

# GMHB EXHIBIT 104

## 2024-09-17 City Council Transcript

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good evening and welcome to the September 17 2024 city council regular hybrid meeting  
I'm mayor Saleem n this

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evening's hybrid city council meeting is being brought to you in person and by zoom we're  
also broadcasting live on mitv channel 21 and on the city's

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YouTube channel welcome and thanks for joining us tonight council members please have  
your microphones turn off a

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roll call city clerk Andrea Larson please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member  
andr here council member

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Jacobson council member Jacobson here council member Reynolds here

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council member wer here council member Weinberg here Deputy Mayor r

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bomb here and mayor nce here thank you Mr Mayor city clerk please uh note that

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council member wer is joined via Zoom next we have the Pledge of Allegiance uh Council if  
you've joined us in Council of Chambers please stand in face the

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flag if you've joined us via Zoom please mute and turn off your video to ensure the US flag is

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

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

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we now move to approval of tonight's agenda if there's no questions actually I think we have an amendment to amend

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the agenda Deputy Mayor rosom I move to amend the agenda to add a second executive session for approximately 30

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minutes for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the city council during the course of any collective bargaining professional

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negotiations or grievance mediation proceedings or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings

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while in progress purs to RCW 42301 140b sorry

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Rosen mom seconded by mayor nce any discussion any questions C cler

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please call the RO mayor I apologize to my colleagues

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that I forgot to circulate this in advance but uh this just adds a opportunity for us to discuss the uh

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issue very good council member

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Reynolds hi mayor nce hi council member Weinberg I council member andrw hi

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council member wer hi Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb hi and council member Jacobson hi

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okay thank you Mr motion passes the amended agenda is adopted and next up we have the city manager report we welcome

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city manager Jesse Bond good evening City Council Members thank

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you Casey she has a screen share for me happy Tuesday uh let's go ahead and dive in we have a long meeting

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tonight uh Council looking ahead uh just a reminder your next meeting is Tuesday

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October 1st uh we are back in business after our August recess so our boards

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and commissions are also meeting the next commission meeting we have is Wednesday September number 25th as a

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reminder we keep all of our meetings updated on the website and the link is there at the bottom of the

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slide a handful of project updates for you uh the first one is just to make

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sure you're aware that the Luther Burbank Waterfront project particularly uh the the dock replacement uh we were

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in front of our hearing examiner uh last week to uh review the

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city's proposal for read developing the Luther Burbank uh Park Waterfront again uh this is really related to Shoreline

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and ecology work uh the purpose and the reason we were in front of the hearing examiner is uh uh to consider our

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proposal and then uh submit a recommendation to the Department of ecology who will make the final

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permitting decision U because this is a shoreline project I think we've shared

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previously the the permit and permit review process given all of the stakeholders involved actually takes

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almost uh two sometimes three years uh the the next phase of project

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is uh specifically for the Waterfront Plaza the shoreline the beach uh and as I already mentioned the upgrades to the

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docks uh we anticipate uh hearing back uh from The heing Examiner probably in

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the next month and then we are gearing up uh while it still feels like it's a long ways away we have a lot more work

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to do to be under construction in summer 2026 next slide please

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uh we also wanted to mention and I saw um some council members jumping in and doing some promotion of this over the

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last couple weeks thank you very much uh we have uh opportunities uh to sponsor

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various components of the Luther B Bank Waterfront project uh anything from benches which we uh typically accept

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donations for to tables a kayak ramp and even more substantial features at the

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Luther Burbank Waterfront so uh we have a park enhancement donation uh uh I

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guess information posted on our website it's a full catalog of opportunities uh if anyone would like more information or

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would like my uh support in meeting with potential donors uh please don't hesitate uh to let me know and we'll be

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promoting this a little bit more in the coming months next slide please uh Council also a heads up uh you

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may recall that since we adopted the pros plan uh we had identified um doing

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future planning work for both Clark and Groveland beaches uh we were formerly

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considering a a full-blown uh Park master plan process but um we we

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recognize that the area of focus for both of these Parks really uh is on the waterfront the shoreline and the

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overwater features so we wanted to let you know that at the end of this month we'll be launching a survey an electronic survey

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to collect information about how these parks are current currently being used we'll take that information and uh

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combine it with all of the analysis that our Consultants have done at these two um park properties and we'll be using

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that to come back to you and and discuss uh the scope of work for that that planning process and you know again

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we're recommending perhaps scaling back from a full-blown master plan process and really doing Focus planning uh

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specifically around the Waterfront but uh we'll we'll keep our options open as we hear from the the community on this

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this first touch with the survey next slide please uh a reminder we are doing a um

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recruitment right now for the Planning Commission uh city council and your weekly email from me we've been updating

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you on the applications that are coming in uh we are recruiting for two resident lay

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persons uh one resident paid practitioner and two non-resident paid

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uh practitioners uh we open the recruitment nice and early uh so we are hoping to get more applications uh we

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will be accepting those applications through October 25th and then uh presenting them to you for your

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consideration uh likely in November next slide

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please also a reminder the annual docketing process is open uh for the

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public to submit requests uh for consideration for the annual docket this is for both development code and

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comprehensive plan amendments we'll be accepting those requests until October 1st uh we are running notices and

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Communications across multiple platforms including the Mercer Island reporter our Mercer Island weekly our permit bulletin

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and social media uh the Planning Commission uh takes the first pass of the docket proposals they'll be

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reviewing them October 23rd um and Council we are hoping this year to get those docket requests to you um one

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meeting earlier than in the past so we're uh currently aiming for no November 19th anyone interested in

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submitting a docket proposal we have information on our let's talk page and the link is at the bottom of the

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slide all right a quick update we have a lot of construction happening right now

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U so we wanted to just share a a brief update if you've been in down Center you know we are working on numerous Ada

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sidewalk ramp Replacements at four different intersections and uh the way it's

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working is we're we're moving from corner to corner so that there's always uh a safe route uh for walking and and

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biking so that work should be completed in late October we thank everyone for their patience we are also working on

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the 80th Avenue sidewalk improvements and we'll have um a lot more photos on that project soon uh that work as a

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reminder includes includes new sidewalks most of the sidewalks were heavily buckled from tree roots uh New Street

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lighting and uh the replacement of the street trees Sound Transit contract are

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also doing work in the Town Center on new traffic signals at Southeast 27th and 80th and North merer way and 76th

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we've been pushing out a lot of communication so everybody's aware um

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all of these projects uh you know will be uh continuing the the intersection

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work the Ada ramps as I mentioned will be done hopefully in the late October 80th and the signal projects will likely

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run into the winter months and I believe may be done at close to the end of the year early part of next year

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all right uh pickle ball courts and uh we received uh some photos today from

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council member Jacobson who went to visit the site thank you Jake uh We've also added some photos here just wanted

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to give you a status update since the last council meeting uh We've removed all that old asphalt uh that problematic

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asphalt uh the excavation of the subgrade soils that were also in poor condition is now complete uh they've

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been working east to west the excavation depth to reach those strong

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soils was decreasing as we went uh which means we had to remove less material

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than we originally anticipated Council I can't tell you exactly how much uh that will translate

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uh to into savings but that is um a small bit of good news uh on this project uh we finished compacting about

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80% of that new crush Rock base and we will be headed to Paving hopefully next

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week weather dependent uh we anticipate reopening those CS courts uh for play

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sometime Around the end of October and just a reminder there's a second phase that will happen in the spring uh that

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cating that final coding will go down on those courts uh next year but there will be an opportunity to play through the

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winter next slide uh also if you've been up to Aubrey Davis Park we have a construction

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project concluding almost concluding the trail is now open uh all of the uh

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concrete uh surfacing is complete uh the trail markings are in actually it

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looks really nice I walk through there Monday morning uh we'll we're still working on the Landscaping some

