

GMHB EXHIBIT 114

2024-10-15 City Council Transcript

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good evening and welcome to the October 15 2024 city council regular hybrid meeting I'm mayor Saleem nce this

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evening's hybrid city council meeting is being brought to you in person uh and by zoom and we're also

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broadcasting live on mitv channel 21 and on the city's YouTube channel thanks for joining us tonight council members

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please have your microphones Turn Up For a roll call city clerk Andrea Larson please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member andrw here council member

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Jacobson here council member Reynolds here council member wer here council

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member Weinberg here Deputy Mayor rosenbom here and mayor nce here thank

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you Mr Mayor all right next we have the Pledge of Allegiance if everybody could stand and face the

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

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

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justice for all okay we now move to approval of

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tonight's agenda if there's no questions may have a motion to approve the agenda as presented so move okay moved by

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom seconded by council member Jacobson city clerk please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member Reynolds hi Deputy Mayor

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rosenbom hi mayor nce hi council member Jacobson hi council member andraw I

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council member wer I and council member Weber I thank you Mr may all right motion passes the agenda is approved our

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next item of regular business is city manager report we welcome city manager Jesse

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Bond we are cruising tonight good evening Mr Mayor members of

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the council Casey's going on to assist me with the screen share thank you uh Happy

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Tuesday October 15th uh Council a quick look ahead and and this is a good reminder reminder

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your next city council meeting is on Monday November 4th at 5:00 we did

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change the date of that meeting due to the election uh also up on your screen are

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the upcoming board and commission meetings just a reminder that all of uh our board and commission meetings in

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addition to our Council meetings and other public meetings are uh posted to our website next slide

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please a handful of updates for you uh just a quick update on the city hall

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campus uh we did take delivery of our third uh modular building a couple weeks ago this

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is one of three modular buildings that is intended to house our Police Department uh due to the closure of City

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Hall last year we are working on let's see the ramps and stairs have gone in uh

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the building is energized uh the plumbing is completed

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and was also inspected we're working on the data cabling and a few other items like access control that's our key cards

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and Furniture installation we intend to be into that building uh the first week of November uh many many team members uh

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working to mobilize that facility that will complete our suite of three modular buildings for police and police will be

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moving from the Luther Burbank um Administrative Building their temporary home into the Modular Buildings uh

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through the end of the year all right and uh by the way I will

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be happy to the police chief who's sitting to my left right now um or myself we'd be happy to tour you through

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those facilities once we're uh fully mobilized uh all right switching

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subjects uh Council just a reminder we put out a digital survey a couple of

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weeks ago this is to collect uh Park user information on both uh Clark and

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Groveland beaches uh we are getting ready to start a planning process uh for both parks we

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had formally described it as a master plan process but really the planning is is going to be oriented to the water uh

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the the structures the docks the swimming area and the access to those spaces so we're using this survey to uh

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help us frame uh our planning approach and we'll be updating you on the outcomes of that survey we did want to

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include it here just to remind our community uh that they have until October 22nd to complete that

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survey and it is posted on our website and uh on the let's talk page

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next slide uh project update gosh we're getting really close uh to the finish

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line on the Luther B Bank boiler building uh Renovations and seismic retro fits uh the steel roof cap has

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been installed on the boiler building I'm sure we all waiting uh for that news uh the contractor has also been

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working on um some of the the Finish finish work like handrails and uh the

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electrical work we are really in the final stretch of uh finishing this

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project and it should be done in in November we will make uh schedule an

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opportunity for you to get down and see the work if you haven't haven't had that opportunity to do so uh later this

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spring we will be hosting a I'll call it a ribbon cutting we intend to feature uh

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two of our projects this spring both the opening of the pickle ball court and uh the work being completed on this

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building at the same event all right next slide

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please uh the ska system replacement just mostly a heads up this is a pretty

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extensive project uh but right now uh we're doing some work near Pump stations

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12 15 16 and 17 and if you if you live near one of those you know who you are

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uh we'll have uh vehicles in the area primarily from the city of Mercer Island and Valley

