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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALRIGHT.
WE WILL TAKE A SECOND SO JOE CAN TURN ON WITHOUT US BEING SILLY.
IT IS 7:01 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.
CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> PRESENT.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.
OKAY I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DO WHAT, PAUL?
>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2).
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE STRAW AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES. OKAY, SEE YOU IN A BIT.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.
WELCOME BACK, ALL.
CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> HERE.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> HERE.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.
IT IS 7:57 PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
MOTION, PLEASE.
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> ALL IN FAVOR?
>> AYE.
>> CLERK WATERS, ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT OR AGENDA PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR THAT MATTER?
>>CLERK: NO WE DO NOT.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.
I THINK WE DID RECEIVE ONE IN OUR EMAIL AND I'M SURE ALL OF OUR BOARD
HAS NOTED THAT IN THE THANK YOU TO OUR PUBLIC COMMENTERS FOR EMAILING
HIM.
WE WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THOSE AS WE CONTINUE WITH OUR NEW PROTOCOL
OF IT NEEDING TO BE PRESENT OR ZOOMING WITH YOUR CAMERA ON.
AND NO LONGER READING OUR PUBLIC COMMENT OUT LOUD.
A REGULAR AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING, AND IT IS A SPECIAL MEETING WITH
JUST ONE ITEM, A RESOLUTION - I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A
RESOLUTION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS I WILL READ AS IS
FIRST.

TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IN VILLAGE GENERAL FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> MOTION BY TRUSTEE BUCHANAN AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA. VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON, ANYTHING TO START US OFF THIS EVENING.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: YES, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE DEPUTY VILLAGE MANAGER LISA SHELLEY AND AS SHE IS GETTING READY, THIS NEW FUNDING CONSIDERATION RELATES TO PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE INDIVIDUALS REMAINING AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

WE PREVIOUSLY TALKED ABOUT THAT AS A BOARD AND WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE.

THERE MAY BE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO RECOUP THIS FUNDING IN THE FUTURE IN A NEW FISCAL YEAR SO I WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT BEFORE WE GOT STARTED AND I WILL LET LISA GO INTO A LITTLE MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT IS ACTUALLY BEING CONSIDERED HERE.

IT LISA?

>>SPEAKER: YES, THANK YOU.

AS VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON SAID, THIS REQUEST TONIGHT IS FOR AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR ANYONE JUST TO RECAP, THE STATE GRANT DOLLARS THAT WE DO HAVE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE ARE RESTRICTED TO BE USED ONLY THROUGH THE END OF JUNE THIS ALSO COINCIDES WITH THE STATES FISCAL YEAR SO WE DO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS THE REASON FOR THE RESTRICTION AND WHY WE CONTINUE TO ASK IF WE CAN HAVE FLEXIBILITY PAST THAT POINT.

WE CANNOT.

THAT IS WHY YOU DID AN ACTION LIKE THIS SIMILARLY A FEW WEEKS AGO TO THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS, BUT THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT AS NOTED, \$100,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS TO CLOSE - CLOSE OUT OR TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AT GRACE CAN BE RELOCATED BY THE CHURCH'S DEADLINE, WHICH IS THIS FRIDAY COMING UP MARCH 15.

SO AGAIN, TONIGHT THIS ITEM IS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AS VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON SAID, THERE IS POTENTIAL WITH THE STATE THAT WHEN A NEW FISCAL YEAR APPROACHES THAT THESE FUNDS FOR RENTS THAT ARE PAID PAST THE JUNE 30 FIRST DEADLINE MAY BE ABLE TO THEN BE REIMBURSED, BUT THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS REQUEST IS THIS WEEKEND THERE WERE LARGE EFFORTS TO RECEIVE BOTH PRIVATE FUNDING TO HAVE THE INDIVIDUALS AT GRACE RELOCATED AND THIS IS ASKING FOR A MATCH OF A LOT OF THOSE EFFORTS SO WE CAN ENSURE THAT THEY ARE HOUSED OR RECEIVE LEASES COMING UP THIS WEEK AND THE MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS ARE HERE AS WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, LISA.

