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2024-04-02 City Council Transcript

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e all right good evening and welcome to the April 2nd 2024 city council regular

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hybrid meeting I'm mayor Sim n this evening's hybrid city council meeting is being brought to you in person and by

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zoom we're also broadcasting on the city's YouTube channel we welcome anyone wishing to watch the meeting uh live to

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join us at the city's YouTube channel via Zoom or mer Community Event Center welcome and thanks for joining us

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

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andraw here council member J here council member Reynolds here

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council member wer here council member Weinberg here Deputy Mayor rosenbom here

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and mayor n here thank you Mr Mayor all right we have a quorum president everybody's in person tonight and next

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we have the Pledge of Allegiance Council uh and council chambers please stand in face the

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flag I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the

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Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and

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justice for

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

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agenda okay moved by Deputy Mayor rosenbom seconded by council member Jacobson city clerk please call the

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role thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosen bom hi mayor nce hi council member

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Weinberg hi council member wager hi council member Jacobson hi council

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member andrw hi and council member Reynolds I thank you Mr Mayor all right next up we have a city manager report

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welcome city manager Jesse

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blun good evening Mr Mayor members of the council all these little messages

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popping up again all right Casey's gonna with my screen share next slide

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please this is a look ahead uh to this week and uh well excuse me to your next

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council meeting just a reminder that is April 16th I uh know tonight later tonight

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when we check Council attendance I know next week is spring break for those of us that have kiddos in school would be

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great to know who's in town next week and not just for coverage purposes if anyone's going to be gone uh looking

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ahead to board and commission meetings design commission meeting uh tomorrow April 3rd and the Parks and Recreation

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Commission will hold another joint meeting with the open space Conservancy Trust on Thursday at five o'clock uh to

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continue continue their work excuse me on the open space Zone next slide

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please all right I wanted to uh provide an update on the police Modular Buildings um we're continuing to work to

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operate operationalize the two new police Modular Buildings we took delivery of a couple weeks ago I want to

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give a huge shout out to the city's Public Works teams uh they've been working over the last two weeks to connect these buildings uh to utilities

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water and sewer infrastructure to be specific uh we also set the

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infrastructure in place for the third modular building that we'll take delivery of um over the next few months

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uh in the meantime we've transition to connecting those buildings to electrical and and data service we anticipate those

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the two Modular Buildings we have now will be energized by the end end of the month and then we'll be turning our attention to the all the things we have

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to do to move in Furniture computers it um even key cards so work is happening I

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think we're still a little over a month out from being able to use these buildings but we're making a lot of great progress and

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that is thanks to many many many staff members coming together to make this happen so my broad thank you to all of

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them next slide uh looking ahead to uh longer term

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solutions for our building uh situation Council remind you uh although you don't

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need be to be reminded at your March 1st City Council planning session you provided direction to staff to begin

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working on uh planning for the the new Public Safety and maintenance building

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uh that work is underway that new building is intended to house uh our

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Police Department all of our maintenance teams a good portion of public works and it and

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GIS uh we have been intensely meeting with our Consultants uh there's a

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picture here that is the Public Works team uh we had a couple big meetings in this room

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last week uh these the the purpose of these meetings is to better understand our our operations um how work flows in

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the facilities and our Consultants are now starting to put essentially the building blocks um together to get us to

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a concept design which would come to you uh in June along with a preliminary uh concept I'll remind you

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this is not just a building it's also a yard pretty major yard where we will house um police vehicles and all of our

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maintenance um uh equipment so lots happening behind the scenes I've I've barely uh skimmed the surface here but I

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wanted to make you aware that almost every day we have a meeting or something happening related to that new building

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next slide please uh that picture is a look up inside the

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chimney at the Luther Burbank boiler building in case you were

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wondering uh we are underway with uh some really important work on that

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building specifically uh seismically retrofitting uh that that very old

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structure that includes chimney reinforcement and ren renovation of the restroom buildings so that work is

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happening now now we've got the building fenced off if you've been down there uh the contractors were also

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working on uh grading inside the building to prepare for a new floor slab and then we'll be roughing in some

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Plumbing as well for the restroom and concessions area so really exciting this is a phase one of a major Waterfront

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Improvement project at Luther B Bank Park the second phase is next year it's

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um the docks and the rest of the Waterfront area so really really exciting next slide

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please uh the water meter replacement project the city as you may recall is in

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the process of replacing all of our water meters that's about 70 800 water meters in our

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system as you know these water meters as they age they um often under report the

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actual amount of water used and these meters our current meters all have to be

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manually read so we are transitioning to an automatic uh met infrastructure

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system and in the process right now of replacing all those meters so I'll probably be checking in with you uh

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every council meeting as of where we're at we have 951 new meters that have been

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installed we have a ways to go yet um we expect all of the new meters to be

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in uh in just a few months so I'll keep you updated work is happening Council we're also still working on the other

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phase of this project which is the antennas and we'll be back to you uh with an update on that that in the very

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near future next slide please I wanted to follow up with uh you

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as I know many of you received uh requests from community members about the signage at the new bike skills area

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and we had mentioned we were we were working on it and we had our insurance company assisting us as well so I wanted

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to let you know we have installed new signs at four of the island Crest Park Trail heads along

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84th these signs are like letting drivers know that they're approaching a road um just excuse me cyclists know

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that they're approaching a road is that was one of the concerns that was raised we also adjusted the sign placement

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within the bike skills area U specifically noting where jump lines start uh signaling where lines merge and

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improving other way finding in the park if that lingo doesn't make sense to you um I think mayor nce or his son can take

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you out and show you the ropes um so if there's any other feedback you'd like to share obviously this is a really really

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high use facility very exciting lots of happy kids and adults out there uh but we're

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always looking for ways uh to improve and learn um now that this new amenity is open to us all right next slide

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please uh the playground replacement projects uh this Parks Levy that was uh

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most recently approved for Renewal renewed uh incl included funding to

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replace uh over time most of our playground structures uh the Cadence is about one

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or two playgrounds a year we are currently underway with a planning for the first Hill Park playground it's one

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of our oldest playgrounds and and really in need of a replacement uh we have a survey that we

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opened and actually we've had a tremendous response I I heard we were well over a hundred responses so we're

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going to continue to collect survey dat just to inform the initial look at the playground

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replacement uh Council one of the things we learned uh when we went U we had a public meeting on ronoke playground is

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that we had really poor attendance uh not for lack of trying I think it's just busy families and it's a

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just a busy time so we're trying something different with the first Hill Park uh playground replacement we are

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going to pre- record a presentation that will be shared out around April 30th and

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then community members watch the presentation and provide input on their own schedule so this is new it's a new

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approach but we realize uh these Standalone public meetings are maybe not reaching folks the way we intended um

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we're working with our partners to get the word out and we'll let you know how that new approach works all right next

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slide please upcoming events reminder uh leap for green is

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April 20th here at the community center from 10 to 2 I'm pretty sure that's on your calendars but I'll have Casey

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Thompson double check that uh so come on out and uh support our Recreation staff and our sustainability team it'll be a

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really really fun day next slide please some good

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news all staff meeting hey I wanted to just say it's not often that we bring um

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all the staff together we try to do it at least once or twice a year we had an all staff meeting last week we had over

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100 team members here at the community center in person for uh treats a report

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Out official welcome of all of the new employees that have joined us since the last meeting um and a fun little team

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building exercise so my thanks to the team for coming together and we'll do it again soon um and before I conclude this

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presentation Council I promised the mayor that air was working and uh we're

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struggling now to get the AC on as you can tell the room's getting really warm so I'm going to step away and go troubleshoot that we do have fans we can

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bring in um and I apologize we'll continue to work on the hbac system in

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this room thank you we'll move to our next item of business which is appearances this is an opportunity for

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anyone to speak to the city council on any item except items requiring a public hearing any qu judicial matters or

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campaign related matters tonight's agenda will include in-person public appearances and remote public appearances via Zoom individuals wishing

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to address the council may do so in person or by Zoom or telephone provided they register with the city clerk by 4

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p.m. today today when it's your turn to speak you'll be called by name remarks must be addressed to the council as a whole and not to individual counsel or

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staff members any person making personal impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous threatening or

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personally abusive while addressing the city council may be requested to leave the meeting please speak audibly state

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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's ended I'll thank you for

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your comments and move to the next speaker or item of business city clerk please call the first speaker thank you Mr Mayor our first Speaker tonight is

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Addie Smith

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welcome uh hello can you hear me welcome hello my name is Addie Smith

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today is April 2nd 2024 I'm speaking before the Mercer Island Washington city

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council five years ago on November 26 2019 I was arrested after defending

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myself in a hate crime attack my attacker had been stalking threatening

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harassing and verbally and physically attacking me since June of 2019 she was a convicted felon for

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trafficking she was going into other people's apartments and stealing their

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packages and items and selling them for money these council members all sitting here

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received emails from me telling them the instigator of these attacks was

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recruiting people like her to hurt my daughter and I the instigator and her

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recruits would follow my daughter who is biracial she's Asian and

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African-American and asked her what kind of nword she was with the hard R my

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daughter was a child and I can imagine was or some of you who look like white

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people if you are all were experiencing this type of disgusting racism you would

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demand it be stopped much like you were so upset at a church getting paint thrown on it but when it comes to black

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people in our lives all of you have been completely dead

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silent they would tell my child that her dog her service animal looked like he

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had Mage the last time I spoke before the council two weeks ago I told you about my former employers lying to

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obtain orders of protection and after going to court the judge found that I was asking them for help to stop the

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attacks and remove those fake orders of protection last year my attorney asked

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this city council before you and the judge to increase her pay to represent

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me and her request was denied immediately thereafter the judge granted

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her motion the judge granted her motion to withdraw as coun shortly thereafter that

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the judge refused to grant me another attorney saying that I was making statements about the people of Mercer

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Island that weren't true the city of Mercer Island is suppressing hate crimes

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they are covering for the police officers who refuse to write police reports they are covering for their previous interim city manager who should

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have been monitoring the applications and waight list my former employers were allowing wealthy whites who didn't

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qualify for low income housing to live in low income apartments in the hady

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I've decided that from now on I need to know who my enemies are before I vote for them and will be voting for Donald

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Trump for president as a more than 35 year Democrat I am completely

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disgusted thank you our next speaker tonight is Carolyn

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Bozman good evening council members I'm here to

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speak about the proposal to reconstitute the Planning Commission I've already sent my comments regarding my reasons

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for opposing The Proposal I would like to add a few additional thoughts I understand the concern about

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the workload of the Comm Community Planning and Development Department but

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I recommend taking an incremental approach to address it one important step is

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already in the works and that is approval of a new position in the department while the impact of this

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change on managing the immediate workload is examined the council

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staff and Planning Commission chair could identify ways in which utilization

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of Staff time could be reduced in the commission as it is now configured

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Commissioners hold extra meetings when staff has additional work for them when

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staff can do the work the commission can respond so having additional staff on

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board should make things move along more quickly if sufficient meetings are

