

# GMHB EXHIBIT 44

## 2022-11-15 City Council Transcript

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thank you foreign

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good evening and welcome to the November 15 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 and by Zoom we are also  
broadcasting live on mitv

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channel 21 and on the city's YouTube channel welcome to all and thanks for joining us  
tonight council members

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please have your microphones turned on for the roll call Deputy city clerk Deb Estrada  
please call the roll

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council member Jake Jacobson here councilmember Craig Reynolds here

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councilmember Wendy weiker here council member Ted Weinberg here

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Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum here and mayor Salim niece here thank you so much  
thank you next we have the Pledge of

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Alliance Council if you joined us in council chambers please stand and face the flag if  
you're on Zoom please mute and turn off your video

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thank you we now move to the approval of tonight's agenda if there's no questions may have

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a motion to approve the agenda secondly moved by councilmember Jacobson seconded by councilman Reynolds

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city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor

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council member Andrew all aye councilmember Jacobson aye council member Reynolds

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aye councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember weiker aye

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Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye and mayor niece hi Ocean passes and agenda is approved we

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now move to a study session on AB 6180 climate action plan survey results an

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update I'd like to welcome chief of operations Jason kittner and sustainability analyst Ross Freeman

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uh good evening Mr Mayor it's Jesse Bond your city manager with a camera that's

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gone a little wonky here uh Jason is here but only on the phone for just a

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few minutes so I'll take the introduction tonight we are providing an update on

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the climate action plan survey results and in just a moment I will hand the floor over to Ross we did go through the

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PowerPoint just prior to this council meeting and I think what I'd like to recommend is that we we go through the

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slide deck in its entirety it's about 17 slides a fairly high level make a note

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of your questions and then we'll come back for discussion one of the things I would like to come away with tonight if

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if possible is what what issues remain uh things that you want us to focus on

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for that final community meeting at the end of the month usually we go into a

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final engagement with two or three topics that we'd like to explore further with our community so I'll just ask you to keep that in

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mind as we're working through the slide deck so with that Ross I will have you take it over while I fix my camera

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thank you Jesse um sure can

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um so I'm going to be working with my Consultants at Cascadia and you'll be meeting one of them later Eddie bash and

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they will be doing the screen share for this so uh Eddie if you could uh work with Megan to

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get the slide deck started

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we've got it thank you great I do too so uh good evening mayor and Council as you

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know I'm Ross Freeman and I oversee the city's sustainability work uh I'm also serving as the project manager for the

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climate action plan and tonight I am pleased to present the results of the uh

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statistical survey that we ran over the past few months uh later tonight about halfway through the presentation my

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colleague Addie bash at Cascadia will I will hand the Baton to her and she'll deliver the results uh portion of the

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presentation so next slide please uh tonight uh we uh I will start off

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with a brief overview of of the engagement process that we've uh run so far uh and a real high level pass at how

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did we get to this survey what were the mechanics of it and I will hand off then to uh Addie for the survey results and

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uh a quick uh conclusion uh slide on next steps and then as Jesse mentioned

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we would be pleased to open it up for discussion uh next slide

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and you can jump to the next one so um this visual uh don't worry I won't

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be going through this whole thing uh but I just wanted to uh present this at the beginning to show uh how we've been

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dividing up the engagement process with Cascadia our consultants and as you can see we are coming into the end of phase

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one uh here we are at uh the city council meeting in November there

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um and we've had a number of different opportunities over this past 10 months or so uh where we've done a range of

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Outreach and educational efforts of course we've had the let's talk website open the whole time and that will

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continue to be open we had a uh goals and actions feedback

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form earlier in the summer and then this statistical survey to gain a much better

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sense of the priorities and uh opinions of the Mercer Island public

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um when we get into phase two there which will be uh about three or four

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through about three months starting in late December that's when we'll be

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transitioning to the uh the drafting of the plan itself there's a number of components uh are in rough draft phase

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now but we do hope to have uh that drafting work really dig uh deep uh in

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after essentially after this meeting and we'll uh at the end of the presentation we will lay out a calendar schedule so

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you can see some of the key dates uh in an easier to digest format just one last piece there uh the the

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upper uh horizontal rows those two rows are generally uh city council or the

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sustainability committee uh involvement uh and as you know I've been meeting with the committee a fair bit this

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summer to get to this phase and then the lower bars and the light blue are more public focused activities uh next slide

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and we can jump to the next one great so you don't have to digest all of

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this but this essentially uh is is a horizontal date timeline of how we got

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to tonight and the sharing of the results if you look at uh back in June

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that's when we began this process of uh looking at the cost uh and impacts of

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the different proposed actions we came up with a few different tools uh to

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conduct a survey we eventually landed on the the the form the style of the survey

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that we wanted to run we ran some edits there at the previous meeting in

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September the full Council approved that survey tool we opened in late September

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we ran a postcard reminder and then the survey closed uh in early November and

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here we are after the analysis uh you've seen in your Council packet uh the uh

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the draft report there may be a a few minor corrections after that draft but

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that is essentially the the near final draft uh report of the survey and we'll

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go through some highlights tonight uh next slide please so just to recap on what the mechanics

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of this were we had two survey groups essentially the statistically

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significant group these were reached by a mailed survey that went out to 2500

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random uh households this was not the same sample that was used for other

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recent City surveys over the past 18 months or so and

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um we mailed those out uh as an envelope and then also at the same time we gave

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the general public an opportunity to respond to the same survey and that was done uh purely online via our let's talk

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website for public engagement and as you know we did not mix those two data sets

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one of them is statistically significant one is self-selected general public so it's important to remember that those

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aren't the same thing but we did have uh a robust response from both the on line

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version there in the middle of your screen that's what it looks like looked like on let's talk and then the mailed

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version was laid out in a more classic check box style survey okay next slide

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let's see it looks like you can go to the next slide Megan

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I think sorry I think Megan's Zoom is acting up are we Frozen

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who might be if needed I can take over the screen

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share yeah great let's let's try that Eddie okay one sec

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and I have a pretty much Zoom just quit let me reshare my screen okay

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can you see that I think momentarily

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there we are great thank you uh so to resume that uh

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looking at the the survey response statistics on the the right hand side there in that box uh we mailed 2500 we

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had about a 10 response rate which which is actually really pretty good for any kind of mailed communication

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um the respondents were able to answer by mail uh or if they chose to use their

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unique ID code they could actually use an online portal and as you can see it was about uh two-thirds one-third is to

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how people chose to respond there we did also have a good number of responses from the general public uh we're calling

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that a set of uh data points the the GP the general public survey and the statistically significant survey is SS

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you'll see these abbreviations used later on in the presentation um just to recap how the survey was

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structured real quick uh we had an introductory portion on uh people's

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priorities uh you know what did they how did they rank the threats uh to from the

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climate uh the change that are facing Mercer Island and what would they suggest as their top Solutions

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um their preferences for the types of climate action and then part two was really the heart of the survey where we

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asked uh in four different very broad uh categories uh people's opinions and

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level of support for different kinds of climate action um one point that's important to note is

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you may remember that we have in the the draft goals and actions portion of the

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process several months ago we came up with 58 proposed actions for

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consideration however some of those were bucketed together into strategies so the

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survey was able to be a little bit shorter and uh we asked essentially 47

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distinct questions to get at those 58 actions some of the actions were in the same kind of Arena perhaps they both

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covered electric vehicles for example so that's why that structure is there next slide please

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okay so at this point uh I'd like to just hand over to Addie for a discussion

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of the results and then as Jesse mentioned at the end of that we'd be pleased to take questions and or return

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to any of the slides that you wish uh with that uh Take it Away Eddie

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great thank you Ross um so clarification that oh sorry you

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can go to the next slide Megan thank you um so most of the rest of this presentation will focus on the results

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primarily from the statistically significant survey group but we also wanted to note a few key trends that we

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saw between both the statistically significant and general public survey responses uh so first both expressed

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similar levels of support across all of the climate strategies in the survey so

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the majority of a survey of survey respondents 74 of the statistically significant group and 76 of the general

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public group uh strongly supported or somewhat supported the strategies

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so in this graph here in the slide the statistically significant group is the dark blue and the general public group

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is the lighter Blue Bar so generally each group also expressed similar levels of support between

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strategies uh that there was some variation in the actual ranking order

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um and in your cert in your summary uh of the survey uh there is actually a

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full ranking of all the strategies for both groups it's in the second appendix of the survey summary report

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so and then lastly as we'll discuss in a few slides the demographics were also

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very similar between both survey groups you can go to the next slide

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so this slide here presents the top 10 strategies by the statistically significant survey group so the dark

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blue on the left represents strong support uh followed by the lighter blue which represents somewhat support the

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Orange shows do not support and gray is unsure so strategies here were ranked

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based based on the percent of respondents who strongly supported or somewhat supported the strategy

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so again that table is with the full ranking of the strategies is in your survey summary in the second appendix

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so as you can see resource conservation strategies were among the highest ranked strategies and

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encouraging residential solar was also highly ranked uh the number one strategy here uh increase recycling compost and

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reuse of goods and materials was supported or strongly supported by 94 of

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survey respondents the number 10 most supported strategy on this graph uh

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expand slash improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure was supported by 84 percent of respondents and then

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the percentages you know fell between those two numbers for the remaining uh 10 listed here

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and these Trends were largely consistent with the general public survey group as well

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next slide so this slide presents the top least

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supported strategies by the statistically significant survey group again strategies were ranked by a level

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of overall support so both either strong support or somewhat support so the dark

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blue represents strong support light blue represents somewhat support orange do not support and gray is unsure

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so overall survey respondents still expressed majority support for these strategies with only the bottom two

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strategies receiving less than 50 support from the statistically significant group so those two

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strategies 40 percent of respondents expressed some or strong support for the least supported strategy which was

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advocate for estate carbon tax and 40 46 percent of respondents supported or

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strongly supported the second least supported strategy which was promote air travel alternatives Eddie if I could

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just cut in real quick I want to make sure we're all clear on the language that you're using when you use the term

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majority support what you're meaning is the combination of strongly support and

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somewhat support exceeded 50 correct correct thank you thank you for

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clarifying that um so as you can see generally strategies

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related to taxes and mandates were less supported and we often see similar Trends with other communities

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and these Trends again largely aligned with the general public survey group

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next slide um so these graphs show a few of the demographic Trends between the survey

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groups and the general Mercer Island population averages so this is

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statistically significant survey group is the darkest blue followed by the

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general public survey group and then the lightest blue is the Mercer Island population averages so in terms of the

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demographics survey respondents tended to live north of Southeast 40th Street

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be above the age of 65 identify as wider Caucasian

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uh make 200 000 or more a year um have earned an advanced degree own

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their home as opposed to rent have zero children currently living at home

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have lived on the island for more than 10 years and speak English at home

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so these demographic Trends um largely aligned with the Mercer Island demographics with a few exceptions the

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survey respondents tended to be older and higher income than the average there was also a lower portion of renters who

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participated in the survey and non-white racial groups were slightly underrepresented

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so we've included a table on page three of your survey summary that details all

