

BEFORE THE HUNTSVILLE POLICE CITIZENS
ADVISORY COUNCIL

VIDEO-CONFERENCE INTERVIEW

OF

JERRY BURNET

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4 MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

5 Ms. Victoria Guerrieri, Chair

6 Mr. W.J. Love, Co-Chair

7 Ms. Shelly McCulley

8 Mr. David Little

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Ms. Susan Harper, White-Collar

12 Specialist Paralegal with Lightfoot,

13 Franklin & White

14 Ms. Diana Williams, Court Reporter

15 with Birmingham Reporting

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1 I, Diana B. Williams, a Certified
2 Shorthand Reporter of Birmingham, Alabama,
3 and a Notary Public for the State of
4 Alabama at Large, acting as Commissioner,
5 certify that on this date, there came
6 before me VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE, commencing
7 at approximately 2:00 p.m. on February 4,
8 2021, JERRY BURNET, for oral examination,
9 whereupon the following proceedings were
10 had:

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12 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Well,
13 first of all, I want to thank Mr. Burnet
14 for coming and speaking with us today on
15 this interview by Zoom. We appreciate your
16 time very much.

17 I will go ahead and call roll.
18 I don't know -- I know David is coming in
19 at 2:30. He had a prior work engagement.

20 So let me call roll. Is Willie
21 Love here?

22 MR. LOVE: Yes, here.

23 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Thank

1 you, Willie.

2 John Olshefski?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. GUERRIERI: John Reitzell?

5 (No response.)

6 MS. GUERRIERI: Ruben Flores?

7 (No response.)

8 MS. GUERRIERI: David is coming

9 in at 2:30.

10 Gregory Bentley?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. GUERRIERI: Jonathan Rossow,

13 he cannot make any of the two today due to

14 work commitments.

15 Shelly, I know you are here.

16 MS. MCCULLEY: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. GUERRIERI: And Wiley Day?

18 (No response.)

19 MS. GUERRIERI: They might be

20 coming in a little bit later on, but we

21 will go ahead and get started since it's

22 two o'clock.

23 And at this point, I will hand

1 the meeting over to Liz. And thank you
2 very much.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Great.
4 First of all, Mr. Burnet, let me thank you
5 for -- thank you for your time. Can you
6 hear me okay? I see you leaning. Is that
7 better?

8 MR. BURNET: Well, I have a
9 problem with hearing anyway, you know, but
10 it sounds like you are talking in a -- you
11 are down in a -- in a -- in a hole talking.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Well, I am
13 getting closer to the microphone. Is that
14 better?

15 MR. BURNET: That's much
16 better -- somewhat better.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Great.
18 Okay. I was a little far away. I was
19 being a little camera-shy.

20 So you and I have already
21 talked, and you voluntarily agreed to allow
22 us to interview you regarding the protest
23 that occurred back in June in the city of

1 Huntsville.

2 And first of all, let me say
3 thank you for that. Thank you for giving
4 us your time today to talk with us so that
5 we can understand those events and the --
6 and as attorneys for the CAC help them do
7 their job of investigating the facts and
8 what happened surrounding those events in
9 June.

10 And you're a pretty key part of
11 that since one of the protests, your name
12 is on the permit for one of the protests.
13 So there is no way we can investigate the
14 facts without talking to you.

15 With that said, I'm going to
16 start with some little introductory stuff
17 that we do when we have an interview so we
18 can learn a little bit about the person we
19 are taking the interview from. And I'm
20 going to ask you a request, if you will
21 honor it to not discuss this interview with
22 anyone. I mean, it's okay to say that
23 you've been interviewed by us. We want

1 people to know that the CAC is working and
2 investigating.

3 But because we are going to talk
4 to other people, you know, we prefer that
5 whoever we do talk to, they keep it between
6 us and -- and -- so that we can finish out
7 this investigation.

8 MR. BURNET: Okay.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: So we respectfully
10 request that you will do that.

11 So just for the record, will you
12 state your full name.

13 MR. BURNET: Okay. My full name
14 is Jerry Lee Burnet.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

16 MR. BURNET: Burnet with one
17 "t."

18 MS. HUNTLEY: With one "t."

19 (Reporter clarification.)

20 THE WITNESS: Jerry, J-e-r-r-y.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: And, Jerry, that
22 was the court reporter taking down the
23 statements for us. And so it will be

1 helpful, just so you know -- and I don't
2 anticipate this happening, but if we could
3 talk one at a time. So as she's taking
4 things down, she can understand what
5 everyone is saying.

6 MR. BURNET: Okay.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: So, Mr. Burnet,
8 are you married? Do you have a spouse
9 there in Huntsville?

10 MR. BURNET: I have a wife, yes.
11 I'm married. I've been married for some
12 20 years plus.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: 20-plus years?

14 MR. BURNET: 20 years. I just
15 married in -- we got married in 2000. So,
16 you know.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

18 MR. BURNET: About 21 years.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: You've passed the
20 20 mark. That's awesome. Congratulations.

21 And does she -- what is her
22 name?

23 MR. BURNET: My wife's name is

1 Bernice.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Bernice
3 Burnet?

4 MR. BURNET: Bernice Burnet.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: And do you-all
6 have any children between the two of you?

7 MR. BURNET: We don't have any
8 children.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And do you
10 have any children?

11 MR. BURNET: I have a daughter.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: And does she live
13 in Huntsville?

14 MR. BURNET: She's not in
15 Huntsville. She lives in Morgan County
16 near Decatur. Trinity is where she lives
17 at.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And what is
19 her name?

20 MR. BURNET: Her name is
21 Latonya.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Is it
23 Latonya Burnet?

1 MR. BURNET: No. She's -- I'm
2 sorry you asked that.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: That's okay.

4 MR. BURNET: She's been married
5 -- she's been married for some time. Gosh,
6 I can't even think of my daughter's
7 husband's name.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: That's fine. It
9 will come to you later, and you can tell
10 me. That will be fine. Or you can shoot
11 it to me by email.

12 And where do you live, Mr.
13 Burnet? What is your address?

14 MR. BURNET: I live at [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED].

16 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Great. And
17 what was the last part?

18 MR. BURNET: [REDACTED].
19 That's [REDACTED].

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Great. And do you
21 have any other family members there in
22 Huntsville in Madison County other than
23 you, your wife, your daughter that lives

1 over near Decatur?

2 MR. BURNET: You are going to
3 have to repeat that.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: I said, Do you
5 have any other family members that live in
6 the Huntsville area?

7 MR. BURNET: I have a lot of
8 family. I'm originally from Huntsville.
9 So my entire family is basically here.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Got you. That
11 makes sense.

12 Do you have any family members
13 that work in law enforcement or Huntsville
14 PD or Madison City or the sheriff's office?

15 MR. BURNET: Not to my
16 knowledge.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And what
18 about your education and training
19 Mr. Burnet?

20 MR. BURNET: Any what now?

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Your education.
22 What high school did you graduate from in
23 Huntsville?

1 MR. BURNET: Yeah. Well, I'm a
2 -- I went to county schools here in Madison
3 County and Great Tech. And I graduated
4 from Great Tech in -- I can't remember what
5 year. I think it was -- it was probably
6 about '80, somewhere about.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Well,
8 great. So -- and I have to ask you this
9 just because we have to know. Do you have
10 a criminal record? Have you ever been
11 arrested?

12 MR. BURNET: Have I ever been
13 arrested?

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

15 MR. BURNET: You mean in my
16 lifetime?

17 MS. HUNTLEY: In your lifetime.

18 MR. BURNET: I'm sure I have.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Fair enough. And
20 what about church, community, civic
21 organizations? I know we will get into the
22 NAACP. But do you belong to a local church
23 in Huntsville?

1 MR. BURNET: I'm a member of
2 St. Bartlett Primitive Baptist Church.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: What was that
4 church again?

5 MR. BURNET: St. Bartlett.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And are you
7 currently employed?

8 MR. BURNET: No, I'm not.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Are you
10 retired?

11 MR. BURNET: Yes. I retired in
12 '09.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: And what did you
14 do? What did you retire from?

15 MR. BURNET: I used to be a part
16 of -- used to make rocket motors. I
17 retired from Thiokol.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: From what -- what
19 is the name of the company?