I DID PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA, BUT WITH A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER FOLKS SO I AM NOT REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BRAINCHILD BEHIND THIS, IN FACT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHERE OUR COMMUNITY HAS REALLY COME TOGETHER AND TO SUPPORT OUR NEW NEIGHBORS AND THE MIGRANT MINISTRIES HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY, IMPRESSIVELY TO ALSO BRING DONATIONS TOGETHER TO POTENTIALLY MAKE A MATCH.

GOING TO ASK TONIGHT THAT MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE CONSIDER IN LIGHT OF THE POTENTIAL THAT OAK PARK IS GOING TO BE IN A GOOD STANDING WITH THE STATE TO CONTINUE FUNDS GOING INTO THE FUTURE, EVEN THOUGH OUR GOAL RIGHT NOW, AND WHAT THIS DOES TONIGHT IS DISCLOSES, NOT JUST FOR THE MIGRANTS AT GRACE, BUT FOR ALL OF THE MIGRANTS AT OUR SHELTERS IN OAK PARK THAT NEED FUNDING.

SO OUR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND WHEN THE BUDGET - I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE INCREASE THIS TO \$200,000 BECAUSE WE ARE HEARING THAT WE ARE MORE EASILY GOING TO SEE THOSE DOLLARS COME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AS THE NEW BUDGET IS PASSED FOR THE STATE, STILL APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK THEN PRIVATE DONORS AND THERE ARE STILL MANY OTHER REASONS WHY THE SUPPORT OF PRIVATE DONORS MAY REALLY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE THE LAST NEED FROM THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR HOUSING AND CLOSING THIS CHAPTER OF AID TO OUR MIGRANT COMMUNITY AND - SO I HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR DON HARMON AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK HIM FOR ALWAYS, ALWAYS BEING A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND MIGRANT RESPONSE IN HELPING US WITH THE FLEXIBILITY NEEDED TO WORK WITH THE STATE AND OUR STAFF HAVE LITERALLY BEEN ON THE PHONE ALMOST EVERY SINGLE DAY WITH THE STATE ALSO WORKING TO THAT SAME MEANS. WE RECEIVED SEVERAL EMAILS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ASKING TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS FLEXIBILITY.

WHAT THAT FLEX ABILITY REALLY IS IS STILL A LITTLE BIT IN QUESTION, BUT WHAT I AM SECURE ABOUT IS THAT THE PARTNERSHIP IS THERE AND THAT I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP DONOR DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THINGS THAT WE KNOW AS A COMMUNITY, AS A MUNICIPALITY THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET.

REIMBURSED FROM THE STATE AND THE USE THE WORD "REIMBURSEMENT" FOR A LACK OF REALLY - WE WILL HAVE THE AVAILABILITY, THE MECHANISM TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MONEY IF WE SO CHOOSE.

OKAY?

SO I THINK THAT IS ALL THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IN SUMMARY OF WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

TRUSTEE BUCHANAN?

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WHAT IS YOUR INDICATION THAT ADDITIONAL - THAT THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IS NEEDED?

CAN WE GET CONTEXT FOR THAT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHEN WE CAME UP - WHEN THIS MOTION WAS MADE IT WAS IN CONVERSATION WITH OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY THAT WE WERE PURSUING A MATCH, THAT THEY WOULD RAISE \$100,000 AND THAT WE WOULD COMMIT \$100,000.

SINCE THAT TIME, THAT ONE WEEK AND THIS WEEKEND IN PARTICULAR I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH SENATOR DON HARMON IN HIS OFFICE AND HE HAS STRONGLY ADVOCATED FOR US TO RECEIVE THE FLEXIBILITY.

SO \$200,000 WAS ALWAYS THE NEED, BUT NOW WE WILL HAVE POTENTIALLY THAT ACCESS - AND AGAIN, "REIMBURSED "MAY NOT BE THE WORD, BUT STILL THE ABILITY - SEEK REIMBURSEMENT.

