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good evening and welcome to the November 1 2022 city council regular hybrid meeting I'm mayor Saleem Neese tonight's

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hybrid city council meeting is being brought to you in person by zoom we're also broadcasting live on mitv channel

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21 and on the city's YouTube channel welcome to all and thank you for joining us tonight council members please have

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your microphone turned on for roll call all city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Andrew here

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councilmember Jacobson here councilmember Reynolds here councilmember weiker here councilmember

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Weinberg your Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum here and mayor nice here thank you Mr

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Mayor next we have the Pledge of Allegiance Council if you've joined us council chambers please stand face to flag

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and if you're on Zoom please turn off your video

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District Court um thank you we now move to approval of

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tonight's agenda if there's no questions may have a motion to approve the agenda okay moved by councilman Randall second

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and by councilmember Jacobson city clerk please call the role thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor

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Rosenbaum aye council member Reynolds aye council member Andrew

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aye mayor niece all right councilmember Jacobson aye

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council member weiker aye and council member Weinberg aye thank you Mr Mayor thank you motion

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passes an agenda is approved we now move to a study session on ab6156 briefing on New Growth management act housing

STUDY SESSION: AB 6156: Briefing on New Growth Management Act Housing Requirements and Implementing E2SHB 1220

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requirements and implementing e to shb 1220 welcome to interim CPD director

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Jeff Thomas and Senior planner Adam Zack thank you mayor uh good afternoon

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Jeff Thomas interim CPD director for the record um joining me for this presentation will

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be senior planner Adam Zack who's appeared on the screen our city manager Jesse Bond will be

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jumping onto the presentation uh closer to the end for a couple of slides in the

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deck and our deputy director Allison Vangore of CPD is also here to support

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us with the possible Q&A as we get down the road here a little bit in the study session

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before we get too far into it I would like to provide a couple slides for

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introductory context and background and then I'm going to turn it over to Adam to run through the heart of the

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presentation Adam do you want to queue up and share screen here

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yeah let me get that

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okay we can forward forward once thank you

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um so our agenda here for this afternoon um that are we're looking to provide a

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baseline overview of the planning requirements related to uh in short

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house bill 1220. and there's a couple of important things here to know uh the first one is this is going to be what we

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anticipate will be the first of several updates on this subject um in both the near and moderate term

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uh the work related to implementing House Bill 1220 we at this point are are

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certain uh is going to go on through the next biennium and perhaps Beyond

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and the final and perhaps the most important thing to note here is the implementation of House Bill 1220

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right now is very fluid um we are it seems like we're finding

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out something new every day um almost and you know just since the

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agenda bill was initially drafted less than two weeks ago um we're we're in Changing Times here

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and changing information we we continue to to glean something new to learn something new there's a there's a

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meeting of somebody that's convening and there's new information being conveyed so again the situation is very fluid and

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it's going to continue to be for the foreseeable future once we get through the bulk of this

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flight deck here this evening the second item that we'd like to cover is uh we

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want to run through some potential talking points that we're going to actually come back to you on November 15th at your next regular business

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meeting to have further discussion about and really it's the content of a draft

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letter that staff will prepare and including your packet for the 15th that

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will be addressed to the King County growth management planning Council they currently are accepting comments on

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um uh on information related to House Bill 1220 and implementation regarding

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affordable housing targets and and other potential amendments to county-wide planning policies

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they're going to be meeting at the end of this month and they are accepting comments leading up to that meeting so

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um we definitely want to seize that opportunity and have the council discuss a potential comment letter that uh

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Marines would be authorized to sign and submit on behalf of the city to the gnpc

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prior to the deadline at the end of the month so tonight we hope to grease those skids a little bit and then again we'll

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be back on the 15th of November to um to have a more in-depth discussion

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with the Council on the potential comments uh contained in that letter next slide please

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a couple slides of background here as we're all aware the city is required by

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the growth management act to complete our periodic update of the comprehensive plan uh by the end of 2024.

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and this effort here on Mercer Island is well underway at this point

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um you may recall uh housing and employment growth targets the city took action the city council

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took action to ratify those in March of this year um also in March of this year staff

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presented a scope schedule and public participation plan that was approved by

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the city council we formed housing and economic development work groups

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um a couple months later in the spring and those work groups have both convened and are underway

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public Outreach has commenced on a few different fronts and we've received hundreds of public comments to date on a

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couple different aspects of the periodic update many of them related to our work

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on drafting a New Economic Development element speaking of that we've got a discussion

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version of a New Economic Development element that will be getting to the

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economic development work group here shortly to begin review and then Planning Commission has already

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started its work there's been preliminary reviews completed by the Planning Commission on updates to the

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land use and transportation elements and their work will be continuing here through the end of the year certainly

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into 2023 on those and other elements as well

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next slide please so a little bit of background here for

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host Bill 1220 the state legislature adopted this bill on May 12 2021

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and it's added some new growth management act planning requirements including the adoption of housing

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targets for all economic segments as well as the identification and amendment of housing policies that have

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potentially resulted in racially disparate impacts so what's happening right now is um the

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State Department of Commerce has been tasked um with essentially drafting guidance

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and providing direction to counties on host Bill 1220 and then the County's

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work has begun on this as well through the gmpc and the affordable housing committee so we're really in a state right now

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where it's been a waiting game to be honest with you for a period of time here and we anticipate that with the way

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timelines are moving here a little bit it's going to continue to be a little bit of a waiting game uh certainly into

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the top of 2023 what that all means is that impacts to

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the Mercer Islands scope of work and schedule for its periodic update of the comprehensive plan are likely to be felt

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um there's it's becoming clear there's no way around that next slide please

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and this slide here was we actually grafted this slide from a houseboat 1220

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projected housing needs advisory committee presentation from October

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um and the point of this slide is not to walk through each step here on the flow chart but to know that if you kind of

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look at the top of the slide you've got some some State Statewide or state work

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that needs to occur then kind of in the middle you've got some Regional and County work that needs to occur and then

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the down at the bottom the wide band down at the bottom you've got a whole bunch of individual jurisdictional

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responsibilities like the city of Mercer Island and the point to this is all the

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boxes that are green and pink on this slide is new work that

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needs to occur that wasn't accounted for as part of a baseline

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periodic update undergrowth management prior to house bill 1220. so there's a

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lot of new activity here that's being added uh to go through and for counties

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and cities to complete the periodic updates and update their housing elements and specifically with you know

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down at the bottom of the screen the uh the local responsibilities there's a whole bunch of new stuff that needs to

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occur so that's that's why we wanted to show this slide was to make that point there's a lot going on

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one thing or two things actually before I hand it off here to Adam um two final points I'd like to make

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um the first one is in your agenda bill for this item um

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that went out last week uh table one we we had

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um some numbers that got away from us a little bit and the antenna of that table

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was to show that the options that are being considered for affordable housing

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targets um are equivalent to our ratified housing growth Target

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from earlier this year and that table unfortunately was a little bit off we

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caught that here leading up to today's presentation so Adam has actually corrected today's presentation to

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reflect the data that we meant to show in table one of your agenda bill and we are actually going to go back after this

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evening tomorrow and make sure that the agenda bill for the the public record is

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also corrected so you'll see slightly different but

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accurate numbers here tonight that Adam will walk you through and then we'll again double back and take care of that

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um in the packet materials the final thing I want to mention before turning it over to Adam we did receive some

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questions um I think they were primarily from council member Reynolds uh regarding the

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agenda bill and the presentation here tonight we are actively working on a q a matrix

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um that we intend on getting answers to all of his questions and uh getting

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those out to council as quickly as possible following the meeting here tonight with that I think I'm going to turn it

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over to Adam and uh we'll continue on with the presentation thanks Jeff

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so to start out with I wanted to walk you through some of these new requirements from House Bill 1220

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um that Jeff had mentioned earlier in the presentation and we'll start with looking at the affordable housing

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targets and where those are coming from and what those look like

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um so to start with the the Department of Commerce is developing these

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affordable housing targets for for counties in this in the state and then

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they're going to provide those targets to the counties and then the counties will distribute those or allocate those

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to the cities within the county um the other piece that Commerce has to

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provide after they've made those affordable housing targets for the

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counties is they they have to provide some guidance to cities and counties as to how they can comply with these new

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requirements um so those are the guidance is going to give us fill in some of the the gray

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area about how we actually can accomplish these or meet the satisfy the Statewide requirements

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and as Jeff mentioned we we expect that work to expand the scope of work for our

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comprehensive Plan update it appears that some of those requirements that are

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going to come from the guidance are going to be above and beyond will be an initially planned for the periodic

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review so that's at the state level now at that county level the growth management

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planning council is considering um their recommendation to the King

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County Council about these affordable housing targets and how they those should be allocated to the cities in

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King County um they're they're currently considering a few different options we'll look at

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those at the on the next slide here and that's really what we're looking for your comments on tonight when we get

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there later in the um presentation we've had several conversations with you know

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the gmpcs had several meetings discussing these different options and

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the the affordable housing Target allocations their formal comment period on these

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options is open through November 30th and then we expect them to make their

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final vote on a recommendation to the King County Council sometime either at the end of this year

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or early next year so as as Jeff mentioned a lot of this is

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still a work in progress at the state and county level

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so looking at some of the the three options that the growth management planning council is considering

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um these um this table here shows what each of those allocations would look like

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um each of those three options and it's broken out by income band relative to

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the area median income or Ami so you see the First Column of this table here is

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the those different income brackets um relative to area median income and

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then the numbers in each of the subsequent columns are the dwelling unit allocations for under each option

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um for each of those income Bans so um looking at Option One

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um option one is an allocation where all the cities are allocated the same percentage share of their housing growth

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um by income levels so uh Mercer Island receives the same percentage share as

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Redmond as Shoreline and so on so what we see here is that there's in

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option one there are you can see these are this is a

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different distribution of our our adopted [Music] um housing uh projection of 1239 so we

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would have 315 at this 120 percent Ami portability range 65 at the zero to 120

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51 to 80 percent of my 194 at 31 to 50

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percent and then 520 at that lowest income affordability range

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um so that's option one option two is a different allocation

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where jurisdictions with a low-income housing units are allocated

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higher amounts in those lower income bans so a city like Mercer Island with

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with fewer low-income units you can see that that low-income Target there is is

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much higher in this option too um one of the [Music] um

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strange things about option two is that because of the proportionality of it you

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end up with negative units here at the at the higher end

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um to keep it within range of our adopted targets so this is a that's a

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pretty difficult having a negative Target like that is pretty difficult when we're primarily focused on

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new growth and I think that's been one of the the primary criticisms of option

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two is that the the numbers are um kind of disproportionate and can be

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challenging then yeah just to jump in there can we go back to

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that option too yeah that's good right there so just for the council's context and understanding what that negative

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number means in reality or expected reality is that 2858

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[Music] existing uh market rate

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units on Mercer Island would redevelop or and or convert

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to housing for some other income Ami range that's on this table so

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that's why when you look at that you know like the 0 to 30 Ami the 1288

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number you're like wow gee that's that's our entire you know ratified housing

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unit growth Target for the next 20-year planning period that's true but then that additional stock of 28.58

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would actually you know convert itself in some form or fashion to some other income Ami band

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um to satisfy option two if that was the um the path forward for uh the county uh

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through um for for implementation of 12 20. so that's that's a pretty shocking and you

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know if you think that number is large that negative number other cities have negative numbers under this option too

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that are even more dramatic than that so um it's it's kind of difficult to

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Envision how that many units could possibly transition you know within a couple

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decade time frame and um I think we find it to be just sad as well it's difficult to Envision so okay

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option 3-0 thanks Jeff um so that actually led the um I think

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those those first two options let the gmpc to ask King County staff to develop a third option

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and that resulted in this option three where they um they took the scenario one unit

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allocation where everybody was awarded the same or allocated the same

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um percentage of affordable units at each level and then they weighted that

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distribution by a couple of different factors so they weighted it by the share of housing that's currently affordable

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at the zero to eighty percent range and the share of housing that's uh currently

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income restricted at that zero to eighty percent uh range and then finally the

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ratio of low-wage jobs to low-wage workers so because of that waiting you can see

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the option three targets are a little bit heavier on the lower end of the

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um of the income ranges there and then have only a few a few units at those

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higher income and market rate affordable ranges but here too option three is is

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still a different distribution a different way of of Distributing our

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adopted and ratified growth Target of 1239 so it's still not more units

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than we've then we've agreed to take for our housing Target our overall housing

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Target and so

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um either way when we once these affordable targets are set at the county level for

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um for the cities within the county then we'll we'll need to undertake some

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um we'll need to plan for accommodating those uh those targets and we can we can

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plan for them that through our planned kind of City programs and actions such

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as like supporting Arch or other City actions and through our zoning and

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regulations making sure that we allow enough development capacity for those

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lower income housing units there's some there's some gray area in there about

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how far we need to go for accommodating these uh these targets and that's where

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we expect the guidance from Commerce to to fill in that gray gray area and and

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give us an idea of what the exact expectation is going to be for cities to