20 MR. BURNET: T-h-i-o-k-o-l,
21 Thiokol.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And you
23 used to make rocket motors?

1 MR. BURNET: Made -- made rocket
2 motors.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: That's --

4 MR. BURNET: We didn't make that
5 one that blew up either.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Well, let's
7 get that on the record.

8 MS. GUERRIERI: That needs to be
9 on the record.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Well, that's a
11 pretty interesting job to have. That
12 was -- that must have been a lot of fun.

13 So have you ever been involved
14 in any lawsuits with the City or with the
15 police department or anything?

16 MR. BURNET: No, I haven't.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. All right.
18 Well, those were just a couple of little
19 background things we know. And then we
20 will get to the heart of the -- and we
21 asked to speak to you mainly connected to
22 your position with the NAACP.

23 So can you tell me about your

1 history with the NAACP and what role you
2 had with them this past summer?

3 MR. BURNET: Oh, I have been --
4 my history with the NAACP goes back
5 20 years -- a little bit beyond 20 years.
6 And, you know, I've served in a number of
7 different capacities, you know, on the --
8 both on the state and the local level.

9 And last summer I was the
10 president of the local branch here in
11 Madison County.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And how
13 long had you had that title as president of
14 the Madison County branch last summer?

15 MR. BURNET: Well, every two
16 years -- we have an election every two
17 years. So at the time the rally was
18 taking place, I was probably president for
19 about -- probably a year into my term.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: And are you still
21 president now? Are you completing that
22 two-year term?

23 MR. BURNET: No. I haven't been

1 president since the first of the year.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So your
3 term ended in December?

4 MR. BURNET: Ended December 31.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And who is
6 the president now of the local chapter?

7 MR. BURNET: Yolanda. Her name
8 is Yolanda Caudle.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And was she
10 an officer at the time in June during the
11 time of the protest?

12 MR. BURNET: I think she was the
13 political -- wait. Wait. Yeah, she was an
14 officer. Well, she was a committee
15 chairperson.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

17 MR. BURNET: Membership. She
18 was the membership chairperson.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: And was she
20 involved with the -- the June 3rd protest?

21 MR. BURNET: I don't remember
22 seeing her at the -- I don't -- I'm not
23 sure if she was there at that rally.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: And who was your
2 vice president in June?

3 MR. BURNET: That was -- at the
4 time it was Mary -- Mary Jones-Moore was
5 the vice president.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: And was she
7 involved with the protest?

8 MR. BURNET: She -- wait, now.
9 You are getting the protest involved with
10 the rally. We didn't have nothing to do
11 with the protest.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Well, I
13 will characterize it as a rally.

14 MR. BURNET: Yes.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: That's fine. I
16 apologize for that. So the rally, was she
17 involved with the rally?

18 MR. BURNET: She was at the
19 rally.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. All right.
21 And so that -- I'm just going to get
22 straight to it. But before I get to the
23 June 3rd protest, let me ask you, there was

1 also a protest on June the 1st. Were you
2 involved in any capacity with that protest?

3 MR. BURNET: We didn't have
4 anything to do with the one on the 1st.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And did you
6 know anybody that was involved with the
7 rally on the 1st?

8 MR. BURNET: Not to knowledge.
9 I don't know of anyone who was in that --
10 who participated in that rally.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So we will
12 get right to, you know, why we have you
13 here, which is discussing the June 3rd
14 rally that you signed off on the permit
15 for.

16 So how did that come about?
17 Just tell me in your own words, as if we
18 are sitting down over a cup of coffee, what
19 happened.

20 MR. BURNET: Well, what
21 happened, we get -- you know, the NAACP
22 gets a number of calls. I guess most
23 people think that we are like Matt Dillon,

1 but we don't normally get involved in other
2 people's affairs unless we are -- someone
3 files a complaint. Then we get involved in
4 -- in it.

5 But what was happening, a number
6 of calls were coming into the office
7 wanting to know what is the NAACP going to
8 do? What is the -- you know, we are
9 limited as to what we can do.

10 So just to satisfy the group, we
11 can have a rally and we can talk about the
12 issues. So that's how we determined that
13 we would do the rally. So we would bring
14 the community together and we would talk
15 about discussing -- talk about how -- how
16 should you handle situations like this.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: And do you
18 remember what time frame that was when that
19 discussion started on the NAACP having a
20 rally?

21 MR. BURNET: You mean what time
22 the rally started.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: No, sir.

1 MR. BURNET: I mean, the --

2 MS. HUNTLEY: So June 3rd was
3 the date of the rally. But you would have
4 had to start discussing this in advance of
5 June 3rd, before you even applied for the
6 permit.

7 So do you know when you-all as
8 an organization decided we are going to
9 proceed and go get a permit to have this
10 rally?

11 MR. BURNET: No, I don't know
12 for sure. I am sure it was within that
13 week.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Was it --
15 did y'all make the decision before or after
16 the June 1st protest?

17 MR. BURNET: We already had made
18 a -- we made a decision to do it, but I had
19 not applied for the permit.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So the
21 decision was made before they did what they
22 did on June 1st; right?

23 MR. BURNET: Yes.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Would you say it
2 was a few days before that? A week before
3 that?

4 MR. BURNET: Well, it probably
5 would have been on that Wednesday before
6 that.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

8 MR. BURNET: Probably. Because
9 that's when we normally have our conference
10 call.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: And so you would
12 have made the decision and discussed doing
13 this on your Wednesday conference call?

14 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
15 (affirmative). And then we probably had
16 already applied for the permit because on
17 the day that we had the protest in the
18 park, when I went to pick up the protest --
19 the permit, they had declined on us doing
20 the march. We were supposed to do the
21 protest in the park and then do a march
22 following that.

23 But they declined on giving us

1 the protest -- I mean, the permit to do the
2 march. So we said, Well, we will do the
3 rally in the park and then we will go home.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: So who decided --
5 now, I know you said it was declined. But
6 who decided that what you-all wanted to do
7 was both a rally and a march?

8 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
9 (affirmative).

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Who decided that?
11 Was it the committee that met?

12 MR. BURNET: Yeah. That was
13 the -- yeah. That was done through the --
14 with officers of the state conference and
15 the -- our college chapter. We have a
16 college chapter here at UAH.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So -- so
18 who all was involved in this decision were
19 your -- your people that would be on your
20 call, your Wednesday call; correct?

21 MR. BURNET: Yes. It would have
22 been a statewide discussion. And I'm
23 sure there were -- you know, the North

1 Alabama -- Doug Francis would have been the
2 ones making the decision because we all
3 came together to do it.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: And what role did
5 the -- you said it was UAH chapter of
6 students that are involved?

7 MR. BURNET: Yes. We have a
8 college -- we have a college chapter. It's
9 UAH and A&M. But the president is at
10 UAH -- and his name is Joshua Thompson --
11 at that time.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: And so George
13 Thompson [sic] was also involved in helping
14 organize as president --

15 MR. BURNET: Yes, he would have
16 been --

17 MS. HUNTLEY: -- of the chapter
18 at UAH?

19 MR. BURNET: He was involved in
20 the decision-making. And matter of fact,
21 he was one of the speakers.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. At the
23 thing. And who else did you-all have as

1 speakers at the rally in addition to George
2 Thompson? Do you remember?

3 MR. BURNET: Well, I'm sure
4 we had Reverend Turnbull from Lawrence
5 County. And I want to think we had
6 Limestone County -- the president there,
7 which is Wilbert Woodruff. They were here.
8 And I can't remember who else was on the --
9 the agenda to speak.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Did you speak?

11 MR. BURNET: I did.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And so you
13 have this Wednesday meeting. You decide
14 y'all are going to apply for a permit. And
15 then who takes the action to go and apply
16 for the permit? Was it you?

17 MR. BURNET: I'm the one who
18 applied for the permit, yes.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: So can you tell me
20 what process you went through to go apply?
21 Where did you go? Who did you talk to?

22 MR. BURNET: Where do I go to
23 apply for the permit?

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BURNET: To the City of
3 Huntsville where they get permits at. It's
4 over off of -- I'm not sure what street it
5 is. I'm not. But it's right there in
6 Huntsville.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: That's fine. Yes,
8 sir. And is it an office you go to where
9 there is just somebody where you ask for
10 the form? How does that work?