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scheduled managing the operations of a Planning Commission takes considerable time no matter who is in the seats but

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why not try out the impact of the new staff position on managing the workload

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while examining operational efficiencies and go from there this would allow time

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to improve public awareness of any proposed change and allowing for

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input I really want the council and staff to be able to succeed in getting

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the work done there are so many things exciting things going

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on I want all of us to to succeed in the broadest sense I think it's important to

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go about improving efficiency in an incremental manner all the while preserving the cohesiveness of the

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community thank you for considering my comments thank

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you our next speaker tonight is Alex

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Sean hello can welcome okay yeah we sure can all right hello thank you so much

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for having me tonight my name is Alex sitman I'm a senior at Mercer Island high school I'm currently working on a

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Community Action project with Ethan chernikov and Felix joinson who are un who are unfortunately unable to

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participate with us tonight I use my electric scooter to get to school and to work and I've had a number of near

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collisions with motorists in my experience some motorists do not pay attention and cross over into the bike

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lane putting my safety in Jeopardy because of my experience for focusing our project on improving the safety of

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micromobility on the island and we want to express our overwhelming support for the draft of the shared use path design

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summary that was proposed recently we sent a survey to the students at the high school and found that students

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believe the safety of micromobility on the island is not at the level it needs to be many have shared concerns for the

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lack of dividers and this draft proposes different divider options and we want to express our support for the divider

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proposed in figure one of the draft a physical barrier between the road and the bike lane this is the ideal shared

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Road and most safe option for bikers and motorists thank you for taking our thoughts into consideration and

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supporting and supporting this plan I hope you will take the perspectives of students into consideration as you evaluate this plan thank you so much for

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having me thank you our next speaker tonight is Kirk

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Griffith Griffin second call for Kirk Griffin Mr

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Mayor I do not see Kirk Griffin in the um audience on Zoom or in the attendees

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I'll move to the next speaker very well thank you the next speaker is Tenley

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Tobin second call for Tenley Tobin I also do not see Tenley in the

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attendance very well we'll move to the last speaker tonight is Daniel Thompson

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good evening for the record uh my name is Daniel Thompson and I live on Mercer Island and I'd like to just address two

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issues the first is the Jacobson uh ethics matter I've sent you some long

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written materials I won't go over those again here's the central issue you can't

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have a materially different standard of review and burden of proof at the

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council level than you have at the superior court because Jack jobson has the right to appeal and he will appeal

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and when he goes up to the superior court I sent you an email with the statute the burden is on the city to

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establish that there is substantial evidence in the record to support the conclusions of the hearing

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examiner uh if you've done your homework and if you've read it and if you watched the hearing there's no evidence that

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that's really kind of the rub it's very strange you know the ethics officer uh made a tremendous error going outside

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the record but the problem is is the hearing examiner never identifies any

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evidence that makes up his preponderance of the evidence that he speaks so there

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there's no endgame here for the council I mean if you can come in here and say we're not going to uh review the hearing

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examiner findings of fact and conclusions of law that they're bound uh were Bound by them uh it doesn't matter

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it's going to go to the Super courts you know I know that Jake and I feel the same way that this is kind of a sham

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decision so he goes up to the Superior Court B's got to come before him and say where's the substantial evidence he's

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going to say there's no evidence it comes back here reversed and the city and the council look bad in front of the

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citizens the second thing so I guess the point is is there's no endgame uh it's going to end at the superior court so

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think like the Superior Court the Planning Commission I support um the revamp uh I've been appearing

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before them since 2013 and the reality is the issues today are too complex it

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hasn't helped that this Council seems to treat the Planning Commission as a place to uh put highly political ambitious

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people there's a real dysfunction down there uh they don't like one another uh

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you go down there they don't listen to the council's direction for example in the comprehensive plan they don't listen

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to the uh planning department on staff workloads um and you go down there a

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good comparison is the Parks Commission there's a fantastic commission they involve the citizens they make

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recommendations that come up before you and all the issues are resolved you're

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getting proposals from the Planning Commission that just haven't been vetted

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they're toxic and the citizens haven't been involved so you have no idea how the citizens think about them and that's

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the problem so I really think getting some professional planners on there is really going to help along with some

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citizens thank you thank you there are no further speakers Mr

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Mayor very well we'll move to our next item of business approval of a consent agenda the consent agenda contains AB

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6437 the March 22 2024 payroll certification certification of claims

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for March 15 and 22 2024 and electronic funds transfers of January and February 2024 4 city council regular hybrid

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meeting minutes of March 19 2024 AB 6438 autism acceptance month Proclamation

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number 324 AB 6439 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation number 325

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AB 6440 Johnson and Johnson opioid settlement council is there a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

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second okay moved by Council May Jacobson seconded by council member Reynolds city clerk please call the RO

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thank you Mr mayor council member wer I Council member andrw hi council member

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Weinberg hi council member Jacobson hi council member Reynolds hi Deputy Mayor

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rosenbom I and mayor nce I thank you Mr Mayor all right the consent agenda is

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approved our first item of regular business is AB 6443 disposition of code of ethics complaint against council

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member Jacobson a code of the ethics complaint was filed by Richard Irwin against council member Jake Jacobson on

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December 7th 2023 the complaint was found to be sufficient by the ethics officer on December 14

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2023 a hearing was conducted by the ethics hearing examiner on January 30th

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20124 following the hearing the hearing examiner issued their findings conclusions decisions and recommendation

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deciding that violations of the ethics code were committed and recommending to the city council no sanctions or

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penalties in disposition of the complaint the code requires the city council to afford deference to the

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hearing examiner's recommendation and to take action in disposition of the complaint the council can adopt the

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hearing examiner's recom recommendation which is micc

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the city council's Final action and disposition of the complaint or it may impose one or more remedial sanctions or

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penalties set forth in micc 2.6.7 pren E close pren pren 2 close

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pren 2 uh through close PR 9 pursuant to RCW

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requested the deliberations by the city council be conducted in a meeting open to the public however he may not vote in

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any matter involving himself uh so council I'm going to open it up to this is a council matter so

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it's not really a support uh there no presentation by staff but is there any

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discussion or motions uh council member andr thank you um yeah I would like to

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say um thank you to Dan Thompson for um the very thorough analysis that you

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provided I I will tell you I've been a lawyer for over 40 years I read this decision multiple times looking for a

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single shred of evidence linking no pun intended the Jake F Mi to Jake number

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four Mi and I could not find it um there is an entirely inappropriate footnote in

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the determination of sufficiency that uh seems to be the ethics officer taking uh

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the matter into his or her own hands and and creating a fact um but nothing in

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nothing in the determination of sufficiency can be deemed to be true um

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the truth or falsity of any allegations was to be determined by the hearings officer um when and the hearings officer

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was perfectly capable of citing evidence and testimony um he did so in a number of places and linked it to particular um

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findings but there is absolutely no evidence that

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supports the allegation that when you clicked on Jake

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FMI you went to Jake number four Mi it it's just not there and I feel very

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strongly that um we cannot even if we do even if we are obligated legally to

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defer um that that difference must be overcome by the absolute dir of evidence

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supporting this and I just don't want to actually put the city in a position where we have to go to Superior Court to

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defend something that's indefensible so um for that me reason I'm prepared to make a motion now to uh

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reject the hearing examiner's conclusions and impose no penalty for the ethics violations asserted against

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council member Jacobson okay is there a second second okay second seconded by Council Member Clerk did you capture

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the motion uh I got reject the hearing examiner's conclusions and impose no

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penalty for the ethics violations asserted against council member

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Jacobson got it thank you thank you all right Council Member [Music]

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Jacobson we'll turn on my microphone first uh I just have a few things I'd

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like to say one of which is I asked that this uh proceeding be done in public

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because I think the public has a right to know uh about ethics and about ethics

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allegations and have the assurance that all of us are operating uh in the

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strictest sense of those uh not only the statute but but uh

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what the unstated things that implies um

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I participated in the the hearing um and testified and when I went to review the

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uh hearing examiner uh rulings I was

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puzzled because the only findings of fact

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uh do not support the conclusion and uh I think there are those around here

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probably uh Alfredo Marino and others that know that I'm certainly no no

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whizbang when it comes to uh it stuff but that joke to one side uh I don't

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there wasn't any evidence and I so I don't know how that one can say that there's a
preponderance of evidence that

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what was alleged occurred in any event uh I don't I have no desire to make this

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go on any further the flip side of it is that I don't want to wear this either so

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uh I have uh confidence in my colleagues that they will act according to their

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consciences and I'm happy to leave it there thank you Council mayor Jacobson

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any other discussion deputy mayor rosenon council May

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Reynolds I should have a a question and then a comment I'll just do the question first
which is a question for Mr Parker

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or Miss Bon I I want to make sure that I understand the relevant city code my

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understanding was that the question of affording difference related to what

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penalty to impose but that the council doesn't have a role in determining guilt or innocence
I mean do we have the power

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to overturn the the guilt or innocence judgment Cil member uh Reynolds um you

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are correct that um the Defence referen in the code is related to the action to

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be taken by the city U which is limited to um the

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disposition sanctions penalties related to the findings um that the violation

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was committed now that's the heing examiner's decision that a violation was committed
and the next step on in the

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code that was adopted by the council chapter 2.6 of the marshallan city code

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states that Council will take action on the disposition which means um know

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selecting what type of penalties um nine are described in the code 1 through n um

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and which of those nines to impose um as as as a remedy or remedial action for

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violation so if I may ask one quick followup if the council did vote to in

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effect overturn the hearing examiner's decision what happens does that mean it just has no effect since apparently

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though the code does not allow for council member uh you know as far as the impact of that um I would you know

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would I'm not comfortable discussing this in Open Session this would be you know something that would cause a legal

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risk to the city and I'd be happy to discuss that with you in um with the council in executive session thank you

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okay any other discussion Deputy Mayor rosom yeah I think um you know when we

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worked on this I think it's code try remember when this was but feels like it was either yesterday or six years ago um

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you know I think we my my recollection was that we put in this this clause in terms of difference so that we would

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have a process we would stick to unless there was something that happened uh that was way out of bounds um and I I do

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think that this is a situation that that is out of bounds I think that the um

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I've read this a number of times and I struggle to see how the two connect uh in terms of

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the decision that was arrived at versus the evidence that was actually presented um I think the ethics code is important

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I think that we all need to adhere to our to the ethics uh code to the best of our abilities and I I just don't see any

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evidence that Council Jacobson violated that um it seems to me like there was a

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very large jump that was made between the determination of sufficiency and the actual uh process the hearing process so

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uh I will support this motion um councilor andal is making um I think

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it's appropriate in this in this case thank you any other discussion Council

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Weinberg so uh there was a footnote number four at the bottom of page four in the ethics officer determination of

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sufficiency which states and I quote to be clear the web address uh www.j

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fi.com redirects the user to ww. j4m i.com

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I.E the four F number4 appear to be interchangeable and both lead to the