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Electric we'll be working at each site for about two weeks we're replacing electrical control panels um and a

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number of other equipment at these facilities uh this this work is work

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that we've identified as needing to be updated we're happy to see this is moving forward we did experience some

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delays just long supply chain lead time issues but the work is moving forward so we'll have um more on this as as we work

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through the list of the SK system improvements next slide slide

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please more more on utilities Reservoir improvements I'll remind you we are

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Midway through a really significant project uh regarding our two

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reservoirs uh these are two 4 million gallon water reservoir tanks the

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interior coatings on one of the tanks have uh has been completed last year and we're turning our attention uh to the

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second tank so we have a contractor who is uh you see in that picture has cut a temporary door into the South Reservoir

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to provide um access to the equipment that has to get inside to do the relining work we're taking out the the

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paint and the interior and then we'll be doing some welding not we they uh and

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also working on Roofing uh Council several of you have asked hey can we take a peek inside that tank before uh

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you get too far along uh with that work and the answer is yes we'll be scheduling some time for you and some of

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our utility board members uh to go out to the site uh very soon so stand by for that

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invitation next slide please all right a reminder we are

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currently recruiting for our Planning Commission I think Council this has been in your weekly email just about every

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week U we are accepting applications through October 25th so we're 10 days

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out asking for anyone that meets the following requirements uh to Residents

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uh lay lay people that do not have any specific uh planning knowledge uh one

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resident that is a practitioner uh someone that has experience in the industry of planning and two

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non-resident paid practitioners uh the same thing experience in the the field

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of planning so if you have any questions we have the recruitment on our website again the deadline is October 25th next

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slide please a handful of upcoming events uh

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our day is this weekend and this year we are hosting a big event from 10:00 to

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2:00 at Gallagher Hill open space I understand we have a a tall order to

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meet planting over 800 plants as of today we have 20 volunteers signed up

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and we'd like to double that number to get all those plants in the ground uh so if you are

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interested we have an opportunity to sign up there on the website uh pachis

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is uh donating pizza for everybody that comes out to volunteer uh my understanding is that we'll be part in a

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couple different locations uh Shorewood and the Country Village Day School next slide please pumpkins uh

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this is this is an early heads up uh the city is once again hosting the Pumpkin Walk on Sunday October 27th in

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mercerdale Park from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock uh everyone everyone here in

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this room I need you all to carve at least 25 pumpkins uh by October 27th and

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drop them off between noon and 4: um I'm only partially joking because the success of the Pumpkin Walk does depend

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on us having pumpkins uh to put out at the mercerdale at mercerdale Park so we

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have pumpkins actually right outside here at the community center they are free for the taking as long as you bring them back with a uh a carving in it all

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right I'll continue to nag uh council and staff to show up with their pumpkins

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on October 27th next slide and I believe the last slide

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uh Council we are also happy to host once again we do this at least quarterly a blood drive here at the community

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center November 4th from 10:30 to 4:30 uh blood Works Northwest is our partner

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on this event the link to sign up is on the website we'll also be pushing out it out across uh our Communications

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channels uh we really our a August blood drive was was a great success and we're happy to continue hosting them here at

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the community center all right and I believe that is it for this evening oh nope I lied one more thanks

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Casey the city's credit rating some good news that's right I almost uh buried the

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whole lead here uh earlier this month actually just last week uh Matt mck our finance director um presented an

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overview of the city's financial position to Moody's credit rating division although my title is on that

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slide full disclosure Matt did all the work and he did an absolutely outstanding job uh this is a standard

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protocol that we do before we conduct a competitive Bond sale and I am really pleased to announce that I think as of

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just yesterday uh that Moody's latest assessment of the city's creditworthiness uh maintains the city's

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current Triple A rating which is the highest for a local government uh strong signals here um related to Mercer

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Islands uh capacity to meet our financial commitments thanks to your leadership city council uh even under

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what we know are some challenging economic conditions uh so we'll have more on this in the coming months but I

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wanted to tell you that a lot of work uh went on behind the scenes to prepare us for that presentation and obviously uh

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we are very pleased with the outcome and now with that that is my last slide thank you okay thank you our next item