11 MR. BURNET: Yes. You go to
12 the -- I didn't pull his name up, because I
13 didn't have no idea that you would ask me,
14 but I have his card. It was Captain -- I
15 can't think of his name.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Well,
17 we can get that from you later.

18 So you have his card. And you
19 went to him to get the application?

20 MR. BURNET: Yes. He's over the
21 permits for the -- what do you call it --
22 parade permits and stuff like that.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. So when

1 you went to him to get the application, did
2 you tell him what you were getting an
3 application for?

4 MR. BURNET: I did.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: What was your
6 discussion? What did --

7 MR. BURNET: It was to get a
8 permit to do a rally in the park and a
9 march to follow.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Did you tell him
11 where you wanted to do the march?

12 MR. BURNET: Yes, I did.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Where did you tell
14 him?

15 MR. BURNET: I told him we
16 wanted to do it around the Madison County
17 Courthouse.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

19 MR. BURNET: And to do the rally
20 in Big Spring Park.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And did he
22 respond to you to say, yes, that will be
23 fine or --

1 MR. BURNET: Well, not at that
2 time.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

4 MR. BURNET: What they say is
5 they -- you can go ahead and put it in.
6 And then later they will call you back and
7 let you know whether it was approved or
8 not.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And did --

10 MR. BURNET: So when he called
11 me back, he let me know that it -- they had
12 discussed it. And because of some activity
13 that had taken place that night before,
14 they thought it would in the best interest
15 for the community to not do a march because
16 of some incident that happened before.

17 And I said, Well, look, then we
18 will just do our rally in the park.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: So when they were
20 referring to the incident, were they
21 talking about the June 1st?

22 MR. BURNET: I don't have my
23 dates in front of me, but it was -- yes,

1 I'm assuming it was that because somebody
2 had --

3 MS. HUNTLEY: So -- so you got
4 the event happened on June 1st. That
5 rally/protest, however you want to
6 characterize it. So the next day, on June
7 2nd, which is the date you signed the
8 permit; right?

9 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
10 (affirmative) Okay.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: So you received a
12 call from them saying they only approved
13 the rally and not the march?

14 MR. BURNET: Yes.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Do you
16 remember what day you went down there?

17 So did you go down there, like,
18 the Thursday or Friday right after y'all
19 had that meeting on Wednesday; or did you
20 go down there the actual week of --

21 MR. BURNET: I have no idea. I
22 don't remember what day I went down there
23 to apply for that permit.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: But there should
2 be an application on file that you turned
3 in, I'm sure.

4 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
5 (affirmative). I probably have the
6 application right around here someplace
7 but --

8 MS. HUNTLEY: So you have a copy
9 of the actual application?

10 MR. BURNET: I probably -- they
11 gave me a copy. So --

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

13 MR. BURNET: -- If I didn't
14 destroy it, I may be able to find it.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Okay.
16 That's great.

17 So other than this captain, who
18 else did you talk to when you went to
19 apply?

20 MR. BURNET: Well, it might have
21 been a total of three people. One of them
22 might have been a sergeant.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: One of them was

1 who?

2 MR. BURNET: Huh?

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Who was it? What
4 was the name again?

5 MR. BURNET: I said, One of them
6 may have been a sergeant. I'm thinking
7 that that was -- that was a sergeant. And
8 then there was a captain and one other
9 person. It was a total of three people
10 that I talked to.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: And that was all
12 at the same time together or at three
13 different times?

14 MR. BURNET: No, that was all at
15 the same time.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So when you
17 went in to apply, you sat down and kind of
18 had a discussion with these three
19 individuals?

20 MR. BURNET: Yes.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Were they all
22 males?

23 MR. BURNET: I should hope so.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Well, you know,
2 there are female sergeants out there too.

3 MR. BURNET: Yeah, they were all
4 male.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: So they --

6 MR. BURNET: They were dressed
7 like males.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: And were they all
9 white males?

10 MR. BURNET: Yes.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And so you
12 do remember the captain -- or at least you
13 have the captain's card. Do you recall the
14 names of the other two?

15 MR. BURNET: No, I don't. But
16 I'm sure I could -- I'm sure I've got a
17 card from them also because that's what I
18 do.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Well, I will
20 follow up --

21 MR. BURNET: If I'm sitting and
22 talking, I will pick up one of their cards.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Well, I

1 will follow up with you later on to see if
2 we can --

3 MR. BURNET: Yeah. And I just
4 remembered my son-in-law is Dennis. My
5 daughter's -- you asked me what was her
6 name?

7 MS. HUNTLEY: What's the last
8 name?

9 MR. BURNET: Her last name is
10 Dennis.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Dennis. So, okay.
12 We've got that now, Latonya Dennis.

13 MR. BURNET: Yeah.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: All right. Got
15 it. Got it. Got it. I knew it would come
16 to you. It happens to me all the time.

17 MR. BURNET: Yeah, well, you
18 wait until you get to 72.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: 72 is young. What
20 are you talking about? It better be.

21 So you met with them, made your
22 application. And then on the day before
23 your rally, they let you know that they'd

1 approved the rally but had -- did not
2 approve the march that you requested.

3 MR. BURNET: That's correct.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And how did
5 they notify you about this decision?

6 MR. BURNET: Well, they -- he
7 called me on the phone. We talked on the
8 phone about that --

9 MS. HUNTLEY: And was that the
10 captain?

11 MR. BURNET: -- because whatever
12 happened, I would have had to go -- go over
13 there and pick up a copy of it. And so
14 they let me know ahead of time that they
15 didn't think it was a good idea to -- to do
16 a march because of the incident that had
17 taken place the day before -- or the night
18 before.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And was
20 it the captain that you had met with
21 before, the one that called you to let you
22 know what the decision was about the
23 permit?

1 MR. BURNET: Well, it was.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So now as
3 of June 2nd, you understood that it was --
4 at least what was approved by the permit
5 was just the rally?

6 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
7 (affirmative). True.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: What was your
9 understanding about the time?

10 MR. BURNET: My understanding
11 was that we would do a rally in the park,
12 and we would disperse and go home.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. But what
14 time did you understand that to be?

15 MR. BURNET: What time did --

16 MS. HUNTLEY: What time did you
17 understand the rally to end based on your
18 permit?

19 MR. BURNET: Oh, it was -- it
20 was listed on the permit. I don't know
21 what time it was. Something, like, maybe
22 five o'clock to seven o'clock. I don't
23 know for sure.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So if I
2 told you it was supposed to 6:30 on the
3 permit or at least that would -- would that
4 be correct?

5 MR. BURNET: That would be -- it
6 would be on the permit what time --
7 whatever time it was, it's on the permit.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BURNET: But I don't
10 remember what time it was. My memory is
11 not that well.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. That's
13 fine. That's fine. You are doing great.
14 We are having fun.

15 So tell me a little bit about
16 how the NAACP communicates with people
17 about their events, you know --

18 MR. BURNET: How we communicate?

19 MS. HUNTLEY: How do you
20 communicate? How do you let the public
21 know, your members know when you are having
22 an event like this?

23 MR. BURNET: Oh, we use social

1 media sometimes and then we -- just word of
2 mouth.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And so
4 before -- had you let the public know about
5 the rally before you heard back from the
6 captain?

7 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't let
8 them know. I didn't. I don't know who it
9 would have been to let them know -- let
10 them know that, because it was a
11 last-minute -- it was a last-minute thing
12 that there would be no march. That was at
13 the last minute.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So --

15 MR. BURNET: So I don't know if
16 the public got that word ahead of time or
17 it was -- but they only found out when we
18 were doing the protest in the park that
19 there would not be a march.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: So when did
21 you-all let everybody know -- let's --
22 let's back up from when you found they
23 weren't going to allow the march.

1 But when you-all decided that
2 you were going to do the rally -- that what
3 you wanted to do was both the rally and the
4 march, did y'all let people know that you
5 were planning a rally and march?

6 MR. BURNET: Well, somebody may
7 have. Because I was not the only one
8 passing the word. I'm the one who pulled
9 the permit.