I'M GOING TO GO WITH "REIMBURSEMENT".

MUST YOU WANT TO HELP ME.

IS THAT OKAY?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: I THINK THAT IS RIGHT.
EFFECTIVELY.

I USE THE TERM "RECOUP" THE FUNDS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THAT WE DID NOT KNOW THAT WHEN WE WERE WORKING ON THIS RELATIONSHIP OF \$100,000 FROM THE VILLAGE AND \$100,000 THROUGH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY.

NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT WE WILL SEE THIS MONEY BACK IF WE SO PURSUE IT, NOW WHY NOT LEAVE THE DONOR MONEY TO STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THINGS THAT WILL NEVER BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: WHAT WAS THE LIKELIHOOD?

DID YOU GET A SENSE OF LIKELIHOOD?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY STRONG.

VERY STRONG.

I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR DON HARMON MYSELF AND THEN OUR STAFF HAVE HAD SOME FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS, BUT I'M TAKING THE BURDEN RIGHT NOW AT THE TABLE BECAUSE - JUST LIKE ALL OF OUR OTHER BOATS, UNTIL WE HAVE THE LETTER IN OUR HAND IT IS STILL OF QUESTION, BUT THEY HAVE COME THROUGH EVERY SINGLE TIME.

THEY HAVE COME THROUGH EVERY SINGLE TIME.

>>LISA SHELLEY: I CAN JUST ADD THAT WHEN WE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE OFFICIALS AT THE STATE LEVEL, NOT SENATOR HARMON, BUT THOSE AT THE STATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THROUGH THIS GRANT OF PROGRESS, THEIR EXACT WORDS WERE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES DO NOT PASS THE STATE BUDGET, OF COURSE.

IT IS AN ACTION THAT HAS TO BE OFFICIALLY PASSED, BUT THEY ALSO DID NOT HAVE CONCERNS THAT OAK PARK WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE FUNDS THAT THEY HOPED WOULD BE IN THAT BUDGET.

SO THE EXACT WORDS WERE "NO GUARANTEE" BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT PASS THE BUDGET THEMSELVES, BUT THERE IS NO CONCERNS THAT OAK PARK

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS IF IT WAS APPROPRIATED AGAIN IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YEAH.

I MEAN, WE'RE NOT GOING TO USE ALL OF THE MONEY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED WITH THE CURRENT AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE GOT WITH THE SMASS GRANT AND THAT IS OF GREAT INCENTIVE, TOO.

SO IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PROVIDING SOME FLEXIBILITY ON HOW WE CAN USE THE FUNDS - THE DOLLAR AMOUNT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THAT INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IF SO NEEDED IS ALL WE NEED, YEAH I THINK, I DO NOT MEAN FOR THIS TO BE CONFUSING, BUT

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>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: YOU ALSO MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD PUT US IN A GOOD POSITION TO RECEIVE MORE MONEY IN THE FUTURE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME YOU SAID IT WOULD END THIS CHAPTER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, SO THE EMAILS THAT WE RECEIVED FOR FLEXIBILITY TO PAY LEASES INTO THE FUTURE, THE STATE BUDGET ENDS IN JUNE, THAT'S WHY THAT MUTATION HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE. SO OUR GOAL IS TO HOUSE ALL OF THE MIGRANTS THAT LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK RIGHT NOW AND AIM FOR THAT MARCH 15 DONE DATE AND A FEW EXTRA DAYS MAY BE NEEDED, BUT WITH THE - ALL THINGS IN MOTION, - - I'M NOT LOOKING TO REOPEN TO NEW MIGRANTS IN THIS DISCUSSION, BUT IT IS JUST THAT ANY LEASES THAT ARE PAID FOR FROM JULY 1, THEY ARE SIGNED IT NOW, BUT THAT EXTEND BEYOND JULY 1, ULTIMATELY THAT MONEY WILL BE COMING FROM THE NEXT STATE BUDGET.