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of business is appearances this is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the city council on any item except items

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requiring a public hearing any quasi judicial matters or campaign related matters I'll note that there's a public

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hearing on the 2025 2026 biannual budget later this evening if you're here speaking uh regarding the budget I ask

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you to hold your comments till the public hearing tonight's agenda will include in-person public appearances and remote public appearances via Zoom

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individuals wishing to address the council may do so in person or by Zoom or telephone provided they register with the city clerk by 4 P.M today when it's

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is your turn to speak you'll be called by name remarks must be addressed to the council as a whole and not to individual counsel or staff members anyone making

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personal impertinent or slanderous remarks so becomes boisterous threatening or personally abusive while

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addressing the city council may be requested to leave the meeting please speak audibly state your name and city

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

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move to the next speaker or item of business city clerk please call the first Speaker our first Speaker tonight

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is Jennifer Goodrich

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welcome thank you uh Jennifer Goodrich I am a resident

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of merer Island um and today I am speaking as a representative of the merer Island Farmers Market um and I'm

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speaking in regards to the city's 20-year comprehensive plan I would like to start by thanking the city for its

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Support over the years we're very glad to have you as a partner for the last 17 years merer Island Farmers Market's

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Vision has been to bring sustainable agriculture and local food prors Artisans and Crafters to merer Island

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while also providing a welcoming Community Gathering space we hope to continue that vision for the next 20

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years and Beyond we noted and appreciated the mentions of Mer Island Farmers Market in the current draft of

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the plan and hope the city will expand on those points so the future of our partnership is captured as they say in

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real estate the most important thing is location location location we're incredibly lucky to have such a prime

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location for the market in town center and along mardale Park we believe this spot has been a key if not the key to

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our success generally we agree with the city's plans for continued improvements to the area in particular those that

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align with our vision as noted in the proposed plan emphasizing and adding environmentally friendly features to the

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area General infrastructure improvements and improving accessibility will be critical to keeping town center and the

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market vibrant in the long run environmentally friendly additions such as solar powered Street lamps for energy

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improved water bottle refill stations healthy Park landscaping and increased compost and recycling bins would align

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with our own sustainability goals increased seating park benches and tables and a dedicated stage or

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performance area would make the space more comfortable and invite the community to gather and linger we're

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also pleased to see the continue focused on Creative Solutions for transportation as it is one of merer Island's top sources of greenhouse gas emissions and

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parking is constrained when events like the market take place the discussion around public parking lots in the area

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and or even perhaps a shuttle service like B's bellhop would increase our accessibility as with the scheduling of

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the roll out of the plan changes and other Island activities to appropriately interplay with the Market's timing which

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runs on Sundays June through September with a Harvest Market in November from an operations perspective we're required

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to have functional and clean bathrooms and dedicated hot portable water which is currently built into the building

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adjacent to Bicentennial Park the fact that we have storage available is a tremendous benefit that we hope to

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continue to have access to over the years merer Island Farmers Market brings together thousands of Islanders every

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week over the summer months and has become a true Cornerstone event for the city we hope this great future of the

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island can continue to thrive in partnership with the city thank you for your time please reach out to the board

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at any time and we hope to see all of you at our harvor Market on November 24th thank

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you our next speaker tonight is Elizabeth Grove

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hi um my name is Elizabeth Grove and I'm a senior at Mercer Island High School this year um I want to thank the city

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council especially some members for being um willing to meet with me and my

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partners in a group called citizens climate Lobby um I got involved with the environment in third grade because I

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wanted to join the lak ridge Green Team in order to remove styrofoam from takeout containers um and I've been more

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involved with the climate as I grow older and um I've been working on a more systemic level to try to affect change

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through laws and to make sure that we'll be able to have a healthy future for my children and everyone else's children

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and any other youth that will be most affected if um our climate continues to

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deteriorate um I support the climate commitment act because it funds Transit

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passes which means that Washington State youth can go on public transit for free um as a teenager I don't always have

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access to a car both of my parents work um and I live with a single mom and so it's really nice that I'm able to have