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plan for accommodating these targets and that that guidance is

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um still forthcoming we uh there's they haven't released a draft yet but we

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expect to get a draft before the end of the year and then we'll go through the Commerce process so

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we're still kind of waiting on that piece for Commerce

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Adam if I can just jump in there quickly again sorry um just about you know the

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I mentioned at the beginning of this presentation and Adam's raised it here again on this slide

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um how timelines have been slipping here a little bit uh with the state and then you know subsequently with the county

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um what hasn't slipped is the current deadline of the end of 2024 for uh local

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jurisdictions to complete their periodic updates to their comprehensive plans

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however as recently you know this is a good example of how information

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seems to be you know uh slowly leaking out uh almost on a

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daily basis on a King County Planning director's call last Thursday morning uh

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with uh staff from the Department of Commerce as well as from uh gmpc the

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county present it was noted that we probably are looking at information

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guidance and direction from Commerce not coming out until at a minimum the end of

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the year what Adam just said it was even suggested it might even uh run into the

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first part of 2023 and it was also suggested that a final ratification of

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affordable housing targets um through uh King County may not be

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complete until uh the end of 2023 or even the beginning of 2024. so the

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question was posed to both state and County staff on that call

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um well when our local jurisdiction is going to receive additional time to complete their periodic updates and

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because we may be looking at you know somewhere in a Delta of about you know

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12 months or so um after you know ratification to to actually adopt updated comprehensive

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plans and the answer was well we don't anticipate there's any additional time for local jurisdictions on the way but

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um you know timelines continue to slide at our other respective levels of um of

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government here uh with this subject so um anyway Adam uh continue on with the

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moderate density thank you so another change that was made with

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House Bill 1220 is a requirement that cities and counties

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um with Urban growth areas are are now required to consider moderate density

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options in their housing element the consider is is the the term used in

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the um in the bill and essentially moderate density housing

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are those those types of housing that exist kind of between a detached single

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family residence and then like a mid-rise apartment building um so through this process one of the

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strategies that we need to consider that will be required to consider um for addressing our housing needs will

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be this moderate density component and this is another piece where the the word consider could mean a lot of different

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things and we expect that that guidance again will will at least clear out some

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of that gray area and give us an idea of what what the expectation is around this

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considering uh moderate density in our in our housing planning

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so the next big component of House Bill 1220 is considering those policies that

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may have had a racially disparate impacts us so there's there's three things that are

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are new here that were added by house bill 1220. um the city is required or all cities

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and counties are required to identify housing policies that have

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um that may have had racially disparate impacts and then begin to and then adopt policy amendments to address those those

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impacts then the next requirement is that you know we the cities are required to

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identify those policies that may result in displacement um we'll go over displacement here in a

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moment and then also to adopt policies that are that address that displacement

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and then finally the identify policies that may have resulted in exclusion in

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housing as well um so

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um this this piece we have received some um draft guidance from uh from Commerce

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about doing this this uh racially disparate impact analysis

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and and uh evaluation and just from looking at the draft it

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does look like this is a much bigger than initially kind of

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planned around um our housing element update so there's going to be some

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pretty significant changes to the scope around this this piece too based on that draft guide in stocking

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um so one of the one of the bigger pieces of this is um is identifying the

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the cities required to identify areas that have an increased displacement risk

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so these are places that are likely to um you know the folks that live there

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now are likely to be displaced as a result of new development or zoning changes

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um and um sometimes this is kind of referred to as like gentrification

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so we need to identify areas with an increased displacement risk and then

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um the other piece of that is to establish anti-displacement housing policies

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that that piece you know there's there's a lot of different um options that we'll have for for

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addressing that so we we have some kind of levers and dials uh available to us uh to address that um anti-displacement

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piece um but just wanted to give you a heads up that that's that's going to be coming

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up and will be a piece of our our housing element update

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um so um I think I've I already covered what's coming in the guidance here

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um so now I'll turn it over to Jesse um to present on our additional resource

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sequence here thank you Adam thank you Jeff uh again

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for the record I'm Jesse Bond your city manager um Council I sent a couple emails over

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the weekend and I I will tell you that typically we do Endeavor to get all of the information into the agenda bill

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before it's published as Jeff was mentioning earlier the goal posts were moving as the agenda bill was being

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written so thank you for indulging our our follow-ups and multiple follow-ups

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one of the things I I just wanted to remind you is what our policy staff look

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like in the planning department so if you could click their atom and highlight

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you're just uh yeah just there you go uh we have one

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dedicated FTE in the planning department that works on policy work so basically things separate from permitting and uh

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you know separate from building separate from our inspectors and that's Adam and he's here with us tonight so just one

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FTE dedicated to policy work and Adam's Focus for the next two years is really primarily the comprehensive

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plan um so I just I wanted to show this slide uh to make sure you understood capacity

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we also if you can click again uh he is supported by two other positions in the department that wear

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multiple hats the director and deputy director and so that is your policy planning

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non-permit team and CPD we anticipate uh Jeff and I have been

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meeting quite a bit the last two weeks you know how are we going to deliver this additional scope of work this is a

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preliminary comment obviously we're waiting for final Direction on several items but we anticipate Council we will

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need to bring in an LTE analyst uh to help us with the additional

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requirements of house bill 1220. so that is a heads up this this is different

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than the information I presented to you at the outset of our budget discussions uh and even different than what I shared

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as we started working on House Bill 2020 and the comprehensive Plan update so that's a heads up you don't need to

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make a decision on this now we don't need to do anything differently with our budget but next slide please and here's

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why we have back in 2020 you appropriated

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150 000 for the comprehensive Plan update those funds carried forward to

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the current biennium and they will carry forward again the remaining funds of which most of that funding is still

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available to the next biennium we received a 52 000 Grant from the Port

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of Seattle most of that is being directed towards our economic planning work uh

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specifically the economic analysis we worked on earlier this year and the update to the economic element and we're

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splitting those uh revenues between 2022 and 2023. we also received 125 000 Grant from the

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Department of Commerce you may recall this came out of the last legislative session those revenues will be received and

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split between 2023 and 2024. so part of my email to you this weekend and what I

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wanted to make sure I shared with the community as I had previously said hey this

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Department of Commerce Grant is going to cover all of our comprehensive planning plan costs so there will be a net

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savings at 150 000 you appropriated will come back to the general fund unfortunately I need to walk that back

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I'm not certain at this point there will be any savings and we're anticipating needing all of these resources to fund

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the work as we understand it today um so what I want to emphasize is we

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don't need you to do anything differently with the budget we're not asking for an appropriation for a staff position yet

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um we will come back to you in quarter one 2023 with an updated

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scope and schedule and at that point we hope to have our arms around the deliverables but I felt an important

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considering we're we're also in uh the middle of our 2023 budget to correct

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some information that I had shared previously and let you know how we're thinking about delivering this

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additional work thank you Adam and Jeff I will turn it back to you

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great thanks um so as we mentioned at the beginning

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we wanted to get some preliminary feedback tonight uh from the city council on some of the on a draft

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comment letter some initial guidance for drafting a comment letter to the gmpc

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regarding these affordable housing targets so in the agenda Bill we had some a

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couple of bullet points there that we were looking for some initial feedback

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on the first being that that option one of the affordable housing targets is the

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preferred option of the three percent um we feel like the distribution here

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um allowing for um you know a certain amount of our growth Target to go towards uh

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market rate housing um is is the most realistic and achievable of the three options

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presented and then the second point there is that that option three is our second choice

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um of of the three that were presented uh because while this is a much more ambitious

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um allocation of those units it is still you know maybe it's closer to achievable

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than um than the option two and then finally to tie it together option two is

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is not recommended because it's really um beyond what we're what we'd be able

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to achieve given the tools and resources available uh this is uh maybe uh be beyond what we

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can what we can accommodate um the other piece of the comment that we

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wanted to get some feedback on um is um the the secondary points

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um that um that we want when we are getting

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guidance on the requirements for these for planning for these targets that we

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would like to to make sure that that's clear concise measurable and achievable

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um that we're not we're not setting the setting the bar too high for the city to

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accomplish and and hand in glove with that is is the point that you know a lot

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of cities have limited resources and then we want to ask the county to

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advocate for additional resources from the state to support this work

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so part of the part of the comment there is that you know we're

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while we need realistic and achievable um requirements we also need to have the

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resources available to actually meet those requirements and meet the the somewhat lofty goal of uh setting these

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these affordable housing targets so at that point before I go on to next

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steps I would um welcome any uh input you might have on

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those if you have any comments to provide there councilmember weiker

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thank you for all of that Adam um yeah we've seen this coming for a while but the devil is in the details as

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we all know so I wonder if you have any sense whether the legislative session might address some of these challenges

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in the next go around or if this is the trains left the station now we just have to kind of work with it and a follow-up

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to that is uh more to Salim is how are we partnering with other cities to help get this message across collectively So

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Adam first Celine second and if I can interrupt Adam do you mind uh stopping your screen share for the discussion

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sure thanks and I would I would defer to Jeff I think I think he he has some comments on

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the legislative session part of that question yeah councilmember it's a great question

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actually um I think we are starting to glean a little insight

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um as to what may or may not be you know on the horizon uh in the next

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legislative session um in terms of assisting with 1220 implementation

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um I am not aware of any specific legislation that may be on the way for this certainly at the staff levels

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um with the state and the county um respective staff members that are

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that are working on this effort um you know the message has has largely

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been um outside of the direction and guidance a Commerce will issue and and working

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the gmpc process through up to the County Council for you know breaking out

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the affordable housing targets and amendments to county-wide planning policies cities are

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um largely going to be on their own to um to get their work done and make sure

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that they're in compliance with uh GMA including these Provisions from House

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Bill 1220. I know our you know our city manager and um

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mayor has everyone's talking to everybody right now it seems like at our respective levels so but from a planning

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director staff level that's certainly um that's certainly where I'm at in terms of most recent information

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perfect uh so councilman Weichert address your your question directly I am

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talking to the north county Mayors I had a meeting with the all of the north county Mayors today gmpc obviously

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talking to everybody that's within the caucus within the gmpc itself and within

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the affordable housing committee which is the body that is within gmpc that is

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um kind of charged with taking Commerce data and doing allocations out to the counties I think now you know just this

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week they issued the numbers for Supportive Housing so shelter housing

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and um that's kind of the final missing piece of the housing allocation so this really

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is tip of the spear you know we as a city I think are well positioned to get the rest of the council out to speed

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have some substantive discussions about 12 20 what did it get right where could

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it be improved go back to our legislative Representatives if we think that there is uh you know changes to 12

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20 that might make it better legislation better planning better housing generating type policy and so here we

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are but again well I'm going to look for guidance from the council tonight so with that councilman Reynolds

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yeah I sent in a bunch of questions as the city manager alluded to the other day

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and I understand some of them may not have answers yet but the one fundamental one I'm curious

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about right now which you may have an answer to Is I'm still struggling with what it means to have a Target so for

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example if if our Target is 500 units set below 30 Ami

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does that mean we need to set a a zoning requirement that is consistent with that that no home or no multi-family

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developments can be built unless they have enough units that are consistent with that Target

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and if that is the the requirement of it what happens then if no Builder steps forward to build a building that has

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that because it's not economically viable for them anymore have we still met the requirement of the city at that point

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yeah then uh council member that's that's also a really good question that

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um as um potentially some answers to it uh but I don't think all the answers as of yet

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so um you'll you may have picked up on um the word planning has been has been used

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in this presentation um uh perhaps an inordinate number of times but

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um that's truly um you know where we're at here in uh the workflow at this point is that this

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is part of our 20-year planning Horizon and a periodic update to the

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comprehensive plan so this is a planning exercise so I think to provide you

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um some some certain uh insight into into your question

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um we will be required to plan for whatever affordable housing targets

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um we ultimately are handed through the gnpc and the King County Council process

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that's um that's um underway here so so yes we have to plan for it just

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like our housing and job growth targets from earlier this year

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um part of doing the periodic update is to plan not only from a zoning perspective but from an infrastructure

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and um you know Capital facility perspective as well so

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um that's part of the answer um also as Adam has has referenced here

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a few times during the presentation we're going to talk about some more is as this subject moves forward in time

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um in addition to doing that Baseline that planning exercise we're also going to

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have to demonstrate that um we are making um

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measurable efforts to and that's my term that's not that's not out of the bill or

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anything but measurable efforts to achieve those targets

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so as we've talked you know um at City Hall and in staff meetings that

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have been taking place on this subject um that could involve developing tools

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providing incentives for movement towards you know achievement of those targets over time

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um and that that can mean all kinds of different things and I don't think we're necessarily going to get into here tonight but it could mean developing uh

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programs or or different measures or you know code amendments code measures that

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would um that would demonstrate that Mercer Island is taking action to

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um to work towards achieving those targets so um but there's still a lot unknown as

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well right but um in terms of um compliance and enforcement I think

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was maybe the the back half of your question there um we don't have specific information at

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this time um whether there will be specific compliance enforcement measures

