening, and you're in the hazelwood neighborhood.

And you have a parking issue, who do you call.

So, if you were to call that into metro safe, so obviously that's a non emergency type of run.

So you call that into metro safe they're going to initiate, or started dispatch run that's going to be dispatched in a prioritized manner. So, they're going to triage the rest of the runs that are pending.

F*** complaint is going to be a lower priority run when an officer is free then that officer will be dispatched to handle that parking complaint. When the officer arrives. There's a variety of ways to handle that complaint.

If it were me, I would, I have the ability to run the tag figure out who the owner is.

If I can make contact with that owner, if it's a house nearby or maybe somebody's having a party in her bag and I can resolve the issue without some sort of enforcement action. That would be the optimal solution. Let's find the owner and fix the problem here.

If not and it's blocking a roadway or blocking a driveway.

It's clearly causing an issue for impasse or some sort of other problem. I can call for a toe and I'll write a citation for the violation and wait for a toe.

Um, the other option would be, if it wasn't blocking, I could just write a parking citation and leave the parking citation on the windshield or the vehicle. It would be very similar to the parking citation.

That park would write the same type of violations.

Those are the different options of how to handle a run like that.

If there were a large event and cars were parked walking intersections there's a venue in my district that we get a lot of calls about. Um.

And usually those are shows in the evening.

So, we would in theory call when that's happening, and then they would come out as their priority as a completely understaffed department in addition to an understaffed park department.

And then it just kind of gets by the wayside.

All right, so something like that. Now okay, now we're talking about a large event with. Now we're describing lots of cars, and potentially lots of people that are blocking intersection. So now we've escalated the problem a little bit more.

So, there's a little more urgency there to, for law enforcement to resolve the problem versus a civilian.

And parking ticket enforcement, or a person to write the tickets on these cars. So.

Something like that you have a larger problem now of a large crowd. Uh, this is from what you're describing. I think that yes would respond to that and would handle the situation. Whether that needs means that we need to toe these vehicles to get them out of the roadway.

We need to ask people to move their vehicles. We need to explain why.

This is important why we need to clear this intersection. So there's, it depends on the situation I guess, of what type of response you're going to get from or park or any other agency.

Cancel woman, how can you have a question.

Yeah, I was just trying to I'm I'm no 1 count for myself and I was just scanned.

Trying to see where we was there too. So if I can be so you just called me and just to.

We can all ask questions just to ask questions. Okay. I get bounced around a lot and so I thought if we could bring people here, so they can't bounce around and we can all bounce together. Okay. All right. Well, I just was trying to see myself where we was going. I have no ulterior motives.

Okay no, I was trying to see what was that, but being that you here, I might as well go on and ask my question.

What do you what is it that.

There was been a, um, enormous amount of cars.

Just not Justin on hazel aware of you saying, hey, the everywhere in the entire city.

Up and down Broadway, just everywhere just cars. This has been raped.

Everywhere do you have you guys.

Hi, how are you? Are you talking about abandoned vehicles? Yeah, they just, I mean, like getting the RX and they just died for months.

Yes, all over the entire city, have you guys came up with a solution on how to I mean, I know the toll lots are full, so 1st, the Toyota is not full.

So I think that's kind of this common misconception that's out there now. And so I want to just lay that groundwork the.

Is not full, we might be at 80% or so capacity and that fluctuate daily with toes and that sort of thing. Again toes are going to be prioritized based on need.

You know, we have we are short on record drivers. We are hiring more record drivers. We want more record drivers to. to

Be employed by MPD so that we can get to those vehicles quicker and answer those concerns in a more expedient way. We do have the capacity to tow abandon vehicles. What we need is for people to call those into us.

Let us be aware of those 1 of the plans that we have initiated right now and that's going.

On right now is so each division has a division resource officer.

The division resource officers responsible for handling issues like this. So, what we've asked them to do is go around your division, identify a banner vehicles.

Tag them for the 3 days. So they they need to be tied for 3 days and then we can tell the vehicle if it's not moved. So tag them for the 3 days, send the list of the vehicles. That you've tagged and ticketed to the.

And then as record drivers are free, they can proactively go out there and.

Move those vehicles, so we have a list that we are working on and what we need from the community there's multiple ways to call innovative vehicles. There's an email on our on our website.

If you go to our global police dot org, there's a way to submit an email. There's a way to submit a form online.

I can make a complaint under the banner vehicle so we encourage people to call those in, for any of you all to call them in and let our division resource officers target ticket and tag those so that we can get those code.

. Mm. Hmm.

That would be ideal once that vehicle is, is sent in an officer can go out and put the sticker on the car. Come back. 3 days later, put a toe tag on that vehicle.

Let the whole lot know that I've tagged this vehicle at this location and then a record driver can proactively go out there and retrieve that car.

Okay, well, there's been a lot of I'm going to start I'm going to take note of that because cars had been sitting there so long people are starting to steal port cellphone. Yeah, I'm definitely going to. Yes, thank you.

Are there any other questions.

Have 1 more, and it might be for park. Okay.

So, park provides more efficient transportation solutions for Louisville, a prime example.

Is the service offered during the St James art festival parking in a bus shop shuttle and this is referring to talk as well is provided for the festival.

So I'm just trying to understand what warrants parks involvement in an event. And, for example, St James is on a Saturday so.

You wouldn't be working on a Saturday. Would you? So, all of our parking garages.

Are 24, 7 and so they're constantly in operations and our, that's our all street operations and they, we do have staff down here, 24, 7, whether it's park staff or contracted staff.

Making sure that those operations are continually running are on street staff, which was our enforcement officers? They are Monday through Saturday and they're the 6 a m to 60 P. M. when we worked with St.

James, and we haven't done that, I think, in a couple of years now, but when we did work with them, they tart provided the shuttle. We provided the brown parking garage. garage

The cars to park in so it was 1 of our all street parking locations, and they would park their cars there. The guests would get on the shadow and talk would take them out to the.

St, James, so you don't have any involvement with, like, the special events office and they say, hey, heads up.

There's a special event, because as far as I know, and we're filling out when anyone fills out a special event in form, they have to address parking. Yeah. So, is there any communication between those 2 agencies to say, hey.

I just wanted to put it on your radar that there's going to be a big event and you might want to go out in force.

Yes, actually, we're on all of those for special events for approval, because a lot of times we have, let's say it's a run or thunder vulnerable that recently happened or any of the gala that took place downtown. Anything like that.

We may have to bag meters or sign meters for no parking during those time frames. And so we get listed on those applications. So that we are aware of it. And then, of course, we also know about during the time frames that we do enforce that. We would be out in helping with enforcement.

I think that's all my questions. I appreciate your time. Mm. Hmm.

Does anyone else have any questions or comments? Yes, councilman flood.

I just have a quick question. Hi, how are you? Good. Good.

Refresh my memory do you all control the mud lot? Or is that strictly metro level? You control it? We control the city employees park on the.

I knew the cities employees parked there, but I didn't know if it was still.

Yeah, we yeah, we own it. Thank you. You're welcome.

I like to thank officer, McKinley and Mr. tutor for banner yesterday in this discussion. If there aren't any more questions, I would safely say the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you.