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access to public transportation for free and that means a lot to me as um a member of the community and also when I

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go to visit my grandparents in the San Juan Islands we take the ferry and the climate commitment Act is going to be

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funding um a lot of electric fairies and we're going to be electrifying our Fleet

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and so I just wanted to speak in support of the climate commitment act today thank you for listening thank

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you our next speaker is vihan

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Tandon my name is vihan Tandon um I'm a resident of Mercer Island and a senior at Mercer Island high school so similar

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to Liz my passion for the climate was first ignited when I lived in India for a month actually and I saw just how bad

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the pollution was there while the issue isn't nearly as bad here in the US the root cause is the same pollution from

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energy sources vehicles and Industrial emissions uh the climate commitment act

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the CCA has made great strides in reducing our current emissions as well as establishing a future goal of 90 95%

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emission reduction by 2050 for us here in Seattle there are some programs that CCA directly funds that have a direct

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impact on me and my peers specifically the implementation of The Pedestrian and bicyclist safe routes to school program

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program I know I can uh I I personally know how that's impacted me because in a family with two working parents I'm

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rarely able to drive a car to school and often rely on my electric bike however I find myself having to bike alongside

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Island Crest and cars that that are zipping by that let's admit it high schoolers are driving so I don't feel

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always you know very safe and I wouldn't feel comfortable as an elder brother if my sister who's going to high school next year uh would want it to bike to

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school um even then I mean I will admit mer around roads are relatively tame compared to those of Seattle downtowns

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so I believe that you know it is so crucial that this effort to build safe roads stays funded for the sake of students who don't have access to a car

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especially in a place like Seattle downtown uh in a similar vein the CCA plays a major role in the funding public

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of of funding public infrastructure uh Washington State's 1.7 OR7 billion

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transportation funding packages leverages CCA Revenue to preserve and improve many highway bridge and road

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projects it's such a fundamental thing that infrastructure um plays in our you know society and I think that if the CCA

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funding these many things it's just a it's a fundamental part of um our society uh overall the CCA plays a

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massive role in funding crucial projects all over the state and is something that helps all people thank you thank

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you our next speaker is Quinn

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Harper hi my name is Quinn Harper and I'm resident of Merc and also student at

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merland High School I was inspired to advocate for Environmental Protection after my family in Oregon and Eastern

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Washington was seriously affected by wildfires wildfires that we felt the consequence of here on Mercer Island

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through you know poor air quality and smoke and I also came here today to

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share how the climate commitment act has impacted my life and others across Mercer Island uh the for some background

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the CCA pass in 2021 places a quarterly price on carbon emissions and directs

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the proceeds to mitigation efforts it is a valuable act that helps protect Washington from the impacts of climate

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change and funds climate friendly projects across the state uh with over 1.8 billion raised in funding so far

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some CCA funds are going towards Wildfire prevention and suppression across the state which obviously hits

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home for me and not only helps the full state but also helps protect Mercer

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Islands air quality and climate regulation uh I know as someone with asthma and a vulnerable population uh

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there's been like many instances just in the past couple years where I can't even leave my house because of smoke uh or

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Extreme Air temperatures in addition CCA funds go to expanding Innovative and climate

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friendly agriculture across the state um and not only does this protect the

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environment it ensures the food we eat on Mercer Island is safe organic and

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accessible and so both of those are ways the CCA funds helps Washington

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and just the meran community and it really is not only important for the Washington and meran Community but it

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sets a climate friendly example uh across the United States as Washington is a leader in Innovation and climate

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and we hope the Mercer Island recom recognizes these benefits and continues to support the

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CCA thank you thank you our next speaker tonight is Addie Smith however I don't

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see Addie in the meeting meeting Mr Mayor so I will move to the last speaker which is Dan

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nordale welcome thank you good evening my name is Dan Nordell I'm a 21-year

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resident of Mercer Island I'm the president of the Board of Trustees of Mercer Island Country Club and I am

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coming to uh give you bit of status and and thank you for kind of all efforts so

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uh quick status you will get an invite to the opening of the junior tennis