OKAY?

AND SO IT WOULD BE A CARRYOVER.

DOES THAT WORK?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: NO, NO, NO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS IS WHY THIS IS A LITTLE CHALLENGING.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: IT IS OKAY, BUT I THINK IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

THE FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, AND YES, AS LISA SAID, WE HAVE GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE LAST WEEK THAT, HEY, SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET BEING APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE, THERE WERE NO CONCERNS.

SO THE MONEY WOULD - WE WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR WHAT THE NEED WAS AND WE HAVE DONE THAT AND SO THE MONEY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, RIGHT?

IN OUR PROPOSAL RELATES TO WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT FROM THE OUTSET, AT LEAST FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE FELT THE NEED TO RESPOND TO THE REMAINING INDIVIDUALS THAT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WHERE THEIR RESIDENCE IS SUBJECT TO EXPIRE ON THE 15TH, THIS FRIDAY.

THE ALTERNATIVE OBVIOUSLY THE ENTIRE TIME IS IF WE CANNOT FIND ANY PLACE FOR THEM TO GO, THAT WE WOULD BE TAKING THEM BACK TO THE LANDING ZONE.

WE FEEL LIKE IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE THAT THIS IS A GOOD SOLUTION FOR US AND WE FEEL PRETTY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOUP THE FUNDS.

>>TRUSTEE BUCHANAN: MANAGER JACKSON, YOU ARE ADDRESSING THIS ADDITIONAL \$100,000 ON TOP OF THE \$100,000 ON THE AGENDA?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: THAT THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000, I'M NOT SPEAKING TO THE INTENT ABOUT IT, BUT THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000 WOULD BE PART OF OUR PROPOSAL TO THE STATE.

IT ACTUALLY IS - A TOTAL OF 200.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE THING IS WE HAVE ACCESS TO THAT MONEY, THE DONORS DO NOT. THAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE.

>>LISA SHELLEY: WE ARE BEING PARTICULAR WITH OUR WORDS BECAUSE THE STATE IS VERY PARTICULAR AND THEY DO NOT DO CARRYOVER AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT IT IS AN APPROPRIATION OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS FUNDING IS FOR THOSE THAT WERE ORIGINALLY IN OUR CARE AT THE THREE DIFFERENT SITES AND CLOSING THAT OUT AT RAY'S, BUT WE ARE MAKING - TALKING ABOUT ALL OF THE ADDED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE AGRI'S AS WELL SO ALL THE MEN AND MOVE OUT ONCE OR LEAVE THE HOUSE AND CLOSE OUT THAT SITE.

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: SO PURSUANT TO WHAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN HAS STATED, TRUSTEE BUCHANAN AND TRUSTEE ENYIA WERE THE ORIGINATORS OF THE MOTION SO THIS CAN BE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ADD THE \$100,000 TO THE AMENDMENT THAT I ORIGINALLY DIRECTED, THE FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT BECAUSE I WAS ONLY BASED ON \$100,000 AND NOW THERE IS NEW INFORMATION THAT CAN BE AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IF IT IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND YOU CAN VOTE ON THAT AS ONE VOTE.

