

# GMHB EXHIBIT 48

## **2023-02-21 City Council Transcript**

### **February 21, 2023 Mercer Island City Council Meeting**

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good evening and welcome to the February 21 2023 city council regular hybrid meeting I'm mayor Salim nice tonight's

### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL, 5:00 pm | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

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

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council members please have your microphones turned off for Roll call city clerk Andrea Larson please call the roll thank you Mr mayor council member

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Andrew here councilmember Jacobson air councilmember Reynolds

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here councilmember weiker here councilmember Weinberg

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here Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum here and mayor niece here thank you Mr Mayor

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thank you we have a quorum present uh tonight and virtually next we have the Pledge of Allegiance Council if you've

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joined us council chambers please stand please to flag if you're on Zoom please turn off your video camera

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indivisible with liberty and justice for all

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

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as presented so moved okay moved by councilmember Jacobson seconded by

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councilmember Reynolds city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember Andrew

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aye mayor niece aye councilmember Weinberg aye councilmember Reynolds

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aye councilmember Jacobson aye council member weiker aye and Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye thank

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you Mr Mayor okay next on the agenda we have a public hearing on ordinance number

**SPECIAL BUSINESS: AB 6227: Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 23C-02 (renews Ordinance No. 22C-14) on Interim**

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23co2 on interim regulations for micc 19.16.010 related to Emergency Shelters

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and housing transitional housing and permanent supportive housing a response to E2 shb 1220

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now is the time the city council will accept comments on those interim regulations if your comments do not pertain to ordinance number 23co2 we'll

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ask you to hold your comments until appearances before opening the public hearing I would like to welcome CPD

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director Jeff Thomas mayor can I jump in a quick point of

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order uh the second was not me I actually was on mute I think it might have been councilmember Weinberg I'm not

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sure city clerk do we have the second for agenda approval yeah I

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had the second for agenda approval as council member Weinberg was moved by okay Reynolds sorry I did my apologies

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okay we're all set on that sounds good to Jeff Thomas we go

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okay thank you mayor good afternoon Council for the record Jeff Thomas with CPD and joining me for this public

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hearing and first reading is uh senior planner Adam Zach um real briefly this is

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um a renewal of interim regulations um related to implementation uh from

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House Bill 1220 which now dates back to the legislative session in 2021.

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um the purpose of bringing this forward for public hearing and first reading this evening is that we've got interim

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regulations that are expiring in late March and we're hoping to get the interim regs renewed prior to then

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um so they can continue to be in effect while we continue to wait or guidance from the State Department of Commerce so

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we can move forward with crafting uh permanent regulations so this evening

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um we're looking uh ideally for Council to conduct the public hearing complete first reading of ordinance 23c-02 which

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again will simply renew the existing interim regulations and then

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um a motion from Council to move this ordinance to Second reading

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um on March 7th 2023. with that mayor I'll turn it back over to you very good

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this public hearing is now open as of 5:04 PM individuals who register with the

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city clerk before 4 pm today may make a public comment on this agenda item you'll be called by name when it's your

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turn to speak please be Godly state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your comments three minutes city clerk is there anyone who

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signed up for public comment that wishes to arrest the council Mr Mayor there was no one who signed up to speak in the

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public hearing very good if there's no further testimony this evening the public portion of this hearing is closed as of 504 pm

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Council we also need to send ordinance number 23co2 for a second reading and adoption at an upcoming city council

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meeting council is there a motion to set ordinance number 23 CO2 for a second reading adoption at an upcoming city

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council meeting okay moved by councilmember Jacobson executive Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum

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in discussion city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr mayor council member weiker

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aye councilmember Jacobson aye mayor nice aye council member Andrew

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by council member Weinberg aye Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye and

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council member Reynolds hi thank you Mr Mayor motion passes thank you next up on the agenda we have the city managers

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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report for which we welcome Chief of Staff Ali speaks good evening city council

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um I'm here to do the city manager's report in city manager bonds absence she

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is out of the office this week give me one second here

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okay so today is Tuesday February 21st and we

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have some updates on the city council board and commissions

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so our next council meeting will be on Tuesday March 7th at 5 PM also coming up

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in the next few weeks is a Planning Commission meeting on February 22nd and a Parks and Recreation Commission