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irrigation lighting signage and a few other minor things so um take a walk up

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through Aubrey Davis Park we're happy to see that um Safety project almost done all right  
uh just Council a couple

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reminders we have um a couple events uh this weekend actually uh sister city is

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inviting you to their event on September 22nd from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M at aliser I

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believe uh Deb Estrada sent you all an invite if you need assistance uh with any of that  
please uh reach out to Casey

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Andrea or Deb for assistance and uh there was an event there we go uh the

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mid Autumn Festival is the same day September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2m

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here at the community center a free entry this is a a great uh partnership

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program uh with the city lots of things going on lanterns delicious moon cakes I'm told  
incredible performances fun

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games and activities for the entire family so I hope you'll uh pop into one of those events uh  
this Sunday next

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slide please and I just wanted to give a conclude uh this presentation by saying

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uh thank you uh to our amazing volunteers we hosted 12 volunteer events

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in the Parks over the summer in addition to the regular public volunteer events

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uh we partnered with local businesses communities and even just had a lot of one-on-one volunteers come out uh we had

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an event called Bat night uh with over 70 participants they were out looking at bat habitats and in the month of August

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we had 107 volunteers for almost uh 300 hours removing 6,000 square feet of that

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incredibly obnoxious um those weeds and and I was going to say incredibly obnoxious Ivy uh and blackberry from our

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Park so uh this is just a little snapshot of amazing people that are showing up in our parks and open spaces

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and certainly Pioneer Park as well so we want to say thank you to them uh for their gifts of service to our community

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and that is all I have this evening thank you all right our next item of business is appearances which is an

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opportunity for anyone to speak to City Council on any item except items requiring public hearing any quas judicial matters or campaign related

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matters tonight's agenda will include imperson Public imperson public appearances remote public appearances

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

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with the city clerk by 4 p.m. today when it's your turn to speak you'll be called by name remarks must be addressed to the

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council as a whole and not to individual council members or staff members any person making personal impertinent or

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slandorous remarks or who becomes boisterous threatening or personally abusive while addressing the city council may be requested to leave the

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meeting please speak audibly state your name and city of residence for the record there'll be a timer on the screen you'll have three minutes to speak where

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time is ended all thank you for your comments move to the next speaker city clerk please call the first Speaker our

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first Speaker tonight is Addie Smith

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welcome don't start the timer please give me one

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moment I apologize give me one moment please

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[Music]

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hello Mercer Island City Council Members all of the city council members before

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you today have received the email that I sent to them from Chief or former mer

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Island police chief Ed Holmes they received it initially from him in a response from me in October of 2019

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before I was nearly murdered in my home in my building in November of 2019 by

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Jill stamborski they all also received my response to him in October of

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2019 they've since received his email response to me in emails from me the

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chief of police had the opportunity to protect my daughter and I from crimes and he did not his policeman refused to

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write even one police report for the hate crimes my daughter and I endured for months before the attempt on my life

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if he had stopped the attacks in October of 2019 the racists committing the hate crimes wouldn't have felt empowered to

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try to use a gun to hurt my daughter and I again I had gone to the police since June of 2019 and they refused to write

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even one police report all of these council members know it in November of

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2019 19 after defending my life from Death in another hate crime attack the

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Mercer Island police arrested me fast forward to 2022 when Meredith Hutchinson

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was my attorney she tried to cers me to sign an SRO an agreement she had come to

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with Blake Lee warington I am not a criminal nor have I ever committed a crime ever I refused to sign their SRO

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thereafter Meredith went before the court to request more money to rep present me judge Gregory told her knowing that he wasn't authorized to do

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it he told her that she'd have to make her request for more money to the city council thereafter she didn't want to

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represent me and filed a motion to withdraw judge Gregory granted her motion to withdraw and lied on the bench

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stating that he had warned me about alleged behavior however if you really care about the citizens of Mer island in

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the state of Washington having to pay a settlement which they will to me for damages for the years of time I have

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lost in this hate crime you'll want to take the time to listen to the hearings in this case number 900

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wherein he states it is so important for you to have an attorney listen to all the hearings as I've instructed the

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public on social media to do listen to all of them judge Jeff Gregory is a liar when he stood before you several weeks

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ago stating that anyone is welcome in his courtroom there's no way for anyone to know the lies he is told sitting by

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one hearing you have to come to all of them you don't know that he has violated my rights to an attorney in one

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particular in one particular day I have the right to an attorney and he has violated that right and for five years

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now five years I have gone without employment or even being able to start a business because they are reporting this

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fraudulent crime all right our next speaker tonight is Daniel Thompson

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good evening uh my name is Daniel Thompson I'm a resident of Mercer Island and I like to speak to AB 6541 on the

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comprehensive plan I appreciate the enormous amount of time the council spent rewriting the comprehensive plan

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uh normally the comprehensive plan is Sound and Fury signifying nothing

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because it's the concurrent development regulations that implement it where the political rubber meets the road and we

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learned that with the community facility Zone to me it looks like the council is

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going in the right direction uh I felt the Planning Commission basically spooked the

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residents with their draft it's hard to follow the council's Amendments and ad

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hoc committee and even the minutes from the last meeting are incomprehensible but I hope this process

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that you're going through is going to help you with the development code docket that comes up in the November and

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next year's development regulations so there's an understanding of how the comp

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plan flows into the development regulations I'd like to address something Ted raised during the process

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to reconstitute the Planning Commission and that is a council lay ason to the Planning Commission the problems with

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the comprehensive plan are partly the blame of the county and the Planning Commission and the council you passed a

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res resolution in March 2021 but basically took your eye off the ball in

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the past the city opposed A leaon because they felt it was a conflict with the planning commission's role in

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hearing appeals but that was removed in the 2007 RDS it just seems to me it's

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going to be a lot more productive to have a council leon at the Planning Commission so we don't get to this

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situation where the council kind of get a little blindsided uh on what they

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think they're going to get finally I'd like to talk to you about another uh

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idea that Ted came up with and that was his idea of designating 27 through the town center as a systemic Street

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intersection B based on future likely development and I agree with that I was

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a co-counsel in the appeal to the growth management hearing board requiring the council to adopt the transportation

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concurrency ordinance but that's an ordinance that's really designed on a first come first basis and doesn't work

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for systemic intersections another one I think is the intersection at East Mercer way and

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looking at Future development or in the permit process right now need to be brought together so that we determine

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what the adequate traffic capacity at that intersection is rather than waiting

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until we run out of capacity thank you thank you all right is there any other public

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comment there are no further speakers tonight all right we move to our next item of business which is the consent agenda the consent agenda contains AB

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6536 September 6 2024 payroll certification certification of claims for August 30th and September 6 2024

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city council regular hybrid meeting minutes of September 3 2024 AB 6534 Glenn home water main

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easement release 5602 East Mercer way AB 6537 Peace Day

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on Mercer Island Proclamation number 346 and ab 6538 Bond ordinance authorizing

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the issuance of one or more series of limited tax General obligation and refunding bonds to to finance and

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refinance projects of the water utility ordinance number 24- 09 second reading

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council is may have a motion to approve the consent agendas presented so moved

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okay moved by council member Weinberg seconded by Council member Jacobson city clerk please call the rooll thank you Mr

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Mayor mayor nce hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi council member Reynolds I council

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member Jacobson I council member andraw I council member wer I and council

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member Weinberg all thank you Mr Mayor all right consent passes and our first

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item of regular business is AB 6529 the Ami data collector authorization and we welcome chief of operations Jason

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kittner and Public Works deputy director dor Ela sumran welcome

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Ela good evening Council for the record Elaine sumran one of your Deputy Public

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Works directors I'm uh joined tonight by um

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Jeff Hansen who is from HDR who serves as a consultant to the city on the Ami

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project and he will be able to um assist with questions at the end of the