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same web address furthermore a screenshot from the Wayback machine

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internet archive was shown during the hearing examiner hearing at time index

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21 minutes and 22 seconds and it showed a web uh page recorded on October 17th

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2023 with the words loading do dot dot and then it had the URL Jak F ri.com and

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it had the the time uh and a date stamp uh of October 17 2023 and it was

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followed by the text uh got an HTTP 301 response at crawl time that was

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followed by the text redirect ing two then three dots and then it said uh Jake

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number four mi.com both the footnote on and the

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screenshot clearly suggest that the automatic redirection uh of the F URL to

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the number four URL occurred on October 17th uh in uh or in that time frame uh

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and whether or not that redirection was done by council member Jacobson or someone working at his behest it seems

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clear that at one point the redirection existed and his email signature therefore did contain a link to his

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campaign website and therefore created the appearance of impropriety and violation of micc

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2.20.20 uh and I therefore I'm not going to be supporting uh this

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motion okay Council any other discussion council member and all oh Wendy hasn't gone yet sorry it's your hand council

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um first of all I want to thank Jake for doing this publicly I think this uh is really useful to do out here in open

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Forum with recordings on um and I just want to say I've been struggling with this ethics code since we adopted it

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years ago and um I was worried that it would be used to weaponize and politicize um

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ethical deviances that might happen in extremes or in small cases and in this one it seems like there's some

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technicalities here that are being exploited and certainly the due process process uh looks like it was taken above

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and beyond where it was supposed to go with the process that we had set in place so what what I would like to do

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besides supporting this motion tonight is ADD reviewing the ethics code to our 2025 Retreat as a potential work item

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for 25 because I think we can clean it up and tighten it up um so my My Hope is

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that we can make this code clear so that we don't have um these kinds of complaints come forward that I don't

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think hold enough Merit to warrant at the time energy and funds and certain inks that goes with that uh so I had a

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complaint filed against me years ago and it was very uncomfortable for the whole time it was dismissed but the whole time it feels like you're under microscope

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under a technicality that anyone can bring forward and then you're under the suspicion of an Ethics complaint that

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isn't really valid I don't believe and this is one of those cases and I really

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really don't want this code for the intent that it's there to be weaponized against this member and future council

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members I think the ethics code is meant to address real ethical complaints and situations that warrant the level of

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attention this complaint is getting okay thank

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you Council mayor Andro um sure I I just wanted to say that I respect what um Ted

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said in terms of that's that's his View and and he's entitled to it it's my understanding though that the way back

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machine um information was not admissible uh nor was there anybody to be cross-examined about it um nor is

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there any evidence that even if the redirection occurred it occurred at either Jake or anyone who was working

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for him behest it could have been a Google thing um we we don't know that so

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that proves nothing to me um the other thing I would to say like I said is I'm trying to you know protect the city from

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a lot of unnecessary expense here if we can't defend this in Superior Court then we should find a way to fix it right now

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I feel as though the um hearings examiner's charge was to um ba

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uh it says well I'll just read it subsection C of 2.6.7 within 30 days after the

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conclusion of the hearing the hearing examiner shall comma based on a preponderance of the evidence comma

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issue a final decision in writing including findings of fact conclusions of Law and a determination whether any

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violation occurred um the hearings exam the hearing examiner

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is charged shall which means must um and he did Issue a decision but again I

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think we can find here that it was not based on a preponderance of the evidence and so I think it's pretty clear that we

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are authorized to go forward as along the path that I proposed in my motion

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thank you thank you well I'll take a brief turn and I'd just say zooming out

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and getting back up to 30,000 ft you know we your Council are volunteers

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ostensibly and we rely on the ethics code which is code that we wrote and voted on and adopted largely everyone

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here uh to be followed and this is a good example of how a code that

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prescribes that an Ethics officer is to receive a complaint is to take all of the complaints attributes and consider

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them to be factually true and then to make a determination of if they were true did an Ethics violation occur and

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if they did remand that to a hearing examiner to have a fair process U

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hearing where both parties have equal rights and do process protections and this is a great example of where that

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process broke and uh council member Jacobson's due process rights were

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stripped and the ethics officer acted outside his authority and the hearing

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examiner relied on it and then found formed a conclusion that is in this case

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Mal formed because it's using information that is not fact that is in facted uh duly noted is not fact by the

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ethics officer and forming that opinion and so if we were to act on this and

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take an action even if it had no penalties that would do grave harm to

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council member Jacobson and a disservice to the service that he's provided to this community for many

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years I don't disagree with council member wer that if this Council that wrote that code that adopted that code

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that believes in that code wants to tune that code up that we will do that and I will ask the city manager to create an

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opportunity for that come back to us uh and look for additional due process protections that might need to be

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inserted into it but at this point I do believe that it's incumbent on us to stop this process uh due to the flaws

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and so I will be supporting the motion any other discussion Council

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mayor Reynolds yeah I I I do agree with the mayor and council member worker that

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it's probably time to revisit the ethics code that's something that uh just good practice to do

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periodically um I'm I'm struggling a little bit though and and wondering if

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we watch the same hearing i' I've heard multiple speakers tonight say there was no evidence

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presented when there very clearly was evidence presented in the form of the the Wayback machine showing that there

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was a redirect going on now one can make arguments about whether that evidence was admissible one which the hearing

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examiner apparently decided it was and maybe he shouldn't have I don't know that's a legal question I'm not qualified to aine on but he did admit it

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uh one can argue whether that evidence is sufficient uh I don't I don't necessarily have a strong opinion on

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that but I'm I'm willing to trust the hearing examiner on that but the statement that there is is no evidence

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is just factually not true and and I'm surprised to see so many people here

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presenting that statement uh but with that said um I think given the the city

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attorney's comment that there might be legal risk to the city from adopting a provision that is contrary to city code

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I think it would be appropriate to withdraw into into executive session to discuss that risk and I would defer to the mayor I can't recall the the

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procedure for requesting that but I would like to request that okay city clerk can you uh advise

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the council member on his question thank you Mr Mayor um it would

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be the will of the the mayor and the city manager if you wanted to go into executive

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session okay so if it's the decision of the mayor I I am not going to go into

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executive session I'm going to call the vote is there any further discussion no thank you City cler please call the

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R thank you Mr Mayor mayor anise I council member Weinberg me council

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member andrw I council member Reynolds nay Deputy Mayor Rosen bom hi and

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council member wer passes four to two Okay motion is adopted thank

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you our next item of regular business is AB 6444 interim regulations in mcc1

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19160 one0 related to Emergency Shelters and housing transitional housing and permanent Supportive Housing ordinance

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number 24 c-03 and I welcome CPD director Jeff Thomas thank you mayor good afternoon

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Council can everyone hear me okay before we get started we can excellent thank you um hopefully this is

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a quick item here we've got um renewal of some inter regulations that date back

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to September of 2021 um as we've discussed a few times

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here in recent months we do have a couple of different sets of interim regulations in play for various

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subjects uh as we were um collecting ourselves together here a few weeks ago

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um to get some things on the calendar for for 2024 including renewal of interim

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regulations we discovered that the same week we were doing that these um interim

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regulations related to house buil 122 and permanent and Supportive Housing

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um expired the same week that we were doing that work which was a little bit embarrassing for me and uh I apologize

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for that um we uh did consult quickly uh with um city manager and um wanted to

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get these before you for uh renewal as soon as possible so that's tonight April

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2nd part of the process for renewing them will also be to have a public hearing within 60 days and uh we do

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recommend the council set that public hearing date this evening uh for May

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21st 2024 that would be within the 60 days and also provide sufficient time to

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do the uh public hearing noticing that's required by our code um

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I don't have much more to add other than that so Mar I'll turn it back over to you and uh the recommended action here

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is to renew these inter regulations and also set the public hearing date for May

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21st okay councilor are there any questions not see any questions is there

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a motion to adopt ordinance number 24 c-03 for interim regulations to comply with emergency and permanent support of

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housing requirements of hb220 so move second moved by council member Weinberg seconded by council member

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Reynolds any discussion C cler please call the rooll

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thank you Mr Mayor mayin I council member Jacobson hi council member wer I

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council member andraw I council member Weinberg I council member rals hi and

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Deputy Mayor Rosen hi thank you Mr Mayor thank you I want to ask a question did you need another motion to set a public

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hearing or was that sufficient to get your public hearing um I would have heard of the

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city par on that Andrea can you help us out with that we do not need a motion to set the we've received the direction and

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we'll add it to the planning schedule very good all right our last item of regular business is AB 6441 City Council

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planning session followup regarding land use work plan uh Council there's two items addressed in this item we'll

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discuss the consolid consolidation of interim regulations related to Temporary uses and structures first and then turn

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our discussion to the reconstitution of the Planning Commission and we welcome back CPD director Jeff Tom

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thank you again mayor um Ally actually is going to um share screen and pull up

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a a short slide deck um I'm going to run through the first couple slides um with

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some comments and then mayor uh when we get to oh perhaps Slide Five of um eight

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will um will be used more as a guide for you to

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facilitate um I can introduce each item and you can facilitate any discuss

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might wish to have on each of the items as we run through them very

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good all right Ally we can advance the slide two

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please excellent thank you as air mentioned uh we're following up here on a few items this evening from the city

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Council planning session on March 1st 2024 um specifically CPD related motions

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that were made on that day and the first one is the interim regulation related to Temporary uses and the structures and

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then also uh second one is the reconstitution Planning Commission um what's here on the screen are just

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simply the Motions as they were recorded by the city cler um from March 1 and

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we'll get into each a little bit further as we move along here next slide please okay so um we're going to do

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these in reverse order from uh the way they were presented in the agenda bill um the first item here are the inter

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regulations related to Temporary uses and structures uh we'd simply like Direction I'm not

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sure we actually need a motion for this but maybe just a head nod that um what we'd like to do from the staff

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perspective is to present proposed inter regulations to the city council on June 4th 2024 for public hearing and

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consideration um the interim regulations would be in effect for a period of 12 months and um what uh staff would like

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to do specifically is to take free outstanding CPD work items specifically

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docket it items 2310 which relates to temporary use regulations docket item 2315 which

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relates to temporary use or structure permits as well as uh existing interim

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regulations for outdoor dining and consolidate those into a single set of

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interim regulations for um temporary uses and structures um again this is um this

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would be successfully implementing the motion that was made for March 1st and it would so um in my opinion take three

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existing items on our work program and um take care of them in uh one clean

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swoop of interim regulations as they're all related so um mayor I'm happy to

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turn it back over to you here temporarily if Council would like to discuss that or you just want to give a thumbs up we could uh Forge ahead here

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with the rest of the work here in this agenda perfect thank you uh council

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member Jacobson question

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council member Jacob's Ben can you please move closer to your

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microphone uh as a city we don't move fast and I that's not a I'm not being

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critical that's an observation and we we move carefully to be sure that we are doing the right stuff and I think the

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having interim regulations like this will will enable us to deal with