IT IS NOT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THEN YOU NEED AN ADDITIONAL MOTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, PAUL. AGAIN I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK ALL THAT HAVE ADVOCATED FOR THIS. I DON'T THINK IT WAS JUST MY PHONE CALL TO SENATOR DON HARMON'S OFFICE THAT WAS OVER, I THINK THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND OUR STAFF AND THE CONSISTENT ADVOCACY FOR THE NEEDS TO CLOSE THIS CHAPTER OF OUR SERVICE TO THE MIGRANT COMMUNITY THAT IS ALL THAT WE ARE REALLY SEEKING TONIGHT IS TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED ENOUGH FUNDS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CLOSE THIS CHAPTER AND THAT - NOT UNLIKE ALMOST ALL OF OUR OTHER VOTES, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE CONTRACT IN HAND WHILE WE ARE VOTING ON IT TOGETHER, BUT I AM EXTREMELY CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE STATE TO SEE ALL OF THIS MONEY BACK AND POTENTIALLY EVERY BIT THAT THE VILLAGE HAS COMMITTED OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS OR SO. SO IF THERE IS SUPPORT THEN I WOULD ASK FOR THAT FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO START.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY BEFORE I GO INTO ANY COMMENT.
SO PRESIDENT SCAMAN, YOU ARE PROPOSING THAT WE AMEND THIS TO \$200,000 AND THE REASON YOU ARE DOING THAT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE POTENTIAL ACCESS TO FUNDS THAT THE CHURCH OF CONGREGATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE OR THEIR DONORS WOULD NOT HAVE ASKED TOO, CORRECT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CORRECT.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: AWESOME.
THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO GET PAID BACK, WHEREAS THOSE DONORS WOULD NOT AND I THINK THAT IS PERFECTLY GOOD RISK.
I THINK WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST THAT STATE AND COUNTY HAVE COME THROUGH FOR US.
OKAY, AND SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, TOO, SO THIS WOULD COVER EVERYONE AT GRACE?
CORRECT?

>>LISA SHELLEY: THAT IS CORRECT.
EVERYBODY AT GRACE AND THERE ARE A FEW REMAINING FAMILIES THAT CAME OUT OF THE CARLTON HOTEL, TWO.
AGAIN, ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUALS AT ALL OF OUR SITES, IT WILL CLOSE OUT ALL OF THEM, PLUS EVERYONE AT GRACE.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I'M GOING TO ITEMIZE.
WE HAVE EVERYONE AT THE CARLTON, EVERYONE AT THE YMCA, EVERYONE AT GRACE, EVERYONE AT THE NEW STATE AND MEN'S THAT WE OPENED UP A FEW WEEKS AGO.

>>LISA SHELLEY: THERE FROM THE CARLTON AND THE YMCA WHO WERE WAITING FOR HOUSING.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: SO IF WE VOTE TO APPROVE, WE WRITE THIS CHECK WE WILL CLOSE OUR ENTIRE SHELTER SYSTEM AND WE WILL HAVE ALL OF THE MIGRANTS WHO WERE HERE AND UNDER OUR CARE WILL NOW HAVE ACCESS TO LONG-TERM - THEIR OWN APARTMENTS WITH LONG-TERM RENT, FREE PAY, CORRECT?

OKAY.

DID I MISS ANYTHING?

I DON'T THINK I MISSED ANYTHING.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO REINSTITUTE A SHELTER PROGRAM POST THIS VOTE, CORRECT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: - -

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: DID THAT CATCH EVERYONE OFF GUARD?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I MEAN THIS BOARD.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, AND LOOK, I ALREADY KNEW THE ANSWER TO THAT, JUST ESTABLISHING THIS FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE HERE THAT WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THAT THIS IS IT. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE AT HOME TO UNDERSTAND.

AND BECAUSE THIS IS IT - AND BECAUSE OF THE OUTCOME, BECAUSE OF WHERE WE ENDED UP I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL THING.

SO I SUPPORT THE \$200,000.

I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE FOLKS OVER AT GRACE BECAUSE I DID FEEL THAT WE NEEDED TO DO, GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE SURE THOSE FOLKS DID NOT END UP AT THE LZ AND BECAUSE WE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND IT TO MAKE SURE NOBODY ELSE DID.

WOULD YOU REALLY APPRECIATE STAFF COMING TOGETHER AND THIS BOARD AS WELL, IF WE PASS THIS, TO ENSURE THAT THE FOLKS OVER AT GRACE ALSO LAND IN THE SAME POSITION AS EVERYONE ELSE BECAUSE I THINK IT IS THE EQUITABLE THING TO DO.

SO I DO SUPPORT THIS, I SUPPORT THE 200, I SUPPORTED THE 100 THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA.

I THINK THAT THIS IS GREAT.