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um taken or or further legislation enacted to that degree the one thing I

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can tell you and again this is just coming from the staff level of the County planning director level

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the one thing that has been discussed is once periodic updates are complete in

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King County so again working off of the end of 2024 um that there there may be a mid

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okay assuming that comp plans in King County are completed in 2024 as of now

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with our current growth management act Provisions the next periodic update would be nine years later in 2033 okay

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so what's been discussed um is that there may be a mid periodic

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update review that that may ensue of cities to

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measure how they are doing but that's that's the most detail that we've gotten

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on that type of action again specificity regarding compliance and

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potential enforcement um we just haven't seen that as of yet

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if it comes at all so thank you that's helpful uh Mr Mayor I have a second question when is my turn

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again so I'll leave my hand up okay councilmember anderol thanks I I also have two questions but the the

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first one um I want to ask is as my understand it all of these housing units that have to

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be affordable at a certain percent of Ami are to be new housing units and so

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it is there any thought or from your perspective is there any sense to looking at legislative amendments that

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might allow the city to instead create incentives to take some existing units

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into the affordability care category as opposed to trying to find land for 500

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units that to Craig's point maybe nobody will ever build because there's not enough subsidy money in the world to do

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it mm-hmm well and I I think that's where the the

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guidance will help give us some clarity around that what to what degree can we count like maybe conversion of units um

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through some kind of policy mechanism it's unclear at this point exactly how that measurement is going to be

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um what the measurement is going to be what's the yardstick for uh that is

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planning for this uh accommodating this does that make sense

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don't really feel like you answered my question but I'm not sure I just wanted to I'm not sure we have the answer and

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and I think we'll be more more specific in in acknowledging that I will say as

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you're raising these questions I'm going to pose one back to you um do you want to include that talking

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point in our letter to the gmpc and I would say yes you know flexibility and and how this is

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implemented is you know something that we've at least talked about internally I think it also relates to a very

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important partnership we have with Arch and we want them to be at the Forefront of this work

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um so I'll just jump in here and add my my two two cents on that

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was your follow-up closely related to that or no no uh so council member oh

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sorry I'm gonna go Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum I'm going to get everybody to have a first round here

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yeah uh Adam excuse me uh thanks cancer

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there uh you know thanks a lot for all your work on this uh it sounds like you'll be very busy uh the next few

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years um you know I also want to you know thank you for

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taking the time to kind of go down the rabbit hole with us last week or so I've I've really learned a lot and uh very

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frustrated I would say is a good way to say just in terms of what we're being asked to do here I think is gonna be very challenging and I frankly I'm not

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sure it's going to meet the goals that sort of the legislative intent um of this of this idea uh down the road

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um while being very costly and potentially having Downstream impacts negative Downstream impacts

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um a question I have is in a letter that for the gmpc is there did you think at all about adding something around

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um you know pushing back some of these deadlines or moving forward other someone to make this a little more palpable is that sort of in the

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flexibility element that you're that you're looking for or the very exactly what the word was on

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that slide but something along those lines yeah I think that's definitely something we can include in there we haven't

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actually drafted the letter we wanted to get kind of these these types of uh comments uh tonight I think are really

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going to help us draft something yeah um well I'm definitely in favor of what you put on the screen earlier you can

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put me as a thumbs up for that Mr Mayor but um I mean I think maybe we need to take a step further and just in terms of you

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know kind of a broader uh perspective of of what the challenge is going to be for a city like ours and I don't I don't

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think we're unique here at all I mean I think that other cities you know are going to have very similar challenges

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and um you know I really hope that our our legislature is able to work willing and

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able to work with us on this Mr Mayor may I cut in line real quick just to follow up on that one time one time

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thank you uh Council it just so happens that you have your 2023 State Legislative priorities on your agenda

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later tonight as well I sent an email late in the day suggesting that we may want to add something on House Bill 1220

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to your legislative priorities so remind you that some of the authority to extend these deadlines actually rests with the

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state that doesn't mean that the gmpc can't uh and should be an ally to to the

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cities and asking for these things so we have a couple of paths to consider and we'll get to those legislative

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priorities later where we can be a little more specific about the ask to the state as well thank you Mr Mayor

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councilmember Reynolds yeah I promote it's worth the the

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talking points for the the letter that you got like in the slides I think are very good

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um and I agree with all of them and in particular the I think we need to be very clear that there's just no viable

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way to do option two because that involves because I understand it kind of taking a quarter of the homes on

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single-family homes in Mercer Island and taking them away or quarter of the housing units and that I just don't see how you could

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possibly do that at least not in a legal way um the the second thing I was going to

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ask though is all of the you the comments that I saw were addressed towards the housing unit targets

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and I didn't see anything on there that was addressing the racial disparity aspects of the bill and I wanted to make

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sure that is there anything in the works on that and it strikes me that that's something that probably needs a lot of

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clarification because for example the fact that homes on Mercer Island are

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so bloody expensive certainly has a racial disparity impact

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so does that mean we have to have policies that will in some way shape or form lower the price of homes or

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apartments on Mercer on Beyond what's already contemplated in the the targets

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um excuse me uh you know I think we we do plan on coming back

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um in the early this is actually the next step slide that I didn't quite get to but we plan on coming back early next

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year with some scope amendments um once we have a little better once we've gotten our arms around what what

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this work is going to look like and having the draft guidance for that racially disparate impacts part we can

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integrate some of that what that work is going to look like into that scope Amendment so I think you know for the

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comment letter to the gmpc we should focus on the option the allocation options because that's what they're

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considering at this point that's what we're commenting on and then the racially disparate impacts part we can

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we can based on the guidance determine how we want to amend our scope of work to take

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care of that that piece of it if we're going to send feedback on the racially

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disparate impacts that probably needs to be directed to the state in the Department of Commerce I'm not

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sure Jeff if there if there is an official comment period open on

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that uh or Adam I believe the draft Guidance the the current draft the

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comment period may have just closed um but they haven't taken a final action

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on that so we could we could figure out a way to get our comments to or get the council's comments to Commerce on the

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next draft and council member Reynolds again I think the energy here could also be focused to our legislators uh so that

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they understand you know this this started with legislation that was passed the implementation guidance is coming

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from the Department of Commerce it's proving to be far more significant than we ever contemplated uh when we you know

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did the plain language read of House Bill 1220 so let's keep that in mind uh

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we'll and I know mayor nice had even some preliminary conversations today with uh two of our legislators

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great thank you yeah councilmember weiker okay I'm gonna be a little bit

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long-winded here for a minute and I'm going to say um so I totally appreciate what we're trying to do with gmpc and I think we

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also need to stay focused on the state legislature and make sure our messages are hitting each of the audiences that we have the ability to influence and I'm

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going to say Amen that we hired a lobbyist just in time because the legislative work is going to be a heavier lift than we can do alone so

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working with our partners at a to BSC and with Nick's Network I'm sure a lot of cities once they catch up to this

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issue that's bubbling up are going to appreciate sort of the cities like ours that are taking the lead on this so

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thank you for hiring someone who can help us get some Traction in Olympia and while we're there I think what we're

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trying to figure out how to address zoning we want some flexibility in local control so pivoting back to giving

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cities like ours a lot more uh flexibility given the very narrow bandwidth we have to meet uh it was

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already going to be a tough Challenge and now even more with the affordability I am Ami levels and a key part of that

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is also the um support we need for the infrastructure so making sure the public works trust fund is not rated to the

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state's general fund we're going to need to support our streets and our sewer lines and broadband and all the work

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that comes with adding more people to our jurisdiction so however we can add that to whichever leather or whichever

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lobbying agenda for Nick to chase down Olympia I think we need to be super clear about the key messages repeat

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repeat repeat because this isn't doable so Pie in the Sky policy that's not actually achievable

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doesn't serve anybody's purpose at a time and we absolutely need to bring more Supply into the market that meets

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all the different income levels we have and the downsizing and new homeownership for young people that that we

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desperately need in the region never mind this community alone

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so yes to the letter and yes to getting Nick busy down in Olympia very good I'm going to turn it over to director Thomas

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thank you mayor just uh briefly here to that a question from a moment ago about comment additional comments

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um directed perhaps at the state um they the Department of Commerce

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actually does have a comment period open until November 11th right now but it's focused on

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housing projection methodology and numbers so um what I'd like to offer here to the

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council and to the city manager is that we're going to actually dig into that here uh further over the next few days

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and um based on what it appears their their branding on their website uh for

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comments at the moment um it may make sense given how this letter may be shaping up to gnpc that we

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may want to um do a dual um I addressed the letter to perhaps uh

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both bodies or send separate letters but very similar but we'll we'll dig into that a little bit further here and we'll

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certainly be prepared to um uh to figure that out here in short

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order so um given that that comment period um where Commerce does

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um does expire before your next regular business meeting

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um I would certainly consult with the city manager here um in short order and we may have that

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as a staff letter to Commerce um on that and then we can certainly come back and report that back to

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council and craft the gnpc letter for the mayor councilmer Jacobson

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our transfer payments considered in the

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calculation of Ami government transfer payment

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oh like a social security check uh Social Security is not is not a

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governmental transfer that's happened to be some somebody earned likewise with Medicare these are things like food

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stamps like rental assistance like uh income tax

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uh credits uh these kinds of things

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um I don't know the answer to that question off the top of my head I know that I've um I pulled the methodology for how that

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was calculated um but I don't I don't have it open so I could I could find that and add it to

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our common uh response Matrix if that'd be helpful thank you I've got a related question go

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ahead and that is I notice on table number two I believe it is my class is on here to be sure I'm correct uh that

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there's a King County Ami range in a Mercer Island Ami range

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to what extent are does the Mercer Island Ami range have

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anything to do with the King County person let me let me rephrase that which one governs uh or would govern

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um uh what we're required to do ultimately in terms of numbers of houses that fall

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within the 0 to 30 et cetera Etc that's a good question so

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um I believe it will be the county-wide Ami that that will matter there I

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provided that in the in the agenda bill because I think it's helpful to see that King County is a high income County and

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then Mercer Island is a high income area within that County um so it was mostly just for your

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background yeah and council member Jacobson that is my understanding that the county Ami will

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be used um but that is something we're going to take note of here to double check and uh

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confirm for certain and we'll be happy to report that back out to the council just very quickly while we're on that

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topic can you just for the Public's benefit just inform them uh what a 30 Ami unit

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is or a 50 Ami unit what that really means

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um yeah so that is a unit that is Affordable to a household that is making

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uh 30 of the area median income um usually at that range at the lower

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range those are primarily income restricted units so units that were

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created using um that have some kind of deed restriction on them that they must

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remain affordable there's also um at least theoretically naturally

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occurring affordable housing so housing that is without a subsidy or some kind

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of restriction is is Affordable at that lower range so there's there's kind of two different types there's that

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um income restricted or naturally occurring affordable units so a 30 Ami unit in an

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area that had a mean income of a hundred thousand would mean that somebody could make gross wages let's say all income

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thirty thousand dollars that's the thirty percent and then they could spend up to 30 percent of the thirty thousand

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dollars on housing costs and correct and so just to put it in scale when Mercer

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Island gets a target of you know 500-ish zero to thirty percent Ami units that's

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producing let's say 500 something apartments that had a rent of you know

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in the 700 per month range which we know is you know an apartment on Mercer

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Island is going to cost well over that but that puts it in scale when you start thinking zero to thirty percent and then

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30 to 50 percent you're talking about you know maybe a thousand units depending on which scenario

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we end up with that is quite uh an ambitious goal and that is within the

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the market rate housing goal that we already have established within the GMA so those two things kind of compete

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against one another any other questions councilmember Andrew

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yeah I don't have the comprehensive plan in front of us in front of me so I'm not sure but it does seem to me that at

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least one element of our comprehensive plan does prioritize single-family neighborhoods

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and um I mean does this is this a mandate that just wipes that out or you know is it

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our job to find a way to reconcile our priorities with the state's priorities um I mean I just

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it is disturbing to me that market rate housing would not receive equal priority

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that's a good question I'm going to take that if you don't mind staff in the agenda Bill there is a table table three

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that talks about the remaining uh capacity zoning capacity in Mercer

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Island and it totals 1429 units a housing unit is a studio apartment or a

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single family home or a three-bedroom apartment there or a townhouse they're all considered equal in the 1429

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we have thanks to staff broken the density of the 1429 down into high medium high

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medium low low and very low when you get into the low and the very low you're talking single family residential when

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you're in the high and the medium high you're talking multi-family Town Center Centric type zoning

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within the scenario scenario one two and three we're talking about using almost

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100 if not a hundred percent of that zoning capacity towards a net new

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affordable housing goal which kind of uh obliterates the market rate housing goal

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that we have under the GMA it turns a hundred percent of that into affordable housing the the key to being in

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compliance with 1220 is that when you produce 50 and Below Ami housing you

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have to do it with a subsidy and you have to do it in a zone that is a high

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medium-high zone so that means that town centers available zoning capacity uh all

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of it the 528 and the 535 for a total of 1063 housing units needs to be dedicated