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problems that can be dealt with more quickly that don't require the same level of scrutiny and and uh handling

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that more weighty matters do the also the benefit of that is that if we if

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with the implementation of interarm regulations we can see how something works so we have a test LA and I think

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that's beneficial to the city and I think it's beneficial to the residents who who have a need for inter regulation

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so I'm I'm strong if you need a motion I'll make a motion if not I'll raise my thumb let me ask the city clerk we have

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an outstanding motion and really all we're looking for is deviation from the motion if there's a will of the council

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director Thomas was just looking for the direction tonight we could do consensus or a thumbs up would be sufficient okay

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all those uh supporting the direction provided by staff thumbs up looks like you have seven there excellent great

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good job well we'll uh we'll get to June 4th and

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uh Council will uh will evaluate that but I'm confident that we can put a good program together for the council

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tomor okay okay uh Ally if you can share screen again perfect and we'll uh move

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ahead okay a couple of comments here related to the Planning Commission reconstitution and then uh again we'll

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get into the 11 items that were in the agenda bill um so here we're we're seeking

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Direction on um you know some details uh to continue with the efforts to

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reconstitute the Planning Commission those are the 11 items we're going to discussed tonight um we'll uh present

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these there's a menu of options for the items um but depending on the selections

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that are made they'll need to be incorporated into amendments to Mercer Island uh city code chapter

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3.46 which uh is all about the Planning Commission and then uh we would bring

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that back as an ordinance uh for presentation to the city council on May 7th uh of this year for further

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consideration um exhibit one was attached to your agenda bill it it gave a mockup

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a sample or an illustration of the nature of the Amendments that would be required to MCC chapter 3.46 to be able

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to complete this effort the one new piece of information I'd like to add um we did we made an inquiry to

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mrsc um who did a little research on the city's behalf as to whether there's

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other cities in Washington that do have PID planning Commissioners um we did hear back from

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them on Monday of this week uh very timely and uh mrsc informed us there are

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three other Washington cities that they are aware of that do compensate Planning Commission members uh those are Bonnie

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Lake Duval and Monroe all um uh in the area General uh Puget Sound uh

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Central Puget Sound area um the range in compensation um for these three

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jurisdictions my understanding ranged from uh\$ 25 to \$100 per

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me depending on which city it was so with that I think we can move forward to

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the next slide and Maya this is where I'll I'll

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go ahead and introduce each item perhaps individually and then um I'll turn it back over to you for any Council

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discussion and then we'll just move to the next item so um the 11 items here are spread over four slides I believe

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and we'll just start with number one so uh and these follow the same numbering as the agenda

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bill so effective date of a Planning Commission reconstitution um when um after the

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motion on March 1st staff did some work behind the scenes uh trying to take the

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council's motion to bring information back three effective date options were identified uh July 15th and September

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15th of this year and uh January that's a typo I believe that should be January 15th of

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2025 um the reason why the 15th of the month was identified was thinking was

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Council would be able to take action at their first regular business meeting of uh those respective months uh to appoint

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planning Commissioners and then um the reconstituted Planning Commission would

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become effective and then the Planning Commission would be able to hold a regular business meeting the last

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Wednesday of those three months so with that mayor I'll turn it over to you for discussion on item one okay thank you uh

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so Council we there's about 11 different menu items that we're going to have to go through and I was my plan was to try

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and just do thumbs up on to get consensus around the 11 to build a motion that we would then be able to

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discuss and have a vote on so I know that there will be varying degrees of

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support for any or all of this uh but the Step One is to try to get to a motion that we can then

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debate so council member wer I think it's easy to say January 15th is the

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best date giving us time to figure this all out um July seems too soon and September I think we're all taking a

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recess in August so whatever we're going to do let's not do it until first of the year yeah so I tend to agree the the

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July 15th so all those in favor of selecting the July sorry the January 15 2025 start date

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thumbs up all right looks like you have support for

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that uh the next slide yeah next

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item uh the composition of the Planning Commission so option A here uh having

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four paid practitioner non-residents and three late person residents that was um

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embodied in the motion for March 1st two other options the council may wish to consider would be um the flip of that

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option b which would be three paid practitioner non-residents and four late person residents and then a middle of

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the road option is option C where you could have three paid practitioner non-residents three lay person residents

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and then I guess like a super Commissioner of sorts that would be a paid practitioner and a resident of first drive mayor back over to you yeah

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before we go beyond the Deb can we go to number 11 real quick just to uh give a preview of one other item that

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interplays with this can you go through number 11 real quick yes um item 11 is

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Planning Commission seats short and long-term options um there's a couple of options here I think the first

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decision point with this would be um if the council um you know was interested

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in moving uh the Planning Commission long term to a five seat body instead of

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the seven seat body so that would actually would be option C on this list um if the answer to that question is yes

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option C would be your option to go with if the uh answer was no then you can

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look at options A and B um to maintain a seven seat Planning Commission but then

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whether um you decide to fill the two seats that are expiring on May 31st or

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not so those those are essentially options A and B there so councilor if uh

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if you would bear with me I'd rather deal with 11 before we get to the comp position in terms of the numbers uh

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council member androl oh I I was just going to say thank you for that um I I think we should talk about how many

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before we talk about who who's in the seat yeah um so I'm happy to look for

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direction from the Council on a b or c on number 11 I would like to offer my support for

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a five person commission okay which is C maybe ultimately a five-person council but that's another story for another day

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we might get there if we don't get cooking we got people can I ask a question sure dep mayor Rosal Jeff could

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sorry to put you in the spot here but uh do you have a sense of other cities of our size um or service level which I

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understand is kind of harder to pinpoint but do those tend to be five or seven or other yeah there is some fluctuation in

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my personal uh my professional experiences uh along the road of my career here I have typically seen a

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seven uh seat planning however um I have worked for a city that is actually larger significantly larger

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than R Island that actually had a five- seat planning commiss so it's a mixed bag sorry to
sorry to run right down the

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middle of the road there with thanks okay any other

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discussion Council M

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Jacobson a with a five person uh commission is

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there a problem with a getting quorums because uh generally speaking a quorum

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is majority and that means three people and and I noticed from my experience on the Utility
Board which I believe is

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five we've had some problems occasionally with people who couldn't make a meeting for
some reason we

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struggled to get a a quorum so I don't know if that's a problem I suppose the

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risk level of not having a quum could go up slightly with having a I se Planning Commission
um in my prior professional

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experience it never seemed to be a problem but you know it could have been just the
people who were on it at that

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time so well thank you Council M Reynolds I think uh Council Weinberg and

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I are the only two that have served on the Planning Commission before and I'll sure he'll comment on his experience at an appropriate time but I I would say in

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my experience seven was very valuable I I think that uh every person brought a

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different perspective perspective to the discussion and and added value at different times during the discussion

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and I think by limiting the attendance you you limiting the members you limit the perspectives you encounter I think

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it's very important to take your time and make appropriate decisions on these issues and I think we we worsen that problem if we reduce the count I also

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I've had my hand up for a while I wanted to ask uh Mr Thomas a question about his presentation is now an appropriate time

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to do that feel free uh Mr Thomas uh I was really surprised Ed by your

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statement that the pay had been \$25 to \$100 a meeting if I remember correctly

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um I I would assume as land use professionals that's probably significantly below a typical consulting

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rate for a person like that and especially when you consider that at least when I was on the Planning

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Commission meetings were often four or five hours long and there was several hours worth of prep time involved so why

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do people do it I I mean I I understand if they residents of the community but why would

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a non-resident want to do it especially if that might create conflicts of interest that would make it difficult for them to do business in that

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community and I realized I'm asking you to speculate but maybe you have some inside Knowledge from somewhere yeah I I

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uh coun member it is a good question I think I would um just simply respond that um we get you know it's not only

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just land use planners but you know land use attorneys for example we get folks that are in the industry that um do you

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look for um other opportunities to serve over and above the regular day jobs um

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it's not unheard of to have planners and planning directors I think it's a little crazy myself but serving on a Planning

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Commission in the community that they live in in addition to having a day job U but um professional organizations I I

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have volunteered my time uh for years for um a couple different professional

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organizations um I know when I speak with Bo and you know our our contract City

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attorneys um there's professional organizations that um you know land use attorneys get involved with as well so

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it is an opportunity um you know as this motion came together on March 1st and

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we've had a chance to think about it quite a bit here in the the weeks that have passed since then the month that has passed

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um you know Common City Planning Commissioners that I I do believe that um I was a little skeptical at first on

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March 1 but as as I've talked with some folks and um thought about it some more

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I I think there is an opportunity here if the council does direct this um that

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we we can get some folks interested um and serving on the mercar island

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Planning Commission and um helping out if that's the direction of the council thank

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you thank you all right so ready for a thumbs up thumbs up on

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five thumbs up on five one two three four five okay so you got consensus on

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that option C okay so then Ali can we um we'll go

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back to slide five I think with item

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two and while while Al bring bring that up I'll just um get us off and running on that then so then what we'd be

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looking at would be um slightly modified numbers in for those three options where we would

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have um option A I believe would be three paid practitioners with two late

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person residents um and then option b would be the inverse of that two paid

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non-resident two paid practitioner non-residents with three lay person

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residents and then option C would be the 221 uh with a paid practitioner and a

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resident as Okay C

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weberg so this agenda bill is a solution in search of a problem the Planning Commission was formed decades ago uh to

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advise the council the seven City Council Members all have uh aspects have

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to govern all aspects of the City Utilities police fire Finance

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Parks yfs uh uh facilities General Administration as well as a long-term uh

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planning and land use but the seven planning Commissioners only have three areas they need to focus on the growth

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management land use uh and development regulations and because the Planning

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Commission has a narrower focus it can invest the time and effort that those

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three topics deserve and until 2021 the city council typically described to to

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the Planning Commission what help it needed such as formulating residential design standards and the council then

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stepped out of the way and let the Commissioners uh hold the necessary surveys and hours of public hearings and

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then months of sweating through the details with staff to compose legislation and for decades that has

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worked because the council gave the commission the space and the agency to do its job and since 2021 the council 's

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instructions to the Planning Commission have gotten much more prescriptive with detailed legislation formulated at the

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city council level one in one instance to four decimal places uh that the

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Planning Commission was then asked to approve as is with essentially zero agency and then in 2022 the legislature

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followed suit with its own prescriptive instructions placing further numeric constraints uh limiting the space and

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the agency with which the Planning Commission can do its work if there is a problem to be solved here I believe it's

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centers around having three layers of government the legislature the council

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and the commission each trying to do the job of that the commission is best suited to perform further reducing the

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planning commission's agency uh by placing a majority of its members uh with uh uh what amounts to part-time

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non-resident staff members is not the solution to this larger problem it's not going to gain any efficiency the staff

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will still have to hold just as many meetings and explain the details of the proposed changes just as thoroughly as

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they do today uh what bringing in off Island uh paid residents clearly would do is reduce our residents

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representation we are democracy and we uh need to respect Mercer Islanders