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presentation going to ask Ally to bring up the slide presentation

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wonderful so I'm here tonight to speak with you again about the uh

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Ami um system that the city is implementing right now and to request

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authorization for three additional data collector sites uh just a quick look

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at the at the presentation I'll be going over some background on the project speak briefly about the permitting and

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public Outreach portions the meat of the presentation will be about the data

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collectors themselves I'll touch on Project cost and then talk about what the next steps

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are so just a reminder that the Ami project is aimed at upgrading the city's

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water meter system to an advanced metering uh infrastructure system and

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there is a graphic here to explain the flow of information from the each of the

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water meters through the data collector system to the city's billing

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software so when this system is fully operational as a reminder the water meter water meters will transmit hourly

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water usage data to the city on four to six hour intervals this will reduce the

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need for meter reading and allow staff to focus on resolving issues with our water um meters it will also allow

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customers to monitor their own water use through a portal and it will send notifications about potential leaks to

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the city and to customers which will help with response times and also with

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um water conservation here's a a quick overview

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of the timeline of how we got here I know you're all very familiar with this but the project did begin in 2018 when

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the city began evaluating the best systems for Mercer Island leading all the way up to 2024 when we have almost

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completed all of the meter Replacements on the island and activated two of the data

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collectors so there are really three components that I want to just touch on here that are part of the Ami system the

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first is the meter replacement portion there are approximately 70 7900 water

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meters uh that are owned by the city uh about 70 400 of those both

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residential and business water meters have been replaced this year by a contractor that was between March and

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August of this year an additional 250 plus or minus have been replaced by

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City staff right now we are working with the contractor on some needed Corrections and working with staff on

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some of what we would consider more tricky meters that require repiping and then most of the remaining

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meters after that are going to be ones that won't actually be read by the Ami system such as fire

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meters the second component is the customer portal as I touched on earlier

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this will allow our water customers to see their hourly water use and receive notifications from the system about

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potential leaks we are expecting to launch the customer portal later this

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year and when we do launch that and activate that site we will be sending

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out a significant amount of information to water customers about how they can sign up for it and how they can

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use the portal the third component is the data collector stations and that's really why

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we're here tonight this is that last major element which is the wireless system that allows data to be collected

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from individual meters and be transmitted to the city each station consists of two components an antenna

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which is mounted very high on a pole to capture signal and then a base station

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which is a a box that is mounted closer to the ground that allows for some access to

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it so in order to install these um and activate these data collection systems

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there is a a permit requirement for them and that is for a conditional use p uh

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permit otherwise known as a cup and what these permits do is they authorize the use of this equipment as essential

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public facilities prior to submitting these permit applications the city is required

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to conduct a robust Outreach effort to all of the nearby properties around the

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proposed sites but ultimately the hearing examiner is the one who determines the outcome of each of the

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applications as I said there has to be a robust public Outreach portion of this and this is be this precedes the permit

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application and this is a really significant Outreach effort to all the res residents businesses and Property

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Owners within 300 ft of each of the proposed locations although we are even

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broadening out um that radius a little bit to make sure we're really capturing

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everyone uh the engagement strategy includes sending out in informational letter and a frequently asked questions

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flyer hanging door tags on each property and then um activating a let's talk page

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which includes specific information about each location a map a photo rendering and specific

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information about the equipment at each site really the purpose of this public

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Outreach is to encourage the public to provide comments and questions to the city they can do that via email or via

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the let's talk page so here we get into the meet uh

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about data collectors so I want to give a just a touch on the background I did receive a couple of questions about this

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so just a reminder that in 2023 the city launched a public this public Outreach

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uh campaign about seven proposed locations for data collectors during that public Outreach

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effort the city received significant feedback about three of those sites and as a result the city reconsidered where

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these data collectors would be installed and ultimately four sites were removed from

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consideration a new propagation study a computer generated study looking at the optimal locations for these data

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collectors was conducted in early 2024 and I came to you in March of 20124

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to talk about those updated locations so that updated propagation

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study found that six antennas were actually required for full coverage of the island and I want to remind you that

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the reason that that number went down was because the city really changed their parameters for what how we were

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limiting where those antennas could go so when we opened up the parameters a

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little bit we actually found that we could have fewer antennas and they could be slightly lower

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down so I'm going to walk through each of these locations briefly and talk

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about the three for which I'm requesting um authorization to proceed this

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evening the first two locations are the island Crest Park and the City Reservoir

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locations both of these antennas and base stations have been installed and

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have been activated following a permit approval for each of them in May of this year at this point we are actually

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reliably receiving data from about 80% of the water meters on the island just

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using these two data collectors so these are located in the center of the island

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and can capture a really wide range of the island um right now I'm just going

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to note that utility billing staff uh can access hourly data for the accounts

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that are captured by these two collectors um you need to reach out to

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them directly right now since the portal is not up but that information is available unfortunately there are still

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approximately at 1500 meters that are not within range of these data collectors and these are on the trickier

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parts of the island around the edges um and this is primarily due to topography but also distance from the data

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collectors and our heavy tree canopy so the Third location which I

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spoke to you about in March of this year is the Rowan Oak location and at that

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meeting in March um I did received direction from Council to proceed with permitting for this site and uh have

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done that since an application for a cup was submitted in May of

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2024 and we we have a public hearing coming up for this site next week on

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September 26th we also have a request into psse for the replacement of a pole with a 55

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foot tall Pole to on which to install this equipment if the cup is approved

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and the psse application is successful then this equipment will be installed and activated sometime in mid

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2025 so next I'm going to jump into the three new newer locations that were

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identified in that propagation study um which are the uh the object of the

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request for authorization this evening so the first one is uh near the

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intersection of West Mercer way and Southeast 32nd Street this is a location

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that is needed in order to capture meter data from the Northwest portion of the island this is a really heavily

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residential area and so we had a desire to minimize the number of utility poles

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in this area so instead of installing a new one here we are proposing to replace

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one psse pole with a 55 foot tall pole we are requesting uh authorization

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this evening to proceed with Outreach and permitting for this site the second location is in the

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Crestwood neighborhood and this is a an area actually just east of the reservoir

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that's needed to collect meter data in the Northeast section of the island this again is an area that is heavily

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residential and we have again a desire to minimize the number of utility b poles in this neighborhood therefore

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we're also proposing to replace one utility pole here with a 55t pole on

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which to mount the equipment again this is one for which we're requesting authorization to proceed

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the third site is at the convergence of West Mercer way and East Mercer way at

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the South End of the island um this is needed for collecting meters meter data

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from the south end of the island which as you know is really tricky in terms of topography and we have a lot of

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difficulty capturing data down here we're proposing to um put in a new

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city-owned pole in this location and the reason is that this is along an arterial

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roadway in a a wooded area and is not directly adjacent to any um to any homes

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or structures and so we think this would be a good fit in this area here we're

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requesting authorization again to proceed without reach and

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permitting uh this is just a a quick summary of everything I just very quickly gave you an overview of um you

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can see that the three for which we are already um either resolved or in process are grayed out and the three for which

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we're requesting authorization are

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highlighted touching on the project cost as a reminder the implementation of the Ami system um received an appropriation

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of \$7.4 million funded entirely by the water fund and this covers not only the

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Ferguson and census census installation and service contract checks but also

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Staffing and permitting costs the recommendations that I am proposing here

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tonight can be implemented within the existing project budget and do not require an additional

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appropriation so next steps if Council authorizes staff to

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proceed with these three remaining sites um there really are three things that will happen next the first is that we

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will launch that public Outreach effort for each of these sites then we will

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apply for a conditional use permit for each site and concurrently we will coordinate pole Replacements and

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installations for each site now if if all of that happens we anticipate that

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the data collectors would likely be activated sometime in late 2025 or at

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the longest early 2026 given the timelines