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to affordable housing and as we all know that in our town center we produce 10

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percent affordable housing when we put in a five-story multi-family development at a rate of 10 percent of the units so

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a chinois or a Hadley that puts two or three hundred units in is going to produce 20 or 30 60 Ami units uh that's

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not going to fly anymore they're going to have to be 50 or below and they're not going to be at 10 to really make the

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the math on this pencil they have to be at a hundred percent because all of your town center zoning capacity

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uh needs to go along with a subsidy to create a 50 or lower Ami unit and so

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that's the challenge and that's why I reached out to our legislative Representatives Tana sen and Milan tide

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today was to talk to them about 12 20 and what was the legislative intent when they wrote the state law did they

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understand that when they directed the Department of Commerce to come up with the allocation with the needs the

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affordable housing needs at all income bands but then they went straight to implementation did they realized that

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that would be a hundred percent of our market rate housing allocation zoning capacity and they did not and so we're

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in a position where we have a lot on the books we can't implement it fortunately for Mercer Island we have the Town

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Center zoning largely available it hasn't redeveloped but we're going to have to look at zoning implementing uh

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any sort of incentives on height possibly a restoration of an mfte at 30

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percent 50 percent all those things are going to have to be tools that we put in the toolbox

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to implement 1220 but they will all work as a headwind to market rate housing and

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to the extent that we go down the road of continuing to build market rate housing and we use this available

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1429 zoning capacity up particularly in town center if we built market rate

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Apartments you would have to find places when we do our periodic updates to up

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Zone to create the moderate High the high density that the 50 units are going

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to require so it's really a complicated puzzle but it's a puzzle where when you

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look at scenario one that has housing targets within all bands including

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market rate housing versus scenario three it's why staff are recommending that scenario because it says that all

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housing is good that a plan of only affordable housing is too ambitious

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isn't going to produce the units the the state doesn't have the funds to create the sub cities to match the zoning so

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you're going to shut down market rate housing in the region if this is implemented that way so you know I

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reached out to them to at least plant the seed that something could be improved here that you know

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no harm no foul when you directed Department of Commerce you didn't know what the number was going to be it turns out the number is quite High very high

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and so you know I'm looking for the support of the Council on all those things later in the agenda on the

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legislative priorities and going back to the gmpc to of course push for option one but you know as a fallback scenario

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three and I could just say that you know there are cities within the gmpc that you know

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there's no consensus on which is the right scenario different scenarios are doing different things to each City all

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of them having what I would just call a negative unintended consequence of legislation that is very clear that our

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legislative delegation and probably most of the legislators in Olympia had no idea when they passed this this law

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okay any other questions or discussion I just councilmember Jacobson now just one

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point I thought uh I want to thank council member Reynolds because I thought your questions were uh very good

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in penetrating and parallel to the number that I had so you saved me the time of doing it and asking them and uh

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also Adam I thought your presentation was very clear and concise thank you

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thank you yeah great so do you need any more Direction other than I think you heard a handful

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of council members say that the talking points that were on the screen were all acceptable and I think that we had additional comments about timeline

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preservation and conversion of existing housing into Ami housing as possible uh

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councilmember Weinberg a question so we've been given three options one of which is to tear down 22 percent of the

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islands and the other two is to essentially build nothing but affordable housing for 20 years is there an option

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of none of the above of saying you guys got to go back and come back with a reasonable thing because otherwise you're just creating a region-wide

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moratorium or do we have to choose one of the three options so is this going to be a longer answer than you're looking

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for but it I think is the appropriate one um one of the things that we've supported is comprehensive long-range

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planning and when we think about the growth management act it is exactly that and that is the right way to plan Olympia has a very lofty goal it's

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Statewide through data and through work with counties and cities and during

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jurisdictions we comprehensively plan that over a long haul the growth management act had us do that and we've

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been producing housing units market rate housing units some affordable housing units on a very linear path from the

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Inception of the plan you can look at Mercer Island and we're a juggernaut of creating Homes at a very steady rate

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right in line with the GMA this doesn't do that but it still follows that kind of long-range

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comprehensive planning guide guidebook or Glide slow the problem is that we kind of take market rate off the table

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and replace it with AMI there is a feedback mechanism in 1220 that says that jurisdictions will report back to

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presumably the county and then the state what are the barriers to production of the housing and so when I say we have

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the available capacity in town center to capture the 50 and Below we will

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accompany that with a bullet point a letter A a message to Olympia that says

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we're going to require you know 400 million 500 million dollars of subsidies to create these thousand fifty percent

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below Ami units in this town center Zone and there will be a number of those types of feedback loops around

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infrastructure and water sewer police Schools transportation that that

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similarly say these are the impediments to developing that growth what we should be saying into Olympia is to your point

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councilman Weinberg don't shut down all Housing Development because we desperately need it in the region but

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take a pause take a step back maybe a half Department of commerce's targets so

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that we can work on building those units over the 10 years but continue that feedback loop so Olympia can understand

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the ground game that is the the real impediments to generating these units because it's a 20-year planning Horizon

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there's really no reason to shut down market rate housing to develop to not

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develop something that doesn't have the subsidies and support that it needs and I'm sure that Jesse Bond probably has

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additional comments she could add to that but maybe if I did a good job then she doesn't yeah that was tough to follow you did a great job thank you

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any other questions okay so you have everything that you

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need and I trust that we'll just work behind the scenes on that letter and we'll see that come back to council the

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the next meeting very good thank you great thank you thank you

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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all right uh next item of business uh not having my agenda in front of me I believe the city managers report so I'm

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going to turn it over to Jesse Bond will I get organized here thank you

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all right good evening again Mr Mayor members of the city council

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this is a fun city manager's report we'll kick it right off with an image from the uh Pumpkin Walk on Sunday

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okay uh let's start off with our Council board and commission Updates this is

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just a look ahead to your calendar uh Council I will remind you you have another meeting this week Thursday

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November 3rd at 4 30 we will be attending a joint meeting with the

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Mercer Island School District Board of Directors at their Administrative Building and then your next council

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meeting is Tuesday November 15th boarding commissions coming up we actually have a busy week the design

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commission is meeting tomorrow the Parks and Recreation Commission is meeting on

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Thursday and then the Planning Commission is holding a special meeting next week

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right I have a quite a range of updates for you again sticking with the theme of

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The Pumpkin Walk and all the fun that we had last week as a community uh we also had a very busy weekend here

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at the city hall campus we had our Recycling and Med take back events and I

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just wanted to let you know we had a great great turnout almost 600 cars here for the recycling event I always like to

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provide you with the data and outcome from these programs we just didn't quite have that all together for tonight's

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presentation but I will give you that update on the 15th

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very exciting we've been doing just some fantastic work our Police Department with the high school students

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and I wanted to make sure you were aware that recently the high school audio visual students partnered with our

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Police Department team to create a bike safety video we have posted a link to

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that on our Police Department Facebook page and this is I think now number two

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or three in terms of the videos that were producing so we love the collaboration the students have been

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great we're doing lots of fun stuff getting that information out into the community

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this is a reminder and our Communications manager will be pushing out this information a lot over the next

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few weeks but we are at that point where we we literally went from Summer to fall in about 12 hours and we are in the the

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battle to keep the leaves clear from the drains just a reminder counsel to you

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and to our community that we have 5400 stormwater drains uh in the city to keep clear and flowing

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and we also have one street sweeper that is working 54 miles of residential and

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25 miles of arterial roadway so as leaves are falling we are out very busy

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and we could use the community's help if you have storm drains near your home just take a moment to clear those leaves

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and put them in your compost bins and more importantly if you see something that is looking problematic and water is

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starting to back up give us a call or submit a service request at the link there on the screen

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those service requests go directly into our work order system and they get assigned based on priority so thanks to

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everybody for helping us during The Fall season back to our wonderful partnership with

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the high school students I wanted to give a shout out to our yfs staff who worked with the

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Mercer Island High School safe prevention Club to host an event where students were talking with their peers

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about the dangers of look-alike drugs including things to look out for symptoms of Overdose and the Good

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Samaritan laws really really proud of these Partnerships it's it's it's

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been a steady Cadence of messaging and both yfs and our police team are staying

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engaged with the students we think peer-to-peer information is probably one of the most powerful tools we have in in

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fighting these issues great job everybody you'll also notice Council we've been

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pushing out an information campaign on Thrift Shop donations we do this once in a while

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particularly when we start receiving a run of donations that we can't reuse so

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this is just a reminder to everybody that's donating to the thrift shop please make sure we're receiving the things that we can sell we've had a

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number of donations come in where the whole the whole I the whole donation the

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box or the bag is unusable and this time of year it needs to be dry because if we receive something that's moldy just one

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item it usually means the whole lot is contaminated and it has to be disposed of uh so we encourage you to get out drop

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off your donations we accept donations eight to eleven uh 8 A.M to 11 A.M Sunday through Thursday

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all right I told you I was going to cover a range of topics so let me jump to another one Lincoln Landing has reopened we're calling this a soft

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opening we still have some things to finish some plantings that need to go in and additional site furniture

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this was a long construction project almost five months included restoration work

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including reconstructing a deeply eroded Creek bed while putting in a new accessible path and I'll talk more about

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what that path does in just a moment this is a property that is kind of more than meets CI so underneath all that we

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have both City and wash dot storm water utilities and on the sewer side of the

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house we have both City and King County Sewer infrastructure most of our Park Street ends are

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actually part of our utility program and connect with or somehow link to our

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sewer Lake line So speaking of that path we fielded some questions about what is that and why

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does it run right down the middle of Lincoln Landing that is actually also a driveway which

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supports our 66 000 pound sewer Vector truck why does this matter we need to

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get that truck to the water's edge where we have a sewer pump station it's easy

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to forget that ours we have a lake line a sewer Lake line that sits out in Lake Washington around 25 feet without this

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type of access anytime we need to bring the sewer truck in we were pretty much destroying the street end Parks so as we

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continue to rehabilitate our street in Parks you'll see this type of infrastructure going in and that is why

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it is there I just barely skim the surface of all the incredible Innovations and

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Engineering that went into this street end if you'd like to get out and learn more about the project I encourage you

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to reach out Council or community members to Jason kittner our chief of operations and he'd be happy to give you

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a tour and a site visit we expect to be wrapping up the final aspects of the project by the end of the

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year this is also just a reminder that we will be closed for Veterans Day on

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Friday November 11th in honor of all our veterans and I will take this opportunity now to acknowledge our staff

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members of the community and everyone else who has served

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upcoming events a couple of things to remind you about just recently we hosted

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training on how to be an ally we had about 26 families participate in a webinar format and received two

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different presentations the really fantastic one was focused on teens and another one was focused on adults

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coming up November 7th we have another feature which is I should we have

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another session I should say which will feature Island resident parent and Microsoft Chief accessibility Officer

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Jenny lay flurry and the topic she'll be covering is disability as a strength

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sharing experiences and challenges of ability inclusion in our world we do ask you to register in advance and

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the program will be happening here at City Hall we'll also have an online component

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and the same week we will be hosting November 9th from 6 30 to 8 30 p.m this

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is actually at the community center the Youth and Family Services healthy youth Initiative Program I will be doing a

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feature on social and emotional skills and as an important foundation for a child's

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success and well-being this is a program that's open uh to community members wide range and

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the content is appropriate for children parents of children of all ages if you'd

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like to register I posted the website there at the bottom of the screen all right some good news as I said this

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was a fun one to put together we've had a lot happening in the last few days I'm happy to share first of all Council I'd

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like to take a moment to recognize Bob to culsker I should have practiced that

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name before the presentation one of our police and Emergency Management volunteers we recently honored him Bob

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has served gosh so many roles Mercer Island radio operators as a lead volunteer

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he's also worked on the city shelter and transportation teams and has assisted us with cert training and volunteer

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emergency exercises here's here's the punch line Bob has volunteered this year alone this

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year alone over 650 hours to our Emergency Management program so we were

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super excited to honor him and Council I wanted to come and share this information with you tonight we are

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hoping to bring back our formal volunteer recognition program hopefully in the next year which will give you an

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opportunity to meet some of our wonderful volunteers all right that leads me to Halloween

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weekend gosh we had so much fun uh we had an evening of trick-or-treating in town center on

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Friday you know it was just a really really great turnout my kids came home with buckets of buckets of candy got to

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see all of the businesses and talked to the owners and the staff and I see one of them here in the audience tonight so

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thank you for participating Mother Nature also cooperated so that was great every time we do an event like this we

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learn something new we will make a few changes for next year but overall was just a really really great turnout

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uh the Pumpkin Walk we hosted on Sunday I wanted to share that we took advantage of Hosting this event and we built in a

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little staff team building on Friday we got everybody together for lunch and we were able to carve 52

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pumpkins so that was a lot of fun we don't always get to be together as staff and some of our staff even on their own

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time were helping out by carving pumpkins so thank you to everybody that participated and the success of this

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event was not just the staff there were many many community volunteers that dropped off pumpkins