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of the demographic groups where the difference between the statistically significant survey group and the general

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Island population was greater than six percent

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next slide so lastly I wanted to quickly highlight the results of those questions related

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to climate action priorities so this first graph here shows the ranking of climate threats for most to least

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important so the dark blue represents the portion of respondents who ranked that threat as number one or most

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important and then down all the way to the gray which indicates the portion of respondents who ranked that threat as

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number six or least important so as you can see worsening air quality and Grid electricity disruption were

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ranked as the most important threats by the statistically significant group and the general public also ranked worsening

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air quality as the most important threat the second graph here ranks the level of

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support for different types of climate actions by the statistically significant survey group so again dark gray

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indicates number one most important down to gray

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which is number four least important so Financial or other incentives were

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ranked as the were the most supported types of climate actions local advocacy

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and mandates and regulations uh were ranked as the least supported so these Trends largely aligned with the how the

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survey respondents ranked the individual strategies themselves and the general public survey also had the same top that

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and the least supported types of climate actions

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so this slide presents the ranking of climate related solutions by the statistically significant group so

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Solutions are ranked by the number of respondents who ranked the solution as number one most important which is that

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gray blue bar so improved resiliency renewable energy and Disposal slash consumption related

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Solutions were ranked as the most important and is largely aligned with how survey respondents ranked the

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individual strategies themselves um interestingly though uh the least

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important climate solution here is reduced water consumption however in

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ranking the individual strategies uh the strategies related to water conservation such as expand water efficiency programs

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for homes and businesses and promote water efficient landscaping and irrigation were ranked as some of the

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most supported individual strategies

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so yep Yep this is the last slide thank you uh so to wrap up we have a few next

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steps and key dates coming up so as Ross noted we're currently in the process of

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drafting the first drafts of the cap in preparation for the public comment period uh which is planned for early

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next year starting in January um and we also have a community meeting plan for November 29th where we will

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present the work done to date and gather additional feedback um and then we have

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four meetings planned with Council in q1 of next year and in the meantime we'll

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be continuing to engage regularly with the sustainability committee sure and

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Addie and Ross I'll ask you to go ahead and stop screen sharing now and I'll I'll cut in here

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if I may counsel just to recap the logistics we're looking you know tonight is your meeting

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to discuss your reactions to the survey results and you know where there is

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consensus or you'd like to get there we'd appreciate receiving any consensus feedback tonight otherwise our team is

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working on the draft plan the the council dates we shared are tentative but we'd like to get this to

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you as a first draft in that January February timeline it is always our goal to get the draft out to you and the

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public three weeks to four weeks ahead of that that council meeting so people have

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plenty of time to review I said this a moment ago and I'll I'll leave you with these parting words we do have a

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community meeting it is our last community meeting in plan development series here and this is an opportunity

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to to go and explore any topics you know further if if you have you know we try

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to stick to two or three kind of main areas of focus for these final Community meetings so we'd appreciate your

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feedback on how remaining questions issues you want us to peel the onion on

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at that final public meeting so with that Mr Mayor I'll turn it back to you very good thank you okay so Council any

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questions to the Consultants on the survey results

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councilmember anderol thank you um if we can go back to slide 14.

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give me one second and I will share that

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this one it hasn't come up yet nope there it is perfect

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um yeah I just thought that these results seemed kind of anomalous in some

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ways that so worsening air quality is like directly tied to Wildfire and vice versa

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and so um I was kind of wondering it well and and extreme heat events and drought are

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kind of like I just wondered how you chose those categories and and whether you have any explanation for why you

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know people didn't necessarily tie worsening air quality to Wildfire or drought to extreme heat events

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um I I just don't know how informative this really is but maybe you can talk a

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little bit more about that and councilmember Andrew and I'll ask Ross to chime in here if I'm not mistaken some of these

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these questions I believe were added at the council's request am I recalling that correctly Ross

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that is correct uh we we definitely uh went through a number of iterations on

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this fate this portion of the survey and what exactly we wanted to ask in there but this is where we landed uh after a

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fair bit of discussion um and I uh this was where the majority uh of

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interest uh runs so council member Andrew my memory is not always that fantastic but I do recall uh briefly

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these questions were added at the beginning of the survey to um you know have kind of zoom out before

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we zoomed in uh to understand you know key themes concerns

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um maybe I will call them warm-up questions if you will um somebody else may remember that

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conversation better than I okay I was just wondering if the Consultants had any thoughts on why like

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I said to me I mean and whether this survey was conducted during the time

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when Seattle was the most polluted city yes in the world could have had something to do with worsening air

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quality being ranked number one I don't know but I just I was kind of just wondering if they had any analysis or thoughts on why people didn't relate

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that to wildfires um yeah well I think what you just

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indicated was one of the the primary reasons that where's the air quality was ranked so highly it was like really top

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of mind for people and I think we do find that sometimes these connections between all these different threats it's

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not super evident to the average resident and you know wildfire

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as feels like a more direct impact in some areas that are you know more prone

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to actual direct Wildfire threats while worsening air quality is impact like the rest of the region experiences the

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worsening of air quality from those wildfires so feels more connected to it

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um Mr Mayor I have a another question on this slide but I'll wait my turn Okay councilmember Weinberg I just wanted to

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reinforce that I think you hit the nail on the head on that one uh the uh this first question is really showing us what

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was on people's minds when they took the survey it was in October it was the smokiest October I think it had been

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taken in June of last year uh then the extreme heat events would have been the top of the list because that would have

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been on you know the heat bulb the heat Dome it was uh top of everyone's mind it does give us some ideas to what's you

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know when people think climate change and risks what was on their Minds when they took the survey but yeah I think that's the main value we can get out of

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it out of this question okay councilman Reynolds just a question for the Consulting team

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um how do the responses we got compared to what you see in other cities

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or have you done surveys in other cities and were they similar enough to be comparable

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um in terms of this physician or just generally that's just in general on the survey

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um generally they disaligned largely with what we see in other cities

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um typically um actions and strategies related to recycling and compost and that type of

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conservation tend to be highly ranked and supported while you know regulations are lower less supported which is

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largely what we saw within the survey um I have to get back to you speaking

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specifically to a thing related to threats and types of climate actions I'd have to look back on some of our other

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survey results um but generally I would say also the level of support that we received is is

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typical for at least the the Puget Sound region where people largely seen in

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support of uh of climate actions and cities taking taking initiatives

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I would also say too that um the policy lover question that we have here um that I'm sure going right here Financial

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incentives and education are often ranked number one over mandates um in regulations so that was also

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consistent across other jurisdictions

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member weiker yes so thank you guys for this great overview it seems like there's a lot

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here to mull over but kind of the trends I'm seeing is that there's a lot of interest in changing individual

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behaviors versus City actions around our buildings and

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the way we work um so I wonder if you could kind of highlight sort of the three best

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practices that you would recommend from this initial data to me it looks like it's incentivizing electrification in

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electric vehicles and modes of transportation materials management um and sort of Education Outreach

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overall for how people can do their part for climate action so could you let me know if I kind of got the highest sweep

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there or there's something I missed or what you'd recommend

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well Russell let you chime in if you have others to add but I think generally our recommendation with these survey

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results is to consider implementation and kind of prioritization of actions um

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but we wouldn't necessarily uh recommend that we uh remove any of the actions that we

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currently have planned based on these survey results um and that it will be one of several

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factors that is kind of considered in the way that we prioritize actions in the plan and the

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way that we highlight community support for actions within the plan so I want to if I may council member

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Reichard just take on to Addie's comments there remember your draft plan will include an implementation section I

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will I will talk about the uh the when and the how

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and we have not gotten to that yet so we'll be taking this data your feedback tonight and your feedback from the

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community meeting and laying all these strategies out keep in mind this plan

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has a you know 10-year life maybe even a 20-year life so we're going to be

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building out an implementation recommendation for your consideration over many years

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and the what I think is just as important absolutely

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okay uh one moment I'll get Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and then to councilmember

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Jacobson uh come back to me actually okay councilman

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Jacobson with respect to the priorities uh how

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how many people or what percentage declined to answer those two priority questions at all since that was an

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option

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I'll pull up those those numbers just so you can give me one minute and councilmember Jacobson you're

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referring to these these two questions here on the screen the yes yeah okay

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the ranking questions sure yeah we did get people in the survey

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I'll just give a little more clarification the option to to not rank either of these and then if

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they so choose uh they could tell his wife uh so sort of a two-step process there there may have been a number of

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folks who just left these blank some of those people chose to tell us why some didn't and that's what uh I think Addie

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is looking up right now um tonight we'll uh respond to the question

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um so so on this particular question it was just optional to just leave it blank but it was like 92 percent of

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respondents gave a ranking so some left it like eight percent left it blank and

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didn't rank at all maybe I can just chime in one other

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piece there Addie um and as Council saw in the uh report the the folks who did

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choose to tell us why that is included in uh that appendix with the verbatim

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responses at the end of the report along with a number of the other fill-in uh

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you know long form act uh options that that people could give us so uh if if you wanted to see some of those reasons

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uh for non-ranking it would be in that section

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said sufficiently answered for you customer Jacobson yes yes thank you Deputy Mayor rosenbaugh thank you uh

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there's lots of mull over here and this is really helpful uh I my question is around how do you balance implementation

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um and what recommendations have you made in other cities or expect you'll make here

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um you know part of you know if you look at um table six for example the the the

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support somewhat support numbers for transitioning government vehicles versus transitioning private

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Vehicles you know is very Stark however the ghd reduction numbers if I'm

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remembering the uh the sheet uh correctly you know it's

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it's not even close I mean our city fleet and and government vehicles versus the private sector Vehicles you know

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it's a drop in the bucket um but obviously more transition from ICU

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electric would be have a bigger impact on ghg reduction so as it comes to that sort of implementation how do you make

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that recommendation balancing the numbers that we got here in terms of you know strongly support for those for

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those two uh potential strategy or sorry those three potential strategies

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um start and answer that and if anyone wants to join us it's a much bigger question so if you want to go back to it

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at another Point let me know yeah well I guess you started and I can I can answer a little bit too

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um well I would say that again this is going to be okay we would recommend this is one piece of several factors that you

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consider in terms of the the implementation and prioritization of actions but generally with the implementation plan we're really trying

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to encourage cities to not try to do everything all at once and identify

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exactly what you were hitting on the really like high impact actions to prioritize focusing on right away that

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are that are feasible to focus on in the near term and then potentially um you know focusing on other actions

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later on so that you're not trying to to do everything all at once um and doing a mix of actions that are

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you know maybe higher impact potentially higher cost that can be done the short term with you know

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um lower potentially lower cost but maybe a little bit lower impact also doing the near term that refusable to do

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so doing like a mix focusing on a mix in um in your short-term implementation

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plans Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum the other thing that the plan will tackle is where we

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need to partner or maybe stated differently where we need to Lobby we know for example some building code

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changes are in the pipeline that would address some of the things on this list so it may not be the most efficient or

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practical for us to tackle those and instead to you know wait for the state

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partner with the state Lobby effectively with the state for those changes to happen so that will all get laid out in