I THINK THIS IS A NEW CHAPTER FOR US AND, YEAH, YOU GOT MY VOTE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: AS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY TO RECOUP COSTS, WITH THIS ALSO INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY TO RECOUP WHAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS FROM VILLAGE FUNDS?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I'M GOING TO STEP IN BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT STAFF CAN.

I THINK SO.

I THINK SO BECAUSE BASICALLY WHAT IT IS DOING IS IT IS ALLOWING US TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH IDHS SO THAT WE HAVE THE LEVEL OF FLEXIBILITY NEEDED AND THAT FLEXIBILITY, NOW, OPENS UP WHERE THAT SAME FLEXIBILITY WAS NEEDED.

SO I THINK IT IS VERY POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE CONVERSATION IT IS LARGELY - PREVIOUSLY GIVEN THE BUDGET YEAR END, THEY COULD NOT EXTEND MONEY PAST THAT, WHICH IS WHY WE ALLOCATED VILLAGE FUNDS TO THIS RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE EFFORT PREVIOUSLY.

SO THESE NEW FUNDS, JUST LIKE THOSE PRIOR FUNDS ARE TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY AND THERE IS A HOPE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO RECOUP THAT IN THE FUTURE FROM THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE.

I THINK THAT IS A VERY GOOD OUTCOME, OBVIOUSLY FOR THE VILLAGE. IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, IT APPEARS THAT THE ENTIRETY OR NEARLY THE ENTIRE REPLY OF THE MIGRANT RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN AS A VILLAGE WOULD END UP BEING PAID FOR BY THE STATE AND THE COUNTY, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS WE TALKED ABOUT. WE TALKED ABOUT - WE HAVE TO STEP UP, STEP OUT, LEAD AND HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT FOLKS WILL COME BEHIND AND SUPPORT US AND THAT IS WHAT HAS BORNE OUT.

I DO BRIEFLY WANT TO ADDRESS JUST THE IDEA OF THIS IS "THE END OF THE END".

I HAVE NO INTENTION RIGHT NOW OF THERE BEING ANYTHING ELSE, BUT I CERTAINLY HAD NO INTENTION IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR OF THERE NEEDING TO BE A MIGRANT RESPONSE IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR WE WERE IN AN ELECTION, BOTH OF US, AND THAT WAS NOT SOMETHING ANY OF US WERE TALKING ABOUT IN THE ELECTION.

WE ELECT PEOPLE UNDERSTANDING THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO COME UP AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAD AND SUDDENLY IF THERE IS A MASSIVE TENT CITY SPRINGING UP IN COLUMBUS PARK AND THERE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE OUR NEIGHBORS WHERE THERE IS A GREAT NEED I HOPE THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY WILL STEP UP AND SO I HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION OF THERE BEING A FUTURE NEED, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IN THIS WORLD, LIKE WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CRISES HAPPEN OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND THIS VILLAGE HAS CONSISTENTLY FOUND A WAY TO MEET THOSE CRISES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE, THE COUNTY, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE CRISES THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP AND MEET.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THAT RESPONSE WILL LOOK LIKE AND I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THOSE CRISES WILL LOOK LIKE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE A UNILATERAL PLEDGE OF THERE WILL BE NO MORE NEEDS FOR US STANDING UP SHELTERS BECAUSE THERE VERY WELL COULD BE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MY ADVOCACY HAS BEEN SINCE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS THAT WORKING TOWARDS RESETTLEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IS CHEAPER THAN EXTENDED EMERGENCY SHELTER SITUATIONS.

THE NEED FOR THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS A MUST.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED AS A COMMUNITY THAT WE CAN NOW SHARE WITH THE STATE AND WITH THE COUNTY TO HOPEFULLY HELP OUR GREATER REGION BE SUCCESSFUL AS WE MOVE FORWARD, BUT I'VE ALSO ADVOCATED THAT IF WE CAN CREATE A FRAMEWORK THAT ALLOWS FOR A COMMUNITY MODEL TO BE LIFTED AND FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE DOLLARS NOT ALWAYS HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY THAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO KIND OF MORE BROADLY RESPOND HERE AND SO I WILL JUST SHARE THAT LITTLE BIT AND SAY THAT I THINK IT IS VERY NEEDED FOR ALL OF US - MAYBE I WILL STICK TO MYSELF AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENGAGED, TO BE DONE WITH THIS CHAPTER.