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the recommended action tonight is to authorize staff to apply for permits for the three remaining data collector

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stations and if those permits are approved to install and activate them for use with the Ami

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system I would like to encourage anyone who is uh watching tonight um if there

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are questions about their water bills um if they have questions about their

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meters to please reach out to our customer service team they are always happy to answer questions and look up

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data um you can also visit uh our two let's talk sites one about the meter

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replacement and one about the data collector stations other than that um I am happy

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to answer any questions that you have and I will invite both Jeff and Jason to

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join me thank you thank you all right Deputy Mayor rosenbom thanks L this is

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very long project um the the poll at um West Mercer and

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East Mercer down in the South the island that is that not a psse poll or how does

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that sorry which remind me which one sorry the the West Mercer and East Mercer yes uh all the other ones seem to

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be labeled as psse polls is that not so um this is the only one for which we're

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actually recommending putting in a new pole that will be city-owned and that's for a couple of different reasons there

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is a poll down there that has other utility infrastructure on it but

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unfortunately we cannot add anything to it right now because of clearances that are required between Communications

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equipment um so therefore we would need to do it on a different poll and we

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would like to stay in this area where there really are no adjacent structures

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so putting in a poll is really the best solution in addition it's um more cost

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effective um and can actually be implemented much sooner got thank you

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Council mayor Jacobson um first of all thank you for your very clear and

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precise presentation it's a joy to have those on things like this uh the number

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four they pulled which uh my colleague uh Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb referred that

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was originally at bonoo place and that that relocation is on account of the the

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feedback from the community yes it is in addition we also spoke um at length with

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psse about this location and it was not one that was uh well suited for

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replacement with a taller pole so this actually really worked out to move it to a location especially adjacent to other

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cell infrastructure thank you absolutely thank you Council any other

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questions okay council is there a motion to authorize staff to apply for permits for the three remaining data collector

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stations and if permits are improved install and activate them for use with the Ami system so moved second okay I

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was moved by Council Weinberg seconded by councilman Randol any discussion City cler please call the

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rooll thank you Mr mayor council member andrw I mayor nce I council member

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

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rosenbom hi and council member wer hi thank you Mr Mayor thank you motion

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passes our next item of regular business is AB 6543 Town Center parking regulations code amendments first

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reading ordinance number 24 c-14 and we welcome management analyst

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Amelia jadden welcome thank you Casey could you pull up the sides please

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awesome uh good evening Council my name is Amelia chaden management analyst Casey next slide please tonight we will

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walk through two code amendments affecting the parking regulations in town center the first being the parking

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citation fee increase and the second being the sunset of the Town Center commuter parking permit program next

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slide please as a reminder Council the Town Center Parking plan was adopted in

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November 2023 staff initiated a conversation in July of this year around

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parking regulations and at that meeting city council directed staff to increase the parking citation fee Sunset the Town

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Center commuter parking permit program and Implement an on street parking system where a motorist would receive

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two hours of free parking and have the option to extend their parking for up to

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four hours for a paid fee tonight we will focus solely on the citation fee in the permit program though I would like

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to note that the work on the parking registration and payment system is Ongoing next slide

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please the current fee for parking citations is \$20 \$20 is the default amount set by the

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administrative office of the courts when no fee is established by code staff recommends that the citation fee be

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increased to \$54 \$54 was chosen because it is the rate that is used by the city

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of belief for their parking infractions and this rate would not only create parity with between Mercer Island

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and its neighboring jurisdictions but it would increase turnover of parking spaces in town center which would make

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parking more functionally available for users next slide please upon adoption of the ordinance

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the increase in the citation fee would become effective January 1 of next year at this time the Mercer Island Police

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Department would use an education first approach meaning they would issue non-fee warnings for parking violations

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before issuing paid citations under the discretion of the police chief the parking citation fee would also be added

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to the 2025 Master Fee schedule next slide please for for \$5 a year per vehicle the

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Town Center commuter parking permit program allows Mercer Island residents to park in designated spaces in town

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center on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the recent parking counts conducted in May of this year showed

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that this program goes underutilized and staff recommends sunseting this program sunseting this program will not only

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preserve valuable on street parking but it will facilitate future changes that are coming to town center parking

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regulations next slide please upon sunseting the program the former

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permit parking spaces would become unrestricted until the city council adopts other parking regulations the

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parking regulations which are shown or the parking spaces which are shown on the map as the roadways highlighted in

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yellow and encircled with red boxes would only be restricted by the city to

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or the Citywide 72-hour on Street time limit it is important to note however that city council directed staff again

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to implement an on street parking system where a motorist would register their vehicle for 2 hours of free parking and

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have the option to extend this parking for up to 4 hours for a paid fee staff work on this parking system is ongoing

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and is anticipated to be brought to the city council in the coming months next slide

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please to Sunset this program all existing permits will expire at the end of this year permit holders will be

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encouraged to use the Sound Transit parking ride and the future commuter parking project at the former former

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tell site in Li of parking on street uh at the end of the year the public works right of Dey team will also remove the

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blackards for these spaces next slide

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please the code amendments will have a comprehensive communication campaign to ensure that the Mercer Island community

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is well aware of these changes before the changes take place and this campaign includes updates on let's talk Outreach

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to the business community in the Chamber of Commerce social media posts Communications in the Mi weekly and a promotion in the MI reporter next slide

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please and I believe boo is going to hop on for just a second

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excellent Mr Mayor and Council um it is the request of

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uh start it is the request of the city

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attorney's office um that uh if you have no concerns about this ordinance that

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you adopt this ordinance at first reading tonight instead of having a second reading and that's because um

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adoption of this ordinance as soon as possible would facilitate implementation and sunset of um the Town Center parking

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permit program um currently um the the the the the per the permit holders will

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have the ability to um Park um until the end of this year with their

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valid permits however staff needs um to prepare for and um you know Implement

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ways to Sunset this and and uh the main

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key component would be so that uh you know no further applications for permits

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for next year are uh are accepted and processed um or granted for next year so

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it is a recommendation of the city attorney's office to adopt this at first reading thank you for that all right

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Council are there any questions C Jacobson my first question

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has to do with enforcement how is the police department enfor What mechanisms are going to be

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used good evening Council and U Chris Suter chief of police the Police Department currently has one uh police

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support officer that is primarily responsible for parking enforcement we

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have uh an alpr type uh system installed in her vehicle that can uh help assist

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using technology to um assess how long a car has been parked in a single spot and

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then generate a notice of U infraction or parking

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citation um we can utilize other police resources as needed uh just just

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mindfully that um they're limited but we will do our best to enforce the

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ordinance uh can I ask a followup question for sure as I understand the

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presentation today the the people who want to park downtown will have to register the fact that they want to park

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uh in those areas where it's permissible to park is that correct

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until the city council adopts other restrictions it they would not need to register so the parking would be fully

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unrestricted meaning they would only be subject to the 72-hour time limit will that be changed by uh passage

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of this either in the first reading or second reading not by this ordinance uh

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council member Jacobson what you're referring to is uh what I will call uh the next phase of work so we have uh we

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are working on on the ordinance uh to implement registered parking and two-hour parking throughout the Town

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Center uh we brought these items to you now these were kind of the easier lwh hanging fruit U matters that could be

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addressed quickly that next phase of work that you just described uh we'll be coming to if I can squeeze it into to

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your schedule before the end of the year depending on how things go with the comp plan and the budget otherwise right at

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the beginning of January

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any other questions C Jacobson yeah I don't really understand what the need to

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accelerate this uh my passage tonight because it seems to me that I don't

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understand any of the reasons for doing that and I'm I know I've received some

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input from from people who have questions about this and who want to consider it since the July 16th was an

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extended and u confus at least to the those people

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who are watching it uh as to what was you know what was discussed and and decided I don't see any reason to uh