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training facility which we would project to be in the first week of December so we're making good progress um we brought

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a challenge and a solution to the council to the to uh

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leadership several years ago a lot of uh patience a lot of um assistance came

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from the council from leadership from CPD uh we're extremely grateful and I'm

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really uh excited to uh invite you all out I hope to see all of you in

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December thank you okay no further public comment we're

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move to approval of the consent agenda the consent agenda contains AB 6554 October 4 2024 payroll certification

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certification of claims for September 27 and October 4 2024 electronic funds transfers of July and August

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2024 city council regular hybrid meeting minutes of October 1 2024 and ab65 39

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2024 work plan update council is there a motion to approve the consent agenda is presented some mov second okay moved by

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom seconded by council member Weinberg city clerk please call the RO thank you Mr Mayor

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom I council member Weinberg I council member Jacobson I

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council member Reynolds I council member andrw I council member wer hi and mayor

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n hi thank you Mr Mayor all right consent is approved our first item of regular business is AB 6555 public

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hearing on the 2526 biannual budget uh this public is this public

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hearing is now open as of 5:24 p.m. individuals who register with the city clerk's office before 4 P.M today may

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make public comments on this agenda item you'll be called by name when it's your turn to speak please speak audibly state

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your name and city of residence for the record limit your comments three minutes city clerk is there anyone signed up for

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public comment that wish to address the council Mr Mayor there was no one who signed up to speak speak during the public hearing okay seeing that there's

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no further testimony this evening the public portion of this hearing is closed as of 5:25 p.m.
thank you and Council uh

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we'll come back later on this item for regular business for the presentation discussion on
the 25 26 by annual budget

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our next item of regular business is AB 6552 Arch 2025 work program and budget

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approval we welcome CPD director Jeff Thomas CPD deputy director Allison van

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gorp thank you mayor good afternoon Council um this is an annual event

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that the council does approving uh the arch uh work program in budget and Allison our
deputy director has um just

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a few short slides to run through here this afternoon for you before uh we take action so
Allison thanks Jeff yeah I've

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just got a handful of slides I'll go through those now and then take any

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questions all right so in summary I'm just going to give you an overview of what Arch is and
what they do the work

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plan program that's under consideration the budget numbers um some next steps

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and then the recommendation tonight um so just to start us off I think most people are
aware but Arch is

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an intergovernmental Coalition of 15 cities as well as King County um they're all located in Eastern King County it's

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a joint effort to plan for and provide affordable housing in East King County um been working at it since 1992 when

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the Coalition was formed um and this year earlier this year um the arch

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executive board adopted a new strategic Plan called build more affordable housing faster and so the work program

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I'm presenting tonight is really focused on moving the strategies and the Strategic plan

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forward um so the work program includes a lot of the same themes that we've seen from the past a continued Focus on

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affordable housing investments through the Housing Trust Fund as well as administering and overseeing the

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affordable housing assets that have already been um secured by Arch and it

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also includes support for each of the members with policy and planning work for affordable housing including

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compliance with all of the recent State housing legislation that's been passed in the last few years and Arch has been

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helping us with compliance with hb220 this year and we'll be turning attention to HB 1110 and 13 37 as soon as we

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finish the comp plan um and then with the new strategic plan there's also new capacity being

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added at arch with two additional staff positions and that capacity helps to

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create space for some new um programs the three I wanted to highlight are um a

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new focus on facilitating targeted State and Regional policy efforts to increase

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funding and reduce barriers to affordable housing this will help support work that merer island and other

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member cities are doing at the State State Legislative level to advocate for

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affordable housing policy for revenue streams to support more affordable housing and some more efforts along

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those lines um they're also looking to engage elected officials through Tours and workshops and briefings to help

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build understanding of affordable housing and the policy and funding tools that are needed to support Arch and the

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local jurisdictions in meeting the needs for affordable housing that we're all trying to work for right

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now um they're also going to be considering some potential changes to

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Arch's legal and governance structure with an aim to streamline decision-making processes and help the

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Coalition um take on you know even larger policy challenges and essentially

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get more done with you know the most efficient use of our resources um so that's going to be considered um over