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the draft plan excellent and I'm assuming that sort of overlay of cost benefit versus ghd reductions will have

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I don't know if another version of that is the right way to say it or yes and councilmember Weinberg has a term he

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uses for that which I can't recall but it was basically the take take what we've heard from the survey overlay it

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with the outcomes uh ghd reduction goal outcomes and and then that's your puzzle

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you have to solve yeah I'm gonna leave my hand up okay councilman Randall

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and then well we'll go around again yeah thanks um and so going to the bottom of

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this slide with the level of support for climate action types it seems to me I I don't want this to sound too cynical but

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it seems to me the greatest support is for the kind of the soft um actions like give me money to do

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something or educate me about it but don't tell me what to do um

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laughs well just call it the way I see it

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um and and so but I mean if people really think this is important and they're going to be taking action why wouldn't

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they support mandates or regulations like I'm going to be doing this anyway everybody should have to do it

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so that's my question is that a question to the staff I'm not

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sure we have an answer well or it's the Pacific Consultants I mean you know or if maybe if there is no way maybe this

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is just human nature you know laid bare and that'd be fine too you know

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councilmember Android I think one of the challenges at this stage is um if I'm taking the survey

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and I see something that's you know potentially a future code change I I

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still don't have enough information you know so I may be cautious about it you know the devil's

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in the detail right so I try to keep that in mind as we're we're doing surveys like this but I

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think in in talking with with Ross and I know from our Consulting team it's it's typical to see the mandates

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sitting at the bottom of the list right we have the the best carrot and stick strategy

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um so we don't have a recommendation yet but obviously this data will inform that

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that final plan thank you okay uh councilmember Jacobson uh this

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sort of further is further to what uh Deputy uh mayor Rosenbaum was suggesting

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and Addie had had mentioned that as my my question in the next steps at what point do we start doing the cost benefit

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analysis since I think everybody would agree we want to get the most bang for the buck

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regardless of what we're doing that at least makes sense to me so uh

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when are we going to be doing that absolutely uh council member Jacobson I I personally weave that all into that

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implementation strategy so as we're preparing your draft plan and recommending an implementation strategy

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we we have to take a look at what it's going to take to get her done the the resource needs on the part of the city

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so that will be included in your plan at least at at the high level

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is coming okay

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sounds a bit indefinite to me but well just q1 next year you'll have something to chew on it'll be in the

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draft plan okay thank you customer Reynolds uh first just a comment on councilmember

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Andrews comment which I had the same observation you did and I think it is human nature

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um also I think it's indicative of the fact that with the structure of the survey

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we can't really it's very hard to answer a question about mandates versus incentives versus education when it's

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not associated with a particular action I'm sure some people would support mandates on some things but not other

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things and the general question is very difficult to answer so I'm not going to put a whole lot of weight on the on the response to that question but you have

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one question which is for the city manager um could you refresh my memory and what our

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response rate was on the pros plan survey the last big one we had I am not

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prepared to answer that okay I can possibly try to look that up but um and

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come back to me and just to plant a seed for the future when we look at these things I'm still digging into the data

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but I'm I'm troubled by uh huge differences in response rates as

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a function of age as a function of income and that's consistent what we've seen on other surveys as I recall you

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know it doesn't appear in my initial analysis so far that the answers differ a lot more consistently by those

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Dimensions but I think we should take this as a as a learning opportunity that in future city surveys we try to do some

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stratified sampling and over sample from younger people and lower income people in hopes of getting a more

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representative response sample and that's something I just want to plant that seed for future thinking

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and you know councilmember Reynolds one of uh the things that's been on my mind is just survey fatigue uh We've in the

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last two years been doing a lot of planning work some of that is just a function of falling behind during the

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pandemic um and we've been doing a lot of survey work so we should be mindful of that

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Cadence going forward how much can we our community actually handle

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okay I'll get back to you I could I'm still making around Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum then councilman weiker

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yeah thank you I'm not going to rehash our Lively discussion on our survey how

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we built this survey a few months ago but I was wondering if for the sort of like four options here strongly support

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somewhat support do not support unsure if if you ask these questions similarly

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anywhere else on more of a point scale and how do we how how do these responses

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compare those in terms of you know strongly supportive you know seven to ten and kind of working Your Way

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backwards

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sorry is that a question for the yeah for you like if we've done that in other surveys

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yeah I mean I asked because you mentioned that our responses are similar in terms of results to other cities

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um and I'm curious like what what the results have been in in that situation if you have an idea

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of what people consider to be strongly support someone's support I mean we're talking like an MPS score here or just

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trying to better understand what the what the range range of consideration is

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I'd have to I could follow up with you to see if there's if Five results from other surveys where it was more of a

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numerical that's boring and if there was differences yeah all right thank you councilman weiker

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so I'm going to take us up a level and just uh say thank you again for doing this survey and it's statistically

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significant one as well as the general public one I think that's useful but uh for my colleagues I want to remind us

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all that we've we've got staff that have been doing this for years and years and years and we have Jesse who's talking to

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her city managers all over town Cascade is probably the premier consultant in this work and we already have Partners

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doing a lot of this work already so for the Thanksgiving holiday I encourage you to look at the Recology website for all

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their Recycling and Organics Outreach PSE for all their incentives and programs around renewable energy k4c has

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pages and pages on their website about all the different strategies here to address climate change regionally and then we also have

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state legislation coming down and later tonight you'll see we're doing an Organics procurement ordinance because

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there's a lot of work already happening we don't need to reinvent the wheel here let's let's take this survey and the

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spirit it was intended which is some feedback and some guidance that we have to incorporate as we make the decisions

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to move forward for how to move our city forward in this work under the guidance and Leadership of Jesse and our staff

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and what we know from talking to our colleagues in the region and doing the homework thank you for that councilman weiker aye

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councilmember Jacobson a comment on the demographics and uh I

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don't think the demographics are actually surprising I might make that statement based on analyzes I did some

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years ago of the school board uh bond issue that went down in flames and then

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the next one uh three quarters of people voted for and uh people in of uh older

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age groups vote and much much more large proportions than others people who uh

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the income response tends to be higher and I I certainly commend what my

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colleague council member Reynolds has said I think to try to get uh the the

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responses that are somewhat commensurate with that portion of the population is very commendable I'm not sure how we do

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it but uh it's uh and I think survey fatigue is certainly

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a part of it so uh I don't I don't think that the demographics are surprising whether or not they're delightful or not

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doesn't matter but um you know we we do have to communicate with all members of the population here and let them have

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their chance to say something either at The Ballot Box or uh surveys or coming and making

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three-minute talks to us so that's my thought Mr Mayor I do have a response

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councilmember Reynolds question okay I pulled up the pros survey number two

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summary and it looks like we had 505 responses to the random sample mail

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survey that also had uh was sent to 2500 people so it was about a 20 response rate

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and I think it was about the same I'm I'm getting anything I can I can chime

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it with the community survey that was about 450. so those are our two most recent and the

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first pro survey was also about a 20 response rate

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satisfied with that okay I so at the outset of this discussion city manager

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Bond you'd ask for any sort of policy guidance that we want to give you uh I want to first ask the Consultants you

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know you said one of the Consultants said that the survey responses would not guide the strategies that all

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of the strategies would be implemented in the cap if you're looking for some policy guidance what would we take from the

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survey that would help you from a policy perspective get us a better first draft

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of the cap what guidance can we give you tonight based on the survey results to help you bring something that is

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closer to the will of the council

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I was I was just indicating what what we might could recommend in the next steps

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for the the use of this survey but we certainly want your feedback on how you

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think that the survey results should most informed like what's the best way

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for them to inform next next steps in the cap and as Jesse um had

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indicated um if there are is additional feedback that you'd like us to focus on in the in

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our community meeting on the 29th um additional like feedback from the the community that you

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think we need in order to um to identify you know potential edits

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within the cap or as I as we had recommended the kind of prioritization of the of the actions okay so I'm I'm

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still fishing for an example but would you like some policy guidance that suggests that the council would

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prioritize education incentives you know the two top uh responses ahead of the

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bottom two responses in terms of mandates and is that the type of policy guidance that

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you're looking for mayonnaise maybe maybe I would be happy to jump in here you've already provided us some feedback

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and I've been watching your body language so I I think there's some consensus uh it sounds like there is

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still uh support and a need for us to take the survey results and overlay them

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with the greenhouse gas reduction data we have so that you can see

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where you know where we have impact uh councilmember Jacobson mentioned needing

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to understand the costs right the cost-benefit analysis which should be in that implementation strategy I think it

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was council member weiker that maybe mentioned early action items where can we get some small wins some of these

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things are going to take more time and more resources so those were some themes I've already just pulled out of your conversation

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okay well if I could add to the themes then I

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would I would suggest that we look at the the likelihood of any particular

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strategy to succeed based on the volume of the actions that it touches so for

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example we in Mercer Island build 20 or so net new homes a year on average over a long

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planning Horizon so mandating all new residential construction be all electric

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is going to touch you know on average 20 homes a year providing Focus for an

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incentive on heat pump conversion of the existing you know 7 500 single-family

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homes that that you know has a volumetrically more successful chance than touching the

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20 you know with a mandate uh that would be kind of an area that I would hope to see us prioritize strategies

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okay Council any other plant seeds you want to plant with uh city manager Bond

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if not we're going to councilman Weinberg yeah I I think there was also a request uh from Jesse early on about

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what to focus on at the community meeting on the 29th and I think one of

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the things that is uh between here in the first draft is a multi-criteria analysis of looking at

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the various uh actions and trying to weigh things like the impact of the change the likelihood of the change

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succeeding and the cost of the change um I think one of the pieces of feedback we could uh gain from that meeting with

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the uh with the community would be the weighting of those different factors

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should they all be weighted equally or should the impact of the change be given

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twice the weight of one of the other ones or something like that to try and get some feedback from the community as to

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what they think should have greater weight in that multi criteria analysis and I'm sure that the Cascadia has a

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fair amount of experience in doing that as well but it would help to get the input from the community

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okay councilmember Andrew saying what's been said but I mean my

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what I would like to see focus on is you know On Any Given item how broad is the

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impact potentially going to be How likely is it going to be to succeed and at what cost

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thank you great councilman Reynolds yeah the additional guidance I would

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offer I believe is uh number one priority is that we plan to succeed

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meaning we need to lay out a plan that if we accomplish what's on our plan it achieves the greenhouse gas emission

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targets that we have so we need to make sure that whatever plan we put together ultimately will will get us to that goal

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having said that I recognize we can't do them all at once we're not going to accomplish all of these in 2023 or even

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necessarily in the 2020s period uh but I think we can look at the

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the cost of these we can look at the uh the community support for these and and use this information to prioritize and

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and to recognize that we'll have to be nimble that five years from now when we're Midway through adopting this plan

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new Solutions might come to Bear the world might change that would suggest that we adapt and pivot so we don't

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necessarily want to try to do all these things at the beginning that we're going to throw out later in which we hadn't done so let's just keep that in mind in

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terms of the prioritization and then lastly just important to keep in mind that if I'm not mistaken all but two of