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right uh not just to appear at that Podium over there but also to sit here in these chairs uh and to help advise

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the Council on making the tough decisions about planning for the Island's future I therefore move that we

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table this agenda Bill until such time as the authors can provide a clear

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definition of the problem that we're trying to solve and sufficient evidence for how the solution that they are

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ultimately proposing will solve it council member can you please repeat your motion you went too fast happily

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let me first ask can we table a motion that doesn't exist we don't have a we don't have a

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motion we don't have anything on the floor there there you can table an item to be brought back at a future date

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okay okay so I I will repeat the motion I move that we table this agenda

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Bill until such time as the authors can

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provide a clear definition of the

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problem they are trying to solve and and sufficient

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evidence for how the solution they ultimately

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propose will solve it and I seconded that motion yeah all

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right so moved by council member W Weinberg seconded by council member

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Reynolds do you have any further discussion on your motion I said a lot uh I I think uh uh

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like to hear what people think councilman Reynolds you as a secondary of the motion want to say anything yeah

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I I didn't know this was coming but I I think it's a wise and appropriate course what what concerns me is

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the the definition of what good practice is in problem solving and it seems to me that the the most essential step in any

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problem solving exercise is is to define the problem and then identify the universe of possible solutions and then

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evaluate the pros and cons of each and pick the appropriate solution we've skipped the first step we haven't really

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defined the problem and even if we had defined the problem we've jumped to a solution when other Solutions are

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possible so for example to the extent that we have concerns with the Planning Commission as far as I know we've made

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no attempt to give feedback to the existing Planning Commission and tell them what our concerns are and see if

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they can address them and I I think that's disrespectful to the members of the Planning Commission and it's just

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frankly just not good decision making until we've gone through the proper problem definition process and I and I

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don't think we've done that okay council member wer can I just

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ask a clarifying question does that mean we wouldn't uh change the Planning Commission to five we wouldn't make that

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change by Janu like is your proposal of this whole thing or just this it's the whole thing the whole agenda Bill the

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whole agenda Bill yes so to clarify them that would mean we would be trying to

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fill vacancies that's right the current law would exist

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yes okay any other discussion City cler please call the

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RO thank you Mr mayor council member wer council member

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Jacobson council member Reynolds I Deputy Mayor rosenbom nope coun mayor

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nce n council member Weinberg I and council member andrw nay two to five

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motion fails okay so motion table fails and we're back to uh thumbs up on member

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composition options what we had just a review was a b and c uh a being two and

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three B being two and three and C being two two and

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one cc member wer can I just so I don't know if this is a question for Jeff or

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Jesse but um say we couldn't find that um paid practitioner would we have a

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default to leave it open like what happens for Plan B if we don't find those

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professional folks especially the one that would be the paid merland professional like we need those five

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seats what if we can't fill them yeah um B if I can implore you to

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come on the screen for a moment we've had this with the design commission perhaps you could address that for the

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council for Well we'd be searching until we find

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um you know once we have a quorum we can start

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work on the finding commission um however you know until all the the the

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qualifications are are are met we would keep looking for um

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the a candidate that meets the criteria and then gets approved to serve in the

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finding Commission

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okay kasmar Weinberg uh so we have three options in front of us uh I'd like to

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move that we add a fourth option uh which is that any vacant seat could be filled by uh a lay

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person so modification to the three really yes not a standalone

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fourth sorry you're not suggesting a a fourth option you're suggesting a modification to the three existing

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options basically let's say we're looking at C which is 221 you want a

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modified 221 that says to the extent that anything is unfilled that it would

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go to a lay person I guess what I'm suggesting is that for all three options

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uh if we have an a vacant seat that we don't get a qualified uh professional to

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apply for it that we have the right to fill that with a lay person okay uh Jesse

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Pond just a quick process check in Mr Mayor when you started the discussion I

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believe uh the staff Direction was to track your consensus discussion so that

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we could possibly take a break and present a motion um I'm noticing that we've got

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both motions and consensus happening um so I'm I'm happy to support you how

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you'd like to proceed I just wanted to flag it for you so that we're the same page before we get much

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further okay so let's just look for consensus on the I'll get to your your

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issue U Beyond this because it applies to any option we select uh but is there thumbs up support for option C the 221

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configuration okay point point of order Mr Mayor I I actually had my hand up for a while to comment before we did the thumbs

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up okay if I may um You probably can

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infer from from uh my second on council member weinberg's uh motion that I kind

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of against the whole concept but despite that I'm going to have comments along the way of things that I think will make

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it better if we if we end up with doing this and this one is one of the most

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important ones to me because it gets at the issue of local control which is one of my biggest concerns with the the whole problem um with option A and uh

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perhaps somewhat with option C but certainly with option a receding control to people that don't live on the island

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and that seems uh very contrary to my interests I think only Islanders can really understand Island interests and I

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think to the extent that we want paid practitioners on the count on the Planning Commission I I can understand the motivation for that I think having

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two of them is enough and having local people whose interests are aligned with

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Islander priorities is is very important so of these I I strongly prefer option b

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um having said that I I think Mr weinberg's uh proposal to modify all the options is something I would support as

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well okay thank you for that sorry did not recognize your virtual hand in person in this meeting Deputy Mayor

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Rosal old hand okay so feel free to raise your actual hand and it will just

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make my life a little easier I think I did both I'll try to be more conspicuous okay so I I'm happy to

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retake that consensus if uh there is support for option C thumbs

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up which one C uh 221 the the one that we just yeah so you still have support

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for that but I wanted to make sure I recognized uh your concerns C ronold because I missed

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you okay so that will get us to the next one Jeff

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Thomas uh mayor were you going to address the council member weinberg's oh sorry notification to any

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of those options sorry so I'll be looking for consensus and I will let you restate exactly what it is that you'd

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like to modify in the 221 sure um I the suggested modification

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is that any position where we are unable to get uh qualified applicants uh who

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are paid practitioners that we uh reserve the right to fill the seat with

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a lay

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person okay um can we explore reserve the right are we

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saying shall is this any vacancy shall be filled with the lay person because we

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have to write a municipal code for this or you say

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may uh I think uh May is probably uh the the uh better language that reserves us

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the right to leave it vacant if we uh for some reason want to

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can I can I offer a friendly Amendment please like no no no no amendments no motions just looking for consensus

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consensus um so so I'm worried about the time frame like if we don't get somebody in a week

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are we gonna just appoint somebody like I'd like to have two or three months to find that professional I think we're

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looking for a unique skill set and it's certainly for that one position that's a mer Island resident who has the

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expertise we're looking for so I'd like to give us a little time sure sure I don't know what the appropriate would be

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so maybe I don't know Jesse on a professional mercery in person getting

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paid whatever we decide to give them to do this work three months quarter two

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months Jeff yeah I mean 90 days three months

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sounds appropriate 90 days then how about that yeah that's as funny as me

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consensus hold on so 90 days in May

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all right so any open position may be filled with a lay person after 90

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days may I offer what I captured Mr Mayor sure I captured any vacancy may be

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filled by a lay person if unable to find a qualified paid practitioner within 90

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days well that's much better well but would that be 90 days are we saying 90 days after the

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normal application process would have closed or 90 days from when the regular application process opened because if I

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heard council member Weinberg correctly his concern was if we're not able to find someone in the recruitment process

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is that right so I think it would be 90 days post recruitment closing or vacancy so

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90 days from the close of recruitment or I would say appointment of or 90 days

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from sure I'm not sure why you need to put a 90 days in there we we have a recruitment period those who apply apply

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um and if we have among the applicants people who are qualified professionals

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uh then uh uh we have the option of putting them in if we don't have any uh

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professionals then we have the option of putting uh one of the lay people in

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there and we also have the option since it's a May of leaving it vacant if we feel all the applicants are

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unqualified okay as your it's your um to you so you you decide did you need the

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clerk to read you the text sure So currently it states any

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vacancy may be filled by a lay person if unable to find a qualified paid practitioner and then there's the within

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90 days post the recruitment closing or a

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vacancy a question for uh council member wer in terms of addressing the uh the

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the period i i my intent uh was to have it just be part of the normal recruitment process um do we need to uh

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specify the the length of the recruiting process I'm just thinking about if we don't have enough applicants or if

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somebody resigns like we need with five people I'm worried about a quorum right

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so I just so it sounds like if you were to drop that last bit you would be where

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council member Weinberg set off and we council member wer I think just

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agreed so let's take consensus around that council do you want anything else

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C council member no just thumbs up okay so it doesn't sound like anybody needs

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it R to them so yeah support for

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that all right uh I don't know if we need to go through each of these individually because the next number

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three four and five are all defin but maybe we can get them on the screen yeah I mayor I I saved all of you

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the pain of putting the entire definition on on the screen for each of these but uh the key bullet points in

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each definition are aligned here um there's really no options here it

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would be if if any council members had specific amendments um but um I think we should

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probably just take these as a okay we just lost one person here but

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um so Council May Reynolds yeah I'm just going to comment

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I'm not sure if this is a time or place but I think it might be um I'm a little troubled by restricting this to land use

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officials our little land use experience uh in my experience in the Planning Commission coming back to my earlier

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comment about everybody adding value uh we had an architect on there

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that added a lot of value that was not a land use professional we had at least one person maybe two that were uh in

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urban planning which I think is a is a different different specialty than land use planning that person added a lot of

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value um I could certainly see that uh although it's a dirty word to say around here in some quarters I think a builder

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could add value as well I think anybody that kind of has experience in issues related to land use that is not a land

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use planner um I I think potentially adds value and perspective to the process so I I I my consens my hope for

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uh suggest a change to this where everywhere it says land use planning to

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have it say land use planning or related fields okay so it sounds like a question

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for staff maybe staff can opine on some of those assertions is there a difference in disciplines between you

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know all these land use professionals uncategorized or the list that was presented in the definition turn it over

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to Jeff Thomas yeah I think I mean just following the direction from the March 1

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uh motion from city council um it seemed on March 1 like the the the Desir

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direction of the council was to um focus specifically on land use

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planning professionals whether it be a you know a planner like myself or an

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attorney like Boo um that that was what we took from the

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motion so um in terms of you know mixing in things up um a landscape architect is

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this is in my opinion but landscape architect for

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example won't offer the same understanding of uh the growth management act and you

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know other state statutes that are you know in play here with doing uh

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a planning commissioner's job so um I think that's something for the council to discuss is the council uh will to you

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know look at its March 1 motion and and maybe deviate from it or mix that up a little bit with other types of

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practicing professionals other than those in land use

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plan mayor I'll I'll turn it back over to you if Council wants to have that discussion okay
Council mayor Jacobson I

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think first of all I want tokle saying something nice about

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Builders I'm going to take that to my next I think I think the way we could

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get ourselves out of this kind of jail is to take out the word profession

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because there may be people there for example there are lawyers there are

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Builders there are Engineers who have experience in

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land planning and that's that's critical skill we're looking for not

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necessarily what kind of the person were and so I would I would just the

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Prof okay so uh Council thumbs up for council member