10 Now, it was up to a number of
11 people that was -- I'm sure that the UAH --
12 it was the UAH who was doing the social
13 media.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: So it was the UAH
15 that was handling the Facebook page and
16 getting the --

17 MR. BURNET: Yeah, they did a
18 lot of -- you know, they -- each -- each
19 one that was participating was doing --
20 probably doing their own advertising.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And when
22 you say "each one participating," you mean
23 each one that was speaking at the rally?

1 MR. BURNET: Each -- each person
2 that was a speaker on the panel, I'm sure
3 they were passing -- passing word along
4 too.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And when
6 you got the -- and did you handle any of
7 the social media yourself? Did you put any
8 information on the Facebook page or
9 Instagram or Twitter?

10 MR. BURNET: No.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So who
12 handles that for the NAACP, your chapter?

13 MR. BURNET: Oh, that would have
14 been -- for handling that, it would have
15 been Patrick Grayson.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: What is her name?

17 MR. BURNET: Patrick.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Oh, Patrick.

19 Okay. What is his last name?

20 MR. BURNET: Huh?

21 MS. HUNTLEY: What's his last
22 name?

23 MR. BURNET: Oh, Patrick

1 Grayson.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Patrick Grayson?

3 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh

4 (affirmative).

5 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Yes, sir.

6 And so he would have been the one handling

7 what the NAACP was putting out on its own

8 social media; right?

9 MR. BURNET: Yes.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And were

11 you giving Patrick any information to put

12 on social media?

13 MR. BURNET: Yes. About the

14 rally, yes. But the problem we ran into

15 was that we -- it was a rush deal. You

16 know, we -- because ordinarily it takes,

17 like, a week or ten days to get a permit.

18 So since we were trying to do it

19 in a -- in a rush, the City just allowed us

20 to go -- they granted us permission to go

21 ahead and -- they waived us that extra time

22 what normally they would have taken --

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

1 MR. BURNET: -- before they
2 issued the permit.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Now,
4 what was your reaction to the approval of a
5 rally but not allowing the march?

6 MR. BURNET: What was my
7 reaction to doing a rally and not a march?

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BURNET: Well, considering
10 what had already happened, you know, I
11 didn't have any objections to it, you know,
12 because -- you know, because I was thankful
13 that they allowed us to do the rally in the
14 park, which was -- like I said, they could
15 have said, Well, you are going to have to
16 wait for ten days before we can approve
17 your permit.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And,
19 you know, Mr. Burnet, can you tell me why
20 for you it was important for you-all to do
21 that rally?

22 MR. BURNET: To try to educate
23 the public on how to handle -- or how to

1 get ahead of a situation like that.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: A situation like
3 which one? Are you talking about George
4 Floyd?

5 MR. BURNET: We are talking
6 about George Floyd. You know, because a
7 lot of people have problems with police and
8 how they act and the policies that's on the
9 books.

10 And what we try to do is to
11 educate the public on how to take a
12 proactive approach. You know, if you are
13 upset with the way the law is on the books,
14 then we use that moment to encourage people
15 to register and to vote and to put people
16 in office who will change the policies.
17 You can do more by changing policies in the
18 office than you can out in the public, you
19 know.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. So what
21 you are saying -- and I'm just summarizing
22 -- is it was important for you to start to
23 educate people about this issue?

1 MR. BURNET: That is correct.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And why
3 do you-all want to do a rally so soon?
4 Like, you met on that Wednesday. You were
5 wanting to do one the next week.

6 MR. BURNET: Well, we thought it
7 was important to try to do it as soon as
8 possible because you could settle the
9 crowd. You know, if you can make them
10 understand that we don't take care of
11 policies in the street. We take care of
12 policies at the State -- from the State
13 level down, the ones that they want to
14 change, you know. If you are upset with
15 police brutality or you think that you are
16 being treated unfair, then you work it out
17 in the offices, you know, and you come up
18 with a policy that you are pleased with.
19 And then you hold those officials
20 accountable to the policies that's on the
21 books.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: So then is it fair
23 to say that the purpose of the rally was to

1 try to reach out to those people that were
2 upset about the George Floyd incident and
3 educate them on the ways in which they can
4 make a change?

5 MR. BURNET: That is correct.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: Were you concerned
7 that people were going to take to the
8 streets and do something if you-all didn't
9 organize and get a rally soon?

10 MR. BURNET: Well -- well, yes,
11 I was concerned about that.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So did you
13 communicate to Patrick Grayson, the one
14 that handled your social media, did you
15 tell him immediately that the time had
16 changed?

17 MR. BURNET: I don't remember
18 doing that.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Who did you
20 tell -- and first of all, let me -- I'm
21 sorry. I hate to interrupt you. But let
22 me back up. This is important.

23 What time of the day on that

1 Wednesday were you notified by the captain
2 that it would be a rally only and not the
3 march?

4 MR. BURNET: It was just before
5 I went to pick it up. I guess -- I don't
6 remember what time I picked it up. But I
7 was -- I was notified on the day that I
8 was supposed to pick it up that it wouldn't
9 be -- they didn't grant the permit to do
10 the march.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Did you recall if
12 it was after lunch, before lunch, close to
13 close of business?

14 MR. BURNET: It was probably
15 before lunch.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: So it was a
17 morning?

18 MR. BURNET: It was probably. I
19 don't know for sure. But it was probably
20 before lunch.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

22 MR. BURNET: But like I said, I
23 don't remember.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: And so after you
2 found this out, you notified Patrick
3 Grayson, your social media guy for your
4 chapter?

5 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't notify
6 him immediately, no.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Do you
8 recall when you spoke to him?

9 MR. BURNET: I'm not sure if I
10 did at all.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And what
12 about any of these other speakers, like
13 George Thompson and Reverend Turnbull, any
14 of those people? Did you let them know
15 that it would be --

16 MR. BURNET: I don't know --
17 what I did was told the state president.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And who is
19 the state president?

20 MR. BURNET: That's Bernard
21 Simelton.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: Bernard who?

23 MR. BURNET: S-i-m-e-l-t-o-n.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So you
2 notified Bernard and let him know that it
3 was rally only, no march?

4 MR. BURNET: Yes.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And do you
6 know what he did, if anything?

7 MR. BURNET: I have no idea what
8 he did.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Do you know
10 if he reached out to law enforcement to
11 question with them why they changed it or
12 why they wouldn't allow both -- they
13 wouldn't honor both requests?

14 MR. BURNET: No, he didn't reach
15 out to them to find out why -- because he
16 already told me. He told me that because
17 of the incident that happened the night
18 before.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: So to be clear,
20 when you applied for the permit asking for
21 both the rally and the march, nobody told
22 you at that time that it was granted?

23 MR. BURNET: No, not at the time

1 that we applied. No.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And when
3 you were notified that they had reviewed it
4 and made a decision, you were told that
5 they made a decision for a rally only -- to
6 grant the permit for the rally only and not
7 for the march?

8 MR. BURNET: True.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Did you
10 have any other conversation with anybody
11 else in law enforcement who had anything to
12 do with the permit in between the time that
13 you went and met with the captain to apply
14 for the permit and when you went and picked
15 it up?

16 MR. BURNET: No.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So when you
18 went and met with the three gentlemen and
19 applied for the permit, when you walked out
20 of there, did you have any reason to
21 believe that they were going to grant both
22 the rally and the march?

23 MR. BURNET: Well, yes, I

1 thought they would.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Why did you
3 think that?

4 MR. BURNET: Because I had
5 applied for it.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: That's fair
7 enough. You asked for it. You should get
8 it. Right?

9 Did they give you any indication
10 in that meeting that they -- that they
11 thought it would be approved and it would
12 be no problem?

13 MR. BURNET: No. They didn't
14 say one way or the other.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So they
16 just accepted it, but you walked out of
17 there thinking it would -- it would get
18 approved?

19 MR. BURNET: Yes.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And that
21 was based on your opinion of it?

22 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
23 (affirmative).

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Did you
2 share with the other NAACP people or at
3 least with Bernard that you thought it was
4 going to be approved?