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accelerate this and I will vote against that okay the the single comment that we

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got from the public on this I reached out to that person we had a dialogue and they understand this is just an

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incremental step to adjust the traffic infractions and sunset the um parking

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permit plan I don't know if there's more more people that you've heard from uh but this is very much a baby step

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towards the work that needs to continue on the Town Center Parking well I didn't I didn't hear any any difference if we

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pass this now or two weeks from now and so the explanation made absolutely no sense to me but maybe I'm just slow

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today no I so to recap the city attorney's concern is that people apply

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annually for annual parking permits and that process remains available as long

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as this ordinance is not sunset so to assist the staff in not receiving

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and processing next year's permits for a plan at Sunset they would like this uh

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passed in a single rating tonight well it seems to me that if they in the unlikely event that they receive any

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requests in the next two weeks they would uh they would simply hold those and and uh deny them at the point when

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we do this ordinance I mean this this I this does not smell right to me thank

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you all right Council any other discussion not seeing any council is

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there a motion to suspend city council rules of procedure 6.3 requiring a second reading of the ordinance so moved

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second okay it was moved by cast Reynolds seconded by Deputy Mayor rosenbom any

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discussion all right city clerk please call the RO thank you Mr mayor council member wer I council member

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Weinberg I Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb I council member andrew I mayor nce hi

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council member Jacobson nay and council member Reynolds I thank you Mr Mayor

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okay motion passes uh council is there a motion to adopt ordinance number 24 c-14

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establishing the fee for parking citations and sunseting the Town Center commuter parking permit program so moved

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second okay moved by council member Reynolds seconded by Deputy Mayor rosenbom  
any discussion

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not seeing any city clerk please call the rle deputy mayor Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi  
council member Weinberg I

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council member wer hi mayor nce hi council member Jacobson nay council

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member Reynolds hi and council member andrell I thank you Mr Mayor all right

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motion passes our next item of regular business is AB 6541 2024 comprehensive plan  
periodic update uh receive city

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council ad hoc committee recommendations and complete deliver ation on the proposed  
2024 comprehensive plan

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amendments and we welcome CPD director Jeff Thomas and Senior planner Adam Zach

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welcome thank you mayor uh good afternoon council for the record Jeff Thomas with

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planning and Adam Zach or senior planner popped on and then popped off he'll be

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back I'm sure of it um alli's gonna pull up a short slide deck here that we have

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uh this afternoon for you it's uh eight or nine slides and I'll I'll try to move through it as  
quickly as possible um so

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mayor can get on with the rest of the program here for this item um as a friendly reminder to council um it's

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hard to believe it's been two weeks it feels like two days since we're here on September 3rd going

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through um some deliberations for the city council on the 2024 comprehensive

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plan periodic update um first thing I'd like to cover here just briefly is what's happened

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since September Council will recall that uh it appointed um an ad hoc committee

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and assigned the ad hoc committee a couple pieces of business to uh take a

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look at and come back with recommendations to the Council on here this evening um the ad hoc committee was

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um comprised of the mayor council members Weinberg and Reynolds as well as uh Jenine from the um Chamber of

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Commerce joined us uh the committee met um on

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on Thursday September 5th and Friday September 6th for a total of about four

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and a half hours and uh there are two assigned tasks to take a look at was one uh

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resolving a transportation element policy uh and that information is included in exhibit one in your packet

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materials for the agenda bill and the other item uh was to um prepare a draft

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Economic Development element um which would uh the idea was that it would generally

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combine Mar n's and council member weinberg's drafts that they had submitted uh back in August uh during

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the open window for um amendments to the uh Planning Commission recommended draft

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of the conference plan in addition to that um our city

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manager um took a look at the um draft Economic Development element that came

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out of the ad hoc committee while the agenda Bill materials were being prepared and um had a chance to do some

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additional review for consistency with other City plans and uh that review uh

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has led to the formulation of a couple of additional exhibits numbers three four and five in your packet and uh we'll

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get into those here a little bit later so um generally speaking that's what's been going on uh since September 3rd and

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then we're bringing all that to you here this evening next slide please okay so um exhibit one again is

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this ad hoc committee recommendation on the transportation element policy and uh where the committee landed was to

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resolve uh city council proposed amendment cc- 88 um again which was

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assigned by the full Council to the ad hoc committee and the proposal is to add a new policy 11.4 to the transportation

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element uh which simply States adopt the 2023 Town Center Parking plan and its successors by reference simply

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put okay okay exhibit two from your packet is the ad hoc uh committee

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recommendations on the economic development element so it is an actual full element text I will not attempt it

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to read it here during this presentation but uh what I will tell you is that um

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there were six proposed amendments related to the economic development element that uh staff received from City

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Council in August and this is a full accounting of what happened to those six

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submitted proposed amendments um as you can see over on the right hand so the left hand side of the column are simply

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just the reference numbers and um the council member that submitted them and then over on the right hand side of this

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table is the ad hoc committee result so four of the six amendments were integrated into the ad hoc committee's

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recommended draft of the economic development element and we assigned it um just for ease of accounting for

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everything we assigned it a new reference number of cc17926

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two of the items um were struck during the conversation by council member l so

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that is what happened to those six um those six proposed amendments that the council has signed to the ad hoc

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committee to work through and again uh the economic development element draft is exhibit two

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in your packet so um when we take exhibits one and two and then combine them with

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exhibits 3 four and five uh that were U came into the packet via the city

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manager uh we put together a five pack of motions in the agenda bill for your

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consideration tonight what I'm going to do here in the next few slides is just quickly walk you through those like we

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did on September 3rd you'll recall we had six proposed motions um the first motion is in

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reference to exhibit one in the transportation element and it is to accept that ad hoc committee

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recommendation and uh have staff incorporate that new policy into the 2024 city council draft comprehensive

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plan motion number two here is to take that new item number cc- 179 which was

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the recommended economic uh development element draft contained in Exhibit 2 and

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uh move to approve that for further city council deliberation and I'll explain

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why here in just a moment next slide please recommended motion number three

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uh specifically references exhibit 3 in your packet and that's to move to approve the city manager recommended

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amendments to the economic development element related to parking and direct staff to incorporate those into the 2024

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city council draft comprehensive plan um very similar recommended motion

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number four is to essentially do the same thing only in relation to sustainability and

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environmental um uh language so

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essentially the construct here is that motion number two will bring the ad hoc

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committee's recommended Economic Development element forward for further discussion and amendments motions three

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and four will make those amendments and then next slide motion number

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five uh motion number five is a little bit of a um catchall motion so we do

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have a little bit more Economic Development work in this motion but then we also have have um some other

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amendments to the land use element parks and open space element as well as the capital facilities element and there's a

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few different subject areas in this motion uh contained in motion number five as well as exhibit number five

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which relate to Cultural Arts Emergency Management uh

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Ada uh and I believe actually that might be it um what this what this exhibit

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encompasses is um um not only references to the economic development element but uh we

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did have a catch that we managed to make through final review of the agenda bill and the materials and we discovered that

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there were um a couple subsections from the 2015 comprehensive plan uh

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specifically related to Cultural Arts and Emergency Management that did not copy forward in the planning

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commission's recommendation that was transmitted to council so we are bringing those forward now to make sure

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that they are included and accounted for um in this process the periodic update

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and um in this process as amended for the 2024 city council draft comprehensive plan so those are the five

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motions that are in your packet briefly explained and um we'll go to the next

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slide please just briefly before I wrap up and turn things back over to the mayor uh

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next steps um we're working towards finalizing the 2024 city council draft

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comprehensive plan incorporating any and all city council approved amendments uh what will happen next is

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uh staff will be putting together then a draft that will embody all that and

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that will uh be the beginning of a minimum 30-day public comment period uh

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in late September that will run through right up against your November 5th city

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council meeting at which time uh Council will have the opportunity during first reading of an adopting ordinance for the