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meeting on March 2nd we have a workshop coming up for

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prospective Council candidates so mark your calendars if you're considering running for city council this election

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cycle you can join us on Thursday March 30th at 5 PM for a workshop to learn

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what it means to be a city council member staff will be on hand to provide information about elections and the

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roles that council members serve in our community it'll be an in-person Workshop in the council chambers and we will also

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have a virtual option via Zoom please go to [mercerisland.gov](http://mercerisland.gov) forward slash Council candidate for more info

9:04

a few City updates for you we are putting a call out for Mercer Island artists to design our summer

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celebration 2023 event t-shirts and for our various merchandise options

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throughout the year so the Arts Council is inviting local and amateur professional artists to enter a

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competition for design highlighting Island events so our designs should reflect the spirit of Mercer Island love

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for the community and what Mercer Island means to the artist we are looking for originality and creativity deadlines for

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submissions is April 15th you can go to [mercerisland.gov](http://mercerisland.gov) forward slash summer celebration hyphen artist call for more

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information we have previously provided you

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information about our turf blanket pilot and guess what it's working so we are

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super excited that our crews put those Turf blankets out and they are seeing an improved color and growth compared to

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the non-covered areas over the two month test period so we're going to continue to utilize this tool in the future for

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our Turfs beginning May 1st is our next round of

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cert training which stands for Community Emergency Response Team so when a disaster strikes who will you know what

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to do could you put out a small fire with using a fire extinguisher or do you have basic medical skills to help an

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injured family member we are offering you emergency preparedness and response training to help enable residents to

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care for family friends neighbors and co-workers before professional responders arrive in an emergency

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the third classes run Monday evenings from 6 to 8 30 May 1st through June 26th

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space is limited so please go to [mercerisland.gov](http://mercerisland.gov) forward slash cert to

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sign up last week mayor niece council members

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Jacobson and weiker and city manager Jesse Bond traveled to Olympia to meet with legislators they participated in

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the association of Washington City session and a presentation from Governor Inslee and connected with peers and

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representatives from other cities to discuss proposed legislation that would affect cities it was definitely a

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productive day and busy some upcoming events that we have

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are the island lanterns installation day so drop your completed lanterns off at the outdoor sculpture Gallery this

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Saturday February 25th from 10 a.m to 3 P.M weather permitting staff and

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volunteers will install lanterns so community members are welcome to stick around to assist with creating the display

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if you haven't created yours yet lanterns are available for pickup at the community center more details on the website at

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[mercerisland.gov](http://mercerisland.gov) forward slash Island lanterns and a big thank you to myval

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Arts wa and the National Endowment for the Arts for supporting our project

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the leap for green fair is coming back so mark your calendars uh the leap for Green Earth Day Fair returns this spring

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on Saturday April 22nd from 10 a.m to 2 p.m at the community center there'll be

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lots of activities including entertainment food trucks sustainability vendors and more I even heard that the

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goats will probably be back which I know is a favorite with the kids so visit [mercerisland.gov](http://mercerisland.gov) forward slash

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green fair for more details and some good news

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the miyfs foundation held their annual breakfast uh last or at the beginning of

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the month and they raised more than 427 thousand dollars to support the Youth

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and Family Services Department there were more than 500 people that attended there were 45 local sponsors 50 table

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captains and many volunteers attendees and staff that made this possible our sincere thanks to the foundation

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attendees supporters and volunteers for their incredible generosity to support our programming

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and most recently last Friday 19 Mercer Island high school students and three chaperones left for our sister city in

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France for a 10-day visit they will stay in the homes of French students with whom they've been matched and then those

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students will come to Mercer Island in October in addition to attending classes with their French correspondents Mercer

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Island students will tour various cities in in the city of tanon and visit Switzerland and more

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have been sister cities since 2000 this is the first student exchange since the

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pandemic more information is available at [Mercerislandsistercity.org](http://Mercerislandsistercity.org)

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that's all we have this week thank you very good thank you our next item of business's appearance is there's uh this

## **APPEARANCES**

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is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the city council on any item city clerk is there anyone signed up for appearances tonight

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yes Mr Mayor one person signed up to speak tonight he'll be joining us on Zoom okay tonight's agenda will include

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in-person public appearances and remote public appearances via Zoom individuals wishing to address the council may do so