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these actions did have majority support and I think that's very encouraging news

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we've got to keep that in mind as we put the plan together and when we have the community meeting I think the the big

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thing I want to have come out of that is what didn't we think of what other ideas could the city do that maybe wasn't on

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the survey and see what new ideas we could take away from that that's a great suggestion thank you

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okay last call for any more commentary on this so we're going to move off this

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topic very good so thank you to Cascadia sustainability analyst Ross Freeman and

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a very quiet Jason kidner next up on agenda we have the C managers

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report welcome Jesse Bond all right thank you Mr Mayor let me get

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the right all right screen share up here

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okay it is uh hard to believe it is Tuesday November 15th or uh almost at

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the end of the year thank you again Mr Mayor and members of the council

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I start my city manager presentations usually with a look ahead at the upcoming meetings  
uh Council you are

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aware that we have added a special meeting on a special city council meeting on Tuesday  
November 29th we'll

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start at four o'clock P.M we have an executive session to start and then we will probably  
have just one business

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item that will be related to the property tax levies and that is because we have a ballot  
measure

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uh and an election that will not be certified until the end of the month so that is why that  
meeting was added

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we anticipate your last city council meeting of the year will be December 6th but we won't  
make that call uh just yet

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we'll wait and see how the next couple of weeks go uh on Deck we have the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

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December 1st design commission meeting December 7th and the Planning Commission is meeting December 14th as a reminder

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we keep all of our board and commission meetings on our website posted to our website

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um by the way we are really excited that our first uh commission went hybrid the

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Planning Commission held a hybrid meeting in this room on November 9th this was a really big lift and you might

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be wondering why we've been doing this as a council for quite some time the reason is that the technology in this

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room and the cameras and there's a broadcast Booth downstairs at City Hall

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it takes almost three staff members just to run this meeting and so we've been working for the past year to streamline

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the technology and you know make it a little more accessible so that we could

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just have one person running the meeting and and we are there so we had a good meeting with the Planning Commission

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actually Deb Estrada who is here clerking for us tonight was running that meeting and everything went well we are

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slowly going to bring the rest of our boarding commissions over to the hybrid model uh we think this is a really great tool

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it's it's flexible as you all know and um it's also really accessible for our

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community members so lots and lots of work more than I can even describe in this presentation went into making this

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happen behind the scenes and two of those team members are here with us tonight Alfredo and Deb so thanks for

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everything you did to make that possible all right updates once again I have a a

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wide range of things to talk about so the parks Levy renewal as of yesterday's

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count the parks library renewal is passing with a nearly 64 percent majority for those of you tuning in

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tonight this was prop one on the November 8th general election this renewed Park Levy provides uh continuity

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and funding for Parks operations and maintenance and also added funding for playground Replacements and Pioneer Park

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Forest management needless to say we are really thrilled with the outcome what this means council

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is that the current Parks Levy will be effectively ending a year early

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so that is something that you had committed to when we went to the ballot and the new park Levy will take effect

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January 1. this all comes together in a couple of property tax levy ordinances

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you will have the first reading on those tonight and as I just mentioned we called a special meeting for November

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29th for the second reading and adoption which just happens to coincide with the date that the King County King County

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elections will certify the general election so a uh enthusiastic thank you to our

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community and more to come a couple reminders on upcoming meetings

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one of them we just talked about but the bike skills area we will be out at Dean's children's park at 4 pm this

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Thursday bring your reflective gear and your flashlights there was no great date

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or time to do this meeting so we scheduled it right for when the kids get out of school so we could pick up the

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elementary cool school kids as well we also have an online community survey

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running and encourage you to also post comments on the let's talk project page so come join us this Thursday at 4 P.M

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at Dean's to walk the site and talk about the bike skills area design

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we just covered this one the climate action plan final Community Workshop is

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Tuesday November 29th in fact we scheduled your council meeting so that it would be ending just prior to the

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start of this meeting at six o'clock this is a virtual meeting I won't repeat what we've all just discussed but we'll

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provide a quick overview similar to what you received tonight Council on the survey results and then we'll have a few

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key questions and breakout sessions for a final discussion we do have a let's talk page on this planning work as well

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if you're interested and certainly that's another place that you can provide feedback and comments

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safety at City intersections it is that time of year where it gets very blustery

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and we use lose power from time to time I am pleased to report that we have

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installed four backup batteries at four traffic signals that are owned by the city you see them on the little map

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there this is always a work in progress we desire to have as many of our

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intersections backed up as possible so this just assures when the power goes out those intersections continue

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functioning which allows our Public Safety and Public Works crew to focus on other areas of the island

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my thanks to the team for keeping this work going amidst a very very full project plates

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uh coffee with a cop last Saturday we're really happy to host our community down

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at the South End Starbucks and a number of our police officers were present thanks to everybody that came by I

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understand from Chief Holmes that this will be a regular feature so we'll let you know when the next event is

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scheduled and I will refrain for making a comment about donuts and police officers

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Commander Regan just walked in so I couldn't help myself

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lately on by they have the staff and volunteers have been very very busy getting

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everything all ready for the holiday season in fact I've received an email from the thrift shop manager a couple

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days ago and they had a record Sunday sales last Sunday and she said even without a sale we didn't even have a

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promotion running but we did almost fourteen thousand dollars in sales last Sunday so that's very exciting of course

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that wouldn't be possible without donations continuing to come in so we appreciate all of our donors

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Council as you know we've been on a recovery Plan Building back the thrift

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shop from more than a year closure during the pandemic I appreciate the

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Cadence the staff are taking it's it's measured and we add hours as we have staff and volunteers to do so so with

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that I am really pleased to announce that we are adding another shopping hour and another donation hour

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so starting this Sunday we will be open from nine to five Sunday to Thursday and

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we have also expanded donations from 8 to 12 Sunday to Thursday if you remember where we started this is great progress

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if you have something to donate that's not breakable just a reminder we have donation bins all around the community at the community center the South End

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QFC and Islander Middle School so drop off your clothes that won't break when you drop them in the bin

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nice work staff and volunteers last week we said farewell sort of I

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understand Chief Clark will still be around helping us out but Jeff Clark retired from East Side Fire and Rescue

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he's been serving as our interim fire chief since January of 2021. I had an

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opportunity to stop in at the East Side Fire and Rescue board meeting where they wished him well and at that same board

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meeting they also sworn in Chief Lane Chief Ben Lane who I think many of you

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have met is now the East Side Fire and Rescue Chief and has stepped in to serve as our interim Chief and if you haven't

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met Chief Ben Lane I'd be happy to make that introduction in the coming months

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just a reminder we are on uh next week is our Thanksgiving holiday so City

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facilities will be closed November 24th and 25th of course we are sending well wishes and uh many thanks to our

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community for a happy holiday upcoming events besides the meetings I

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just mentioned hey have you been in town center lately it's I was just telling councilmember Jacobson it's my favorite

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time of the year the lights are up thank you to our maintenance Crews and really

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to Mother Nature as well we had a pretty mild weather in the start of the Fall

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which allowed us to get all of the lights installed for illuminate Mi and we turned them on so Town Center is lit

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up if you take a look we've added some lights this year we have lights on the poles and even some snowflakes on those

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light poles pretty excited and my favorite Seahawks lights are up I think everybody knows that's uh one of my

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favorite features of this event more coming please save the date for the tree

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lighting and the firehouse munch on December 2nd

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and round out the presentation some good news Council I don't believe I've sent an email on this although it's drafted

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Story of My Life on November 4th we received good news that the Washington

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State Public Works board conditionally awarded us a 3.28 million dollar low

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interest loan for the booster chlorination System project that is fantastic we are one of 59

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submitted applications and I think it was 36 construction projects were awarded this helps us out a lot in

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funding this critical infrastructure and Council this is the program that we call

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out nearly every year in your legislative priorities so we want to continue advocating for it we did have

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one other project that didn't make the cut um but that's okay we got one and we will keep advocating for additional

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funding from the Public Works board we had two very successful events on

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October 29th I just wanted to follow up and mention that the drug take pack event resulted in 148 pounds of unused

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and expired medications that were submitted for Destruction thank you to everyone that partnered with us on this

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event and everybody that stopped by to turn in their unused medication

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we also had a successful recycling event of 56 000 pounds of materials and nearly

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600 Vehicles dropping off items to be recycled that's pretty close to where we've been

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in previous years as you can see there was a long line of cars we'll be back again in the spring with another

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recycling program and as we just saw our survey results there was a lot of support in the community for these types

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of events so thank you to everyone that participated and finally this is just um

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wanted to give a shout out you know we have many many spectacular and amazing

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staff and Anna Ormsby is one of them she is all over the community all the time

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doing wonderful work from car seat checks to helping reunite dogs to the less thankful job of issuing parking

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citations but we received a very kind note from a Community member that wanted to thank her for her outstanding service

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and you know Council I just wanted to give her a public shout out here tonight because she is one of those employees

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that just continues to do amazing work so thank you very much Anna

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and that is all I have for you this evening very good thank you our next item of business is appearances and this

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is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the Council on any item tonight's agenda will include in-person public appearances and remote public

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appearances via Zoom individuals wishing to address the council may do so in person or by Zoom or telephone provided

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they registered with the city's clerk office by 4 pm today when it's your turn to speak you'll be called by name

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remarks must be addressed at the council as a whole and not to individual counsel or staff members please speak audibly

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and state your name and city of residence for the record there'll be a timer on the screen you'll have three minutes to speak when your time is ended

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I'll thank you for your comments and move to the next speaker or item of business just as a reminder that later this evening we'll have two public

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hearings the first is the second hearing on the 2023-2024 biennium budget

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and the second is ordinance number 22c-18 extending interim development

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regulations to allow outdoor dining expansion by eating and drinking establishments if your comment pertains

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to either of these issues please consider waiting until we get to that public hearing staff please call the first speaker

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thank you Mr Mayor the first individual we have this evening is Alex tisberman

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thank you like to know

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typical German name okay

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damn Nazi gestapa democracy fascist you know what this

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mean Mafia cartel in antisemite with Psychopathic behavior my name Alex

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Zimmerman I'm president of stand up America I want to show to everybody in the show before this my memorandum you

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know what this means why Seattle in King country sap Center of fascism and I give

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you a little bit my analysis about what has happened you know what has been

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yeah approximately 15 percentage people in state Washington control all eight

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million people and I talking about this many times most aggressive is Seattle in King

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County the Seattle Lincoln County last election shows this is approximately 600

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000 people who vote for Democrat it's a 75 percentage Plus in only 25 percentage

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for Republican so this very interesting statistic because let's go for you right

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now and everybody who in Council chamber here everywhere right now in King country is a Democrat need be absolutely

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idiot you know what this means go for election be a Republican or independent

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it's never working is this exactly what is I see what is I speak around

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uh more than three thousand times so my opinion right now to everybody who

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listened to me is sometimes console here give a a very interesting question you

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know what is meant so I can give you my opinion what's going on I call this

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ignorance individualism in idiotism three I you know what this mean this

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what is dominate right now in King country and I see this for 30 35 EUR baptism here right now this is very