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2024 comprehensive plan to consider any public comments received uh during that

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period uh legal will also be doing a full review of uh that draft so any

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comments from legal can also be considered on November 5th at first reading and then uh we are as of now

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scheduled for November 19th to do a second reading and Adoption of an ordinance for the 2024 comprehensive

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plan fin don't note I'm going to make before I turn it back over to the mayor is that um it's also important to keep

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in mind that um this conference of plan is uh the leading piece of work in um

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kind of an a number of items that are under this umbrella of this comprehensive plan effort we are going

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to have some other dates this fall where um CPD staff will be in front of the

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city council and we do have um a couple of uh code Amendment pieces of business to complete this fall um to make sure

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that they're lining up with the uh information that's in the 2024 conference plan and that we are being

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consistent so with that mayor um I believe that's the end of the slide presentation I'll turn it back over to

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you okay thank you uh before we get into any voting then Council I'll look for

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any questions on any of that seem pretty cut and dry so we'll go to the first one all right C by Reynolds

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this a question for Mr Thomas our city manager um from what I understand we've we've now got the the parking plan and

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the uh the Parks and Recreation open space plan have been Incorporated in by reference and I think we might have included the arts and culture plan as

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well is that correct first part of my question um what is the thinking or or

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on you know should we be considering doing the same thing with The Pedestrian and bicycle facilities plan and if not

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why not that's a good point um I think Jeff and

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I were just talking about doing the final sweep of any remaining plans that hadn't been adopted by

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reference um Jeff I can't recall that was on our list and it's may not be

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adopted by reference yet so that may need to be added is that correct uh we certainly can adopt it by

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reference there's no issue with that so yes okay well at an appropriate time I'd

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like to make a motion to do that I'm not sure if this is the time before you do that maybe maybe we could just ask City

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attorney which who is going to be reviewing the council final draft between uh tonight and November 4th if

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that is better just swept up in the legal review or if that's something that we need a motion

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for either way will work for for the city attorney's office um whichever way

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is easier for the council okay so if you want to make the motion just make sure you use that successor language that we

1:06:01

used in the parking plan because the PBF is going to have one I'm not trying to recall what the successor languages

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you're referring to I think it just incorporates the plan uh and successor and it's success no I know what you're

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referring to yes I couldn't hear anything that the City attorney said so I'd appreciate if

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he could get closer to his microphone or speak up or something I'd like to hear what he has to say thank you

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City CH do you want to repeat your comments for the benefit of council M jobon

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sure either way we work for the city attorney's office whether it's a motion

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tonight or if you'd like us to just go ahead and do it during our review um the

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adoption by reference um that's something that's easily hand handled and

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taken care of okay Council any other discussion or questions before we get into the first

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motion Council may I do that motion now sure why not okay I I would like to move

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that we add a new Transportation element policy 11.5 adopt the current pedestrian and

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bicycle facilities plan and its successors by reference second okay

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moved by Council M Jacobson or Sorry mooved by Council Reynolds seconded by Council Weinberg

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uh can have a friendly Amendment and just remove the 11.4 reference I'm whatever's easier I'm

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happy with that is that approved by you customer Weinberg yes sir okay and then we'll wait for city clerk to ctire the

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motion was the second moved by Craig seconded by

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lber do you want to read the motion just so yes I captured at a new Transportation element policy to adopt

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The Pedestrian and bicycle plan by reference and its successors I I think the only addition I

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would make is I I said the current pedestrian and bicycle facilities plan I think you left out the word current I'm not sure how important that is but I

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have it written I just must not have read it okay thank you okay any

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discussion city clerk please call the RO thank you Mr mayor council member

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Andra hi council member Jacobson hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi mayor nce hi

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council member Reynolds I council member Weinberg I and council member wer I

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thank you Mr Mayor all right motion passes council is there a motion to approve the ad hoc committee recommended

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Amendment for the item CC d88 and direct City staff and direct staff to

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incorporate it into the 2024 city council draft comprehensive plan as contained in exhibit one so moved second

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okay moved by Council M Weinberg seconded by by council member Jacobson any discussion uh yeah I

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CC has different language has the end direct staff to incorporate is stricken

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through in my recommended motion and I just picked up my packet um my paper

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packet yesterday so I I'm guessing it's

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correct I have been known to make a mistake or

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two the text as you uh as you read it was what I had copy pasted out of the

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agenda okay we are on uh recommended exhibit two

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your Motion One approve ad hog committee for c-88

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move to approve and direct staff to incorporate into the

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2024 I have uh I have the revised motion here this motion I'm on recommended

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motion number two well it's our second motion because Council rolds had a first motion but it was oh oh oh I'm sorry

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okay no no I I was just I was focused on numeral

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two we're good okay so we have the motion on the floor it's moved and seconded C clerk please call the rooll

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council member Jacobson I council member andrw hi council member wer hi Deputy

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Mayor Rosen bomb hi council member Weinberg hi council member Reynolds hi

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and mayor nice all thank you Mr Mayor all right motion passes the next one we won't use numbers anymore council is

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there a motion to approve the ad hoc committee recommended Amendment for item CC 179 is contained in Exhibit 2 to

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allow for further city council deliberation so I moved second moved by

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Deputy Mayor rosom seconded by council member Jacobson Council any discussion any questions Deputy Mayor Rosen yeah I

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just uh real quick want to thank the three colleagues who spent what I understand it' be a long few sessions on

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this so thank you for your time thank you for that it was a pleasant couple days city clerk please call the role

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thank you Mr mayor council member Weinberg I councc member Reynolds I

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council member wer I council member andrw I council member Jacobson I mayor

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anise I and Deputy Mayor roseno hi all right motion passes the next one

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which I expect to have an amendment uh council is there a motion to approve city manager recommended amendments to

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the economic development element related to parking and direct staff to incorporating the 2024 city council

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draft comprehensive plan as contained in exhibit 3 so move second okay moved by

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council member anderol seconded by Deputy Mayor

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rosenbom coun member Weinberg do you want to make your Amendment on this

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one hold on a second sorry I can give you the amendment if

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you

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want yes thank you help

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yeah so yeah I move that we amends the uh current motion to replace policy 10.3

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with the following text instead of striking it specifically for Town Center locations within line of sight and easy

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walking distance of high-speed EV charging facilities encourage the development of businesses that appeal to

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people waiting for their car to charge is there a second second all right moved

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by council member Weinberg seconded by council member Reynolds would you like to speak to the motion yeah sure um so

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uh while I agree with staff's observation that uh policy 10.3 as it's currently written um significantly

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overlaps with the cap action uh TR 1.1 um I I don't think we should strike

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it all together uh rather I recommend that we reward it in the uh the for of the motion uh uh to focus on the

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economic development impacts of the electrification of parking and as any EV

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driver will tell you uh the length of time that it takes to recharge uh even

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with a fast charger results in the EV driver having to hang out and wait and

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at present uh EV charging stations are typically installed where the real estate is cheapest that means often

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times the corners of mall parking lots uh which is the furthest away from the entrance and as a result many EV

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Chargers opt to stay in their cars uh while they charge and this is a significant Economic Opportunity that's

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being missed uh so people charging their electric vehicles frequently need to use

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a restroom uh and if there's a restroom that is visible uh with with an easy walking distance this accomplishes the

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key economic event of getting the EV driver out of their car once they've used facilities they typically still

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have time while they're waiting for their car to charge so they are much more likely to patronize local food and Retail establishment assuming again that

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it's within line of site and within e easy walking distance uh of that so you

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can see what I'm getting at here that devising a plan for enticing the EV driver out of their car so that we can

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serve the econ their economic needs after serving their biological needs that is there's an economic uh that's

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Economic Development and not climate action that's why I believe the still belongs here in the economic development