5 MR. BURNET: Did I share with
6 him that I thought it would be approved?
7 Yes, I -- I probably did. I don't know. I
8 don't remember whether I shared with him
9 that I thought it would be approved.
10 Because ordinarily we apply for them, and
11 they are approved.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: And let me ask
13 you about that for a second, and we will
14 step -- we will come back here.

15 Have you ever applied for a
16 march before?

17 MR. BURNET: No.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Have you applied
19 for a rally before?

20 MR. BURNET: Well, yes.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: And was it
22 approved?

23 MR. BURNET: Yes.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Were there any
2 incidents at any of those rallies?

3 MR. BURNET: No.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: How many do you
5 recall? And if you don't know, that's
6 fair. But was it more than one? More than
7 two?

8 MR. BURNET: Well, it was
9 probably -- oh, yeah, it's been more than
10 two.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Where were
12 those marches located?

13 MR. BURNET: You are saying
14 marches. Are we talking about marches and
15 rallies or just -- no, I haven't applied
16 for a permit to do a march.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So that was
18 your first time asking for a march?

19 MR. BURNET: Yes.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. But the
21 rallies that you had asked for before and
22 that had been approved, where were those
23 held?

1 MR. BURNET: You mean at the --
2 at the local -- in the area here?

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BURNET: We've done them at
5 the -- like, "Get out to vote" rallies. We
6 do them continuously.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Where
8 do you host those at? Where do you hold
9 them?

10 MR. BURNET: Well, at Cavalry
11 Center. I've done them at the North
12 Parkway park up there on North Parkway.
13 It's a city park.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

15 MR. BURNET: And where else have
16 I done them? Around the courthouse.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Where around the
18 courthouse?

19 MR. BURNET: Madison County on
20 the Square.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

22 MR. BURNET: Because you didn't
23 really have to have a permit to do -- to do

1 the "Get out to vote" rallies. You know,
2 we -- sometimes most of the places that
3 we'd target, you don't have to get a permit
4 to do it.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: So why don't you
6 have to have a permit?

7 MR. BURNET: Why we wouldn't
8 have to have one?

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

10 MR. BURNET: Well, the main
11 reason why we have -- why we get them
12 sometimes would be because we try to
13 reserve a spot.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. So the
15 area around the courthouse, you are saying
16 you really don't have to have a permit?

17 MR. BURNET: I'm thinking that
18 if you stand on the -- on the -- on the
19 walking space there --

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BURNET: -- you don't have to
22 have a permit.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Had

1 you-all ever had a rally at Big Spring
2 Park?

3 MR. BURNET: I can't remember
4 having one there.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: So that was a
6 first time for you from what you --

7 MR. BURNET: Oh, no, no. I did
8 do -- I did a candlelight vigil in Big
9 Spring Park.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. So for
11 a candlelight, that's usually at nightfall.
12 Was that at night?

13 MR. BURNET: It was in the
14 evening, yes.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: And what time of
16 the year was that? Do you remember?

17 MR. BURNET: Yeah. It was -- it
18 was in the summertime.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: And what was the
20 candlelight vigil for?

21 MR. BURNET: It was to -- the
22 50-year Voting Rights Act.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

1 MR. BURNET: It was in
2 recognition of the 50-year Voting Rights
3 Act.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: Well, I bet that
5 was nice.

6 MR. BURNET: We didn't have
7 anybody -- we didn't have anybody starting
8 a fight and stuff. You know, it was -- it
9 was peaceful. Put it that way.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Yes,
11 sir. So -- so you-all held that at Big
12 Spring Park?

13 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
14 (affirmative).

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. How did
16 it work when it was over? I'm talking
17 about the candlelight vigil now. Did you
18 have a lot of people turn out?

19 MR. BURNET: It was not as many
20 as I would have liked to have come out, but
21 it was very well attended.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: And so when it was
23 over, what did you guys -- how did people

1 leave?

2 MR. BURNET: How did they leave?

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Did
4 they hang around for a while, or did they
5 just leave or --

6 MR. BURNET: Oh, well, I
7 don't -- I'm -- I don't -- I really don't
8 know. Because once I packed my -- take
9 down my gear, I'm gone.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BURNET: And there were
12 people there when I left, yes.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Just
14 kind hanging out and --

15 MR. BURNET: Yes. Because, you
16 know, I take down the sound equipment and
17 stuff, and, you know, get on out of the
18 area.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: So when you've
20 ended those rallies in the past, the ones
21 you have done at the city park, at Big
22 Spring, in front of the Center, how do you
23 end them? Do you make an announcement

1 saying it's over, or do you just -- the
2 last person speaks, and y'all just pack up
3 and go? Is there a way in which y'all end
4 it to let the people attending know it's
5 over?

6 MR. BURNET: Usually, we thank
7 them. We leave -- we thank them for
8 showing up, and we go our ways. But we
9 might have a closing prayer.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: And so you will
11 thank them, close out with a prayer, and
12 then you just start taking things down; or
13 do you say -- you tell people it's time to
14 go, we've concluded the program?

15 MR. BURNET: No. Well, we knew
16 who -- let them know that the program is
17 over, and we thank them for being there.
18 We don't tell them to leave.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Okay. And
20 do people after your rallies generally hang
21 around even after it's over once y'all have
22 taken the stage and equipment and all of
23 that down?

1 MR. BURNET: Well, there may be
2 some still around, yes, because it's a
3 public place.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Okay.
5 Well, thank you for that background and
6 history on the other events you have gotten
7 permits for.

8 Now, when you went -- were you
9 the person to get permits for those other
10 rallies that we just talked about, the
11 vigil and the --

12 MR. BURNET: Yeah, I think I did
13 pull that permit -- or got permission,
14 yeah. But, yeah, I was behind that.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: So did you get
16 permission, or did you get a permit?

17 MR. BURNET: I don't remember if
18 I had permission or just a permit.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

20 MR. BURNET: I don't remember.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: So do you have a
22 relationship with the people over in law
23 enforcement at Huntsville PD?

1 MR. BURNET: I do. Well, not
2 a -- you know, we speak. We know each
3 other.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: What about the
5 captain that you met with to get the permit
6 for the June --

7 MR. BURNET: He was new from the
8 -- you know, because I used to do
9 bikeathons. And I would get permits to do
10 the bikeathon.

11 But the one that was -- the one
12 that I talked with for the -- to get the
13 last permit was a -- he was a different
14 captain. Used to be Sergeant Shahan. But
15 he -- the one that is there now has taken
16 Sergeant Shahan's place.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

18 MR. BURNET: So this was my
19 first time meeting him.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: And so when he --
21 when they called you and said that permit
22 is granted to the rally only and not the
23 march because of the events that happened

1 last night, did they talk to you about any
2 concerns they -- specific concerns they had
3 about something happening at your rally or
4 your march?

5 MR. BURNET: Well, if I recall,
6 he did say that he thought it was for the
7 best interest of the -- you know, for the
8 safety of the people, that he didn't think
9 it was a good idea that they -- that we do
10 a march.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Did you ask him
12 why?

13 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Did you
15 agree with that? Did you agree that there
16 was an issue of safety?

17 MR. BURNET: Well, no. To be
18 honest with you, I wasn't really marching
19 myself anyway. Because I'm -- at my -- I
20 wouldn't have participated even if they had
21 given it. So I didn't question him about
22 why you are not giving us permission to
23 march. Because like I said, I've got bad

1 knees. I had no intentions of marching in
2 the first place.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Well, who was
4 going to march? Who were the main people?

5 MR. BURNET: It was -- it was
6 the younger people, and maybe some of the
7 older people, too. But it never was my
8 intention to do any marching.

9 So, no, I didn't question him.
10 When he said that the permit would not be
11 granted, I just told him, Thank you for
12 giving us permission to do the rally in the
13 park.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And so was
15 it -- was it George Thompson, the president
16 over at UAH, that student, was he sort of
17 spearheading the march part of things?
18 Like, who was kind of responsible for that?

19 MR. BURNET: Who was responsible
20 for what now?

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Who was going to
22 be responsible for that part of the event,
23 the march, if it had been --

1 MR. BURNET: Well, that would
2 have been the state -- the state president,
3 the state -- the president.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: The state
5 president, Bernard --

6 MR. BURNET: Bernard.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: -- and his group
8 would have been responsible for the march?

9 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
10 (affirmative).

