

MY
NAME IS MICHAEL FLAHERTY, ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS JOINED
TODAY BY MY COLLEAGUES ED FLYNN,
AND WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS
DOCKET 0663, AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON
CODE, ORDINANCES CHAPTER --
MULTIPLE CHAPTERS, 6, 7, 16, 18,
CONCERNING LICENSING AND
REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CONTROL
UNITS FOR INSPECTIONAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT.
THIS IS SPONSORED BY 00 OUR
MAYOR MARTIN WALSH AND REFERRED
TO OUR OPERATIONS ON APRIL 24,
2019 THERE IS NOT THE FIRST TIME
THAT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
UNIT HAS BEEN MOVED IN 2014, THE
ANIMAL CARE, ANIMAL CARE AND
CONTROL UNIT WAS MOVED FROM
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OVER TO
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES.
WITH US HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF
THE ADMINISTRATION WE HAVE THE
CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND
OPEN SPACE, COMMISSIONER PARKS
AND RECREATION, CHRIS COOK AND
NICOLE COAL, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AT THE RECS DEPARTMENT.
>> IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS IN
ANIMAL CONTROL I WILL -- WE BE
WILL GET INTO RIGHT IT INTO.
WHY IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE TO
GO FROM NOW INSPECTIONAL
SERVICES OVER TO PARKS AND RECS,
AS I MENTIONED INITIALLY IT WENT
FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TO
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, THAT MADE
PERFECT SENSE SO I AM SURE THIS
MAKES PERFECT SENSE AS WELL SOY
WILL DEFER TO THE CHIEF TO GIVE
US HIS EXPLANATION AS TO WHY
THIS ORDINANCE IS IMPORTANT.
>> THAT'S RIGHT.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
AND THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
AND I PROMISE THIS TIME WE THINK
WE ARE GOING TO GET IT RIGHT.

SO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND THE IMPORTANT WORD IN THERE IS ANIMAL CARE, THAT IS WHAT WAS ADDED.

WE SEE A LOT OF THE WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE IN THE PUBLIC LANDS SO WE DO THINK WE ARE THE RIGHT AGENCY TO ACTUALLY ABSORB THIS CITY AND FOR A LOT OF REGULATORY REASONS, A LOT OF THE CONFLICT, WHETHER IT IS OFF LEASH DOGS OR IF IT IS -- OR WILDLIFE SUCH AS GEESSE, AND COYOTES, THEY ACTUALLY OCCUR ON OUR PROPERTIES, AND SO IT RUNS INTO THE EXISTING CITY ORDINANCES AND RULES REGULATING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, IN ADDITION, WITH THE MISSION OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEING SO SPECIFIC AND WITH THE MISSION BEING FOCUSED ON ENGAGING PEOPLE IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF OUR WILDLIFE IN THE CITY, WE DO THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT PARKS AND RECREATION THROUGH ALL OF ITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS CAN ACTUALLY GET PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BEHIND ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.

SO WE THINK NOT ONLY MAKES SENSE FROM A REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE BUT WE REALLY THINK IT MAKES SENSE FROM AN EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO ABSORB IT INTO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

WE ALREADY ENJOY A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY, THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DIVISION.

WE WORK WITH THEM ON ALMOST A DAILY BASIS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEIR TIME IS ACTUALLY SPENT TYPICALLY ON OUR PROPERTIESABLE, OR ON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CITY STREETS.

THAT BEING SAID, WE DO SEE THE ISSUE BEFORE YOU TODAY AS SORT

OF A FORMALITY AS WE APPROACH AMENDING THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, A LOT OF THE LANGUAGE YOU WILL SEE JUST STRIKES THE TERM INSPECTIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND REPLACES PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THEN I JUST DO WANT TO FLAG WITH THE TRANSFER OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, THE REVOLVING FUND ASSOCIATED WITH ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL WOULD ALSO BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN, AND OF COURSE THAT WOULD GO THROUGH ALL OF THE AUSPICES AND OVERSIGHT OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT ALL REINVOLVING FUNDS IN THE CITY GO THROUGH.

SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION.

I AM JOINED BY OUR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, NICOLE DU HAMILL AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

>> FOR THE RECORD, 16-1 .119, DOG REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE THAT NEEDS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED WITH RESPECT TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND POSITIONS.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> SO I WILL JUST READ THAT, IF THAT IS ALL RIGHT.