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Jacobson's uh to you Council Reynolds I I'd just like to seek some clarification

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from staff or the council to make sure we understand intent and if we adopt that would a
builder or an architect or

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a civil engineer or an environmental scientists that had dealt with land use related issues
be considered acceptable

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people to serve in that role if the answer's yes I can give my thumbs up if the answer is no I
think we need to

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discuss it further yeah the answer yes in five years is you know one of the

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weighing criteria at least okay no no no I I appreciate that and if if that's the

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intent you got a thumbs up for me okay so I staff I want to make sure that we've captured
that council member Jacobson is

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proposing to expand the list to Beyond land use professionals is that right the

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five years experience in land use planning in Washington he is not then

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planning okay we we just need to be clear because council member Reynolds is looking to
expand the list to include

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things like Landscape Architects and Builders but I'm only hearing from you

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to remove the definition part that says paid professional no I just said the word professional
number

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five any one years

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experience yes second right I want to be clear that land use planning has been defined as

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things that don't include Landscape Architects and Builders and Architects you know

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General use planning has a lot of things there are for example there's gentleman Nam fr

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landscap responsible a lot of what went on down in p with the crime which was zoning all

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kinds of and he would be somebody in fact he was on our Planning Commission he was on our design commission at point

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and he would be somebody who was manifest to qualify land use plan he was not a land

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use landscape architect that was the license we had I think broadening it so

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that we can get uh you can get somebody who's got the requisite experience and then weigh that experience and say okay

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this does this experience convert with what we're looking for city council be evaluating that when we appointed these

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people when we assess qualifications people be on on the

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Planning Commission under this scheme so if we just put an EG in front of the

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list that is existing does that accomplish what you need for example and

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and then it's not restrictive it's just directive I I'm I'm not sure I

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understand the specific change you're proposing so so you have to look at your Council packet okay so at the top of

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Page Three says examples of qualifying positions for and we're going to strike

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paid professional experience and then you could say for example include land use municipal

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attorney hearing examiner and urban planner um I I would feel more comfortable if that also included uh

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architect Builder or environmental scientist list some further because the

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fields that are listed there are are so closely related that it might be read to exclude the other things Council mayor

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Jacobson did you find that definition think you might be on the wrong gu having it's on page three oh up

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there I think you're on the wrong page is it paragraph five you're talking

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about mayor nce would you like me to bring the definition up on the screen sure that'd be great I think you're really struggling to find

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it think

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okay so if you look at your screen there the clerk has added architect what else do you want to add

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to the

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list but Deputy Mayor rosenbom I I I still

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think it's a good idea to add for

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examples yeah okay that

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yeah yeah so the for example opens it up to you know more than exactly the

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list I I I feel much better that it makes clear it's not prescriptive and it's conveying a broader Universe of

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possibilities convey the the flavor what we're after council member Andro yeah I I'm afraid it's gotten to be broad

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enough though with these additional words that it is not going to be a land use professional um I don't engineer of

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any kind I don't know that an electrical engineer with all due respect to their positions I um what what they would have

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to add uh they're very smart and well educated but in terms of the connect you know the Nexus to land use decision

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making I is just not there so I think that's too broad so what if it said after urban planner or and then

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architect engineer or Builder with land use experience something that qualified those three that's

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upset um so on your screen she's making that

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change that might be okay does that do it yeah kind of restricts it this will

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be coming back so but yeah for now I could I could go with that if that's okay with them let's see if we can get

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there with this um okay so thumbs up for that modified definition looks like you

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got support for that one other clarifying is that a thumbs up Jake or is that just scratching your

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chest abstaining from your own your own modified definition it's bad

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for C Rand yeah sorry one other clarifying question I assuming the five

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years of experience and five years in Washington can be concurrent that' be a question for

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someone other than me that was the intent okay that's fine okay

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um was there a discussion on the other definitions of what a lay person is I think that's generally regarded

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as um Mr Mayor if we could put the three

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things back up on the board again yeah can we get the definitions again and maybe the city clerk definitions the

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that you were sharing so we've got three knocked out let's go to

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four it's a late person definition modification of

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this not see any anybody okay thumbs up to support four looks like that's been

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adopted five pay practitioner any changes to

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this did you want to add the same change you added to three to five I did added

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it I think that's right that seems Fair yeah so just to confirm then is the word

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paid being struck in three and five or is it now

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being left

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in paid professional experience that the original this conversation started originally with striking the word paid

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right so on five first sentence paid would be struck right to be consistent

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with the new definition in three I thought that all we had done in three was strike professional we

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didn't it was striking professional professional sorry I think we're

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striking we're striking the word professional in both definitions of three and

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five okay Council thumbs up for this

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guy Council or Jacobson

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sorry experience years experience I didn't get paid for

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something

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okay so are you suggesting I'll C you council member weberg um are you do you

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have a specific change that you'd like to make yeah strike paid strike

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paid not professional and keep professional or just say experience

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okay Council M Weinberg I think council member Rosen had his hand up okay go

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ahead okay um I I'm recommend that along the lines of what uh Council M Reynolds

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was saying in terms of uh favoring on island representation uh I would like to

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suggest that we change the number of years required for uh paid practitioner

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resident uh from 5 to three so that there's more accessibility for uh the

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practitioners on the island and make it a higher bar for those uh

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non-resident okay we're let's wait till she gets back down to our definition because we're in the wrong one here so

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here you're suggesting in that second line change five to three correct oh first and second it's in

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there

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twice okay Deputy Mayor

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rosenon I'll move on okay nothing there any other

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changes okay well those supporting this thumbs up looks like you got that all

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right moving on to meeting director Thomas I'll let you

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cover kind of thoughts on meetings yep so through options here um

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up to 216 11 meetings a year broken out in parentheses for each one uh next to

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it um the Planning Commission current has 11 regular meetings a year that

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would be um monthly uh with the exception of August for summer recess and then um the

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supplemental meetings uh for two of the options include up to five special meetings or up to 10 special

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meetings um except for um this window of time

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that we're in right now with the comprehensive Plan update um I would venture to say most

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months since 2022 when we went to 11 regular meetings per year um we've

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been generally in the vicinity of somewhere around uh 14 to 18 meetings a year on

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average so a little less than twice the mon as it used to be prior 2022 I'll

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turn it back over to you okay so I heard that staff is uh generally expecting

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that b would be the option and so I'm going a loop for consensus around B unless somebody wants to uh so I'll take

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questions first council member Reynolds yeah just a a question for Mr Thomas

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helping to understand what the implication is of of a versus B if we do B which I think was the 11 plus 5 and we

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finished the five and realized you know we really need one more to get it done uh what happens then would we not be

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allowed to have that extra meeting um based on the 16 meetings per

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year maximum yeah we we would be programming ourselves to a maximum of 16 meetings a year we would be budgeting

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ourselves to a maximum of 16 meetings a year um so um 16 would be the

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cap setting expectations for for for what it's worth

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my preference would be for option A with a with a goal of keeping it to five but

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I think we it's important to give us the flexibility to have more if we need to okay I mean I'm flexible uh council

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member weberg yeah I I spent four years on the Planning Commission and we met uh

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twice a month uh and uh we got a lot done uh and I think that option A it

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feels a little light to me uh I why not have two a month 24 um I get there we

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only we're only given three options here but I'm wondering why are we uh cutting back when we're saying we've got a

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backlog we've got to get through it we're adding staff uh to try and get through it um I'm a little puzzled as to

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why we're reducing the number of meetings it's the will of the council council member Weinberg so well I

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recomend take that vote we'll I recommend we have a fourth option which is to push it to 24 just go back to

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where it was working before okay any other discussion I'm going to start I'm

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going to start with uh option b uh Council thumbs up for option b which

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limits the numbers of meetings looks like you got one two three I'm going to go up then to option

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A all right looks like option A it

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is that kind of felt like an auction yeah well that's not get to the end and

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then not buy anything um number seven so item seven is uh compensation

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options for the paid practitioners um flat rate pre years option A flat

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rate per meeting completed is option b and then option C is a little bit of an offshoot of option b where there'd be a

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base rate for the regular meetings which would be 11 per year and then a flat rate per special meeting

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completed um mayor back over to you okay uh so

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Council any questions on any of that compensation I would suggest that we start paying with people what they do

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not what they don't do Council M Weinberg so we had an interesting data point the beginning of the uh the

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discussion the agenda Bill uh this evening where we heard from uh mrsc that

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there are three cities that are paying uh their uh planning commissioners and

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that the high water mark on that was 100 bucks per meeting um and all of these

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are two times that or more this is the one we're on right now is number seven which is just how do you pay them not

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how much you pay them okay I'll resume our comment until we get to thank you yep so I'm GNA go with B if uh we want

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to start there thumbs up for paying people for meetings they actually conduct okay now we can get to number

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eight and cut some wine do you want to carry on with your comments I think you're saying all of these are too high

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well I I'm what I'm trying to get to is those were those were Monroe Duval and

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Bunny lake bunny lake yes cost of living just a little different just a little

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yeah uh so I guess I'm I'm trying to get at is um if there's appetite for this

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level of spending on it should we pay all the commissioners

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okay the question at hand is how much we pay the people that we're going to pay if we want to have another separate item on paying other people I'm happy to do

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that but I I'm not I would like to figure out the the floor like what what are we trying to pay people for their

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services here should we discuss whether we're paying all of them first or should we uh you want to have that uh at the

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end after we've gone through all 11 of these things I'm open to

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either it really doesn't matter if you want to if you want to make if you would

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look for consensus to pay everybody we can do that right now that seems simple

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to vote on there's nothing more to that right you want to pay all the all the members of the Planning Commission \$100

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a meeting sure no I'm not conflating the two we either your option is to pay

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everybody but then we're going to get to what we pay people separately I'm okay with splitting into two votes sure okay

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so all those in favor of paying basically the lay people thumbs

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up okay so that's not fasina now we're back to paying the

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practitioners a or C I don't know if staff had any comment

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on what they thought would be the amount that they could recruit to if they had a recommendation on this we don't want to

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set you up for failure yeah I mean we really don't it is a

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little bit of a mystery at this point um there was um some input in the staff background work um thinking um for the

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paid practitioners the \$500 per meeting completed um felt like something that

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would be achievable to be able to recruit successfully for that but we did provide two other options here one

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Higher Okay so any questions there any appetite to start with

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B all right council member Reynolds um I think I'm tempted to

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resign and run for the Planning Commission but uh get more but uh that

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bad joke aside um I I work in Consulting and I have a

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general idea of what Consultants are paid and I've also served on the Planning Commission
uh and I know that

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meeting tended to run three four hours sometimes as long as 6 hours um most required
several hours of

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prep work as well uh \$500 per meeting given the rate that a typical consultant

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would pay seems wholly inappropriate to me wholly inadequate um so of the options that
are here I think a is what

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I would prefer okay remember you have a safety release valve on unfilled seats

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defaulting to lay people so you're so if my goal is to have more lay people in maybe I should
ask for \$50 per meeting