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uh so we had a great turnout if you were out on Sunday we got sprinkled on just a little bit uh but not too bad we had

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plenty of pumpkins if this was the first time we had uh the event at mercerdale Park I think it worked out really well

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um addressed some of the safety issues we had at Luther Burbank previously and you know what's really exciting about

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this event this event was the vision of some community members they started it almost five years ago it got big and

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very popular we paused it during covid and then the city was in a position to bring it back with all of those

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community members as partners so I think we'll chalk it up to a great success also a huge thank you to our sponsors

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John L Scott Mercer Island martial arts and Greg Rosenwald real estate and again this weekend would not have been

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possible had we not had all of our businesses partnering together to support us and the community with these

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events all right and looking ahead uh if you've

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been out speaking of special events we are starting to put lights up on the trees illuminate Mercer Island

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is on the horizon so more to come we haven't announced the date the flights will come on uh but we are planning for

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the first Friday of December the tree lighting and the firehouse mud so more to come it's a festive season

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and I want to thank everybody for supporting us on these programs and events it's been great

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that is all I have very good thank you for that our next

APPEARANCES

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item of business is public comment do we have anyone signed up for public common this evening yes Mr Mayor one person

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signed up to speak tonight okay tonight's agenda will include in-person public appearances and remote public appearances via Zoom individuals wishing

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to address the council may do so in person or by Zoom or by telephone provided they register with the city clerk by 4 pm today when it's your turn

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to speak you'll be called by name remarks must be addressed to the council as a whole and not to individual counsel

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or staff members as it is election season please be reminded that state law specifically RCW

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42.17a 555 prohibits the use of City facilities for campaign related purposes with limited exceptions accordingly

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please do not make campaign related comments during this time please speak audibly and state your name in city of

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residence for the record there'll be a timer on the screen you'll have three minutes to speak when your time has ended I'll thank you for your comments

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and move to the next speaker or next item of business is called the first speaker thank you Mr Mayor the first

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Speaker tonight is Alex Zimmerman foreign

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thank you Kyle

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my dirty dancing

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yeah my name Alexander president of stand up America

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you very nice people I love you I never see like this dirty trick Dory Crook in

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um like you you know what is mean I spoke in hundred City public comment posterior

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from first in meeting or

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special time trick what is you did is very interesting who this idiot like me

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will be staying for one half hour and wait for speak for three minutes for this you don't have nobody you more

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dirty crook what is I see in my life because I speak hundreds City around for last couple dozen years so you need to

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stop and they say let's look absolutely duotic yes thank you very much for your time

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yeah I want to speak right now about fascism but as we see in Seattle and um

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Indian country and I have my memorandum what is I explained right now to everybody and I want what is everybody

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sees this memorandum you know what is it in camera so we don't have a freedom of

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speech is this a fundamental Point what is Seattle can country come to what is a sinking epicenter of fascism in America

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we don't have freedom of speech Seattle Council don't have kin country Council don't have Sound Transit board don't

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have this Seattle School Board don't have the Seattle Port commissioner Don houses pcr meeting don't have this in

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Seattle City Club don't have this I have trespass from all of them you know what is mean but it's not a point point they

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speak right now to everybody who listen to me because by definition we inhibit Center of fascism is this little bit

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confused me because I see like a Jewish community and I live here 35 years supports this Nazi gets up a psychopath

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who give me trespass for young keeper for after oh October 13 trespass more

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than 1200 a day from Seattle so I right now speak to everybody who listened to me guys stop support this Nazi top

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support you'd be absolutely idiot don't understand see a teleking country don't

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have freedom of speech like Bellevue mersley Island Redmond in Kirkland when I speak and I

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speak in another dozen City around Seattle don't have this is this a fundamental what is I won't speak right

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now to Jewish Community you know what is mean how is this possible so do you support Nazi gestapo antisemite how is

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this possible I don't understand this mentality of this Jew you know what this mean it's a pure fascism so I give you

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this so everybody can see this you know what this means and everybody can understand what's happened go check when

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you don't believe me thank you very much for your time thank you

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see clerk do we have any further public comment there was no one else who signed up to speak tonight Mr Mayor very good

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with that we moved the next item of business which is approval of the consent agenda the consent agenda contains AB 6171 October 21 2022 payroll

CONSENT AGENDA

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certification certification of claims for October 14 and 21.

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That was supposed to be 2022 sorry an electronic funds transfers for September 2022. city council meeting minutes of

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October 18 2022 regular hybrid meeting ab6172 comprehensive plan Amendment

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remove figure tc-1 second reading and Adoption of ordinance number 22-17 AB

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6173 small shop small month Proclamation number 299

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ab6174 Luther Burbank boiler building acceptance of Department of Commerce Grant

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ab6175 Sunset Highway and 77th Avenue Southeast improvements bid award AB 6176

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resolution number 1634 to apply for rco grant funding for Luther Burbank Park

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dock reconfiguration construction project is there a motion to approve the consent

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agenda as poorly read by me second move by councilman Miranda all

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seconded by councilmember Weinberg city clerk please call the roll

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thank you Mr mayor council member Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson aye

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council member Andrew aye council member weiger

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aye councilmember Reynolds aye mayonnaise

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aye and Deputy Mayor rosenbaugh all right thank you Mr Mayor thank you motion passes our first item of regular

AB 6178: 2023 Legislative Priorities

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business is ab6178 the 2023 legislative priorities and we will turn it back to

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city manager Jesse Bond thank you Mr Mayor and uh Ali speaks is

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back with us thank goodness hello Ally uh

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she is going to help us work through this document this evening I don't have a presentation I thought I would just

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quickly hit though the five items on your legislative priorities and the one

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I really wanted to highlight was item number one so as I start talking I'll have Ali screen share the word document

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in your packet it's exhibit one uh Council we we first talked about your

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2023 State Legislative priorities on October 3rd we had a wide-ranging discussion and the

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staff took that information and drafted the document that's in front of you this evening what I wanted to point out is

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item one looks uh different than what you've had in your previous legislative priorities there was a reason we spell

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out very specifically the grant asks including the amount and the ranking

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that is because the legislature will be working through their budgets and our legislators need to know where we sit on

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those lists so that they can advocate for ranking for funding all the way through the project and where we are

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ranked so that's why number one looks a little bit different than it has in the past I think the other items I probably

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don't need to dive into a whole lot two three four and five two final notes from me

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adoption tonight is adoption of the text I am assuming flexibility to lay this

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out in a more aesthetically pleasing format so for tonight you just have a Word document we are going to take

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attempt to take that and do some formatting with it finally I was asked today about House

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Bill 1220 we just had a hour plus long conversation about it I sent very late

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in the day some options if you'd like to add text to the legislative priorities

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Ali has those items at the ready if you'd like us to screen share I think

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they would most reasonably fit under item number four somewhere so with that

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Mr Mayor uh I think I will turn it back over to you for discussion and if you have changes

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and there's support Ali is prepared to do the track changes editing on the

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screen for you okay perfect um before we get to 12 20 does council

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have any other amendments to kind of existing to councilmer Weinberg yeah yeah uh so uh in the interest of

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focusing the environmental paragraph of our legislative agenda on funding uh the

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city's potential climate change or climate mitigation actions I like to

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make I like to move that we reword the second sentence of the paragraph number

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five of the legislative agenda as follows uh and this I've already sent

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the text to this to all of you and also to uh the city clerk

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the city encourages legislation Partnerships and funding that

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incentivizes the and supports clean energy carbon reduction and the

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implementation of potential climate action plan programs such as heat pump adoption and electric vehicle charging

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infrastructure is there a second second

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okay moved by councilmember Weinberg seconded by council member Reynolds uh do you want to speak to the motion

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councilmember Weinberg yeah it's it's essentially uh it's a minor change it's only changing uh uh essentially the

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second sentence of and only part of that second sentence uh but it's meant to focus it on uh the nearer term needs uh

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of uh what we're going to be using this for uh and something hopefully that will

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align with uh what other legislators are looking to uh looking to pass

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okay is there any friendly amendments to them motion

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anybody have any I see a hand from Jake customer Jacobson she has to including but not limited to

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accept the the family manager yeah council member Reynolds do you accept the friendly Amendment I do

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see uh who's making the changes Ally Ally yeah

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we're gonna Land This Plane quickly trust me right Mr Andrew yeah I would just like staff input and feedback on

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whether this amendment aligns with what you know the city's goals and the fact that we don't yet have a climate action

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plan is it is it too narrow is it too limiting is it uh you know too focused

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on people who can afford to buy vehicles rather than people who could maybe benefit from some other climate

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protection actions uh council member I do not have any

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feedback on this one I will turn it back to the council to decide whether or not this is appropriate yes okay

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um any other friendly amendments to text councilman Jacob is not a friendly member but that was the intent of the include unlimited too

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still think it narrows it but thanks for that okay

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the broad limited statement any further discussion

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clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor

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empty mayor Rosenbaum aye mayonnaise hi

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councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson aye

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councilmember Reynolds council member Andrew nay

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and council member Reichert aye thank you Mr Mayor motion passes can we

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move to the 1220 language please and see what our three options are there

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see you Craig go ahead councilman Reynolds sorry about that I did have another one to raise

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um I don't know if the chief is available or online but I would just like to get his feedback on the one

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about uh vehicle Pursuits um it just struck me that the uh

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immediate threat to Public Safety was still a fairly High bar to get over and I wonder if get his thoughts as to

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whether we should be aiming higher to allow uh vehicle Pursuits in cases of other crimes that perhaps do not have an

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immediate threat to Public Safety but are still serious crimes

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his way up and I will just mention as he's approaching the podium we did take

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this language from the AWC priorities and we're trying to find common ground

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with our our cities and partners on agreeable language chief

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okay that said for the record Ed Holmes your police chief so the way the current law reads is police officers can't

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engage in a vehicle Pursuit unless they have probable cause to believe someone committed a violent crime or a sex

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offense or they have reasonable suspicion that to think someone committed a DUI so as I said before when

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we were talking about Terry stops last year if a police officer doesn't have probable cause to arrest somebody they

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essentially can't chase you for a violent crime so what we're looking for from the legislature is to adjust that

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to give police officers the ability to pursue somebody when they have only established reasonable cause oftentimes

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we don't get probable cause until you've conducted an initial investigation but if a suspect of a violent crime gets to

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his or her car we can't chase them unless like I say we have enough to place them under arrest which is

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typically not the case unless we've been an initial investigation so just some more latitude around the ability to

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pursue and know Pursuits are not something we love doing they're inherently dangerous we all understand

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that so it would be done only in times when you know Public Safety the

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interests in public safety outweighs the risks of the pursuit council member Reynolds I'm not sure if

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that answered your question I think that kind of got at the first part of the specific of the Reasonable

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Suspicion but that wasn't the part I was really concerned about I was more concerned about say for example you had to observe

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somebody stealing mail from somebody's house or observed somebody that is shoplifted to the QFC as I'm

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understanding it if we got what we wanted on this we still wouldn't be able to cheat those people we'd have to let them drive away am I understanding that

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correctly yes we're not interested in uh pursuing for some of stealing mail

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um one of the challenges we have right now quite frankly is that it is well known out in the community that police

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can't really chase you so the bad guys do know that and they routinely take off when the police turn their lights on

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behind them and I'm not just saying that uh you know as a casual statement that's

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a concern across the state so giving the police a chance to engage in Pursuits

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judiciously when there's been a violent crime prior to have having established

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probable cause I believe is something that would certainly make our

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communities more safe if the police could pursue people before establishing

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probable cause under certain criteria in other words of the violent crime criteria and we had that policy we've

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had that policy internally for a number of years we we have not authorized Pursuits just for simple

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male theft or the other example you used shoplifting and I tell you you're not asking for

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that now as well is that correct correct okay I'll defer to your judgment on that

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okay to uh Ellie to the 12 20 list of amendments

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this is the second hair we'll pull up those three options uh council member

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Reynolds you is that a new hand old hand that is an old hand I apologize okay

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well well Ali's bringing those up I will just uh remind you city council

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um we did not include any specific language on House Bill 1220 when we drafted the legislative priorities

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however the last 14 days uh we certainly thought maybe we should we've given you

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a range of options alternative one encourages the legislature to an event

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or line revisit House Bill 1220 consider amendments that would provide us the

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necessary funding and Regulatory flexibility to respond to all local housing needs alternative number two

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takes it a step a little bit further encourages the legislature to postpone implementation of House Bill 1220 and to

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fund further study of both the financial and Regulatory impacts this legislation will have on

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local jurisdictions like us to produce housing for all income levels and then alternative number three really steps

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out a little bit further and encourages a repeal of House Bill 1220 and

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directing the Department of Commerce to study and recommend options for regional framework that would fund and provide

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regulatory flexibility so likely the final recommendation lies somewhere in

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the in between but we wanted to give you a range of options which may or may not have been helpful no that's great and in

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between doesn't necessarily mean number two so no no uh Debbie mayor rosenbaugh yeah I'll actually throw out just that I

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I think we could start at number two as a as a starting point you know I think that you know I think what we heard from

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Adam and Jeff tonight at minimum was that we that more time is certainly going to be needed here and I think postponing implementation will get us at

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least a piece of that I also like the idea of of encouraging others like you're to to to fund uh some study here and really

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understand what the impacts will be on cities like Mercer Island I think a lot of cities are doing this now and are

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obviously arriving at um similar similar positions and also some very similar

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challenges um I don't think we want to go as far as encouraging repeal

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um and also I think revisiting might not quite be strong enough in terms of what we're flagging as a as a need so just in

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the go ahead councilman what I was going to suggest is that if we wanted to settle

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on three terms that might be combined into a single motion revisit maybe is not right but revise might be

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postponed certainly is important and repeal may be necessary for some aspects

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but if we added certain components of to the implementation so if we said revise

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postpone or repeal certain components of House Bill 1220 or something to that

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effect it might give us the flexibility that we need to move forward the pieces that are

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implementable and revisit the ones that need tweaking and if if at the end of

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the day there is something that needs to be repealed like for example the requirement that

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all affordable housing be net new construction because I've heard sentiments that there might be support

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for conversion of existing housing stock into Ami or at least preservation of existing Ami

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housing stock so I you know I don't know if we want to work on a draft visit support among Council to try and

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kitchen sink this I'm a part of that we might also want to throw in a mend then amend as opposed to revise

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yeah amend so maybe I think revisit is good and I think I think the other two and I

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would also maybe throw into men there because it sounds like on some of these Provisions an amendment might work where some of them I think you're right a

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repeal is probably so Ali let's work off at number two so the city encourages the legislature

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to revisit Mr Mayor postpone

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amend or oh and repeal or republican or repeal

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and I think we have to say something like certain components or portions of

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and I know HB 1220 isn't the formal name but no um he to HB 1220.