11 MS. HUNTLEY: So when you called
12 Bernard to let him know that it was -- you
13 only got approved for the rally and not the
14 march, how did he respond?

15 MR. BURNET: I didn't call him.
16 I told him when I saw him.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Oh, you saw him in
18 person?

19 MR. BURNET: Yes.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And that
21 was on the day before?

22 MR. BURNET: That was the day --
23 it was the day that I picked up the permit.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And you saw
2 him that same day?

3 MR. BURNET: When I saw him, I
4 told him that we didn't get the permit to
5 do the -- no, I didn't call him and tell
6 him that.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And what
8 time did --

9 MR. BURNET: Because I --
10 because I knew I would see him that day.
11 That's why I didn't call him.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: And when did you
13 see him that day? Do you remember?

14 MR. BURNET: Huh?

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Do you remember
16 what time of day you saw him that day?

17 MR. BURNET: No, I don't
18 remember what time.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Was it at night or
20 was it --

21 MR. BURNET: No. It was in the
22 evening.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: It was in the

1 evening. Okay. And how did he react?

2 MR. BURNET: Well, he didn't --
3 he didn't -- well, he felt like we should
4 have been able. He just said, okay. But
5 he thought that we would have been able to
6 -- to take control of the crowd had we
7 marched.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Had y'all ever had
9 a situation where you had to take control
10 of the crowd before?

11 MR. BURNET: You are going to
12 have to run that back by me.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Had
14 y'all ever had a situation in the past
15 where y'all had to take control of the
16 crowd?

17 MR. BURNET: No. We've never
18 had a crowd that got out of control.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: But Bernard felt
20 like y'all could control the crowd if y'all
21 had -- had --

22 MR. BURNET: Yes.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: -- permission for

1 the march?

2 MR. BURNET: Yes.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: And you said that
4 you don't think you ever told Patrick
5 Grayson who was handling y'all's social
6 media that the march --

7 MR. BURNET: No. It was -- it
8 was -- no, because I didn't have enough
9 time to tell him that. From the time I
10 picked up the permit up until us having the
11 rally, I didn't have time to tell him. You
12 know, if I had the foresight, I would have
13 called him immediately.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

15 MR. BURNET: But, you know,
16 hindsight is always 20/20.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Ain't that the
18 truth.

19 MR. BURNET: And I didn't know
20 that it was -- it's necessary to get the
21 word out to everybody that we are not going
22 to do a march because it was all did in one
23 day. You know, picking up the permit and

1 going to do the permit was all in -- it was
2 a one-day deal.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So I'm
4 confused now. I thought the picking up the
5 permit --

6 MR. BURNET: No, applying for
7 the permit --

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Was --

9 MR. BURNET: -- and picking it
10 up is two different days.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Right. So but I
12 thought you picked up --

13 MR. BURNET: So when I went to
14 pick up the permit --

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. BURNET: -- from picking up
17 the permit and setting up to doing the
18 rally, that was all in one day.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So I
20 thought you got the permit on June the 2nd,
21 or at least that's what the permit says.

22 MR. BURNET: Okay.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: And then that

1 would have meant the rally was the next
2 day, on June the 3rd.

3 MR. BURNET: Okay. Well --

4 MS. HUNTLEY: But you are saying
5 it was a tight time frame between --

6 MR. BURNET: It was tight. It
7 was a push, a rush, rush time frame.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: And you didn't
9 communicate with Patrick to let him know to
10 get the word out that there would be no
11 march?

12 MR. BURNET: No, because I don't
13 know what day I signed for it. I don't
14 know if I -- I don't know if I signed for
15 the permit the same day of the rally or if
16 it was the day before. I don't remember.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

18 MR. BURNET: Because whenever I
19 signed for it -- whatever day I picked it
20 up is when I signed for it.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So I have a
22 copy of the permit.

23 MR. BURNET: Okay.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: And -- and it
2 shows where you signed for it on June
3 the 2nd. So would that be right if that's
4 what it says?

5 MR. BURNET: If that's what it
6 says, that's going to be right.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Which means
8 you would have gotten it the day before the
9 actual rally.

10 MR. BURNET: Okay. So I would
11 have had time to let them know that there
12 would be no march.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

14 MR. BURNET: Well --

15 MS. HUNTLEY: And so are you
16 saying -- but you didn't -- you let Bernard
17 know that there would be no march?

18 MR. BURNET: Yeah -- well, I --
19 yeah, I did. Whenever I -- when I talked
20 with him, I let him know there would be no
21 march.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: And was that at
23 the rally itself, or was it before the

1 rally?

2 MR. BURNET: It was the day of
3 the rally.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: It was the day of.
5 So you didn't let Bernard or Patrick or --
6 so when people showed up at the rally,
7 they -- they didn't know that there was
8 going to be no march too?

9 MR. BURNET: Apparently --
10 apparently not.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And so how
12 did they react, if they were there thinking
13 they were fixing to do a rally and weren't
14 going to be able to do the march?

15 MR. BURNET: Well, I assumed
16 that they -- well, I guess they decided to
17 go ahead and march anyway.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

19 MR. BURNET: How did they -- you
20 are saying how did they react?

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes. How did they
22 react when you told them that --

23 MR. BURNET: Well, some said,

1 oh, well, we will go home; and some said,
2 well, I'm going to go ahead and march.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Did anybody
4 talk to law enforcement or anyone to get
5 them to change their minds and allow the
6 march?

7 MR. BURNET: Well, I don't know
8 about that. I didn't.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Did you have any
10 conversation with law enforcement about
11 when the rally ended how people -- how to
12 guide people out of there or how to
13 instruct them to leave?

14 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't have a
15 conversation with law enforcement.

16 MS. HUNTLEY: When you had the
17 candlelight vigil, the "Get out to vote"
18 rallies, when you had those events, did you
19 have any conversations with law enforcement
20 about the events and what was going to
21 happen and how they were going to end or
22 anything like that?

23 MR. BURNET: No.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. So we get
2 to the event. So you get to the event.
3 Were you involved in setting up the
4 equipment, the stage, or all of those
5 things for the presentations?

6 MR. BURNET: Yes, I was involved
7 in setting up the -- when you are talking
8 about equipment, you are talking about the
9 speaker sound system?

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BURNET: Yeah, I'm the one
12 that set that up.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: So how early did
14 you get there before the rally started to
15 start setting that stuff up?

16 MR. BURNET: Probably about two
17 hours.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: A couple of hours.
19 So maybe around three?

20 MR. BURNET: Well, maybe not
21 that early, but maybe an hour and a half or
22 so.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And when

1 you got -- when you got there, was that a
2 plan where everybody was going to meet
3 there early to get everything set up?

4 MR. BURNET: Yes.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: And so who all met
6 there when you arrived early for y'all to
7 set up for the rally?

8 MR. BURNET: Well, I really -- I
9 really didn't have a lot of help to set up
10 because I knew -- because I was -- I was
11 moved from where I was supposed -- where I
12 thought I was going to set up at. And the
13 police themselves helped me move the
14 equipment.

15 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Where did
16 you think you were going to be?

17 MR. BURNET: Well, I was -- I
18 was further in the park. And they said,
19 It's not good to be out here because people
20 will be all around, you know. And I
21 thought -- I said, Well, I only planned
22 for, like, 300 people.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: So you were

1 further in the park, almost kind of in the
2 center of it, and they moved you more to
3 the edge?

4 MR. BURNET: They moved me back
5 closer to the -- to the edge.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Were they
7 thinking there would be more people there?
8 You said you thought maybe 300. But were
9 they thinking more?

10 MR. BURNET: Well, apparently --
11 apparently, they did, you know, because he
12 said that, where I was sitting, he said,
13 that was not a good spot. You are right in
14 the center of it. And people -- people
15 will be all around you, and you won't be
16 able to move about.

17 So I took him at his word. And
18 he moved me to where he thought I would --
19 it was the best location.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: And once you saw
21 the people coming in at the rally, did you
22 think he was right? Was it better that you
23 moved there?

1 MR. BURNET: Well, yes, I did.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Was it more people
3 than you thought might come?

4 MR. BURNET: It was a lot more
5 people than what we thought was coming.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: So well more than
7 your 300?