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plan okay thank you for that any other discussion c Reynolds I I like this idea

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as an ed driver when I do drive I will say that when we stop at Chargers I I

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could probably count in one hand the number of times where we haven't stopped to spend some money while we were there in one form or another and I think

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anything we can do to encourage probably retail development will encourage other people to do the same okay Council any

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other discussion all right city clerk please call the rooll

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thank you Mr mayor council member Weinberg I Deputy Mayor rosenbom I

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council member wer nay council member andrw nay mayor nce nay council member

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Reynolds I council member Jacobson nay motion fails three to four okay so we're

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back to the main motion any discussion any questions see clerk please call the RO

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council member wer hi council member Jacobson hi council member andraw hi

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Deputy Mayor Rosen hi council member Weinberg hi mayor nice hi and council

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member Reynolds hi thank you Mr Mayor all right motion passes the next one uh

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Council may have a motion to approve city manager recommended amendments to the economic development element related

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to sustainability and environment and direct staff to incorporate into the 2024 city council draft comprehensive

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plan is contained in exhibit four so moved okay moved by Deputy Mayor rosenbom seconded by council member

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Jacobson any discussion any questions city clerk please call the RO

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thank you Mr Mayor Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb hi council member andrew hi council

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member Reynolds hi council member Jacobson hi council member wer hi

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council member Weinberg I and mayor nce hi thank you Mr may all right motion

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passes Council final motion is there a motion to approve city manager recommended amendments to the economic

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development element land use element parks and open space element and capital facilities element related to Cultural

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Arts Emergency Management and Ada and direct staff to incorporate into the 2024 city council draft comprehensive

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plan as contained in exhibit 5 so moved second okay moved by Council

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mayor Jacobson seconded by Deputy Mayor rosenal any discussion questions

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not seeing any see clerk c Reynolds I I would like to move one make one Amendment if I can or move if you'll

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give me one

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moment sorry I'm running a little bit behind here go for

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it um I would move to amend goal five of

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the economic development uh policy to replace the word establish with consider

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establishing is there a second second okay moved by council member Reynolds seconded by council member weberg council

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council member Reynolds can me can you repeat the last half of the motion um I wanted to amend move to amend

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goal five to replace the word establish with the word consider words consider

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establishing okay uh customer Reynolds for the

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benefit of the council can you tell us in the ab where we would find this text that you want to amend that's a good

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question I would need a moment to find it I have it here it's uh page exhibit two page

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26 it's also labeled as page 19 it's an uh AB

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6541 it's page 133 of the PDF if that

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helps okay goal five u city clerk please can

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you please read the motion I captured amend goal five of the

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econ Economic Development policy to replace the word establish with consider

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establish in consider establishing I'm sorry I'm not finding

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oh the wi section okay mayor just to confirm is this an

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exhibit five this is no it's not um this is goal five and he has amended the

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motion that deals with exhibit five exhibit two

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so exhibit two exhibit two was the second motion no the motion on the floor

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is exhibit five okay so have I missed my window to do

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this well um you can't amend a motion with an

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unrelated okay but wasn't wasn't uh the motion related to adopting uh the city

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manager changes to the economic development element only the ones listed in exhibit 5  
okay can I add an

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additional one to her list of amendments Mr Mayor oops what I might suggest is that we  
take care of exhibit five and

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then uh the mayor can uh welcome any additional motions and that would be the  
appropriate time to go back I'm happy to

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do that if that's procedurally appropriate cleaner yeah okay okay uh do you are you  
withdrawing the motion I for

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now yes C weberg second okay so we're back back to the main motion sensing there's  
probably

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not a lot of discussion any questions city clerk please call the role on the

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original motion council member Jacobson hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi council

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member Reynolds hi council member wer hi council member andraw hi mayor nice hi

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and council member Weinberg hi thank you Mr Mayor okay looking

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for an amendment or a motion just an original motion Council Reynolds thank you um I  
would move to amend goal five

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of the economic development amend Economic Development uh section to replace the  
word establish

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with the words consider establishing okay mooved by council

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member Reynold seconded by council member weberg you no I got and thank you to the

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city clerk for putting the appropriate language on screen so the first word in that goal that I'm uh proposing to

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replace got it okay would you want to speak to the motion sure I I this this is a a topic we discussed in uh in our

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subgroup and had a healthy discussion about it I think and as as I thought about it more after the fact uh I I I

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grew firmer in my belief that while this Premier wine destination is is an idea

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worthy of exploration it also felt a little rushed to me to establish that as a goal without

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having a broader Community discussion about what sort of a vision we want this this island and the Town Center to have

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and so I I think it's an idea worthy of exploring but I don't want to have it a goal to do to just do it until we've had

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further discussion very good all right any other discussion not seeing any City cour ask

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a question Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb uh just for the folks benefit of those us we not in the subgroup was how is the

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discussion for for policy 51 which it says explore capitalizing was there a

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discussion of that phrase versus establishing or establish is is

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explore supposed to encapsulate exploring if it's a good

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idea I think I might just invite um the director Thomas to speak to the language

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between the policy uh the goal language and then the first policy language

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I'm going to bring it up here so I can look

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at be with me for a moment that would be

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appreciated so in exhibit the the goal five establish merer island

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is Premier wine destination and then policy 51 says explore capitalizing on

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mer Island's efforts with some language after that um and council members Reynold's

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Amendment here is to consider establishing mer Island as Premier L destination which is in Gold five so um

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in terms of the the policy 5.1 explore

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capitalizing um I think that that language is fine as

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written um capitalizing to me infers that there's something there already as

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some sort of Base to work with which is what the rest of this policy says Mercer

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Island's efforts to uh brand and location as a premium wine destination and then there's some strategies that

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are offered that uh could be part of that effort um at that appropriate

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moment in time so um I don't see any issue with the amendment to goal five

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and then uh the policy 5.1 the first policy that

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U comes underneath it okay Council any other questions any

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other discussion not seeing any city clerk please call the

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R thank you Mr Mayor mayor Deputy Mayor rosenbom no council member andrw hi council

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member wer hi council member Weinberg I mayor nce nay council member Reynolds I

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and council member Jacobson I thank you Mr Mayor passes five to two all right

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motion passes we now move to other business in the planning schedule we welcome C manager Jesse

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Bond uh good evening again City Council since that uh discussion went quicker than I had planned I have a PowerPoint

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for you uh for the planning scheduled no joke I I thought it would be easier to

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show dates on the screen all's going to um open that deck for me real quick

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there we go I thought you were joking no I'm not I'm not um this is really quick I just

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wanted to acknowledge that given the work on the comprehensive plan we we revised your 2025 26 Bal budget

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um calendar for this fall so uh here's here's what we're looking at next slide

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please uh next week we will publish your 2025 2026 preliminary budget book uh

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we're going to hit that on Wednesday sooner if we can but it's looking to be Wednesday uh you won't have a lot of

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lead time for um ahead of October 1st to go through that whole budget book so I want to tell you you don't have to uh

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we'll be digging into that budget book more thoroughly on the 15th of October your October 1 meeting will be

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uh going over your second quarter Finance report uh we'll be looking at um

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the status of arpa funding and we will be looking at the capital Improvement

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program then uh on October 15th uh we will be doing a deeper dive into your

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preliminary budget next slide please Ali not advancing there we go uh October

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15th we're anticipating your revenue forecast this is where we'll look at your operating budget so things like the

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general fund the yfs fund and considering budget proposals we don't have anything on the calendar yet

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related to the budget on November first but that meeting is there if we need it next slide please that second meeting in

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November is where we do a whole bunch of housekeeping work uh that should actually say third quarter Finance

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report we do a number of resolutions and ordinances and then we're heading towards budget adoption on December 3rd

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uh so that was how we revised uh the agenda to accom accommodate the comprehensive planning