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put the RCW number in there

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yeah I don't know that's a good question customer Jacobson so would we at this point when something is law do you talk

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about revising the RCW or revising the bill that created the RCW I think it's

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technically correct to reference the rscw at least in casual and conversation

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and discussion everyone's referencing referencing the house bill so I would say approval of your legislative

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priorities would give us the authority to adjust this language on the final

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copy so be it councilmember Jacobson I would I would

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uh say amendandor repeal Let's uh that

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gives a little more wiggle room in there and the second thing that I think we should add in here is and I hark back to

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what you had to say earlier in answer to a question and an explanation of your

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what you've been going through the last few days is this really doesn't is

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constituted encourage housing development in a real world those aren't

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your words but I think if we were to add something along those lines you know all

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that with the goal of encouraging or making possible

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additional additional Housing Development required to satisfy our

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population or something okay so Ali could you add um just within parentheses after

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alternative to just say short preamble hey we can just have a setup statement

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for it speaks to detention councilman Randall yeah I think I think it's a little bit more clear if

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we said the city encourages the legislature to postpone implementation of the RCW and revisit

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the law to either amend and or repeal it further and to further study I mean it's

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just it's the way it's doesn't flow in terms of the timeline and the

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first thing we want them to do is postpone implementation well they've already written and acted the RCW and

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now uh but they could put a if they could put a clause in there that said it takes effect in a year Well it has to be it's

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it's updating the requirement for comprehensive plans that are due 2024

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I it's not the end of the world I just thought that it could be more clear but I think if we put all the words in there

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some little word salad they'll figure out what we want

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okay so again your changes I was just suggesting that it might be

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more clear if we said the city encourages the legislature to postpone implementation of the RCW

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um kind of revisit the statute and amend and or repeal

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okay so I think we kind of have that but we can work on we'll give the staff the latitude to that's fine polish this

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thing I'm done any other changes to it Ally can you delete alternative one and three and get

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us down to the alternative or

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the amendment

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okay um Council may have a motion to incorporate the text as uh described in

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the alternative to you too I'm not ready [Music]

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yeah this is too long you guys and very too detailed like this is a law we're trying to get changed so I think we're

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visiting men repeal the phone blah blah blah we just need to work with AWC in our other cities to to focus on what we

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need so I think revisit revise like one word or amend like all this other stuff

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we're not going to get that if we aren't more uh collaborative in our approach to getting these changes made this time

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around everybody's making housing affordability and availability in Urgent matter and they're already talking about

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getting rid of single family Zoning for some Bill like we need to be at the table and if we come out saying no no no we're not going

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to be listened to and Nick's going to not be able to be at the table for us so let's be clear that we want some

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changes here but not do all this word smithing I think just be super clear we want some changes to this and not not

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this alphabet soup so I you know I think for the purposes of tonight's meeting

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and the level of the council this is this is not the text uh this is the

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direction to have staff go out and build the text and make it fit on one page right so

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again this is not the text of alternative to there will be a preamble that puts a value statement on housing

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and then has something to the effect of what's described here Mr Mayor may I ask

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a question then in regards to the Preamble I think the first sentence in number four is the preamble to this

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foreign and then we could weave in the piece

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about House Bill 1220 and ours and the associated RCW I think one sentence about 1220

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nutshells it gives us some flexibility to go after the changes we want without getting too specific

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okay I mean we can we can be so not specific that we don't say anything you

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know we're we're trying to capture the full menu of things that need to be dealt with with a pretty broad RCW

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so precise to a point but saying repeal the law that's going a bit far

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I think we had components of in here I don't know if we lost that yeah I don't

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think anybody's talking about repealing the whole law but thanks for catching that

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I am confident when the spotlight is not on us uh that we could take that

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the the gist of the sentence that we just uh penned and make it integrated

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into number four if you would like to give us that Latitude otherwise I'm happy to uh

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take a few a few minutes okay well let me just go to the hands that are up Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum that's the only

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thing uh councilmember Reynolds yeah two two quick comments one is that relative to number one I think

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um that one asked for not just funding the study but also funding the cost of implementation and we appear to have

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lost that in this version and I think that asking for funding for implementation would be very helpful as

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well I think we all agree with that yeah so it seems like we need to work that in

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there somewhere can you flip back to number four councilmember before we lose you can we

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just um the last sentence of number four is

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currently written does does talk about news source of revenue for yeah I mean I think it's I don't I think it's easy I think there's a way

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to draw these two together yeah if you can pull that into the new one I think that addresses that problem

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thank you okay can I offer a second or would you want to complete a circle first you'd

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always find a thing second issue oh let's tackle this one first you have

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another legislative a second issue yeah but okay uh so Council any further

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changes to this one no do you have a motion to add this uh to

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paragraph four wait I was just saying I have one more oh yeah sorry go ahead

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yeah into this one um I I I'm concerned that if I were the

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lobbyist I would read this no I don't know what they want me to lobby for it just has certain components what's

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our concern it doesn't say I don't think that in one page you're

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going to be able to encapsulate the concerns and the concerns that we have today won't be the concerns that we have in a week in two weeks in a month

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bigger point but the concerns are consistently there and growing and so I

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think what we're trying to do is craft a statement that provides the lobbyists the

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authority to go out and make positive changes to the legislation okay I guess I uh you know to build on

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what councilmember weiker said I I think I'm going to make a comment here that I've made before which is we can get on

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this train or we can get run over by it and I want to make sure our goal is not just to stop this thing in its tracks

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because if we do they're going to make changes that we have no voice in and I think we need to be prepared to

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recognize that like it or not we're going to have to increase the supply of affordable housing in one way shape or form

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and try to work with them to come up with solutions that work to do that and not resist resist resist and I I I hope

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that's what our consensus is and I just uh make sure that our language is not interpreted to be resist resist resist

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ance thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Reynolds if I may just address that

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comment directly that was the intent of number four

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uh I I hope that speaks to our interests in being a collaborative partner

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and 1220 is a a challenge for us because it's deliverables

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we have we have some problems with the way the legislation was written and the implementation guidance that we've

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received so I think we can achieve what you just stated I just need to spend

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some time with that original text and the new text to make it all flow a little bit better yeah and I recognize it's extremely

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challenging to write on the Fly and as long as you uh have a clear understanding from the council that's

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the goal I'm good that was the intent of the staff draft let me qualify my comment

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okay okay any is that an old hand councilman

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Reynolds taking him down anybody like the motion to add this to

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paragraph four so I moved second okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum seconded

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by councilmember weiker state clerk please call them may I ask a quick question first go ahead um is the intent

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that uh this will come back to on the consent agenda or will otherwise have a chance to provide input on the final wording

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it would be your pleasure at your pleasure the final Direction I I was actually

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looking for a motion to adopt uh this evening

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I I'll just know I'm uncomfortable adopting without seeing the final version

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okay let's take this first because this is not the full legislative priorities and

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we'll deal with that on the final adoption any further discussion

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city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor mayor niece aye

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councilmember weiker aye council member Andrew aye

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councilmember Weinberg aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye councilmember Jacobson all right

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and council member Reynolds aye thank you Mr Mayor okay that passes

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any further changes to these legislative priorities

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no okay um

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so is there a motion to adopt the legislative priorities as is amended in ab6178 2023 legislative priorities

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second okay moved by councilmember Jacobson seconded by council member anderol

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any discussion

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got some member Reynolds uh recap what I said a moment ago which

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is uh if you want to make an amendment to the motion I'm happy to take it yes uh I'd like to propose a friendly

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Amendment to uh that we will be directing the staff to bring this back on the consent

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agenda for approval of the next meeting Sarah took acceptance of no we're not he

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wants a friendly Amendment so sure go ahead we're back to the motion makers and secondary they don't need to accept this but uh

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does it give us enough time does that give you enough time yes

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I agree with Jake I'll accept it but I don't see a reason to delay okay city clerk do you have the motion I got lost

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okay the motion is to uh adopt the legislative priorities for

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av6178 2023 legislative priorities but we wouldn't be adopting them if we're

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bringing them back for a they would be adopted at the meeting that we would be bringing them back okay so to bring back

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on consent on November was the 15th yeah

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av-6178 2023 legislative

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on consent yes I mean it's going to place them on

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consent for approval right actually maybe we just need to withdraw the motion and start over with the fresh

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production okay um do you would you withdraw the motion okay strike the motion may I make a suggestion go ahead

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all right uh direct the city manager uh to bring back the 2023 legislative

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priorities on November 15th as discussed

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that was on consent right yeah yeah you don't need to direct that that'll be

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okay so that was moved by councilmember Jacobson and seconded by councilmember

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Ando sure okay any further discussion

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if there's any hands yeah Deputy Melrose yeah real quick you

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know I think it's okay if we bump this up a little bit but I don't want to bump it up again I mean for example next week at the pick meeting they've asked for

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cities to to give their um legislative priorities for discussion at that point I'm a little worried the

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more the later we are on the counter here the less impact we can drive kind of wish we were doing this tonight

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but I understand uh I just wanted 20 wordsmithing in two weeks that's my my notice now

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well this motion could fail so don't lose hope all right I mean councilmember white

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girl you have your hand up yeah I just um so I this is a legislative agenda it's a guideline that's marching order

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for partnership and collaboration I agree with Dave on the pick meeting next week and everyone's talking about this

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stuff now and the longer we wait the less we have some urgency and gravitas behind the conversations our mayor and

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leaders are having so Craig all due respect I'd like to kind of get it done tonight and maybe you

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look at what Jesse's doing and work with Saleem and Dave on your comfort level but this is a this is a guideline this

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isn't we're just going to be lucky to get any room at the table to talk about this stuff and the more we can work with our original Partners the sooner the

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better given the holidays and when our storm season coming so um so I'd kind of like to follow Jake

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and Lisa Lee and get it done tonight and let you work with with Jesse on whatever wording you think you want in there

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that's not already kind of what we've talked about because I think I think we all know where we're going here and words may

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think further just takes a lot more staff time and energy and if we pulled off consent next time it just delays us

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into December so I don't know where that means leaves us with the motion but I'm coming tonight I can land this place no I could

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land there's plans I have the motion makers of the

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secretaries here do you want to carry withdrawal the motion I'm gonna I'm gonna withdraw my second okay we're trying okay so the motion is withdrawn

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uh council is there a motion to adopt the 2023 State Legislative priorities as amended tonight

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okay move by Jacobson seconded by councilmember weiker any further

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discussion I think Grace got his hands up Mr Mayor Who was the

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and seconded uh moved by Jacobson seconded by weiker thank you I see no hands please call the

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roll quickly thank you Mr Mayor

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councilmember Jacobson aye councilmember Reynolds hey

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councilmember weiger aye councilmember Weinberg aye

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mayor niece aye council member Andrew aye and Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye thank you

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Mr Mayor very good motion passes thank you uh anybody care for a break before we move to the big budget item okay

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Council BM recess for 10 minutes time is 703 we're turning at 7 13. foreign

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all right okay here we go welcome back to city council meeting of November 1. we

AB 6177: Receive the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

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return from Recess at 7 13 and our next item of regular business is

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uh ab6177 received the 2023-2024 preliminary budget welcome city manager

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Jesse Bond Finance director Matt morning

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good evening city council city manager and mayor neist please let me know when

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you can see the opening slide of Our Deck

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got it great um Matt mornick your Finance director here with Jason kittner chief of

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operations welcome to the third budget workshop for the 2023-2024 biennial

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budget tonight Jason and I are going to go through a brief presentation about 15

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slides beginning with where we are in the overall budget development schedule then Jason will explain the six budget

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proposals before you this evening for consideration to include in the 2023-2024 biennial budget as a reminder

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these proposals are tied to the capital Improvement fund the street fund and the

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utility funds staff is here tonight to answer questions and receive direction from the

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Council on these budget proposals and we'll wrap up with the next steps for the final two

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budget meetings on November 15th and December 6th

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this evening is the third budget Workshop in which staff aims to answer your questions and seek your input

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regarding the remaining Financial commitments for the upcoming two years after tonight we're going to be three

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quarters of the way through the budget development schedule on November 15th staff will present key

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resolutions and ordinances to finalize elements of the biennial budget and then discuss the impacts of the biennial to

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the biennial budget as a result of the November election adoption of the budget is scheduled for

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the first meeting in December

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reminder at the previous city council meeting the council voted to postpone decisions

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regarding budget proposals that were tied to the general fund and the yfs fund until the second quarter of 2023.