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dangerous because right now we have a pure fascism it's exactly what has happened right now how 15 percentage

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people can control 8 million you know what this means don't have sense in nobody fighting with this is a problem

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and going progress more and more and more and right now we have ton of problem you know what is mean in many

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people poor right now rent like crazy you know what is mean Amazon control everybody in what has happened right now

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Seattle idiot you know what this means when for last six year price for a

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apartment and housing Jump by 40 50 percentage and so interesting you know what is mean

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this idiots support Democrat can you explain to me that's exactly what as I told you about my way your freeway

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individual in the autism in ignorance there's a point what is okay so stand up

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America when it cleanses dirty chamber thank you

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please call the next speaker thank you Mr Mayor our next speaker is Mr Tom Alberts

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a timer my name is Tom Alberts I live at nurse Island 2270 78th Street as we I

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live three three houses behind the the new roundabout that's going in and our neighborhood is frustrated and

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what I'm going to give you is a rough representation of I think the feelings of the neighborhood

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about four years ago I was here talk before you folks in sound trance that

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was also here and I brought up the concern about when they removed some houses from our neighborhood to put in

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the roundabout that we were concerned about Sight and Sound that the buses

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were going to create Sound Transit was here and

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they gave a response which I thought was excellent they said that they would do whatever the city wanted them to do

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addressing the sound and the sight concerns that we had in the neighborhood

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I thought that was great the timing of this probably wasn't great this is about four years ago proposition

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one had failed summer celebration had been canceled the city manager at the time talked to

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me after the meeting was all excited about things we could do with the property um

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and then she was subsequently let go because the failure

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proposition went back in the day so that that's that was four years years

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ago two years ago we had an impromptu walk around with a Transit representative when we got to the

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roundabout area I brought out my concerns he showed me a floor a plan I saw no no sound barriers and I brought

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up concern and at the time he said he'd take note of it and he also implied that to sound

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transit after construction would leave the area and the features such as tree

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shrubs fences leave as many of those as possible there

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I did send a [Music] a note about a year ago to you folks

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about a year ago never got a response back so here we are today and I what I want to emphasize is

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if this was a neighborhood where those houses were was not city property County property state property but they were

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taken they were taken from our neighborhood to make the roundabout go in and what we wanted was something

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equivalent in a way of a sound barrier and a site barrier and it's

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my desire that the city help us maintain the character of our neighborhood it's

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just as simple as that and it's not happening um and I look for your input as much as

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you can I have seen the city call for meetings on playgrounds but there was

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has never been a meeting regarding our neighborhood and what the city is thank you for your comments if you have some

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written comments and you want to leave them with the city clerk and your your information is on there we'll connect you with the right folks and

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perfect I I do need to move no I'm sorry sir I need to move forward

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you can hand it to the city clerk we'd be happy to receive that city clerk is there anybody else for

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public comment no Mr Mayor perfect thank you we now move to the next time of business which is approval of the

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consent agenda the consent agenda contains AB 6181 November 4 2022 payroll certification

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certification of claims for October 27 and November 4 2022. city council

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meeting minutes of November 1 2022 regular hybrid meeting in November 1 2022 special hybrid meeting executive

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session ab6182 accept easement for stormwater capital projects ab6183 Reservoir

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standby generator replacement bid award is there a motion to approve the consent

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agenda is presented second moved by councilmember Jacobson seconded by councilmember Reynolds city clerk please

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call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Andrew

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aye councilmember weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye

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councilmember Jacobson aye councilmember Reynolds

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aye councilmember Weinberg aye and mayor niece aye thank you motion passes okay our

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first Automotive regular business is ab6184 a second public hearing for the 2023-2024 biennial budget which includes

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the following 2023 property tax levy amount 2023 property tax levy increase

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2023 water utility rates and service charges 2023 sewer utility rates and

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connection charges 2023 storm water utility rates 2023 EMS utility rates and

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2023 norcom budget this public hearing is now open as of 6 16 pm

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individuals who registered with the city clerk's office before 4 pm today may make a public comment on this agenda

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item you'll be asked you'll be called by name when is your turn to speak please speak audibly state your name in city of

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residence for the record limit your comments to three minutes Deputy city clerk is there anyone who signed up for

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public comment that wishes to address the council no Mr Mayor very good if there's no further

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testimony this evening which there was none the public comment portion of this hearing is closed as of 6 16 pm thank

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you Council we will continue this discussion on an item later in regular business under item number 11.

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hmm our next item of regular business is ab6187 public hearing on ordinance

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number 22c-18 extending interim development regulations to allow outdoor dining

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expansion by eating and drinking establishments this public hearing is now open as of 6

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17 PM individuals who registered with the city's clerk clerk's office before 4

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pm today they make a public comment on this agenda item you'll be called by name when it's your turn to speak please

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speak audibly state your name and city of residence for the record they'll meet your comments to three minutes Deputy

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city clerk is there anyone that signed up for public comment that wishes to address the council no Mr Mayor

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thank you since there's no further testimony this evening the public portion of this hearing is closed as of 6 17 pm

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welcome interim CPD director Jeff Thomas

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thank you mayor uh good evening Council can everyone hear me okay just a quick sound check we can excellent thank you

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um as mayor noted um this public hearing here this evening was to extend outdoor dining interim

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regulations that have been in place since the summer of 2020. um Council last extended these interim

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regs in December of 2021 for a period of 12 months so that 12-month period is

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coming to a close here at the end of the year Ordinance 22c-18 which is included in

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your packet materials as exhibit one to this agenda Bill proposes to extend these interim regs through July 1st 2023

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which matches up with the Sunset date of the temporary allowances that the

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Washington State liquor and cannabis control board have made for the last few years during covid for outdoor dining

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regulations so in terms of next steps here should the council wish to move this forward

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for second reading the magic date for that would be December 6 your next regular business meeting and then

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Council on that day would have an opportunity to adopt the ordinance and these interim ranks then would renew

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themselves again through July 1st 2023.

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mayor that concludes my comments I'll turn it back over to you thank you Council may have a motion to set

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ordinance number 22c 18 for a second reading and adoption on December 6 2022. so move

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okay moved by council member and we're all seconded by councilmember Jacobson any discussions

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seeing any city clerk please call the roll

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thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Jacobson aye

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councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Andrew aye

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councilmember weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye councilmember Reynolds aye and mayor

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niece hi thank you okay motion passes our next item of regular business is

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ab6195 sound cities association annual meeting voting delegate

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Council we need to select a voting delegate to attend the sca annual meeting on November 30th

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does anybody have any questions Mr Mayor if I may I believe the agenda

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at the annual meeting includes adoption of the sca budget and establishing the

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member fees for the upcoming year and council member weiker is on the sca

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board and normally would serve as our representative but correct me if I'm wrong you are going to be out of town

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for this meeting is that correct that's correct okay and the meeting is in Renton at I

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just headed up I believe it's at six o'clock Council any volunteers to be the voting

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delegate councilmember Jacobson is volunteering

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our loan volunteer at the moment okay

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uh closing uh any further submissions for volunteer

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we're going to go with council member Jacobson so Council may have a motion to appoint

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councilmember Jacobson is the voting delegate of the sca annual meeting on November 30th 2022. still moved second

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can't move by councilmember Reynolds seconded by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum any further discussion

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and seeing any Deputy city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember weiker

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aye councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson all right

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council member Andrew aye uh council member Reynolds

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Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye and mayor niece aye thank you thank you motion

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passes our next item of regular business is ab6185 financial status update for

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the third quarter of 2022 and budget amending ordinance and ab6184 discussion

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adoption of norcom and utility rate resolutions first reading of the 2023

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property tax ordinances first Welcome Finance director Matt for

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his presentation on ab6185 financial status update for the third quarter of 2022 and budget

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amending ordinance Welcome Matt warning good evening Marines city council and

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city manager Bond I'm Matt mornick your Finance director and welcome to the fifth budget workshop for the

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2023-2024 biennial budget uh mayor can you confirm that you see the opening slide we can okay great

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given the extent of the material before council tonight I Consolidated the two agenda bills into one slide Deck with

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about 29 slides first we're going to work through highlights from the Q3

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financial status update and answer any questions on the analysis before we seek your approval to adopt ordinance 2219

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which amends the 2021-2022 biennial budget once that is complete I'll walk through

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the detail within the property tax levies and the assumptions that staff has made as part of the first reading of

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the corresponding ordinances we will then outline the recommended

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utility rate resolutions how staff arrived at the the current rate adjustments with utility board chairman

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Mr O'Connell here providing any additional insights to the board's recommendations for fiscal year 2023.

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we'll wrap up with an overview of the norcom rates which are the annual fees

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that the city pays for the regional Public Safety radio system before talking about next steps for our two

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budget-focused City Council meetings

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this slide illustrates where we are in the study March towards the city council

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fine Duty tuning and adopting the 2023-2024 biennial budget

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a special meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 29th for the

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second reading and Adoption of the 23 2023 property tax levies which will be

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informed by the the final results of the November 8th general election adoption of the biennial budget is

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scheduled for the first meeting in December let's dive in so um based on the

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financial data through the month of September the city is collected just over 23 million in general fund revenues

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total general fund revenues are about one million dollars more than at the end of the third quarter of last year

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and the reason really is threefold it's driven by higher than anticipated sales

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tax revenues revenues coming in that are tied to recreational services that are

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are coming back online are are back online and fees related to development services

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staff anticipates revenues will reach forecast estimates by the end of the year

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on the other side of the Ledger general fund expenditures are within budget estimates at the end of September

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total expenditures of about 24.5 million which amounts to 70 percent of the

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amended expenditure budget at the end of September so this is about 1.6 million dollars

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more than the same period in 2021 and this reflects the additional

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expenses incurred from filling full-time and limited turn vacant positions

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compared to the prior year for example after the mid biennial budget process

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last fall the city council approved the recreation reset strategy

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and the city has been restaffing the the recreation division

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finally we are are tracking higher than expected costs associated with with case

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litigation so that's another Factor that's playing into the the rise in expenditures this this year

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I expect general fund expenditures will remain within budget estimates through the end of the year

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so at the end of the third quarter data indicates that we're on track to end 2022 within budget

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staff is prepared to return to council early in 2023 with a 2022 year-end

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financial status update outlining exactly how we ended the year across all

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City funds which will inform discussions regarding the city's operations and

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financial resources to that end staff recommends that the

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council adopt ordinance 2219 which amends the 2021-2022 biennial budget

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pause here or any questions on the financial status

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update okay Council are there any questions

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lost a couple folks here in the room not seeing anything

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okay um well mayor if it pleases the council

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you're welcome to um take action on that on that first

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recommendation just had one of my uh squirrely folks

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come back in the room so we'll we'll do that so council is there a motion to adopt ordinance number

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22-19 amending the 2021-2022 by any budget so moved second

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okay moved by council member Reynolds seconded by council member anderol any discussion

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not seeing any Deputy city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor

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councilmember weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye

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councilmember Andrew aye councilmember Reynolds

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aye councilmember Jacob Center all right councilmember Weinberg aye and mayor