I AM ALWAYS GOING TO WANT TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE I REFLECT UPON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED AND THEY SHARE THAT INFORMATION FORWARD.

AS WELL AS MAYBE THINGS THAT WE CAN REFLECT ON FOR OUR OWN GROWTH AND SUPPORT OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND I THINK WE HAVE SAID THAT FROM THE BEGINNING AND AS WE WORK TO SUPPORT THE MEN AT GRACE BECAUSE WE WANT TO HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPONSE FOR EVERY MIGRANT IN OUR CARE, WE ALSO WANT TO SEE THAT SAME LEVEL OF RESPONSE FOR OUR OWN RESIDENCE AND MEETING THEIR NEEDS.

ANY OTHER FURTHER COMMENTS?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: JUST SAME, WANT TO ECHO THE AMOUNT OF THANKS FOR COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS STEPPING UP, SO BIG.

ESPECIALLY ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH OUR VILLAGE STAFF TO RESPOND TO THIS CRISIS IN A WAY THAT I DON'T THINK MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES WOULD STAND UP FOR AND WE SAW OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT TURNED PEOPLE AWAY.

SO I REALLY APPLAUD ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO THIS, THE HEART, THE EMPATHY, THE HUMANIZATION OF THIS CRISIS WE ARE DEALING WITH AN UNDERSTANDING IS NOT THE EASIEST THING TO DO, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LITTLE FAITH SOMETIMES AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF WHAT EVERYONE HAS DONE, AND THANKS SO MUCH TO, YOU KNOW, LIKE PRESIDENT SCAMAN WAS SAYING, TO PEOPLE LIKE SENATOR HARMON, LIKE ERIC COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT, TONY (NAME?), SO MANY PEOPLE THAT CONTINUE TO TRY TO WORK WITH US TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN WITH OUR LEADERSHIP.

THAT IS REALLY ALL OF YOU ENTERING THE CALL AND IT MEANS A LOT TO SO MANY PEOPLE, NOT JUST THE MIGRANTS HERE, BUT OTHERS THAT ARE STILL ON THEIR JOURNEYS AND FIGURING OUT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT DO TRULY CARE AND IT IS A LOT, I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO EMOTIONALLY POURED A LOT INTO THIS AND I'M REALLY GRATEFUL THAT THEY WILL START TO HEAL AS WELL THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

I THANK EVERYONE FOR THIS MICAH SAID, IT IS A CREDIT TO THIS WHOLE BOARD.

EVERYBODY HAVING THEIR INPUT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT THIS RIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SENATE PRESIDENT, DON HARMON AND PRESIDENT (NAME?), COOK COUNTY BOARD, AND OUR STAFF HAVE WORKED TO MAKE US SUCCESSFUL WITH OUR COMMUNITY HAVING OUR BACK AND LEADING THE WAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

OKAY.

ARE WE ALL RIGHT WITH A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: WE NEED - THE TRUSTEE THAT MADE THE MOTION AND THE TRUSTEE THAT MADE THE SECOND TO FORM THE LEAD.

>> I PROPOSE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FROM \$100,000-\$200,000.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE SECOND?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I SECOND THE FAMILY MIMICKED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

THANK YOU TO JACK CROW WITH MIGRANT MINISTRIES IS IN THE AUDIENCE AS WELL, AS WELL AS PASTOR (NAME?) AND HERE IS A UNITED FRONT, WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE WITH HOW WE ARE ENDING THIS CHAPTER WITH THE COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS AND THE TASK FORCE AND OUR STAFF.
MOTION TO ADJOURN?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

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