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most of the items up for discussion this evening originated from the city council's planning session which took

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place uh March 26th of this year a main takeaway from the planning

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session was a list of potential work plan items and projects to consider in

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the upcoming biennium since then staff made recommendations for additional budget proposals that

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were approved by the city manager and as the staff team developed work plan and

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capital program items for the next two years so you'll see a couple of those items listed

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tonight we're going to talk a walk through these uh six budget proposals

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that if approved by the city council will be incorporated into the final 2023-2024 biennial budget to be funded

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by the capital project and Enterprise funds so with that I'll hand it over to

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the chief of operations Jason Kittner who will walk you through each proposal in detail

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good evening Council go ahead and back on the next slide I'll just drive right into it so uh the first proposal this

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evening was actually introduced at the Council planning session in March as Matt mentioned this is the realignment

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study of Southeast 27th to eliminate the Big Bend or look at potentially removing the Big Bend in the Town Center this is

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a one-time project cost funded from the street fund of seventy five thousand dollars to assess the roadway and

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evaluate those options uh and then obviously a huge component of this will be the community and

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business uh public engagement component of the project again this project was

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included in the tip that was adopted earlier this year uh and is 75 000 and 2023 funded from the street department

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next slide the second proposal this evening uh is

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the bike and scooter share pilot project this is uh the phase two pilot project I

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will say uh of the first and last Model Solutions uh for the light rail commuters

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traveling to and from the Light Rail station once the station opens up this is proposed from the street fund Sound

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Transit mitigation funds I should say it's in the tip listed under Sound Transit mitigation funding category uh

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and it's proposed at 20 for 2023 and 2024 of 34 5 34 500 each year again this

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is um phase two of the pilot program to explore the bike and scooter pilot

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program if it beam if it is successful and is something the city council wants us to pursue Beyond 2024

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uh it will have Financial impacts ongoing Financial impacts to the street fund that would have to be discussed and

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who didn't future budget requests additionally if this moves forward along

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the pilot project we'll have to evaluate those future code amendments and regulations should those Services become

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ongoing again this is a one-time cost from The Sound transfer mitigation funds

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um or 23 and 24. next slide

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the third proposal this evening is the bike parking pilot program again this is a ten thousand dollar line item in 2023

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and 2024. again both these uh were discussed at the Council planning session in March this is also being

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funded from Sound Transit mitigation funds um to look for additional bike storage

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in and around the Light Rail station this likely include enhancements additional bike racks potential

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um small infrastructure or covers for bicycle infrastructure to help with

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those first and last mile solutions for transportation challenges as well again ten thousand dollars each year in 23 and

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2024 coming from the final Transit mitigation fund foreign

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for this evening is actual actually a water utility uh piece of Fleet

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equipment this is a valve turning machine this is actually a picture of it in the lower right hand screen our crew

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is actually piloted this the last two years to assist with our valve turning

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within the water distribution system as you can see we have more than 2 000 valves within our distribution system

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it's a cost of 94 610 a one-time cost in 2023 coming from the water fund that

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again that will support this piece of equipment to help with our operations uh this

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how we use this machine is actually to go out and exercise those valves so that we can isolate isolate valves throughout

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the distribution system uh if we need to change water direction if we have a water main break or if we're doing a

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shutdown or some even directional flushing we need to exercise those valves throughout our distribution

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system and this machine actually saves Crews backs and muscle wear and tear by

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actually exercising the valves for us one of the other great features about this is It's it synchronizes with our

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asset management system and so the data in terms of the pressure the number of turns all of that data goes into our

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maintenance management system has logged within our city work system so it's been a very very useful tool uh and our crews

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are looking to purchase this vehicle after we piloted for the last two years again it's a one-time cost in 2023 and

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will help with our distribution system maintenance and reduce our risk of failure

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next slide the last two proposals for the council's

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consideration this evening are actually Staffing requests as the council knows we have a very robust

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um Capital Improvement program we currently have one CIP project inspector on staff that is split between all of

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our utility projects as well as our transportation and park projects so the

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proposal this the proposal in front of you this evening is a second CIP inspector to help with that in-house

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inspections and these inspectors are boots on the ground the in the field project manager or project inspector I

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will say to make sure that the materials are delivered accordingly to spec uh the

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contractor is doing things correctly as they're tapping our utility infrastructure uh helping with our progress payments uh they are really in

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the field uh project inspector to maintain our capital projects the city-run capital projects this position

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is tied to our water sewer storm transportation of Park projects so it'll be split across different projects

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they're working on and really is to help aid in our long-term capital program work ahead

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um the rationale we are we are doing a combination of In-House project management or I should Outsourcing

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project management uh but it really does we also need uh in-house resources to help with that day-to-day on the job

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site um functionality associated with all of our capital projects

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next slide and the last proposal on the capital side this evening is a utility engineer

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specific to the Sewer fund again we have a very extensive and robust sewer

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utility Capital project list in front of us uh the specific position includes the

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design engineering and project management of those capital projects that are focused more on the large

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complex projects that are forthcoming projects like our sewer Lakeline

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evaluation the comprehensive rehabilitation of our sewer pump stations uh we are quickly ramping up

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for some pretty significant Capital work on the sewer side uh well well needed work on the sewer uh sewer side of the

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house and this position supports that work uh again one of the other great components of this is we do have some

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Engineers within our Public Works team that are nearing the retirement Horizon so this allows us an opportunity to get

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an engineer in the door early and allows them to cross-train with or allows them to cross train with some of the other

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utility works so that our Engineers can be multifunctional this position will be

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funded by the sewer position the sewer utility because it's sewer focused but there will be opportunities for cross-training learning the other

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utilities as well as some of those retirements are on the horizon so this evening

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stops organization is that the council approved these six Capital related budget proposals to be included in the

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2023-2024 biennial budget and I will pause there and I have staff available with me this evening if there

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are questions very good councilman Reynolds because I know you're in London and it's late or

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it is a bit late but I'm still awake um the uh number one I have questions on

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several of them but I'll do just number one for now helping to understand what problem we're trying to solve I believe Mr Mayor you

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were the one that suggested this one maybe you could give me some background on it me personally I thought you were the one

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that pushed forward originally I love memory maybe two I have a half hour presentation for you it's 70 slides

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no I think the the impetus was that 27 acts like a thoroughfare uh an arterial

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through town center if we're gonna do anything that's around walkability it's going to be reducing the cut through

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traffic and the speed of traffic and noise of traffic true Town Center I think we have a lot of data from the

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soundtrack Transit kpg study days that show the volumes of traffic through there are very very high and so our

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realignment of that roadway to make it to disincentivize it has uh cut through and get traffic to go around on the

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crest way uh 77th 80th the other portions of town center or just Island

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Crest Way was the nature of that study but as long as that curve is there you're going to have speeds that

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maintain themselves as being pretty high okay so reduce traffic reduce speed of

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traffic are the two big goals that I'm hearing and noise because if you remember Bennett sitting on the patio at Bennett's was obnoxiously loud because

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the traffic was you know 10 feet away okay thank you

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councilmember weiker I was going to add a little more color to that project a few years ago we talked about that

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corner being a particularly unique Corner that brought in a lot of sunlight and was a possibility of having sort of

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an added Town Square if we could change that configuration up there so it's not just noise and traffic mitigation it's

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also a community amenity and having a little bit of insight as to what that would mean if we did that work uh is I

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think a useful spend because it's a chance to do something really cool to create sort of a Town Square in that

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corner of our town center within walkability to light rail so it's a chance to activate our town center and

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all the retail around it as well perfect thank you councilmember Jacobson and council member Andrew

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that slide number one or the slide that released it uh item number one here

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am I correct in assuming there'd be a four-way stop at the corner of 76th and

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uh 27th there is currently well but

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this would stop the the through traffic going

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either Northbound or eastbound on 27th through

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the big band I think this is just a graphical depiction of the location of the street and the Big Bend it's not the

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ultimate configuration if that's what you're asking are the this is an appropriation to

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study the removal of the bend but it's not it's not prescribing what

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that would look like post Bend removal

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is this construction or is this design study this is the study analysis

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study just analysis okay

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we'll come back to you if there's there's more accounts memory yeah I um well so 75 000 is a lot of

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thinking on something that I'm not sure is got a lot of Merit in my mind

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um no offense mayor but um and and you know when we are strapped in many ways

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to accomplish regular City business on our budget if that's like a half of a

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full-time person um that's how I would personally rather spend the money at this point I

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I don't think we need more traffic in front of the Boyd building I don't know how those of us with Serious Coffee

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habits would get in and out of Starbucks so I I just

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I mean if we could do it conceptually for twenty thousand dollars I might be willing to look at it but I just

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in in the current budget scenario even though I may have voted for this in March to look at it I'm I don't think

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I'm behind it any longer okay councilmember Reynolds

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um mine was on item three are we do we want to yeah we'll take questions on any and all of them okay

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um I would just like to get some feedback from Jason on item three related to bike parking you know we had had some hallway conversations a couple

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of weeks ago about the extreme cost of bike racks that they're kind of crazy expensive what can we really do for ten

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thousand dollars well it's twenty thousand dollars ten thousand dollars

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fair point I can multiply uh so I think they're I think that's a

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that's a I think that is a question bike racks are expensive uh I'll just say the

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hallway conversation that councilmember Nelson I had was uh Park Furniture is

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expensive it is not is not the cheapest stuff out there uh so can we get some

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bike racks for ten thousand dollars or twenty thousand dollars yes I think this is also looking at uh potentially some

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covered storage for some bicycle infrastructure as well um we'll let go

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will I get you 100 bike racks no will they get you uh incremental increase at

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it at and around the the Transit Transit station yes um so it is it is a combination of both

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bike racks as well as some you know enhancements to Bicycle infrastructure

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um twenty thousand dollars will will improve the use in around this rate this rail station for sure

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we'll get you 20 bike racks no a question uh sorry I'm I'm going to let

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him finish that answer then I've got Deputy Mayor Rosemont we'll go get to you

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is that sufficiently answered to you it's uh incremental bike rack storage I'm good okay uh so Deputy man your

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question on this one yes I'm happy to refer Ence okay okay I believe there's a another

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Capital project that involves the uh Frontage in front of the uh park and

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ride that involves installing uh new bike lockers there and so my

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understanding was that this 20 000 was meant to be a study to inform that larger projects that would actually have

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the funding to implement it is that an incorrect interpretation of what these two different item line items are about

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so we do it so councilman Weinberg we do have a project that you're talking about

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in the tip in the capital Improvement program that is designate for I I believe it's 2024 I

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don't have the year in front of me um so and that we can certainly look um we would do the two in in unison in

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coordination with each other uh there is more Capital funds available within that

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project plus that obviously could additional work but this is not just a

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this is what this would not just be a study this would actually be uh open stuff for as well or implementation of

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infrastructure as well or enhancement of the existing infrastructure so the two

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could be done in unison or together they'll be um will be connected but they are

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separate so if I could ask a follow-up clarification on that sure yeah so

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um are we essentially saying that the amount of money for uh bicycles Locker

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storage uh at that location is limited to twenty thousand dollars or are we

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saying that it's this twenty thousand dollars plus whatever appropriate uh portion of that larger project can be

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set aside for by facilities so I would I would describe it as this

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is twenty thousand dollars for specific to you bike stores in and around Light Rail station the other project we're

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talking about bike storage or bicycle infrastructure storage is a component of

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that but there are a number of other elements to that project as well beyond false bike stores obviously there's some

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Frontage improvements that could potentially be quite costly

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depending on the size and scope of the work and so bicycle storage bicycle

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infrastructure storage could be a will be a component of that project but it's not the only component of the project

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versus this proposal in front of you it is specific to um that infrastructure got it it sounds

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like the amount of money for doing bikes is going to be this 20K plus X we don't know what the x is but it's some subset