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so we don't get any paid professionals I'm not trying to outcome I'm I'm trying to seek the
best on each position

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independently okay I'm still going to start with B so Council I'm be looking for thumbs up for \$500 as a starting

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point uh one two three four looks like you got four on 500 so we'll go with

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that in the motion okay and then may just for the record then just so there's no confusion

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with our our um folks out watching this meeting in the public the not to exceed amounts

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will need to be recalculated based on uh six the option being 21 meetings

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per year a so does not heed amounts will change because uh these numbers were

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generated based on um just the middle of the road option b for number six and

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option b for number seven being selected got it wanted to add that to the record before we move along thank you

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okay last slide um item nine paid practitioner poor performance

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termination Authority either the council or the manager uh city council only or city

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manager only the way the the way the current uh code for the Planning Commission with

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appointed officials is structured is the city council appoints and can also remove appointed members of the Planning

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Commission mayor back over to you thank thank you all right city council would you like to stick with the standard

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which is the council would remove all right thumbs up for option b

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looks like that's we're going to go with option b all right nice and quick last item then because we've already covered

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number 11 uh ethics code applicability um the decision Point here is whether it applies to all Planning Commission

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members or only to uh the non-compensated members which would be

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the L person res okay knowing my Council we're going to

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start with the highest ethical standard council member Jacobson I I think everybody should be there and I think

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that's what the state statute uh requires yep so option A I'm hearing

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yeah option A all right all the way around okay all right with that city

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clerk do you have all of the the menu items 1 through 11 yes I have your menu items of consensus on these 11 items um

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if we could take a brief recess for me to formulate a motion okay so the time

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is now 6:54 10 minutes sufficient it's I hand up 10s enough for that council member

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ould just a quick clarification if we're permanently reducing to five should we interpret that to mean that we're just

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closing Recruitment and don't appoint uh anyone for the two new seats or is that remain to be determined because we we're

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losing two people on the Commission in in at the end of May this doesn't take effect until Janu

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no hold on okay that's true let me let staff answer that because I think there's some Nuance there Jesse Bond yes

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my understanding is that you would not make the appointments during this regular recruitment process but know

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that I have to bring an ordinance back to you to change your code so the

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direction tonight sets in motion um a follow-up item if not at the

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next meeting quickly thereafter no it will be the next meeting actually it has to be the next meting

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for that issue alone right as a as a stand alone to reduce the this other item is going to require a little more

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Runway to develop uh a new code thank you any other questions before we break

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for recess okay the time is 655 we'll be on recess for 10

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okay welcome back uh the time is now 7:10 p.m. and the council is resuming uh

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AB 6441 and the city clerk has prepared a motion based on the consensus discussion

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that occurred previous to this and I'm going to ask the city clerk to put the motion on the

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screen and I'm gonna ask Council if there is anybody would like to make the motion as

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presented so moved okay is there a second second all right moved by Deputy

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Mayor rosenbom seconded by Council M member anderol and for the record I'm going to read the motion that is

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displayed on this screen uh move move to reconstitute the Planning Commission as follows one

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effective date January 15 2025 two member composition 2 21 paid

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practitioner non-resident lay person resident paid practitioner resident any

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vacancy may be filled by a lay person if unable to be if unable to find a

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qualified paid practitioner three paid practitioner non-resident definition an individual

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not affiliated with Mercon entities or interests with a minimum of five years

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of experience in land use planning as well as five years of experience of such experience in the state of Washington

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examples of qualifying positions for experience for example include land

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use Municipal attorney hearing examiner urban planner or architect engineer or

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Builder with land use experience demonstrated experience in public service working with growth management

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act GMA Shoreline management act SMA and state environment Environmental Policy

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Act sepa as well as drafting of land use policies and codes preferred this

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position will be compensated number four lay person resident definition an individual with general interest in land

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use planning environmental Affairs and or Economic Development demonstrated the experience in public service and land

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use planning preferred proof of Mercer and residency required this position will not be compensated five paid

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practitioner resident definition an individual with a minimum of three years of experience in land use planning as

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compensated six annual meeting frequency of 21 meetings 11 regular meetings up to

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10 special meetings seven paid practitioner compensation would be a flat rate per meeting completed pay

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\$10,500 \$500 per meeting number nine paid practitioners poor performance

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termination termination Authority is only with city council can can only the

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city council can terminate number 10 ethics code applies to all Planning Commission members 11 Planning

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Commission seats permanently reduce the Planning Commission to five seats on June 1 2024 okay Council any

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discussion Council by Reynolds yes could we scroll back up to item two

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please um yes I I'd like to make an a propose an

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amendment um I would move to amend item the motion by changing item two to

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insert the word resident before lay person before the second occurrence of lay

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person before the second occurrence of of amend item two to insert the word resident where before the second

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occurrence of lay person I'll second that okay that's been moved and

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seconded who is the second Mr May was Deputy Mayor rosenbom sorry M Larson are you finding it I

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don't see the change being made I had to capture the amendment okay

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so that I have the text of the amendment okay and now I can add it to the document thank

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you you want the one line down there we

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go okay so we need to take a vote on the amendment to the motion any other

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discussion on that seems like a good clar clarifying change all right city

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clerk please call the RO thank you Mr mayor council member

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Reynolds hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi mayor nice hi council member Jacobson hi

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council member andrw I council member wager I and council member Weinberg I

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okay the amendment to the motion passes council member Weinberg so I have an amendment uh which I've typed up and

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sent to the city clerk and to the council will'll read it aloud uh it's an

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amendment to uh again item number two uh to add a sentence saying if more than

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then two resident paid practitioners apply the council should give preference

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to appointing resident paid practitioner applicants for any open nonresident

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practitioner positions council member okay moved by

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council member W Weinberg seconded by council member Reynolds would that be amend to add to item

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two can I speak to it yeah I just wanted to uh see if she

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was going to put that on the screen

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or C Weber you can speak to the motion yeah so uh the intent here is to

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preserve uh representation on the island uh and I do not know how many people who

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are paid practitioners who live on M Island are going to apply um it might be we get zero it might be we get five um

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but if we get enough to fill all the paid practitioner positions I think the island would be better better

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represented by having Island residents in the paid all the paid practitioner

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positions that's the reasoning behind the the proposed amendment yeah so it does change the

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intent but um I mean I'm willing to take the take the vote on the amendment to

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the motion uh this does effectively undo a decision that we had consensus on

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already which is that we wouldn't just pay everybody so it's I feel slightly

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different flavor of conflict so that's why I'm going to accept taking the vote well it's not it's not paying the lay

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persons I think when you replace everybody with paid practitioners and now they're all meran

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residents you've kind of undone the well I if I maybe I misworded it but

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what I meant what I said was that the nonresident practitioner positions

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essentially uh would we prefer resident paid practitioners for that I'm not saying we replace the lay persons with

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paid practitioners yes okay well it does

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change the meaning of of the whole um the makeup of having deconflict off Island

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professionals uh being working in tandem with lay people so right all right

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any other discussion I I have a a question y That's

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Mar what does should give preference to mean does that

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mean May um or does do you consider the

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relative qualifications of them I I'm really confused what kind of guidance

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this would give us or a future Council yeah so uh I was when I was drafting

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this I was trying to decide whether to use the word should or shall or May in

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there and initially I had shell in there and I decided actually if there's a

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really qualified person uh uh and the person on island uh is barely qualified

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uh if we have a Sho in there we still have the agency to go with the off Island person uh but
uh if we uh make it

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a shell then it kind of forces our hand on it and I think if we say if we say may

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um I don't know that that doesn't that essentially leaves it pretty far open

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I'd rather show a preference for on island

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representation does that help not

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really I mean the thing is that you're fundamentally changing what is trying to be done here
and so well I'm going allow

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the vote I don't think that you're going to get the support to pass this so I I don't know that we want to spend a lot

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of our time arm wrestling on trying to make this work with any specific language not seeing a ton of interest

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hand a couple hands down there council member Reynolds um I I think it goes a long

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ways towards addressing my primary concern with this which is giving too much control to off island interests I I

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think if there's any Merit to this proposal in general to get more professionals on the Planning Commission

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which would have some advantages getting more off island people to me creates disadvantages I would much rather have

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give preference to island people and I think this is what this motion would do yeah but you're low the the years of

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experience requirement from five to three when you go to on island is that right I we did the residents have So you

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you're getting a different caliber of person serving when you when you do this I I think that the we'd have to go back

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and reread that section but I read the three to apply to the non-resident positions or to the resident positions

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yes so I think they would still be subject to the five to become to be considered for the non-resident position

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okay Council mayor Jacobson

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um I'm not sure what problem we're trying to solve I can see how this would split

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several different ways for example

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a qualified resident professional would not be excluded from

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applying for a position I so for example if we had if that

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person were deemed to be the we thought would happen to be the best happen to be a professional who would otherwise

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qualify a professional that person could depending on how terms shake out and all

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this kind of stuff you know somebody might want to come on I'm not quite sure how that appes and that's that's uh I'm

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not sure that this amendment is particular helpful okay Council Weber I guess what

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I'm trying to do is to address the concerns that we received from dozens of Island residents in our inboxes in the

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past 48 hours without representation on the island um and if we get enough

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applicants who are qualified uh as uh professionals um and who happen to be

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Island residents uh I think that it would be responsive of us to our

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constituents uh to uh favor uh having Island residents over uh people who are

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off Island okay any other discussion city clerk

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please call the

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role Mr Mayor I'll note that CPD director Thomas had hand raised I'm

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sorry I'm out of the meeting I was looking at email um sorry director Thomas sorry real quick different

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subject item three um I believe there was an addition of the word the phrase for example in line four I don't think I

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I think the council should just strike that because it's not needed it's it

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wasn't included in item five and the sentence reads just fine because the sentence starts with the word examples

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qualifying positions

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gotcha yeah there's a it's in there twice Council any objection to that modification no I'm not seeing any and

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city clerk that's fine since we're going to adopt the motion that's on the screen yes okay so we're back to the vote on

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Amendment to the motion uh the amended Motion City Clerk

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please call the rooll thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb sorry just to clarify are we voting on the amendment

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to the amended motion would you me to read the amendment that we're voting

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on we're voting to amend item two to add two resident paid practitioners if two

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resident paid practitioners apply the council should give preference to appointing the resident paid

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practitioner applicants for any open non-resident practitioner

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position that's what we're voting on no no okay city clerk please call the RO

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Deputy Mayor Rosen Bal no council member I council member Jacobson he council

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member Reynolds I council member andrw nay council member wer n and mayor nce

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nay M motion fails okay the amend the amendment fails

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we're back to the amended motion any other amendments council can you put the motion

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back up I I may have one but I want to read the bottom

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part can you scroll to the bottom about

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pay okay so I just want to clarify on item eight that is 10,500 per paid in person not 10,500 in

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total correct that's 21 time 500 yeah I'll let

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director Thomas answer that I know the answer but I'll let him that that that is correct so it would be per paid