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niece hi thank you okay motion passes thank you next we've moved to ab6184

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discussion adoption of norcom and utility rate resolutions first reading of the 2023 property tax ordinances

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we welcome C manager Jesse Bond and finance director Matt morning

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thank you mayor we're going to just continue moving along and we're going to start with the property tax levies for

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first reading so we're presenting two ordinances tonight for first reading number

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22-20 and 22-21 which set the property tax rate and amount the city is is

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recommending we Levy in fiscal year 2023. by the end of the month we anticipate

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having definitive results from King County regarding the November 8th general election at which point

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staff plan return to plan to return to the city council for a special meeting on November 29th for second reading and

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Adoption of the two property tax levy ordinances for context property tax revenues makeup

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a little more than 41 percent of the city's general fund revenues

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as the council is well aware this revenue is unique in that it is a

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budget-based tax which means that the tax for 2023 is calculated on the base

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amount earned in the current fiscal year this is a really important point because

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although property tax is the city's most stable Revenue Source any year over year increases that the city does not take

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reduces the base amount and therefore the allowable amount that that we can take in future years

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this table depicts the 2022 final property tax levy amounts in comparison

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with the estimates for 2023 that were included in the preliminary budget when

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it was released in September at that point staff assume that in fiscal year 2023 the city would take the

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one percent maximum increase to the regular property tax levy as well as the

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the final year of uh at that time the 2008 Parks maintenance and operations

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Levy lidlift which amounted to nearly nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars

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we made this assumption knowing that when the November general election results became clear later this fall

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specifically the outcome of the new 2022 Parks Levy lead lift that staff would

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revisit these assumptions and seek the council's direction for finalizing the

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the property tax assumptions for the first year of the upcoming biennium

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just as a reminder proposition number one from the general election is what we

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refer to as the the 2022 new parks Levy lidlift which renews the 2008 Levy lift

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for a period of 16 years to continue funding Parks operations and

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maintenance while also generating funding for playground Replacements and

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Pioneer Park Forest management during during that time period

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as of November 14th King County reports that proposition number one is passing

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with nearly uh 64 approval rating

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so as a result staff has revised our budget assumptions as reflected in the

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ordinances before you this evening that this table here summer oh forgive

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me this table here summarizes the information outlined in the

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ordinances as as presented tonight and so essentially the assumptions for the

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regular Levy remain the same with the updated general election results we removed the soon to expire

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2008 Parks Levy lid lift from the property tax levy ordinances

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and included the 2022 new parks Levy lead lift information and so the

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difference between these two is nearly 640 000 which is depicted in the bottom row

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of this of this table Council may clear the intention back in

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July that um provided us direction to staff

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direction to suspend the current Levy a year early should the the new 2022 Levy

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La lift passed in the November election foreign

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this is just a reminder you saw this slide um about four slides back I just want to

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emphasize that the numbers outlined in the property tax levy ordinances are based on the 12 073 total counted

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ballots out of the 18 553 registered voters on the island so

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the election results are not yet final and and per your direction this evening

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staff will return for a special city council meeting on November 29th

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for a second reading and Adoption of the two property tax levy ordinances for for

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2023. by then we anticipate having even more

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definitive results which will inform the levy estimates that the council adopts before we send

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the adopted ordinances to King County by the November 30th deadline

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with that I'll pause to see if there's any questions regarding the the slides that I just went through

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any questions councilmember Jacobson

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it helps you turn on your mic uh this isn't a question as such but I'd like to

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to put some perspective on what we're looking at next year and that perspective is this first of all uh I

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think a tremendous uh amount of gratitude uh I and my colleagues have for the for the community passing

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proposition one and it's not yet certified and certainly something could turn but it's that isn't likely and the

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willingness to take on additional tax burdens um in a time of inflation and everything else is we understand the difficulty of

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those kinds of decisions the the other thing I'd like to comment

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on is the one percent Levy lift and I'm not normally seen worshipping at the

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increase the taxes altar but uh I think in this case uh I'm supportive of it I'm

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supportive of it because I think it's a responsible thing to do it allows the city manager to

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um have the funds available or the revenues available to appropriately perform the

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core functions of the city and she's distinguished herself in my opinion in

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the last three years and and doing that and being a very careful Steward and custodian of our tax revenues so I for

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one am all four what uh what the element Levy lift looks

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like as presented by uh finance manager morning very good so before we get to motion

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Marathon any other questions nope are you uh can I

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move push forward with some motions here throughout the morning

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um if it pleases the council we'll walk through utility rates in norcom budget

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given that we have a couple guests with us this evening and we'll we'll cue up all of the um

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the respective recommended actions thereafter okay very good push on

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mayor can you see the uh fiscal year 2023 utility rate slide we can thank you

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thank you okay utility rates let's start here

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um so the proposed rate adjustments are are looking to accomplish a lot of things they aim to balance the near-term

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investment requirements that are actually quite significant with with three overarching goals

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um within for the next year for 2023. first to complete the reinvestment work

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for the city's Utility Systems Second to ensure the Integrity of these systems

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via steady reinvestment over time and minimize the financial impacts to

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customers by by spreading out the cost of these reinvestments over time with

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the help of outside funding during the utility board's deliberative process regarding the rate adjustment we

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had some good back and forth with the board members and chair O'Connell aptly called the spreading out of costs over

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time as a means of creating generational Equity among current and future utility

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customers and so I appreciated that term

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foreign for the past five months Finance staff has worked with the FCS group our

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outside consultant to facilitate an update to the utility rate modeling work

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that we had completed previously in the fall of 2020. we began working with uh FCS this summer

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to complete a six-year rate analysis for water sewer and the storm water utility

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but tonight we're going to focus on the recommended rate adjustment for 2023

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in establishing the the rated adjustment for the next year our modeling took into

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account current operating costs anticipated operating costs as well as a

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Debt Service that we anticipate in the coming biennium and the many significant infrastructure

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needs that are outlined in the 2023 to 2028 Capital program

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finds the proposed monthly rate changes for an average single-family household from fiscal year

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2022 to 2023 with the various utility rate components

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listed excuse me these rate adjustments were unanimously

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approved by the utility board on October 13th of this year and the main factors uh that are

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resulting in the rate increases that you see here outlined in the yellow column are primarily due to the first ensuring

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that the proposed rates generate adequate funding to meet to meet each of the Utility Systems targets for for both

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ongoing operations and capital reinvestment needs second the proposed rate adjustments are

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at levels similar to adjustments in Prior years which continues the city's

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long-term strategy of smooth year-over-year rate increases so not to overwhelm utility customers in a

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given year and the final point I'd like to make is that one that we've raised on a handful of occasions during these these budget

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workshops which is that we're entering a period in which major reinvestments are required in the water distribution and

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the sewer conveyance systems on the island and so that that much of that Capital reinvestment work is well underway

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and the proposed rate adjustments for 2023 helped fund the critical work that

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needs to be completed in the near term I like to pause here and invite the

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Utility Board uh chair Mr O'Connell to speak to the board's recommendation and answer any questions from the city

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council and I'll also note that the vice president from the SCS group and our

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project lead on the rate modeling work Miss Angie Sanchez is also available should the council have any questions

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uh uh thank you and uh Mr Mayor members of the council good evening uh Tim

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O'Connell I serve as chair of the utility board and my colleagues keep in

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that position uh and it's my pleasure to be here with you again in the evening uh the finance director

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is absolutely right he rates that you saw on slide 22 uh were unanimously

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approved by the Utility Board uh with kind of a caveat that he previewed which

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is that further years out uh we're going

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to be making further study to increasing the debt financing for some of the

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capital contributions I'd like to just take a moment to discuss that for many many years Mercer Island has

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operated its utility function on a pay-as-you-go basis for both operational and capital needs

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which is sometimes more expensive than other times but easy to do when so much of the

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dispersed infrastructure behind our Utility Systems were originally paid

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for as part of the development of the island oh that the island went through a very

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major growth in the 50s 60s 70s and that

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helped develop so much of the dispersed infrastructure of our sewer water and stormwater system

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and the problem we're facing is that cast iron is a wonderful thing but it

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does have a useful life and that tends to be 60 to 75 years

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means that infrastructure placed in the 50s and 60s and into the 70s is nearing

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the end of that use and we are looking at a very large slug of capital projects have to pass

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through the system uh the rate increases that are being recommended today uh help fund some

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really impressive Capital programs for the utilities uh over the 23 24 time

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period uh 25 million dollars in capital projects for the water utility uh two

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and a half million dollars for the storm storm water system and uh fully eight

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million dollars for the sewer system I mean that's 35 million dollars uh in a

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two-year and so utility boards discussion recognizes

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that we need to make those investments in order to continue to operate our utility system  
but the feedback to the

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to staff was that we also need to examine and probably increase right to

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which some of that capital is funded through debt financing and can therefore be paid off  
over a period of many years

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by the people who will enjoy the benefits of that reinvestment uh

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I say that personally uh looking at me that increases year over year is is a

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big number and it's not a real big number that we're really happy with uh

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so we think looking at uh increasing bonding capital projects uh will make a

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lot of sense and continue to operate our utilities you know prudent and responsible fashion

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um it was Anonymous recommendation [Music]

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O'Connell thank you for coming tonight thank you for your service and thank you for bringing that background it's

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obviously the council has been talking about making once in a generational Capital Investments it sounds like you

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guys have been talking about the same type of thing and I'm sure that the right payers appreciate the thoughtfulness that went

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into smoothing those rates uh leveraging debt and trying to come up with a

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Consolidated proposal that really seeks on balance to provide what Dylan's going to need

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yes sir director mornick

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um I'll just pose the question one last time if there's any any additional questions from the council otherwise

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we we think um chair O'Connell and Miss Sanchez for for

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their time thank you all

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mayor can you see norcom we can all right one final component before the

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council this evening is the action required to adopt the city's 2023

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contribution for the regional Public Safety radio system staff has been notified by norcom that

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the city's contribution is just above 746 000 for the upcoming year

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and every participating City must adopt this kind of resolution before norcom can approve its 2023

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budget this coming December

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final Point um I've made it a couple times I'll make it again there's a tentative special

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meeting scheduled on November 29th in which staff is going to present the

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city council with the second reading and Adoption of the property property tax levy ordinances number 22-20 and 22-21

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adoption by November 29th just gives us enough time to turn around the adopted

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ordinances to the king County's assessor's office before the November 30th deadline and Matt before you flick

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your slide I just want to clarify for the council there is a November 29th city council special meeting it's not

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tentative it is confirmed thank you Jesse thanks Matt

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and we will return on December 6th for the council to um adopt the 2023-2024

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pineal budget okay mayor um the recommendations before

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the city council this evening are probably best taken in in three bites so the first involves the two actions

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listed here which sets each of the two property tax ordinances for second

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reading and adoption on November 29th

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okay I will get cracking then um Council uh may have a motion to set

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ordinance 22-20 for a second reading and adoption on November 29 2022.