8 MR. BURNET: Oh, yes, it was
9 well over 300.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: And was it just
11 this -- do you remember what officer helped
12 you move your stuff?

13 MR. BURNET: Say that again.

14 MS. HUNTLEY: Do you remember
15 which officer helped you move?

16 MR. BURNET: Oh, well, the chief
17 himself helped me move one of the speakers.
18 And then he had another officer with him.
19 That was McMurray, Chief McMurray.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: So he helped you
21 move the speakers and the stage to get it
22 in a better site?

23 MR. BURNET: Yes.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And in
2 hindsight, you think he -- that was the
3 right thing to do, to move to that
4 location?

5 MR. BURNET: Well, I guess, yes,
6 it would have been, because I would have --
7 I would have been -- I would have had
8 people all around me rather than -- I
9 wanted the people out in front of me, not
10 behind and on my side. So it was a better
11 location.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And tell me
13 about when you first communicated to the
14 other folks that the permit was only for
15 the rally and not for the march.

16 MR. BURNET: Okay. Well, that
17 was at the time of the -- when we started.
18 When we started to do our speaking, that
19 was when we let the public know that we
20 wouldn't be doing the march.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: So that was
22 announced by one of the speakers?

23 MR. BURNET: That was -- yes.

1 That was during the rally -- during the
2 speaking, that's when we let the public
3 know that we would just be -- just be
4 speaking; we would not be marching.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: And do you
6 remember who made that announcement?

7 MR. BURNET: No. In addition to
8 myself, I know Bernard made it.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: And did you -- and
10 you made it as well yourself?

11 MR. BURNET: Yes.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. But as far
13 as letting the organizers know, like
14 Bernard and George, and Mary Jones and
15 Patrick, all of those, you didn't tell them
16 until you got there at the rally?

17 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't -- I
18 don't remember telling them until we got
19 there.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And how did
21 the crowd respond when y'all announced that
22 there wouldn't be a march?

23 MR. BURNET: Now, you done asked

1 me that before.

2 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Have I?

3 MR. BURNET: Do you remember
4 what the answer was then?

5 MS. HUNTLEY: No, sir, I don't.

6 MR. BURNET: Oh, okay. Well,
7 some said, Okay.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Uh-huh.

9 MR. BURNET: And I don't
10 remember what everybody said.

11 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Did
12 the -- but I was talking -- now, you are
13 right. I did ask you about that before
14 with your group of leaders and everything.
15 But I was specifically asking you now about
16 the audience, like the people -- the
17 hundreds of people that were there.

18 When y'all announced to them
19 that it's going to be over with the rally,
20 we will not be having the march, how did
21 those people respond?

22 MR. BURNET: Okay. Some of
23 those people said, Okay.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Did anybody yell
2 about it or --

3 MR. BURNET: Well, I don't
4 remember whether they did any yelling
5 because it was -- it was -- the place was
6 noisy as it were. You know, you couldn't
7 hardly hear anyway.

8 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BURNET: So I don't know if
10 they got upset when that word was passed or
11 what because it was already noisy.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And so
13 when the speaking concluded, who told
14 everyone that it was -- thank you all for
15 coming and it was over?

16 MR. BURNET: Okay. Now, you've
17 taken a lot of time asking the same
18 question over. I told you once that we
19 announced it. It was over. We thanked
20 them for coming.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. That's
22 fair.

23 MR. BURNET: All right.

1 MS. HUNTLEY: Because you told
2 me that's what you do at every single
3 rally, that you thank them and tell them
4 it's --

5 MR. BURNET: Yes, we thank them.
6 A lot of times we do a closing prayer.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: Was there a
8 closing prayer at this rally?

9 MR. BURNET: I don't remember
10 whether we did a closing prayer at that
11 rally. I'm not -- but ordinarily we do a
12 closing prayer.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And so
14 when it was over, did you-all just start
15 packing up?

16 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
17 (affirmative). I told you before that once
18 it was over, I took my sound equipment down
19 and I packed it up and left.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And do you
21 know if any of the other folks stayed
22 behind to participate in the march?

23 MR. BURNET: You asked me that

1 before too. Now, I don't know how many
2 people stayed behind. Because when I got
3 finished, we packed up and left.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay.

5 MR. BURNET: And please don't
6 continue asking me the same -- I don't mind
7 answering your questions. But when you ask
8 me the same one over and over, I feel like
9 you are wasting my time.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Well,
11 Mr. Burnet, I'm sorry about that. And I
12 don't mean to do that. I might be
13 wandering -- because you and I have had a
14 conversation on the phone. And this is the
15 formal interview in front of the CAC. And
16 I don't want to miss something you may have
17 already told me --

18 MR. BURNET: Okay. I will try
19 to be patient.

20 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Well, I
21 appreciate your patience with me. If I am
22 -- if I am going all over the place and
23 coming back to something that you and I

1 discussed before.

2 MR. BURNET: Okay.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Your time is
4 valuable, and I certainly don't want to
5 waste it.

6 MR. BURNET: Okay.

7 MS. HUNTLEY: And I appreciate
8 you taking time to be here today, in fact,
9 because -- so getting past the rally.
10 We've talked about all of those details and
11 what happened. Did -- did -- were there
12 any conversations between you and law
13 enforcement at all after the rally -- after
14 the rally, after it's all over, after
15 you've packed up and left and it's done?

16 MR. BURNET: No, I haven't
17 talked with any law enforcement officers
18 after the rally.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And to
20 your knowledge, did the NAACP complain to
21 law enforcement or to whoever issued the
22 permits about not being given the permit to
23 march?

1 MR. BURNET: I'm thinking that
2 we -- you know, I think we did have a
3 conversation after the -- it seems like
4 Bernard met with the chief of police.

5 MS. HUNTLEY: He did. Were you
6 in that meeting?

7 MR. BURNET: I think, yes,
8 uh-huh.

9 MS. HUNTLEY: How did that go?

10 MR. BURNET: Well, it went kind
11 of back and forward, back and forward. You
12 know, Bernard had his opinions about --
13 because he was the one that reminded -- it
14 seemed like myself, the chief, his
15 assistants, and I think it was the
16 spokesperson for --

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

18 MR. BURNET: But, yeah. And, of
19 course, Bernard tried to assure them that
20 he thought it would have been in the best
21 interest of the community had the -- had
22 they allowed the march to go on.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: And in that

1 meeting, I know you said what they told you
2 on the phone about they thought that it
3 was -- you've already told me that, when
4 they told you they weren't allowing the
5 permit for the march, it was because of the
6 events that had happened the night before.

7 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh
8 (affirmative).

9 MS. HUNTLEY: Did -- did the
10 chief in that meeting with y'all after the
11 rally, did he specifically give any more
12 details about why they didn't grant the
13 permit for the march?

14 MR. BURNET: To be honest with
15 you, I can't remember what -- what he said
16 there at the meeting. I remember being
17 there, and I remember the conversation.
18 But as far as what was said, you know, I
19 can't tell you. I can't quote what was
20 said.

21 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. And have
22 you participated in any other rallies since
23 that one on June the 3rd?

1 MR. BURNET: Not here in
2 Huntsville.

3 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BURNET: Wait a minute.
5 Wait a minute. I did. I probably -- yes,
6 I did. I was at another rally during that
7 same week or right after that. That was in
8 -- because it was -- it looked like every
9 group in the organization -- there was
10 rally after rally in the park. And, yeah,
11 I remember going to another one.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Do you remember
13 which group held that one?

14 MR. BURNET: No, because it was
15 some -- it was a union. Some union did one
16 because they asked me -- I was one of the
17 speakers.

18 MS. HUNTLEY: And was it about
19 police brutality as well?

20 MR. BURNET: It was basically --
21 yeah, basically, the same thing.

22 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And did
23 you speak at that one, or were you just

1 there?

2 MR. BURNET: One of them I spoke
3 at, and one of them I just attended.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: And do you know
5 whether or not there were any encounters
6 with law enforcement at those two rallies?