>> PLEASE.

>> THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO YOU. SO WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THIS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CLARIFIES SECTION 4 OF THE ORDINANCE, MAKING CLEAR THAT ALL CURRENTLY EXISTING POSITIONS IN THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL UNIT IN INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE SAME POSITIONS IN THE UNIT IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, THE ORDER TANS ONLY TRANSFERS THOSE POSITIONS EXPLICITLY REFERENCED IN THE CODE, WHICH DOES NOT REFLECT THE ENTIRE MAKE-UP OF THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL UNIT.

AND NICOLE CORRECT ME, I THINK

THERE ARE 18 POSITIONS OVERALL.
AND SO WE ARE NOT REMOVING ANY
OF THE MISSION CRITICAL
POSITIONS FROM THE INSPECTIONAL
SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

THESE ARE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANIMAL CARE
AND CONTROL.

>> AND, CHIEF, ANY FACTORS THAT
DROVE THE POSITION TO MOVE THE
ANIMAL CARE, 311 CALLS,
COMPLAINTS?

JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES?

>> SO AND I AM NOT PLAYING
FAVORITES BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO
SOUTH BOSTON RESIDENTS IN FRONT
OF ME BUT AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE
MEDAL OF HONOR PARK THERE IS
INCREASING FRUSTRATION AMONG
CONSTITUENT THAT THEY HAVE TO
REACH OUT TO TWO DIFFERENT
DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE A COMMUNITY
MEETING ABOUT OFF LEASH DOGS IN
THE PARK AND THEN THEY WOULD
HAVE TO HAVE COORDINATIONS
BETWEEN PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE
ISD AND HAVE ANIMAL CARE AND
CONTROL, NOW WE THINK WE CAN
ACTUALLY DEPLOY THEM CITY WIDE
IN A WAY THAT MAKES SENSE THAT
IS BEING DRIVEN BY THE 311
CALLS.

THAT IS JUST A SMALL EXAMPLE OF
IT BUT I ALSO THINK THE OTHER
IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THAT PARKS
AND RECREATION'S DEPARTMENT, WE
HAVE SO MANY MORE RESOURCES AS
FAR AS OUTREACH OF GETTING
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS INTO THE
HANDS OF OUR RESIDENT, WHETHER
IT IS OUR COFFEE HOURS OR 300,
400 DIFFERENT FREE PROGRAMS WE
RUN THROUGH THE ARTS AND
CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

IT IS VERY EASY FOR US TO JUST
ALSO HAVE ANIMAL CARE AND
CONTROL OFFICERS ON HAND AT SOME
OF THOSE EVENTS TO START
EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT
THINGS THAT THEY CAN DO ABOUT
ENGAGING WITH WILDLIFE.

I WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR THAT
THIS IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM, YOU
KNOW, PEST CONTROL AND RAT

CONTROL.

THAT'S GOING TO REMAIN IN THE OFFICES THAT IT IS IN.

>> AND THIS MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF MY NEXT QUESTION. THOSE ARE COMPLAINTS I GET REGULARLY ACROSS THE CITY, THE DOG IS OFF THE LEASH AND POKES ARE CALLED TO CALL 311 WE DO AND WE GET A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF 311 CALLS BE BUT BY THE TIME, YOU KNOW, SOMEONE IS DISPATCHED, THE DOG HAS ALREADY GONE TO THE BATHROOM, THE PERSON IS ALREADY HOME AND SO WE KIND OF MISS IT SO I AM HOPING THAT MAYBE THE TRANSFER TO AMENDMENT CARE AND CONTROL TO PARKS WOULD MAYBE HELP IMPROVE THE RESPONSE TIME SO WE CAN ACTUALLY KIND OF CATCH THE PERSON -- WITHOUT THE LEASH

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>> I THINK SO.

ONE OF THE ASPECTS THAT WE HAVE THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY MEETING PROCESS AND JUST OUR ENGAGING WITH THE FRIENDS GROUPS AT THESE DIFFERENT PARKS IS THEY ACTUALLY START TO RECOGNIZE THE BEHAVIOR, SO I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF FOUND FIELD AND ROSLINDALE, WHERE WE DID HAVE AN ISSUE WITH OFF LEASH DOGS AND WE STILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ISSUE WITH OFF LEASH DOGS ON THE BASEBALL FIELD.