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practitioner not to exceed 500 per year which is based on items six and seven

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the selections there okay thank you um other than that

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uh no other change no other questions or amendments but I do have some comments to make when it's an appropriate time sure council member Weinberg so I move

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to amend uh item number 11 uh to change the date to January 15th

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2025 okay that would change things I'll

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second that move by council member Weinberg seconded by Council Reynolds you want to speak to the

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motion it seems odd that we have uh a date at the top saying this isn't to

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take effect until uh January 15 2025 but at the bottom we have part of it that is

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taking effect uh long before that seems uh contradictory so the city manager

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made some comments about that I don't know if we need to clarify that for you for you but the reduction in the size of

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the Planning Commission while we're at a point where two members are rolling off was the

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intent so as long as you understand the the reasoning for it I'm happy to take a

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vote on the motion it it still seems contradictory to me I think if we have an effective date it should be the effective date um I think the intent was

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that you didn't go recruit somebody for seven months six months five months of service and then just reduce the size of

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the commission so that's the intent I'm happy if there's no other

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discussion go ahead council member sorry director Thomas sorry y um if the

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council is approves that Amendment then we'll need additional Direction then on

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whether to fill the two vacancies that are coming up at the end of May for that

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for that uh small time got it

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okay Council any further discussion on that Council M reynolds just briefly note

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I think this is a good idea I think more people as I commented earlier provide more perspective and make better decisions we have a huge number of very

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important decisions to make related to the uh the comp plan update and numerous other things happening between now and

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the end of the year um I'm fully supportive of this okay that's seeing any other

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discussion another comment essentially it means I one is moot uh that this is

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taking effect uh in June um because the sooner the two dates is June 1st

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2024 the two are contradictory so uh effectively if you're saying we're kicking two people off on June 1st then

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that's the effective date of of this change okay I think the city manager did

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uh add context to that you if you want to characterize it that way that is on you but that was not what I heard from

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the C manager council member andal yeah no I was just going to say I mean you can um choose to reduce the size of the

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Planning Commission to five independent of any of these other changes and that's what we're doing and so there's no

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contradiction yeah I believe that's what the motion would do uh but this amendment would undo that so city clerk

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please call the role thank you Mr mayor council member Reynolds I Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb

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I council member Weinberg I council member Jacobson nay mayor nce nay

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council member andrw nay and council member Waker motion fails okay we're

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back to the amended motion any other

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amendments okay city clerk please call the role I did say I it's further comment

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ments though oh sorry sorry council member if I may make those now um first

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I want to start with with thanking my fellow council members I I think uh with the Chang as We've Ended up with

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something much better than it started and and much better than it could have been um I'll still be voting no though

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uh for a couple of reasons that I wanted to lay out one is is the cost we're looking at \$31,500 a year uh which is a

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non-trivial cost for a city with a tight budget um the second is uh

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I I'm very concerned about potential conflicts of interest and and the potential that we'll have for limiting

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recruitment possibilities uh many people that might be qualified professionals would be people that would not want to create

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conflicts by for themselves by uh by serving this role um third third is one

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of of morale for the the Planning Commission members that are non-compensated I think it would be I

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know I would personally feel very troubled if I was serving in a border commission where people around me are getting paid and I'm not

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uh I think it's an act of extreme disrespect and I I think there's a decent chance that some members of the

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Planning Commission will resign before we uh once we approve this if we do approve it we we'll create another

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problem there that will uh slow down the C the Planning Commission progress in a

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period where we have an immense amount of work to do um I'm worried about the practicality

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and the challenges of finding people we've heard from the city manager in the past that recruiting land use

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professionals to work in the CPD on a permanent basis is challenging in this market I think finding these part-time

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people will be will be challenging as well uh and and I I don't know how we're

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going to fill those positions especially for this rate of pay I think it's a very low rate of pay for the for the work that's

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involved um and the last and most important thing is I I think we're we're seeding control to not not as much as we

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were because it's only two of the five positions but seeding a lot of the local control to off Island interests and that

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seems so contrary to many of the things we've been working with on the council and testifying before the legislature

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and other in other places to try to get uh local people that understand local

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issues making local decisions that seems contrary to everything we've been working on and I I can't support

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that okay Deputy Mayor rosom yeah um I made the motion but I am going to

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support this I think it's an interesting philosophical

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question here and I think some of this is that we need to look forward and Look Backwards so looking backwards is that

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we have a backlog um and we need to increase the speed at which we are able to move through some of these land use

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items I think that we've taken sort of a four-pronged approach here one is that we've been clear on our prioritization

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that was something we did at our Council Retreat we added a position uh this is the third and I fourth is our continued

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advocacy uh at all the levels of government um to make sure that everyone

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understands the decisions that are made at the county level state level do have an impact and do affect the agency uh of

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our of our and the ability of our city to do things is my mic coming in and out

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okay yeah all the mics are um I I think and looking forward I this is going to

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continue uh we're going to continue to have uh things that are put on the Planning Commission and put on the

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council from uh other places other than mercenary Island and I think that if we

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have any hope of getting to the issues that are raised by our residents as it comes to land use or raised by the staff

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in ways that we can improve our code that are specific to mer Island we have to think of ways uh to to increase the

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pace um that we are we're getting through these items uh you know if you look at what is on the agenda now there

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are a lot of things that have come down from the state uh and I will be willing

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to bet that in the long session next year we get at least one item and it's probably a pretty big one uh that will

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require immense Planning Commission time and I think with the focus on housing that is come through uh we're going to

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continue to see pressure we're going to continue to see

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uh we're going to continue to see other agencies ask us to do more and to change the way that we're doing things and I

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think we need to be equipped to do that work and also be Forward Thinking to handle some of the questions and the

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challenges that are raised by our residents so I think that this change allows us to to do all that um because

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as I said it's part of a larger package and I think that we're able to sort of um increase our speed of doing these

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things in a way that allows us to be uh more Nimble and and really address the

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variety of concerns that are brought uh to the council as it comes to land use issues thank you Council May

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wer yeah I'll just say I'm going to support this tonight I think uh it's an Innovative experiment to see how this

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works and I'd love to uh have this conversation two years from now to see if we we got the outcome that we're

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trying to get here tonight so let's give it a shot let's deal with this backlog let's deal with more work that's coming

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our way and Deval Monroe and Bonnie Lake went first I was surprised and encouraged to see that so let's see how

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we can make it work here to support our residents and the work we need to do and then take a look and fix it if we're not

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doing it uh and getting the outcome we want council member Andel thanks yeah I

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concur with the deputy mayor and and uh council member wer I I ALS so I don't think that U council member Reynold's

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concern is necessarily well placed in terms of volunteers working alongside paid professionals and we see that

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successfully in so many areas here at the community center at the um Thrift

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Shop um these the paid professionals are being compensated for their specific

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expertise the lay people are valued for their expertise as residents and their

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opinions on what Island's priorities are but the decision about whether you pay

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someone or not um I I don't think that you would necessarily choose to pay them all and I don't think it's going to push

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people out people care about this community and people want to be involved um so I and and I'm very happy about the

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um how we have mitigated the concerns about local control that we have not put a majority of off island people on and

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so I the concerns I came into this with and the concerns I expressed at the last meeting I think have largely been

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um ameliorated by this good discussion tonight so thank you thank you all right

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not seeing any other discussion see cler please call the RO thank you Mr mayor council member Jacobson hi mayor nice hi

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council member Weinberg nay council member wer hi council member andraw hi

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi and council member rynolds n motion passes thank you

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Mr Mayor oh thank you we now move to other business in the planning schedule we welcome city manager Jesse

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Bond thank you Mr Mayor looking ahead at April 16th I just wanted to let you know

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we've added uh two items to the agenda that are not yet reflected uh we were

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going to provide a presentation a study session discussion only on the plan improvements on 80th that's mostly a

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sidewalk project uh just to get your eyes on it uh just before we go to bid for awareness so that's coming on the

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16th uh I originally was going to plug it in on the 7th but we had a a staff that

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weren't available uh we are also adding an agenda item regarding alternative bidding opportunities alternative

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construction um opportunities for the public safety and maintenance building and I'll be scheduling that either on

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April 16th or May 7th so those items aren't reflected on your agenda um I did

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want to note that I am out of the office next week uh if anyone else is is going

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to be gone we don't have meeting next week um but just for awareness it's spring break for those of us that have

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uh young people in school so I wanted to make sure I let you know that is all I have this evening thank you all right

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Council are there any uh upcoming Council absences to report council member Reynolds uh I

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won't know for a little while here but I may be absent on the 16th uh 16th April

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16th yes okay all right council member reports

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Deputy Mayor Rosen bom anything to report uh I want to give a thank you uh there

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was a a street sign in my neighborhood that was I think knocked down over the weekend um I of course regot to put it

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into the see something fix it whatever it's called C click fix C click fix app

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uh but I think one my neighbors did and and and by this morning it had been actually ran into the the crew that was replacing it I said thanks I don't think

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they knew who I was but um I said Thank you and I I it is really amazing I mean that that sign could not have been down

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for more than I don't know 36 hours I just want to say thanks to the team for getting that that done quick um there's

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a pck meeting next week um I think every every all of my assignments have meetings the next 10 days so I will be

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busy but um I'll I'll report back thank you uh there was a meeting of the gmpc

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last week there was an update to the work plan the work plan was adopted for

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2024 uh the affordable housing Committee reported back to the gmpc on comprehensive plan housing element

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review uh and so far they reviewed two housing elements for King County and for the City of Redmond neither of which

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went swimmingly well both will be returning the jurisdictions with extensive comments uh so there's more to

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come on housing element and comprehensive plan adoption uh even a post passing at the council level

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Council wer Council weberg be two report Council

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Reynolds you just want to comment that the parks commit and the open space commission uh met I think 12 days ago or

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so um continuing to make progress on the portion of the parks reone related to

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open space if I had memory serves council member andal was there for the representing the open space and council

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member Jacobson was there warming up for his role in taking over the open space so you know kudos to him for making the

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extra meeting um I I thought it was an extremely productive meeting uh spent time talking about the the purpose of

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the of the park zone allowed uses had some fascinating discussions about art in parks and restrooms in parks and art

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in restrooms and various combinations thereof uh parking uh and another

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important thing Transit stops temporary uses uh signs kiosks uh very wide- ranging discussion but very well

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organized my hats off to the chair of the two groups I think we're going to come up with something

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good okay thank you Council M Andel what Craig said council member Jacobson I second

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the motion my colleagues Reynolds and and about that open space PRC

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meeting very good all right the next hybrid meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday April 16 2024 at

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5:00 pm the time is now 7:40 p.m. the city council will go into executive session for approximately 60 minutes to

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discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42311 z1i and two to consider the

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selection of a site of or the acquisition of Real Estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding

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such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42311 01p no action will be taken

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following the executive session is a reminder of the council please stay seated until City staff has terminated the broadcast good evening and thank you

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for joining us

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tonight

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