7 MR. BURNET: I don't remember.
8 They may have been patrolling the area, but
9 I didn't see any at the rally.

10 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BURNET: But at one of
12 them -- one of them there were plenty of
13 law enforcement officers there because that
14 one -- the one that was -- the mayor spoke
15 at one. And there was quite a bit of law
16 enforcement officers there.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And
18 then one last "before the rally" question
19 for you that I haven't asked, and that's
20 did you hear anything by word of mouth or
21 seeing it on social media or anything about
22 outside agitators trying to come to y'all's
23 rally, the one you had on the 3rd?

1 MR. BURNET: I did hear some --
2 some rumors of that, but I don't know of
3 any outside agitators coming to our --
4 coming to our rally in the park. I don't
5 know what went on during the marches.

6 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. So when
7 you say you heard rumors, was it by word of
8 mouth, or did you read something on social
9 media?

10 MR. BURNET: No, I don't
11 remember reading anything on social media.

12 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir.

13 MR. BURNET: I might have heard
14 something over the -- over the news that
15 said something about some outside
16 agitators.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. And so
18 during the rally, to the best of your
19 knowledge, did most of the people you had
20 contact with, were they local folks?

21 MR. BURNET: What do you mean
22 "local folks"? You are talking about --
23 the other branch presidents, are you

1 considering them as being local folks? We
2 have branch presidents from Limestone
3 County and Lawrence County.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. Well, let
5 me rephrase that question. Were they
6 people that were familiar to you? Did you
7 notice any strange folks being there that
8 you didn't recognize?

9 MR. BURNET: No, I didn't see
10 anyone that was -- looked like -- no, I
11 don't remember seeing any strange or odd
12 looking people there.

13 MS. HUNTLEY: Yes, sir. Okay.
14 Well, Jay, do you have anything
15 else?

16 MR. SEWELL: No.

17 MS. HUNTLEY: Okay. All right.
18 Well, thank you so much, so much. This was
19 so helpful, Mr. Burnet, for your time today
20 to help the CAC get to the bottom of the
21 facts.

22 And what I am going to do now is
23 they are -- we are their lawyers, and we

1 get to ask questions. But I was going to
2 check with the chairwoman, Vicki, to see if
3 anybody else had any questions for Mr.
4 Burnet for --

5 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Thank
6 you, Liz. Thank you very much.

7 And thank you, Mr. Burnet.

8 Do any members -- well,
9 Mr. Burnet, are you willing to answer a few
10 questions for any members of the CAC if we
11 have any?

12 MR. BURNET: Are you going to
13 ask me the same questions over and over?

14 MS. GUERRIERI: No. I have got
15 one that I don't think has been asked
16 before.

17 Let me just start and ask you
18 this question.

19 MR. BURNET: Okay.

20 MS. GUERRIERI: When you
21 originally went to ask for the permit, did
22 you request to go to Big Spring Park, or
23 were you originally planning to go there to

1 the courthouse, in front of the courthouse
2 and do your rally?

3 MR. BURNET: I think -- I don't
4 remember for sure. I'm not sure if we
5 asked for -- for the Big Spring or the
6 courthouse.

7 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Because
8 in that press conference that was given the
9 day after, I understood that you had asked
10 for the Square around the courthouse. And
11 you were moved to Big Spring Park.

12 And then the second time you
13 were moved was because that would afford
14 more shade being back under those trees.
15 And you would be facing the participants at
16 that point.

17 But what I am hearing today is
18 that you -- and for what you knew and
19 understood that day, you were going to have
20 your rally. You expected a large
21 participation. And at the end of that
22 rally, you got your stuff together and you
23 went home.

1 MR. BURNET: Uh-huh

2 (affirmative).

3 MS. GUERRIERI: And that
4 concluded your event. You personally, nor
5 any member of your organization had any
6 control over who chose, then, to leave and
7 go up the steps and begin to march; is
8 that -- is that correct, Mr. Burnet?

9 MR. BURNET: Yes, to my
10 knowledge. To the best of my knowledge,
11 that is correct.

12 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. And do
13 you remember if Mayor Battle spoke at your
14 rally?

15 MR. BURNET: He did.

16 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Did
17 Mr. Hamilton speak at your rally --

18 MR. BURNET: No.

19 MS. GUERRIERI: -- the city
20 administrator?

21 MR. BURNET: No.

22 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay.

23 MR. BURNET: Well, I don't

1 remember him speaking.

2 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Were
3 there any other elected officials speaking
4 at your rally? Mr. Keith, city councilman
5 for District 1? Any other members of the
6 city council?

7 MR. BURNET: Yeah -- well, not
8 the city council. I know the -- Malone,
9 but, you know, the District 6 county
10 commissioner.

11 MS. GUERRIERI: Right. Okay.
12 JesHenry Malone was there, and he spoke;
13 right?

14 MR. BURNET: Yes, Henry, he
15 spoke.

16 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. That's
17 about all I had. They were different
18 questions.

19 Does anybody else on the council
20 have any other questions for Mr. Burnet
21 that have not been asked of him before?

22 MR. LOVE: I don't have
23 anything, Vicki.

1 MS. GUERRIERI: Okay. Shelly?

2 MS. MCCULLEY: I do. I do, Ms.
3 Vicki.

4 Being that I didn't watch any of
5 the videotape from that -- that rally, so I
6 have no idea how the atmosphere was. I am
7 just curious, was it -- was it calm that
8 day? Did everybody -- was your goal set?
9 Did people understand what you were wanting
10 -- what you were wanting to get out there?

11 MR. BURNET: Well, I thought
12 they did. But what we were trying to do
13 is, like I said, educate the public --

14 MS. MCCULLEY: Okay.

15 MR. BURNET: -- on the -- on the
16 dos and don'ts and how to -- how to respond
17 to -- or how to prevent something like this
18 from happening in the future.

19 MS. MCCULLEY: So at the -- go
20 ahead. I'm sorry.

21 MR. BURNET: I don't know if
22 they understood that or not.

23 MS. MCCULLEY: Okay. But at the

1 end of your evening, at the end of your
2 rally, it was a calm atmosphere? It wasn't
3 ramped up? People weren't stepping
4 sideways?

5 MR. BURNET: Well, it seemed to
6 have been like any -- any other ordinary
7 rally that we -- you know, that we've
8 always had. It didn't seem like it was
9 people ramped up and wanting to get out of
10 control.

11 MS. MCCULLEY: Okay. You know,
12 I was off doing something else. So I
13 didn't know that that was going on. So I
14 had no idea of the atmosphere. So that's
15 what -- that was my question. You know, I
16 was just curious as to how people were
17 acting about this.

18 MR. BURNET: They seemed to have
19 been pretty peaceful to me.

20 MS. MCCULLEY: Well, good.
21 Good. Like I said, I have not watched any
22 footage, so I had no idea.

23 But thank you for your time.

1 MR. BURNET: All right.

2 MS. GUERRIERI: Does any other
3 member of the council have any questions
4 for Mr. Burnet?

5 (No response.)

6 MS. GUERRIERI: If not, then I
7 want to thank you, again, Mr. Burnet, for
8 your willingness to come in and give
9 testimony today.

10 MR. BURNET: All right.

11 MS. GUERRIERI: We are -- we are
12 trying our very best to give an accurate
13 and very detailed review of this task that
14 we have been assigned by the city council.
15 And your testimony is a big part of that.
16 And I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

17 MR. BURNET: All right. Thank
18 you for having me.

19 MS. HUNTLEY: Thank you so much,
20 Mr. Burnet.

21 MR. BURNET: All right. Thank
22 you.

23 MS. HUNTLEY: Sorry for the

1 double questions.

2 MR. BURNET: That's all right.

3 I will send you a bill.

4 MS. HUNTLEY: All right. You

5 have a good day.

6 (Whereupon, the interview ended

7 at 3:30 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE

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6 I hereby certify that the above and
7 foregoing interview was taken down by me in
8 stenotype, and the questions and answers
9 thereto were reduced to computer print
10 under my supervision, and that the
11 foregoing represents a true and correct
12 transcript of the testimony given by said
13 witness upon said interview.

14 I further certify that I am neither
15 of counsel nor of kin to the parties to the
16 action, nor am I anywise interested in the
17 results of said cause.

18 Signed the 4th day of February, 2021.

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21 /s/ Diana B. Williams, CCR
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23 Commissioner for the State of Alabama at
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