WE WERE AT THAT TIME ABLE TO COORDINATE WITH ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, BECAUSE YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

BY THE TIME ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL THEORETICALLY RESPONDS TO A 311 CALL, THEY MAY BE RESPONDING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, AND NO ONE IS WALKING THE DOG.

IF WE WORK CLOSE I WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE FRIENDS GROUP OF THOSE PARKS, DOG WALKERS TEND TO BE HABITUAL AND THEY TEND TO COME AND WALK TEAR DOGS OR -- OR HAVE THEIR DOGS OFF LEASH AT CERTAIN TIMES. WE DO THINK THERE IS AN

OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE
BETWEEN THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SO IT IS
A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH.

>> GREAT.

AND THEN TOO, NICOLE, OBVIOUSLY
ON THE FINANCE SIDE WILL THE
TRANSFER, WILL WE RECOGNIZE ANY
COST SAVINGS AT ALL AS CHIEF
JUST MENTIONED WE MAY HAVE SOME
NEW INITIATIVES AND MAY HAVE
SOME NEW PROGRAMMING,
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE FRIENDS
GROUPS IN ORDER TO TRY TO REIN
IN THE ISSUE AROUND DOGS OFF THE
LEASH IN PARKS, BUT THE 18 BEING
TRANSFERRED FROM ISD TO PARKS,
ANY COST SAVINGS JUMP TO MIND
OTHER THAN JUST THE INITIAL
MAYBE MORE EFFICIENT AND
SOMETIMES SAVINGS BUT --

>> HOPING ONE POTENTIAL MIGHT BE
ACTUALLY NOT SAVINGS WITH THE
ANIMAL CONTROL BUT SAVINGS WITH
THE RANGER HORSES, WE ARE HOPING
BY BUNDLING OUR ORDERS OF THE
ANIMAL SURPRISE THAT NOW WE WILL
HAVE THE ANIMAL CONTROL SUPPLIES
AS WELL AS THE HORSE SUPPLIES SO
WE ARE HOPING TO SEE A SAVINGS
THERE BUT WE ARE NOT SURE YET.

>> THAT WOULD BE ONE TO WATCH IN
TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD IF THAT
COMES TO FRUITION ON THAT SIDE
OR FROM THE EFFICIENCY
STANDPOINT MAYBE WE WILL
RECOGNIZE SOME OF THAT.

DOES THE FUTURE EFFICIENCY,
COUNCILOR WHICH IS THE BUILDING
ITSELF, THE ANIMAL SHELTER, IN
ROSLINDALE IS PROBABLY NEARING
THE END OF TITS LIFE CYCLE SO I
THINK AS WE ARE LOOKING AT THE
FRANKLIN PARK MASTER PLAN IS
THERE A WAY 0 TO INCORPORATE
THAT SO IF WE ARE TAKING CARE OF
HORSES ALREADY IS THERE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD OUT
SHELTERS AS PART OF THE
FACILITY?

OR IS IT BETTER TO RENOVATE IT
IN ITS EXISTING LOCATION?
BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS IN A FAIRLY
AWKWARD PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO

ACCESS.

>> COUNCILOR ED FLYNN, ANY
QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
THANK YOU TO THE PANELISTS FOR
BEING HERE.

OF COURSE, I WAS WORKING ON THE
LAST YEAR AND A HALF WORKING
WITH CHRIS OSGOOD ON AN ISSUE AS
IT RELATES TO DOGS BUT IT WAS
STRAY VOLTAGE ISSUES THAT
SEVERAL DOGS HAVE BEEN
ELECTROCUTED OVER THE LAST 10,
15 YEARS OR SO.

MOSTLY DURING THE WINTERTIME,
OFTEN STEPPING ON MANHOLE COVERS
AND ELECTRICITY, BUILDING UP
FROM THE GROUND.

SO WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE ANOTHER
MEETING OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF
MONTHS AS WE -- AS WE HEAD
TOWARD THE SUMMER AND PREPARE
FOR WINTER, BUT IS THIS AN ISSUE
THAT YOU WOULD WORK WITH US ON,
ESPECIALLY ON LIKE A PUBLIC
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN?

>> NO.

I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY
IMPORTANT.

THERE ARE TWO THINGS.

I AM SURE CHIEF OSGOOD EXPLAINED
THERE TO YOU AD NAUSEAM THAT
UNFORTUNATELY SOME OF OUR LEVERS
OF CONTROL ARE REALLY CONTROLLED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
UTILITY.