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in person or by Zoom or telephone provided they registered with the city clerk by 4 pm today when it's your turn

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to speak you'll be called by name where marks must be addressed to the council as a whole and not the individual counsel or staff members please speak

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

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ended I'll thank you for your comments and move to the next item of business please promote the first speaker

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our speaker tonight is Curtis shugartz

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you're on mute welcome

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I'm I made it can you guys hear me sure can go ahead hey thanks a lot you guys I appreciate it

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um real quickly um I am a resident of Mercer Island I have

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been for 10 years and I'm also a minority owner of an organic fertilizer

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company uh the name of the company is called Green Wave and

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um the company actually started out of Mercer Island here me and a couple other guys and we have a product that we sell

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internationally we currently don't sell it domestically mostly in Africa and

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third world countries but um the product is called agripower

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and Agri power it's an organic uh fertilizer that rejuvenates uh soils

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dead soils that are dead of nutrients it's completely organic uh it's made

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from 47 ingredients uh in Sri Lanka and it's a dry formula so it ships very

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inexpensively and my idea for you guys very quickly

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is to if you guys endorsed us what we want to do is get people to use organic

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fertilizers and pesticides which we have insecticides as well around the islands

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um especially because as you guys know urea chemical fertilizers get into our

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uh lakes and rivers and so forth and it's uh you know very quickly it's just

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it's it's a terrible thing we all know it so we want to stay green and this is a way of doing it  
and

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there's uh a tremendous value in this this is much cheaper than people buy

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than they could buy just four four teaspoons fills this up and it does a 30

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yard by 30 yard yard uh backyard uh especially uh Waterfront so we're trying

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to uh you know maintain um our Clean Water Systems and this is

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definitely a way to do it what we're what we're proposing and we're just starting out here you  
guys this is like

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the first uh introduction to any City and we plan on doing it to all the

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cities that uh have uh Waterfront or uh surrounded by water what we want to do is do a give  
back

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program and uh for any anything sold we want to give back uh and and and donate

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money towards uh your Park supporting your parks and I know that cities they're always looking for money how are

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we going to fund these parks and I think this would be a great way to do it all we would need would be an endorsement

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just an endorsement and you're promoting like I said um

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um you know it's it's it's better for all of us as you guys know

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um to to do it this way and it it creates some incentive for people to

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partake in it these will be given for free so these things will be I given to the P

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very good thank you is there anybody else there are no further speakers tonight Mr Mayor okay we will move to

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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our consent agenda which contains ab6228 February 10 2023 payroll certification

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certification of claims for February 3 2023 and certification of electronic funds transfers for January 2023. city

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council meeting minutes of February 7 2023 regular hybrid meeting ab6222 rare disease day Proclamation

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number 301 ab6226 interlocal agreement for jail services with King County

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is there a motion to approve the consent agenda is presented so moved

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okay moved by council member Reynolds second edition I can't read I don't have my glasses on Ted second okay

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all right so moved by council member Reynolds seconded by councilmember Weinberg with the signage

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any discussion no please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor councilmember weiker

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hi Marines all right Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum aye council member Reynolds

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aye council member Andrew aye councilmember Weinberg aye and council member Jacobson aye

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thank you Mr Mayor very good motion passes our first item of regular business is AB 6210 comprehensive plan

**AB 6210: Comprehensive Plan Status Report and Acceptance of GMA Update Grant**

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status report and acceptance of GMA update Grant we welcome CPD director

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Jeff Thomas and Deputy CPD director Allison van gork yes thanks again mayor

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um for this item I'd also like to note um senior planner Adam Zack is lurking in the background in case uh there's

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questions at the end that um they'll chip in and provide some assistance with

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this item um we are Allison is going to do a real short slide deck uh providing the

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council and the public a very uh high level 30 000 foot uh update on what's

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been happening with our periodic update process for the comprehensive plan and then

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um at the end of the presentation um she's going to cover a Department of Commerce uh GMA grant that

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um we're hoping the council will make a motion this evening to accept and also to authorize the city manager to execute

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uh with that Allison um I'll turn it over to you for uh the

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slide deck thank you thanks all right I'm just gonna share my screen

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all right are you able to see my slide presentation yeah