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so moved second okay moved by councilmember Reynolds seconded by councilmember

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Weinberg any discussion Deputy city clerk please call the roll

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thank you Mr Mayor council member weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye

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aye council member Andrew I councilmember Reynolds aye

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council member Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson aye and mayor niece

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aye thank you motion passes uh Council may have a motion to set ordinance

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22-21 for a second reading and adoption on November 29 2022. so moved okay moved

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by councilmember Weinberg second by councilmember Jacobson discussion against  
memory

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yeah I'm I know council member Jacobson spoke to this um earlier but I I just wanted to  
kind of note for the record

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that I will be voting in favor of this but not without you know some misgivings about

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an additional one percent tax burden um given the uh inflationary pressures

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that all of our residents are facing however those um same inflationary pressures are going  
to be brought to

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bear on the city's budget and um I would just Echo what Jake said about

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the our trust in the city managers good stewardship of the budget to date and I

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I just I think we should take it I haven't always been in favor of the one percent but uh this  
budget cycle or this

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tax year I think it we should go ahead and do that very good any further discussion

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okay deputies clerk please call the roll thank you councilmember Weinberg

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aye council member Andrew aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye councilmember Reynolds  
aye

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aye councilmember Jacobson aye councilmember weiker aye mayor niece aye thank you  
very good

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motion passes great thank you

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um second uh staff recommends that the city council adopt the following utility rate

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resolutions as outlined in uh on this slide resolutions number 1637-1640.

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okay Council may have a motion to adopt the following utility rate resolutions a

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adopt resolution number 1637 establishing classifications for water users and a schedule  
of charges for

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water usage a schedule of rates for fire service the schedule is special special service  
charges meter and service

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installation charges and connection charges effective January 1 2023 and

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thereafter B adopt resolution number 1638 establishing rates and connection

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charges for sewage Disposal Services provided by the city of Mercer Island effective January 1 2023 and thereafter

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C adopt resolution number 1639 establishing the bi-monthly service charge for storm and surface water

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services provided by the city of Mercer Island effective January 1 2023 and thereafter

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D adopt resolution number 1640 establishing the bi-monthly utility

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fee for the emergency medical and ambulance services provided by the city of Mercer Island

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effective January 1 2023 and thereafter so moved

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by councilmember anderol seconded by council member Reynolds Council on any discussion

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I just wanted to thank the utility board for all their work on this it's always a heavy lift and and they're always very

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thoughtful and deliberate in their processes so yeah here here any further

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Deputy city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Jacobson hi

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council member weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye

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councilmember Andrew aye councilmember Reynolds aye councilmember Weinberg aye  
and mayor

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niece aye thank you motion passes ready for the last one Matt

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indeed mayor very good and finally there's motion Council may have a motion

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to adopt resolution number 1636 approving norcom's 2023 budget allocation to the city of  
Mercer Island

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okay moved by councilman Weinberg seconded by councilmember Jacobson any

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discussion it's member Reynolds Mr morning can you just comment on the

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norcom budget development process my understanding of this is we're gonna have to  
accept this number

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if we want to be remain part of norcom so what role do we have in oversight of

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the development of the budget and have confidence that it's appropriately that the number  
is reasonable

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that's a very good question um councilmember Reynolds um I am under the impression  
that

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um based on my experience to date the um norcom recommended recommended

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contribution rate comes in to the police chief and the the fire chief and that

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gets passed along to the finance department and so I'm hoping that Chief

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Holmes here can speak to the level of oversight participating cities have and

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how norcom sets their rates yeah good evening Council for the record at Holmes your police chief yes I uh

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represent Mercer Island on the governing board the norcom governing board we meet monthly and budget development as part

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of the process every year we talk about the rates rate stabilization we talk about how how the funding is set up and

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how the rates are how the rates are driven I also know that there's a finance committee and I believe Lawan is

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part of that from time to time anyhow so there's a finance committee and then there's the governing board itself

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comprised of either Chiefs fire chief police Chiefs Fire Chiefs or city managers so each city has a

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representative on the governing board and we talk about this at length every year a quick follow-up sure so is it always

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unanimous do you get full consensus from the Chiefs or is there cut some controversy over the budgeting process

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generally because norcom staff does a really good job of shepherding us shepherding us through the process early

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on there are no like last minute surprises and we all operate under that

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sort of strong sense of hey we're in this together and we understand uh once in a while there's some spirited

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discussions but I can say with a fair amount of certainty we have consensus on

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just about everything thank you again Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum

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never mind okay well is it fair to say with a 3.3 increase that they did pretty well

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given inflation you know that we're seeing six seven eight ten percent across some of these contracts

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I'm sorry rhetorical question seems like everybody's dotting their heads but nobody wants to spit it out

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okay any further discussion Deputy city clerk please call the roll

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thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson

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aye council member weiker aye councilmember Reynolds

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council member Andrew aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye and mayor niece hi thank you very good motion

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passes all right this brings us to our next item of regular business ab6179 the 2023 fee schedule adoption

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welcome again city manager Jesse bun good evening again I do have a

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brief PowerPoint very brief

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all right thank you again Mr Mayor and members of the council

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I am speaking on behalf of this item although I need to give credit where credit is

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due Cassidy Berlin is one of our LTE management analysts and she picked up

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this project when she arrived I think it was this summer and has got it to the Finish Line you may be aware that

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developing this master fee schedule has been on our work plan for like three years so we are finally there Ali sweets

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is also um have been kind of the senior staff member on this and she is not not here

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with us this evening so with that being said what is the master fee schedule this is a new tool to the city although

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many of our other cities in our region use this the cities I worked at previously all maintained a master fee

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schedule simply put it's a document that rolls up most if not all of the fees the city

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charges for a variety of services into one document it really serves to

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centralize that information in one spot it also you know brings it to you as as

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one one comprehensive list it is a bit of a behemoth it's about 40 pages as

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some of you know so as we get more familiar with the tool and certainly receive some feedback

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going into tonight's meeting on ways that we can improve the background information to help you better prepare

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to review the fee schedule so with that being said one of the questions ahead of

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the meeting was how are these fees established and the answer is it depends some of these fees are derived by city

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code resolution ordinances of the city council some are set administratively by

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City departments this has been a very long practice for example in the Parks and Recreation Department and some are

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drive by outside agencies for example animal control services King County

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establishes those fees for us so they come from a wide range but again we pull

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them all together into one document of fee types and fee setting

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I don't know that I need to go through this slide I believe I covered most of this in an email to

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um to all of you earlier today but again some fees are established by ordinance at the city council and simply included

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in the document for reference the permit fees are updated annually and

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now part of this process and instead of a standalone item and other fees are

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derived by staff recommendations new to us in 2023 our fees for GIS

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Services more specifically when we are making Maps which those requests come in

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for a variety of reasons we now have a fee that we charge for that service

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construction and development permit fees we have a couple of new categories Mobile Food Truck and outdoor cooking

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operating permits annual permits with and without Regional inspection

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fees for the annual monitoring of affordable housing units and Fire Protection permit fees for fuel cell

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Power Systems if you had have questions about those I know I have most of the

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senior staff team here at this meeting and they would be happy to answer those questions

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um so again why do this this centralizes all of our fees in one location uh once

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approved this document becomes available on our website it's also a very useful tool for our customer service team as

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our Fielding calls on behalf of the entire city and all of our departments so having that at

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their fingertips this will be something we bring back annually so this will be part of our November December budget or

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mid-bineal budget adoption process with that I am happy to take any

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questions and I do want to acknowledge council member Reynolds uh posed a number of questions ahead of the meeting

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and you know for the first time looking at the fees I recognize maybe more questions than answers so I apologize

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for that I think for next year we will prepare a table so that you can understand where a fee has changed from

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the prior year and certainly any of the other feedback you have to help us strengthen that document or the agenda

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materials I would be happy to receive that feedback but for tonight any questions for myself or the staff on any

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of the fees okay Council anything before we move to

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councilmember weiberg yeah I I asked a question email I believe that you gave a

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good answer to it as far as the uh the replacement for a tree there's a fee and

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Lou uh option uh for that uh asked whether it was meant to be purely cost

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recovery and how that might be different from some of the quotes that I've had

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I've heard uh uh people in the community receive from uh private landscapers I

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don't know if you could repeat for us what were some of the components that make up the uh that fee and Lou so

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people might understand better why they get a different number when they ask a private landscaper sure uh the fee in

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lieu the the fee in question I think it's a 950 dollar per replacement tree fee and

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Lou charge that fee is intended to disincentivize choosing the fee and Lou

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option when somebody chooses that option the full burden from start to finish on

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that replacement trees on the city so that cost is I think I described it in the email and all in cost which means we

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have to identify a location to plant the tree we have to procure the tree we actually have to get it in the ground

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and then we have to nurture and care for it sometimes over a one to three year

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period which may include watering and so that 900 and I think it's 57 I may be

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off just slightly fees intended to cover all those costs from start to finish again and I appreciate contractors or

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individual members of our community have I think shared with you council member

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Weinberg hey this this really only costs 300 well again we are setting our fees

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for full cost recovery and that is why those those fees are there but keep in mind we also want to incentivize people

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to replace those trees on their own subject properties and I think the replacement is multiple

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trees right so if a significant tree is taken down it's not one tree gets planted somewhere we're talking like five or six other trees so yes I think

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it's the tree code uh provides for a range of uh Replacements it's not always

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one to one in fact it's most often not so that's that's accurate okay thank you

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and you know honestly this is a good illustration of how the fee schedule shouldn't be looked at separate from the

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code because you know in the tree replacement you're required to do the replacement on site if you don't have room for it on site you do it in the

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adjacent right away if there's no adjacency of right away then a feed Lu becomes an option right but it's not

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that everything on the fee schedule is something that anybody could go out and select right all right so it's great to

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have it all in one place I appreciate the effort and I'm sure that as we move forward the the trend that you talked

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about looking at fees and how they move year to year would add some context

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counsel anything else you know Mr Mayor one just final comment you know the ultimate Vision it's not always possible

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ultimate vision is to have the fees live in the master fee schedule and not necessarily live separately in code that

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doesn't always work out but what that does is it allows us to

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just adopt and amend one document annually apply you know inflationary adjustments in one location

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so that's something that will be the next level of analysis will do is how might we remove some fees from our code

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that doesn't necessarily have to be there and put them into the fee schedule

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very good okay Council may have a motion to adopt resolution number 1653 adopting

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the 2023 fee schedule okay moved by councilman Jacobson

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seconded by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum see no further discussion Deputy city

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clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye

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council member Andrew aye council member weiker aye

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councilmember Reynolds aye councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Jacobson

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aye mayor niece hi thank you very good motion passes our next item of regular business is

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ab6186 affordable housing unit allocation comment letter welcome interim CPD director  
Jeff Thomas and

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Deputy CBD director Allison van Gore thank you mayor good evening again

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um this item is a follow-up to your November first study session on House

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Bill 1220 and the requirements for the city's comprehensive plan periodic update including  
the housing element

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you'll recall from our November 1st session the King County growth management planning  
Council gmpc for

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short is scheduled to me next on November 30th and they will be considering written

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comments received regarding House Bill 1220 implementation as which includes