THAT BEING SAID -- THEY SEEM
VERY COMMITTED TO PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT ON VERY SPECIFIC
ISSUES.

SOME OF THE ISSUES THEY HAVE IS
THE PREDATORY PRACTICES OF THIRD
PARTY ENERGY SUPPLIERS, AND SO I
AM SURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED
COMPLAINTS FROM SOME OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS ABOUT PEOPLE
KNOCKING ON THE DOOR ASKING THEM
TO LOOK AT THEIR ELECTRICITY
BILLS AND ITEMS LIKE THAT.

WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO
COMMUNITY ENGAGE. ON SOME OF
THOSE OTHER ISSUES I WONDER IF
WE COULD ALSO EXTRACT A

COMMITMENT FROM EVER SOURCE IN PART FOR THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THAT THEY PROVIDE THE CITY, GRID AS WELL.

TO TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THAT.

I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THAT, THOUGH .. TO SEE WHAT LEVERS OF CONTROL WE COULD HAVE IN SOME OF THE CONVERSATION AND WE DO HAVE SOME PRETTY COMPLICATED CONTRACTUAL CONVERSATIONS UPCOMING WITH EVER SOURCE, ESPECIALLY AROUND COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY AND OTHER ITEMS.

SO WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE AND ALSO TALK ABOUT THOSE ISSUES.

>> WE DO HAVE AN UPCOMING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THAT IS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH EVER SOURCE ON RELATED ITEMS, AND SO WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ENGAGE ON THAT ITEM AS WELL, BECAUSE IT IS INCREDIBLY UPSETTING NOT ONLY TO THE OWNER BUT TO COMMUNITY WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

AND THEN OF COURSE THE FEAR IS THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD RESULT IN A HUMAN FATALITY, YOU KNOW, I DO THINK IT CREATES A SENSE OF PANIC IN THE COMMUNITY THAT, YOU KNOW, A SMALL CHILD COULD BE HURT.

>> THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

WE HAVE -- I THINK WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF ON THIS ISSUE SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS. AND JUST ONE FINAL QUESTION. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN WHERE YOU CAN HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THAT OWN A DOG WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET -- I KNOW THE CITY DOES HAVE A VACCINATION PLAN WHERE DOGS, WHERE THEY CAN BRING THEIR DOG TO GET VARIOUS SHOTS. IT SEEMS LIKE IT WORKS WELL BUT DO YOU HAVE A PLAN THAT TYPE OF PLAN WILL CONTINUE IN THE CITY?

>> IT WILL.

AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE.
I HAVE TO SAY THE DIRECTOR OF
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, KENNEDY
IS ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE
PUBLIC SERVANTS I HAVE EVER MET
AND SHE HAS BEEN VERY, VERY
AGGRESSIVE ABOUT REMOVING
BARRIERS TO LICENSING AND ALSO
VACCINATIONS.

AND SO SHE HAS BEEN TRAVELING
MOSTLY TO BCYF COMMUNITY CENTERS
TO OFFER THESE CLINICS AND
LICENSING CLINICS AND JUST HAVE
BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY
3 IS DOING THIS IN IN A VERY
DYNAMIC URBAN ENVIRONMENT.
IT IS OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT
BECAUSE THE HEALTHIER OUR
RESIDENTS DOGS ARE THE LESS
LIKELY IT IS THEY ARE GOING TO
SPREAD DISEASE THROUGHOUT THE
POPULATION.

SO WE ARE COMMITTED TO
CONTINUING THAT.

I WILL SAY THAT THERE ARE SOME
BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS ABOUT HOW
FAR WE CAN EXPAND THAT ACTIVITY,
BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BALANCE
OF THE PROBLEM, IF WE DIDN'T
OFFER THOSE FREE CLINICS AS
OPPOSED TO THE REVENUE WE WOULD
RECEIVE IF EVERYONE WHO IS
SHOWING UP WAS ACTUALLY PAYING A
FULL FEE, I THINK THE PUBLIC
HEALTH BENEFITS FAR OUTWEIGH THE
RELATIVELY SMALL MONEY WE WOULD
HAVE COMING INTO THE REVOLVING
FUND, SO WE ARE COMMITTED TO IT
BECAUSE I ACTUALLY THINK IT
SAVES US MONEY ON THE OTHER END.

I AGREE -- I WAS AT ONE OF THE
CLINIC THINGS AT THE POND AND,
LYNN SCHOOL LAST YEAR AND IT WAS
A GREAT TURNOUT FOR IT AND IT
WORKED WELL.