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of the larger projects right correct okay thank you Deputy Mayor Rosemont yeah

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Jason can you talk to me about uh 1.2 here the bike sharing share pilot

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program uh is that is the what is this roughly uh roughly 70 grand here

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um is that meant to subsidize rides or what is the what is the cost there I mean I suppose there's an inviting lime

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or a similar company to come to this pilot here what what is that what is that money

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going towards so I'm gonna is if Ross is on I'd ask him to pop his screen on but this is

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essentially an extension of the first project pilot project where we did have

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um lime come on and and help with the bike The Bike Share pilot the expansion

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of this would also include scooters which are being used by some of our other uh adjoining cities around the

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region as well and so it would be similar to the first pilot project that we did um with the bikes this would be an

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example of it that was it was actually very very popular uh very successful and so but this would also include the

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scooter component of it I don't have the breakdown directly in front of me I'm not sure if Ross is on this evening or

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not if he is he may have it for me if not I can get that back to you yeah I mean I took the bikes so I know what

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they're but I guess it'd be helpful to know like what was are we paying lime here what what I mean or a similar

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company just there's a discrepancy between this slide

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and what's in the a b here it says that uh first Last Mile pilot for light rail

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commuters traveling to and from Light Rail station once station opens and it doesn't represent anywhere else but

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there's I don't think any chance the station's opening in 23 or 24. so is that wrong and we're going to start this

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pilot before st2 East link starts operating yeah that additional text is

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incorrect on the slide I apologize okay the intent is to Pilot these programs in

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the next biennium uh Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum dear question about where the the resources go we typically

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buy into a pilot program with one of the vendors so these are typically costs we pay to the vendors to have them come

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here sometimes the market isn't such that it recovers enough for them to just

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bring the program here um I I did add a bullet on the slide at the end of the day today just to remind

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the council the pilot is a pilot uh it's it's to get gain experience with these

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types of programs should we decide to move forward and formalize agreement

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with with these vendors we have some additional work to do around codes and regulations so that's that's about how

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that works and I I do apologize for the error in that first of all thank you for catching up mayor news yeah and I think

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this is fair to say this is an e-bike program and that's some of the cost is related

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to having fully charged bikes ready to go rather than somebody's depleted Seattle curb dump

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that's correct so you said it well eloquently but uh council member Reynolds oh I see we have

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hi Council yeah Merrell Thomas shot Senior Management analyst I worked a little bit with Ross on this proposal

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and he definitely has a lot more experience and expertise but my sense is as Jesse mentioned there's a lot of

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agreements that are somewhat Ever Changing depending on how many agencies are buying in the current stock and

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Supply the Staffing for these companies so there is some work to be done to figure out the best kind of agreement

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and partnership for us to do and who's open to Partnerships who we can tag on

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to the other thing I wanted to mention that I didn't know is um most of these companies will not do

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just bikes anymore really they're pushing the scooters so we may not have a choice for one or the other so that's

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why we included both of those again sort of an ever-changing market and um we'll

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keep working on that but there there's quite a lot of give and take more more than I thought so Ross can give us some

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more background on that as well okay I guess we'll find out how these uh scooters can do on some hills

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okay councilmember Reynolds yeah a couple quick questions on the same thing what one as I recall we

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already had a pilot project with the line bikes in 2019 give or take a little bit

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um is the fact that we're still calling it a pilot related to the fact that we're getting scooters is that the main difference now from before

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yes okay and then the related question the uh the code amendments regulations

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I'm trying to inter forget how to interpret that does that mean that the program has proposed as a pilot would

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not be compliant with our current code and regulations or is there some other sort of new and different thing we need

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to do that they're in compliant with but just hasn't been addressed yet or thought of many cities when they form ongoing

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Partnerships uh with these vendors pass further regulations regarding you

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know use of scooters and Parks or scooters and trails so this is just to make you aware that

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as we pilot if the council approves this budget proposal as we do essentially our

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second pilot for these Services we need to be thinking about issues or regulations that may need to

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be revised should we pursue an ongoing partnership as it stands they are you know street

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legal I will very Loosely say and they're also sidewalk in park legal

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at this point is that correct um I'm not sure that I can answer that

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question it's not illegal to have a bike or scooter on a sidewalk so

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we wouldn't use the word legal I guess so probably better that I'd not answer they're not prohibited that's correct

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that's correct okay okay Council um

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anybody want to take these all at once or you want to take them one by one thumbs up thumbs down

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your support to get this done and over with I'm happy to do one one at a time no one

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fell through one fell through yes I I I would move to approve uh all of these items in one Fell Swoop

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I know we've been in comedy of motions tonight

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well if you're gonna take time to come up with it yeah

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I move that we approve the six budget proposals as presented for inclusion in the final of 2023 2024 biennial budget

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second okay so motion is moved by Council Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum seconded

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by councilman Reynolds that's your your hand there councilman

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Reynolds the old hand as old Han council member Andrew I have

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an amendment I would move to amend the motion to postpone the consideration of

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item 1.1 until the main budget proposals

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are considered in um 2023 okay is there a second to that motion or

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seconded any discussion on the amendment to the motion

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city clerk please call the roll Mr Mayor we calling the role on the

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amendment to the emotion just make sure I'm tracking thank you yeah and the amendment to the motion was to move item

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one to the with the budget proposals item 1.1

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yes with the general fund is it two second quarter 2023. Q2 2023 thank you

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thank you Mr Mayor

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councilmember Jacobson hi councilmember Reynolds

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hey council member Andrew aye mayor nice

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May councilmember weiker nay Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum no

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and councilmember Weinberg aye okay

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thank you Mr Mayor the votes on that was uh fail that was three yes four no motion fails Mission failed so we're

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back to the main motion any discussion on the main motion please call the roll

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thank you Mr Mayor council member Reynolds

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aye council member Weinberg aye council member Andrew

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aye Council member Jacobson

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councilmember weinker aye mayor niece all right and Deputy Mayor

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Rosenbaum aye thank you Mr Mayor okay a motion passes thank you very much Matt mornick and staff and everybody else

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that showed up tonight including this high pressure crowd

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all right uh we now move to other business and planning schedule uh councilmember Reynolds I know you're

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looking for some sleep you could bug out anytime here um I'm actually more awake than I

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usually am okay other business and planning schedule we appreciate you checking in from London

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so um much appreciate on that are there any other uh upcoming council member absences to report

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not seeing any um all right to council member reports council member anderol an emulate report

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um yes I've lost track of the dates but since our last meeting we have had an open space Conservancy trust meeting and

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a utility board meeting the open space Conservancy trust the trustees got reports about the use of herbicides on

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invasive species in Pioneer Park they're it's quite the battle uh there were some

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proposals made to change the policies with regard to the use of herbicides that has been postponed until the next

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meeting while because it was quite a lot to digest and the trustees felt more comfortable kind of um

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contemplating the the changes in policy and then as regards the utility board

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meeting you will next uh next meeting of Council on the 15th we'll be getting the

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utility rate proposals from the um from the last utility board meeting

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very good thank you councilmember Jacobson the disability board met last

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Thursday and in the course of our meeting we approved about 290 thousand

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dollars worth of left one uh reimbursements for

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pharmaceuticals Assisted Living et cetera et cetera it was the first

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those have been accumulated from oh more than a year probably 15 months and there had been something of a Hiatus in the HR

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department we also clarified the rules that the administrator has the authority

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to approve automatically expenditures of less than 600 or less and to inform us

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on a monthly basis what that accrued the accrual there and to meet quarterly

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generally to see where we are both vis-a-vis any above 600 approvals and to

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see where we are and I've I've asked that morning to give us a

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readout on where we are versus Budget on that and get ourselves more tied up with that and

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to take a look also to see if you know where we are with the Millman study that was done so there was interest on the

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part of every one of the members of the disability Community you know are we you know underwater are we over water what

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are we doing and uh because there are still I think 28 27 or 28 left one

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people left and they're getting at the point where they are high consumers of

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medical things the uh over and above what Medicare or some secondary

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insurance base so uh we'll be meeting then again probably in the first quarter of next year

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perfect thank you a quick update from the school district so post McCleary this is the first update to the

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regionalization factors McCleary has a factor that adjusts

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school funding based on location of school and uh cost Basin mursan is at

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1.18 which is the ratio The Proposal is to step Mercer Island down to 1.12 so it

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puts a risk a couple million dollars of funding to the district maybe 10 million over the the next life of the

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regionalization factors so the school board had a vote where they directed some board members to draft a letter

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we're going to bring the letter to council to see if Council would like to sign on to it probably at November 15th

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meeting that's going to enable us to use our lobbying functions to further

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support the district to come up with a regionalization factor that doesn't have mercy on school kids lose that level of

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funding so more to come on that as that gets developed by the school board councilman Reynolds

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yes so a few things to mention one was that I participated in the community conversation series that the city

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manager referred to and while I was in it in and out of a taxi cab and missing parts of it I was very impressed with

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the quality of the session I just wanted to to thank the council for their support of this program I think it was very good but filled with good practical

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advice um second uh just for the benefit of the community to know uh I've submitted my

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application to be on the epa's local government advisory committee that

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advises the EPA on local government issues related to Environmental Quality and protection it's a competitive

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process and a national program so I had no idea if I've got a one in a million chancer or 100 chance of getting on that

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but that application went in on Monday um thank you to the staff for for supporting some of the logistics on that

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and the last thing I'll mention against council member Jacobson mentioned it I did finally get around to reviewing the

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the milliman study of the uh the left one plan and the post retiree medical plans of the firefighters and police

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officers and full disclosure uh that work is done by some of my colleagues at

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milliman I am also not that flavor of actuary so I'm not really qualified to do the work but I will just note that

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their conclusions uh was that basically things haven't changed a whole lot since the last time they did the report of the

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prior Financial forecast they provided are still pretty darn accurate in their view which is comforting because

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sometimes programs like this can turn South as a medical class rise and other things happen that appears not to be the

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case so far but it'll be important to continue to monitor this program and make sure we don't have surprises down the road

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okay I found something that inflation did not touch yes deputy and mayor Rosenbaum

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yeah we have a uh pick meeting uh next week so I can report at our next

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meeting but it's gonna be pretty pretty interesting um one yeah I can assume I assume you

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can tell us more about the legislative priorities for the sca but that will be on the agenda as well as climate climate

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climate change and comp plan uh planning and a report from the regional homeless

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Authority around their Five-Year Plan uh and then also uh a recap of levies and

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ballot measures which we may or may not know the result of by next Wednesday okay

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that's more weiker all right I have a couple of things first thank you to staff for hollow

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weekend I heard all kinds of great comments from my friends and Neighbors in the community so well done all around

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I know that wasn't easy and everyone's thrilled Halloween was back so shout out to our friends in The Lakes too who

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always do what they do so well um and then last Friday I got a tour of the King County Wastewater Treatment

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Facility out on Discovery Park I highly recommend you guys to take advantage of these tours that SCA organizes to get a

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glimpse of the regional systems we have for infrastructure it's it's what we do here locally with our systems but we're

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tied into those bigger King County systems and there are a lot of expenses and regulations coming our way that's

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going to make a lot of that all people expensive so we should be aware of it and getting boots on the ground to see

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it is really critical and important in that regard and then speaking of sound cities Association they have a new

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executive director David Hoffman who started today I encourage you all to get to know him he's stepping in and I'm

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going to lead that organization all the regional conversations that we all need to do to work together collaboratively on all these issues that we're facing

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locally regionally and Statewide even nationally on this climate action work and then I wanted to remind you all the

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applications for the regional boards and commissions are due on November 10th so if we're all applying for some of those

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we need to make sure we're not applying for the same one so I'm guessing Salim will kind of track who's applying for

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what but here's your chance to start getting more engaged with with the regional boards and commissions like

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what Celine does on gmpc um the other event I want to tell you about is Seattle Chamber is having an

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elected officials reception on December 15th the convention center it's a great opportunity to again meet our colleagues

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in the region and hear more from the sponsors of the Seattle Chamber and interact with a lot of our County

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elected officials and city of Seattle folks and appointed officials and just kind of you know talk shop and policy

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and what's happening and what we all think so registration is now there's an early bird thing and I it used to be

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elected officials were free but I don't know if we have to pay so I'm putting Andrea on that and then finally Sound

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City Association on November 31st is having their annual meeting with Hillary Franz our Commissioner of public lands

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she's always engaging it's down at the Renton uh Renton I forgive that building it's

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called the convention center sort of meeting room right there downtown at 6 PM so another chance to meet people here

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from an expert Statewide on public lands and Environmental Conservation and buy a response so um that's it thank you

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very good close us down councilmember Weinberg nothing to report good job

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all right the next special meeting of the Marshawn let's see the next special meeting the

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next special joint meeting of the mershon School District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday November 4 2022 at 4 30 p.m the next

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regular hybrid being in the city council is scheduled for Tuesday November 15 2022 at 5 PM the time is now 7 52 p.m as

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a reminder the city council police say seated until City staff is terminated the broadcast good evening and thank you

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for joining us

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