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yeah okay like Jeff said I've just got a few slides I'm gonna go through pretty quickly and then happy to take any

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questions so as you all know we're well underway with our periodic update to the

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comprehensive plan um we have been working hard on

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trying to understand the new guidance coming from the Department of Commerce related to the housing element that was

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enacted as a part of HB 1220 Commerce has now published draft

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guidance on housing needs and racially disparate impacts we're waiting for that

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guidance to be finalized here in the next two or three months we're also waiting on the King County growth

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management planning Council who will be allocating the housing needs out to the

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cities in King County and those will be the the targets for affordable housing that we'll need to plan for

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so once those two things are completed here in the next few months we will be bringing back to the council

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um an addendum to the scope of work that you all approved uh back in March of

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last year and that will likely add quite a bit of

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additional work related to the housing element from the draft guidance we know that we'll need to assess racially

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disparate impacts and plan for accommodating all the housing needs that

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will be allocated to us we're starting to get our arms around that work now and we'll be looking to finalize that

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addendum to the scope of work later this spring um we're also starting some initial work

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on doing more analysis of our housing and demographic patterns to understand

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and identify any racially disparate impacts the guidance has not been finalized on this yet but we're

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reasonably certain that this analytical work will be needed and so we're we're just getting started with some of the

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data collection around that

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okay on the economic development element we've been working with economic development work group over the last

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several months they've just completed an initial review of draft goals and

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policies staff are now working on rolling that into a more complete draft

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of an economic development element that the work group will be continuing to review and we're anticipating that this

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will be this draft will be sent to the Planning Commission for the start of the legislative review

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um in the next few months later later towards the summer

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um in terms of parks part of the scope of work for the comp plan includes

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creating a new park zone so adopting some goals and policies around that in the land use element and then developing

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the actual regulations that would implement the zone so staff have been working over the last few months to develop a draft of those

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development regulations and we're planning to take that to the Parks and Recreation Commission in April for their

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input and then the Planning Commission will review the draft beginning in May

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and speaking of the Planning Commission they've been very busy um they've completed their initial

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reviews of four of the comprehensive plan elements including land use Transportation utilities and capital

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facilities as I mentioned next up they will be looking at the economic development element later in the spring and then

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we're anticipating that the housing element will go to the funding commission likely this fall

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we're also anticipating that there's going to need to be some additional revisions to the land use element as

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these other components are finished including the housing element as well as the climate action plan and the park

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zone because all of the elements need to be consistent and things that are still

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moving like the Housing Development will then need to be reflected in the policies in the land use element

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all right so on to this grant um the state legislature approved funding last year for

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um formula grants for all the local jurisdictions to assist them with their periodic update to the comp plan and

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these new housing element requirements commercial island is eligible for 125 000 and that funding will be split

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between the state's fiscal year 22 and fiscal year 23. um and the eligible activities under

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this grant include consultant and staff costs so we're going to be looking to use this to fund the many different

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Consultants that we have assisting us with comp plan work as well as some of our staff time so tonight we're asking the council to

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accept this grant award and then appropriate the funds for the comprehensive Plan update work

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I've got a draft motion and then I'm happy to take any questions from the council okay  
thank you Council any questions

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okay not seeing any questions council is there a motion to accept the GMA periodic update  
Grant of 125 000 from

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the Department of Commerce authorized the city manager to execute the grant  
agreements and appropriate These funds to the comprehensive plan periodic

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update in the 2023-2024 biennium budget some move so moved

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okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum seconded by council member Reynolds if I can  
take your move as a second

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councilman Reynolds that works for me second any discussion

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not seeing any please call the roll thank you thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum  
aye council member

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weiker looks like council member weiker had to

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step away councilmember Jacobson all right council member Andrew

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hi mayor niece aye councilmember Reynolds aye and councilmember Weinberg hi thank

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you Mr Mayor very good motion passes our next item of regular business is ab6230

**AB 6230: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments (Resolution No. 1642)**

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city council rules of procedure amendments resolution number 1642

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we welcome chief of administration Ali speaks and City clerk Andrea Larson

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thank you mayor niece before you tonight is the version of the updated version of

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the amendments to the city council rules of procedure we brought this to you at the January 17th meeting and there were

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a couple of questions about the Motions we went back listened to the recording and have presented the same amendments