IT WAS WELL ORGANIZED.

WELL PLANNED.

SO IT WENT OVER.

IT WAS VERY HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY
TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
THE GROUP THAT ORGANIZED THE
ANIMAL CONTROL.

I BELIEVE IT WAS AMANDA.

>> YES.

DEFINITELY.

AND I DO THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR MORE.

WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE DO IT.

>> EXCELLENT.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOUR TEAM, CHRIS, FOR TAKING THIS INITIATIVE ON.

I THINK IT MAKES SENSE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

AND REAL-TIME QUESTIONS ARE COMING INTO MY OFFICE FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE QUESTION IS.

HOW WILL THE TRANSFER IMPACT PET ADOPTION PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPERATED BY ANIMAL CONTROL?

>> SURE.

SO IT WON'T IMPACT IT AT ALL RIGHT AWAY.

WHAT I WILL SAY IS THAT WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DIDN'T LOOK AT THE TRANSFER AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY ARE WE ACTUALLY ACHIEVING BEST PRACTICES? AND, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT I WOULD FLAG IS .. JUST THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PUBLIC TO GET TO THE MOELLER ROAD ANIMAL SHELTER ITSELF IS A FAIRLY COMPLICATED SITE TO GET TO. IT IS A BIT OF A WALK FROM FOREST HILLS. THERE IS NOT A LOT OF PUBLIC PARKING AROUND THE SHELTER.

SO ARE THERE ADOPTION CLINICS THAT THE CITY COULD RUN WHERE WE ACTUALLY IN ADDITION TO THESE VACCINATIONS AND -- COULD WE BRING THESE DOGS AND CATS TO OTHER LOCATION TO MAYBE ENGAGE WITH ANOTHER POPULATION THAT IS ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN PET OWNERSHIP?

BUT THEN AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL PROCESS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT, WE WILL BE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH DIRECTOR KENNEDY TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT ANY REFORMS.

I KNOW SHE IS VERY COMMITTED TO HAVING THE MOST PROGRESSIVE ANIMAL CARE CONTROL UNIT IN THE COUNTRY.

AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING HER RECOMMENDATIONS.

>> AND THE QUESTION WAS, THEY ARE EXCITED TO SEE ANIMAL CONTROL GOING TO PARKS.

WILL THAT RESULT IN MORE DOG PARKS?

>> AND ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL DOG PARKS IN THE CITY?

>> SURE.

WE DO HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL THERE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE GOOD STORY THAT WE TELL STILL DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE WAY BEHIND THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN DOG PARKS.

WE HAD SOME VERY WELL INTENTIONED ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT REQUIRED A FRIENDS GROUP TO HELP PAY FOR THE OFF LEASH DOG PARK AND HELP MAINTAIN IT.

IT WAS VERY WELL INTENTIONED BECAUSE IT IS THE TIME THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WAS UNCLEAR HOW THEY WERE GOING TO FUND DOG PARKS IN THE CITY.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO, THOUGH, IS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCORPORATE THAT INTO OUR OFFICIAL OPERATING BUDGET, AND SO WE DO HAVE NEW DOG PARK HAPPENING AT DARBY PARK AND DORCHESTER DOWN AROUND DORCHESTER AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE RECENTLY OPENED THE FILIPPO DOG PARK IN THE NORTH END, I WOULD SAY THE GENERAL, AFTER A CERTAIN ACREAGE IF THERE IS A LARGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, WE SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE AN OFF LEASH DOG AREA IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

AND THAT JUST NEEDS TO BE PART OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE REDESIGN.

>> VERY GOOD.

IS THERE THERE ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE OF US?

WE WILL TRY TO GET THE COMMUNITY

REPORT TURNED AROUND PRETTY QUICKLY?

NO.

WE JUST APPRECIATE YOUR COORDINATION WITH THIS.

>> WITH DOCKET 663, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE SPECIFICALLY ORDINANCE, ORDER 0 NANCES IN CHAPTER SIX, 7, 16 AND 18 CONCERNED CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS AND THE TRANSFER OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL UNIT FROM INSPECTIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECS DEPARTMENT, THIS IS ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU FOR THE WORK.

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS YOU PUT IN AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE AND HOPEFULLY THE COUNCIL WILL GET IT TURNED AROUND QUICKLY SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.