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affordable housing targets so uh the purpose of our time here

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together on this item tonight is for the council ideally to

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finalize a comment letter addressed to the King County gmpc and authorize the

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mayor to sign that letter and we of course as staff will send it on the city's behalf along to them in a timely

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fashion um last point in the interest of efficiency and Effectiveness staff would

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like to recommend that the council consider first getting a motion on the

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floor and a second to approve the letter as presented in your packet materials exhibit one for this agenda Bill and

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then should council members have um desired changes to that letter they'd like to discuss the council could take

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those one by one and um determine whether that's something that a majority of you are interested in so

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um Allison and I are here to support your conversation and help answer any questions that may come up and with that

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mayor I'm going to turn it back over to you very good thank you uh councilor are there any questions

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not seeing any is there a motion or may have a motion to authorize the mayor to sign a comment letter to the King County

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growth management planning Council gmpc so I moved second okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum seconded by

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councilmember and all any discussion councilman Reynolds I have a couple of comments on here but

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I'll take take my turn and do one at a time the first one I'm a little concerned that it mentions the

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multi-family tax exemption as if that's a tool that's in our Arsenal and since we've jettisoned that I'm afraid it

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might look badly to include that mention in the letter

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is that a question or a statement just a I guess a recommendation that we consider removing that

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okay director Thomas do you have any commentary on that

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um yes and no um councilmember Reynolds is correct it's something that city did remove

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um from the code um a few years back now uh prior to my arrival I believe

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um it is though also um you know a widely used tool that's recognized that would imagine it's recognized by

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um the broader uh group of GM PC members and that's something that you know they

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can certainly relate to as a tool in the toolbox so um I think council members council

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member Reynolds um comment has some Merit um it's

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well I'm a little 50 50 on it um I think you could certainly stay in or also

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choose to remove it okay moving on

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another one yep uh the other one uh it's a little difficult I can't point to the

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spots in the letter here there's something about the way it was formatted I couldn't annotate the the electronic version so bear with me but there's a

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statement in the letter somewhere that implies that uh option three has a potential cost of billions of dollars

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um I think that's probably an accurate statement uh it's certainly in the hundreds of millions depending on what we did but it's it's

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could could well be billions but what concerns me is option one is not really that different from an option three in

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terms of amount of affordable housing units that would be developed and we we don't really make any statement about

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the substantial cost of option one as well if option three is going to cost billions option one is almost certainly

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going to cost hundreds of millions and at least and it seems like we should be pointing that out as well and addressing

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the fact that this is uh however admirable the goals might be here but essentially it's an unfunded mandate

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that we haven't been provided funds to address but a very have a very substantial cost and I think we're not being strong enough on that

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okay I would second Craig's second comment

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okay do you want to keep going

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it just last comment I would make is that the uh there's a comment in here about us being

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a a policy Laboratory um as much that statement might be true I

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think it might be perceived as incendiary and I think it's a distraction from the real issue which is

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that this is is it's a collection of unfunded mandates without specific

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Direction about how we might address these goals and I think we should be hitting that

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more strongly and downplay the policy laboratory language

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okay any further discussion before we take uh go ahead

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and I think it puts us in a much better posture to be done so I would move that

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we adopt the letter well we have a motion on the floor we have a second we're going to take a vote and then

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we'll just let me no he can't do a man does that make you happy mayor not yet

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all right so first we need to vote on the mo do we need to vote on the motion that's

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on the floor we want to make an amendment on this motion Mr Mayor you can make an amendment on

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this motion and then uh amend and then vote on the final motion or the first motion okay so before we get to The

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Mending of the Motions though I uh because Craig had the Genesis of these three comments is

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yours on one of his or is it no I was going to adopt suggest we adopt all through let me let Craig

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okay okay I I would uh move to direct City staff to make some revisions to the

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letter that uh de-emphasize the policy laboratory idea

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and more emphasize the unfunded mandate remove the reference to the multi-family

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tax exemption and I and make clear that there's a substantial unfunded cost to

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option one as well as there is to option three okay see clerk did you get that

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I will acknowledge that no I did not capture it all so if we could slow it down a little bit I'd be happy to capture all three comments for you okay

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I'll attempt to say approximately the same thing but more slowly thank you uh I'll move to amend the letter

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to do three things first to de-emphasize the policy

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laboratory comment and instead emphasize the unfunded mandate

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thank you second to remove the reference to the multi-family tax exemption

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thank you and third to emphasize the substantial

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cost that would be associated with option one just as there is with option three

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okay and to be clear the intent of my motion is is to direct staff to come up

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with appropriate language to address those points on not proposing specific language at this time

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second okay the motion is amended by customer Reynolds seconded by customer Jacobson

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any further discussion Deputy city clerk please call

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so mayor to be clear we're voting on the amendment and then we will vote on the original motion that's right thank you

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council member Andrew I councilmember Jacobson all right councilmember Reynolds aye council member weiker

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aye council member Weinberg aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and mayor niece aye

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thank you okay the amendment to the motion passes cancel any further discussion on the

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amended motion seeing any Deputy city clerk please call the roll on the amended motion thank you

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mayor niece hi Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember

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weiker aye councilmember Reynolds aye councilmember Jacobson aye and

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council member Andrew aye thank you very good motion passes Council are you good to push support on

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the last item yeah yep all right our next item of regular business is ab6188 compost procurement

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Ordinance welcome chief of operations Jason kitner and sustainability analyst Ross Freeman

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I'm not sure we have Jason so um Ross take it away yeah I will indeed uh let me just share

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my screen here there's Jason oh there he is

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okay is that visible yes great uh so uh Council I'm back again with the second

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agenda Bill ab6188 and this is a short presentation just five slides explaining

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uh the process and what we are asking of you tonight

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so uh I will cover a little bit of background and Bill history um as you saw in the agenda Bill uh in

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the packet um the requirements of this uh ordinance uh the expected impacts to City

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operations and and the next steps uh so uh earlier this year the state

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legislature passed a bill regarding compost procurement with the intention of of trying to encourage uh more

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composting of food and yard waste Statewide uh in order to achieve a

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reduction of the amount of landfill that was happening uh and initially we

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believed this would not apply to the city but during the rulemaking uh the

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threshold was lowered down to 25 000 uh population size and uh that uh of

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course just touched Mercer Island so we are now responsible for developing our

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own ordinance uh that is uh must be in effect at the January 1st of next year

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um the requirements of this are essentially that we we must prioritize purchasing compost from companies that

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produce it uh locally that they're certified uh that the products are in

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fact coming from uh Solid Waste programs and that there's certain quality standards that are met

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um and in projects where it could be used these are suggested in the uh in

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the legislation are items like uh Landscaping in the right-of-way amendments to soil products are used in

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CIP projects uh erosion control and infiltration and detention components uh

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you know in a stormwater setting and then another requirement of the ordinance is that there must be a public

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education component and then reporting every other year to the Department of ecology

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in terms of what we expect this to look like in City operations uh as as Jason

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can attest uh many City projects uh already use compost uh as uh part of

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their workflow uh in the right-of-way maintenance uh program and then also in

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stream restoration projects for example uh sometimes in Open Space Management uh

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and Landscaping uh and in terms of the educational requirement residents

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generally are very aware of composting as a concept in Mercer Island and one

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interesting figure is that almost all of our single family addresses have signed up for yard food waste curbside service

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of course the volumes they contribute are vastly different but almost everybody has that at their disposal so

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we expect a fairly minimal change to the way that we conduct our city operations and a fairly minimal cost impact since

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we are generally already procuring these materials so just to wrap up the next steps that

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we're looking at here staff suggests conducting the first reading reading of

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this proposed ordinance number 22c-22 and then if Council wishes uh to

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schedule a second reading and adoption at our next regularly scheduled meeting on December 6th and with that I'd be

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happy to entertain any questions and I think Jason would as well okay Council

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last item of the night any questions no all right may have a motion to set

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ordinance number 22c-22 for a second reading and adoption on December 6 2022 on the consent agenda

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some of the second okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum seconded by councilmember Weinberg

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discussion all right Debbie mayor Rosemont yeah real quick there was a very lengthy

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discussion about this about the last pick meeting I was met with a lot of uh confusion I

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think by other folks in the area so I just want to thank the city staff for being ahead of this one as always

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here here all right not seeing anything else Deputy city clerk please call the roll

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thank you mayor councilmember weiker aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum

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aye council member Andrew aye mayor niece aye councilmember Jacobson

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aye councilmember Reynolds aye and council member Weinberg aye thank you

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very good all right motion passes we now move to other business and the planning schedule

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welcome again city manager Jesse Bond all right I think this is probably the

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eighth or ninth reminder tonight but we did add a special meeting on Tuesday November 29th it starts at four o'clock

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with an exec session and then five o'clock we anticipate regular business relating to the property tax levies uh

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Council looking ahead to December 6. this is the night where we will be

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adopting the biennial budget we have a handful of other items coming back to you that evening as well we are still

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holding December 20th open I'll talk to you about that later tonight

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an exact session we may have a meeting that night it will just depend on other factors so I will leave it at that

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okay Council are there any upcoming council member absences to report

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it's member Reynolds for the December 6th meeting I'll be traveling I'm hoping to make the meeting but I will very

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likely be late okay anyone else councilmember Weichert

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um I'll be traveling as well but I think I can call in okay so no absences to report but a few

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heads up all right council member reports councilman Miranda anything report nothing okay council member

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Jacobson I attended the coffee with a cop thing last Saturday and I thought uh it seemed

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to be very well received and something that I think uh is very good idea to continue to connect our public safety

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personnel with our opulence yeah considering we have a number of them in the room thank you for coming tonight

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and thank you for the hosting the coffee would come uh I have nothing to report

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councilmember Reynolds a couple of things wanted to just re-emphasize the the upcoming bike

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skills area open house the city manager mentioned and the sustainability uh Community Forum encourage everybody to

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attend both those events they're both very significant also uh uh some

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information for at least Mr mordick and the city manager and maybe others that were involved in this I recently did some was doing some

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research on King County assessment data and found what was confirmed today to be

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a 100 billion dollar error in the King County assessed property valuation that

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was reported on the King County website staff today though confirmed that this was only a typo and the information on

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the website and that they did correctly us do the uh the tax assessment valuation the allocation of the tax

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rates so that's a relief in one sense but a disappointment because had they actually done it wrong it would have

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been we'd overpaid our taxes and we owed some money back but uh what the heck still kind of interesting and was proud

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of myself for fighting the air okay Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum always good to have an actuary around

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the pick meeting last week was was pretty interesting there's a lot of conversation around what would be the

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sca legislative priorities and how that would play out in the session

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um that's all I got for now okay councilman weiker nope nothing to report

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councilmember Weinberg nothing to report all right the next special hybrid meeting of the city council scheduled

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for Tuesday November 29th the next regular hybrid City a regular hybrid

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meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday December 6th the time is now 7 22 p.m the city council will go into

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executive session for approximately 60 minutes to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to

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which the city is or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW

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following the executive session as a reminder the council please stay in your seats until City staff have terminated

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the broadcast good evening and thank you for joining

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