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as at January 17th with two Corrections and one is to section 2.3 and the other

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is to section 11. in section 2.3 we are adding the

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language from the motion that councilmember Reynolds made and then because of that we are also recommending

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that we remove section c our subsection C from section 11.1 as it

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conflicts with that are there any questions from Council that's my job I'm sorry

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apologies I'll be quiet thank you for that okay Council any

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questions or looks like Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum yeah what I guess the question I have is that the obviously the

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this is about council member sanctions but would that include

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appointments to boards and boards and commission members as well no no no um

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the count the the code uh talks about how

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any members of a border commission would be removed from those border commissions I thought there was a separation there okay great thank you

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okay everybody good with the changes silences agreement looks like that way

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council is there a motion to approve the resolution number 1642 amending the city council rules of procedures as set forth

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in exhibit a okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum

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seconded by councilmember uh Jacobson any discussion

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not seeing any please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum I

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council member Weinberg I councilmember Reynolds

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councilmember Jacobson aye still not seeing council member weiker

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mayonnaise aye and council member Andrew bye thank you Mr Mayor very good motion

## **OTHER BUSINESS | ADJOURNMENT**

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passes we now move to other business in the planning schedule for which we welcome again chief of administration

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Nelly speaks thank you I will not ask any questions or ask anyone to ask any questions I

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have been put in my place just kidding um okay so March 7th is our next meeting

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we will be reviewing the draft climate action plan and we will be looking at

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the design for the bike skills area and then at the March 21st meeting

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um we will be reviewing the ordinance to end the interim utility tax and

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um looking at the Town Center Parking study possibly that may move excellent all right

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councilor are there any do you have a question on that yeah how soon in advance of the March 17

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where we have to draft climate action plan I don't have an answer for you on that but I will put that in my notes to ask

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Jesse when she's back in the office and then we will get you an email that lets you know when you'll have it thank you

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yeah any other questions okay any Council absences coming up

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I may be uh remote for March 7th okay now and presumably I'll be able to get

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on by zone so excellent all right uh council member reports

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council member Andrew report no thanks we haven't I haven't had any

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border commission meetings since the last time the council met so very good councilman Jacobson nothing to report I

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have nothing to report council member Reynolds there's a couple quick things uh one the person Rec Commission meeting as we just

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heard it's going to be meeting I believe next week um at that meeting a couple of things are going to happen if note one is we'll

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be looking at a another possible design for the uh the Harley Davis Park safe Trail safety Improvement project we've

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we've all received some emails about that we know there's some Community concern about the current design so I think the commission's looking forward

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to receiving that um that's secondly worth noting the uh

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see that's coming to council I look forward to that I suggested to the uh the chair of the parks and rec

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commission meeting that she should attend this meeting in case there are questions for the the Parks Commission uh chair when we discuss it I think it

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will be it's an important topic to talk about and then last thing I just want to commend council member Weinberg for his

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multimedia eye present here in May Etc Great system I will have to adopt that

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for the future please warn me so I put my glasses on uh definitely made Rosenbaum I was just

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gonna ask councilmember Weinberg how many signs he had if we could get to the end was just this one

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uh nothing major major report okay councilmember weiker

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thinks she's still out close this out councilmember Weinberg do you have a sign for that and uh a big shout out to

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the community members uh Kirsten Taylor and Monica owl and Nancy lavalu uh who

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are right now in our sister city in France chaperoning 19 citizen ambassadors as

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you heard in the uh city managers report uh and thanks also to Ali Spitz and my

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14 fellow members of the Mercer Islands sister City Board who helped to revive

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this 23-year student exchange tradition right thank you

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the next regular hybrid meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday March 7 2023 at 5 PM the time is now 5

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31 PM the city council will go into executive session for approx approximately 60 minutes to discuss with

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legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the city is or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW

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Adoption of the strategy or position to be taken by the city council during the course of a collective bargaining professional negotiations or grievance

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of mediation proceedings or reviewing the proposals made in negotiations or proceedings with uh while in progress

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pursuant to rcw42.30.140 for N4 close Brandon little

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B close print no action will be taken following the executive session as a reminder to the city council please stay

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seated until the city has terminated the broadcast good evening and thank you for joining us for this very brief council

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meeting

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