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work uh again just a heads up when you get your budget book I know it can be a little overwhelming uh we'll walk you

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through it on October 1st the meet of that discussion will happen on October 15 so don't panic you'll have some time

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uh switching topics Al together I want to jump now to uh quarter

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1 and uh next slide please this is a this is how a look ahead to

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where we may plug in the planning session I'll be sending uh you an email KC will send it tomorrow and integrating

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it with a whole host of meetings related to the public safety and maintenance

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building so on February 4th that first meeting in February we are planning a

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design workshop with the council that will probably be 3 hours or more in length uh the mayor and deputy mayor

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and I talked about making that meeting your planning session and possibly starting earlier that day like

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noon so just a um giving you a heads up that we'll be asking you to check that

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date if that date doesn't work for the council um March 4th we will have our second big design Workshop that would be

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another date that we could possibly start our meeting early do the planning session uh focus on the public safety

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and maintenance building and conclude that night with your council meeting so I'll be asking you to check

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those two dates for me February 4th and March 4th please please please have good

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scheduling Karma that we can all land on one of those dates uh the rest of uh

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quarter 1 and Quarter Two roughly look like a community engagement a public open house sometime in mid-march uh we

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will be in front of you the first meeting of every month all the way through July uh continuing to work on

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design We'll be asking the city council to to approve the schematic design of the public safety and maintenance

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building by May 6 possibly May 20th if we need a fallback date in June we

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switch gears that's when we'll be looking at a first and second reading of a bond measure ordinance and the July

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dates are your backup dates for that Bond measure ordinance so I wanted to you know there are two big items here

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right budget and comp plan take us all the way through the end of this year and then starting in the beginning of next

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year we pick up another major work item that is going to really um eat up a lot

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of council time but it's really important work it's also really exciting work so um that's that's the preview

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these dates might shift a little bit but I wanted to let you know this is all being laid out to take us all the way

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through July um that is my update sorry for the PowerPoint I thought it would be a little easier thank you for that uh

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Council on this topic on Election night 11:5 we have a council meeting is there uh is there interest in moving that

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meeting off of that night yes is it are you interested in moving it earlier or

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later we take earlier in the day or earlier in the calendar no uh Monday versus

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Wednesday uh Monday's better Monday's better okay so see manager can we look

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at that and we'll circulate something ahead of the next meeting or during our next meeting we can kind of ratify

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that okay thank thanks for that uh any other any upcoming council member

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absences report no council member reports then Deputy Mayor Ros mom have anything

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report uh yeah first I want to thank uh councilor Weinberg who stepped into uh

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attend an in-person pick meeting that I was UN aable to attend um we met the PTA

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Council met last week um there a bunch of questions about our budget uh so I told them to stay tuned um I meant to

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talk about this at the last meeting but it was late and I forgot uh I just wanted to thank the staff uh there were

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a ton I know a lot of us were able to attend a lot of them but there were an incredible amount of events this Summer that went on that I think really

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enhanced uh the sense of community on the island and I know that I get a small picture of the work that goes into it

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but uh I know a lot of work goes into it and uh it is much appreciated this is a I always think Summer's I'm not alone

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here but I think the best time in in our area and I think the work that the city staff puts into it makes it that much

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better excellent thank you I have nothing to report council member wer anything to report um I just want to

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thank Elaine and Emelia for the great presentations tonight and Jeff for pulling everything together and that ad

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hoc committee thank you so much you guys for pulling that together on the fifth and sixth of September really appreciate

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that and Jesse February 4th I'll be in person March 4th I'll be virtual if that helps or hurts in

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your okay duly noted council member

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Weinberg yep okay so on Friday the 6th uh we had an Outreach committee meeting

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of the King County City's Climate Coalition uh we met and heard from Sarah

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Fox from the Washington Department of Commerce uh and we discussed the climate commitment act uh the uses of the

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climate commitment act funds including a building decarbonization program and helping cities roll out uh the sbcc uh

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building codes and how Commerce can help provide grants to cities like us uh to

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help with the authoring of our EV infrastructure plan how the energy Department can provide grants to cities

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like us uh with the implementation of an EV infrastructure plan and um I also

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talked about improving the operations maintenance and reliability of the existing EV infrastructure or EV

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charging infrastructure and discuss how King County is applying for \$100 million in

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IRA funds to provide rebates to County residents for Ev purchases and other

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climate related expenses also at the P me P meeting that um that uh council

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member rosenbom referred to on the 11th of uh last week uh the public issues

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Committee of the sound cities Association held its monthly meeting here at the Mercer Islands community and

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Event Center topics discussed were the guide to enhancing tree protections and

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creation of a new panel for citing the new Crisis Care Centers in the in the region and the annual survey tracking

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Emergency Management Readiness needs among the region a review of the Pix

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operating policies and a call for appointment nominations for the sca's various committees uh there are five

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committees uh which expect to have uh member vacancies to fill in 2025

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including the psrc growth management policy board and the psrc executive board and I've sent a complete list of

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those those uh open uh by email to the council uh let's see

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yesterday I was in the Arts council meeting here in this chamber and uh we

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went through the public uh art and public places six-year work plan and there are two more meetings of the Arts

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Council uh plan in October and November the October one we're going to be deciding on a framework for developing

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public art projects uh and reviewing the goals for the public art interpretation

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and engagement in November we're going to be reviewing the draft of project opportunities for 2025 and 30 which

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would be exciting and deciding upon the goals for the public art interpretation and engagement uh that we discussed in

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October one last thing I wanted to mention uh at uh my next uh monthly open

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lunch will be at noon on Saturday October 19th at Pachi Pizza as always

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everyone's welcome uh and it's an open Agenda News sports weather humor uh Etc

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even questions about City business uh all I ask is that uh everybody shows their respects to the chef by ordering

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some food and beverages my out okay thank you cman Reynolds just two quick

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things um one uh just mention the parks and wreck meeting that we just had um we

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did a tour of all the Island parks and reinforced in my mind what an amazing place this is to live and what a wonderful Park system we have um second

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to follow up on council member weinberg's comments um I currently serve as the the representative to the law

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enforcement officers and firefighters disabilities board and they asked me if I'm interested in continuing in that role and I will although it's kind of a

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tilting it windmills exercise in an ongoing effort on a lot downside of a lot of 4 to 1 votes to get some

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responsible financial management of that program but I continue to try thank you for trying council member

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andell um nothing to report council member Jacobson yeah several things first of

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all well done to uh my colleagues Reynolds uh Weinberg and N for putting

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the uh economic development plan uh in an excellent one I think together uh

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second item is the um shelter that we designate Sophia way or one of the two

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has accomplished some really interesting and and dramatic results in reducing uh

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homelessness particularly among women and I will send along a something that I

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couldn't find when I was sending things to you you all this afternoon um the the

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uh next thing is Utility Board and the utility board's responsibility is to uh

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recommend to the city council uh what the utility rates will be for the forthcoming year and uh uh or actually

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by any them I guess in any event rather than try to go through a bunch of numbers I forwarded uh some summaries to

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each of you so that you can see what it looks like and um you know the the

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prices aren't going down and in you know long term it's it's a serious it's going

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to be a serious problem for some of the less well off people to afford 200 and

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more bucks on a bimonthly basis for utilities any event um the final thing

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is I wasn't able to attend the King County garbage committee uh that has a

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bit longer title that I can't remember uh and uh so I have to I'll wait till I

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download Alana and uh do that next time around that's it all right thank you for

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that the time is now 6:37 p.m. the city council will now go into executive session for approximately 60 Minutes for

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planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the city council during the course of any collective bargaining professional negotiations or

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grievance or mediation proceedings or review and proposals made in the negotiation of proceedings while in

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progress pursuant to RCW 42301 404b and to review the performance of a

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seated until the city staff has terminated the broadcast good evening thank you for joining us tonight

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