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the next year with the assistance of a consultant and recommendations will be brought forward to the executive board

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and the member cities so getting down to the numbers um

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we're moving to a 2-year banial budget process for Arch this year which for S

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city of Mercer Island it aligns really well with our own budgeting process um and will allow us to have firm numbers

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as we go into the Bal budget to project the expenses for Arch going forward

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um and as I said this budget also includes the addition of two new staff positions and so there is about a little

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just over 20% uh increase in costs from 2024 to

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2025 um the total budget for 2025 is about 2.7 million and then 2.8 million

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for 2026 and the Mercer Island portion of that is about 95,000 for 2025 and 98,000

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for 2026 um in terms of next steps I just wanted

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to let the council know that those budget numbers I just mentioned are included in the city's preliminary Bal

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budget that you'll be reviewing later tonight also included in the city's budget is

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\$35,000 per year for the Housing Trust Fund and those are the dollars that go directly into funding preservation and

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construction of housing units all right so our recommendation

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tonight is to approve the 2025 to 2026 Arch work program and budget including

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merer Island's contribution of 95,5 in 2025 and

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9845 in 2026 and that's the end of my presentation I'm happy to take any

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questions okay thank you for that councilor are there any questions all right not seeing any

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questions council is there a motion to approve the arch 2025 2026 work program and administrative budget including

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Mercer Island's contributions of \$952 59 in 2025 and

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\$984 in 2026 so moves second second okay moved by council member Weinberg
seconded by council member andell any

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discussion council member Reynolds Just second quick question or confirmation the
Housing Trust Fund contribution will

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be discussing in a later time as part of the regular budget process and it's not covered by
this motion as I

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correct this is the work plan for the operating budget right but the but the trust fund
contribution will be

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discussed at later time yes inside the budget yeah okay thank you okay any other
discussion City cler please call

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the role thank you Mr mayor council member Weinberg I council member

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

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council member andraw hi and council member Waker I thank you Mr Mayor thank you all
right our next item of regular

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business is AB 655 three reallocation of the arch hdf funds for the Redmond Plymouth
housing project and we welcome

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back CPD director Jeff Thomas and CPD direct deputy director Alison

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VOR yeah real quick before Alis and get started here she's got a few short slides again um this was something that

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was brought to our attention here just recently and um we um in consultation uh

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with our city attorney's office um it was recommended we bring this to council for approval so with that Allison take

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please yeah I've just got a couple slides here to give you an overview of what this is all about um see if I can

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this so as I may have already said the arch Housing Trust Fund provides funding

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directly for construction and preservation of affordable housing in the form of loans and grants to private

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or nonprofit developers that are including low-income housing in the project um in February of 2023 the

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Mercer Island City Council approved an allocation of some of the Housing Trust Fund dollars for the Kenmore Supportive

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Housing project that was to be developed by Plymouth Housing however um the city

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of Kenmore has since decided not to move forward with that project um but the City of Redmond was able to step in and

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partner with Plymouth Housing to move the project to se and property in

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Redmond so this new project in Redmond is located on city-owned Surplus

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property near future light rail station with excellent access to services and amenities um the project itself would be

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material materially similar to the initial proposal it includes 100 units

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of affordable housing at 0 to 30% Ami for people that are exiting homelessness

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and it provides Supportive Services for those individuals on site um and I wanted to note that this is 0 to 30%

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permanent Supportive Housing and so contributing to this project will count towards the arch member City's

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affordable housing targets for permanent support of housing um another advantage of this is

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it will help to retain the complex financing and funding that was put together for the original Kenmore

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project including um some really valuable Federal housing tax brackets

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and by just transferring this to a new location it'll enable the project to break ground really quickly without having to take time to re establish

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those funding sources um and finally uh each Arch member needs to approve reallocation of

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the Housing Trust Fund funds to the project with the updated funding

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conditions so in terms of next steps there's once the council takes action on

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this reallocation there's no further action needed the project can move forward and is expected to do so here in

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the coming months um I also Al just wanted to note that the process for

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awarding funds in the 2024 funding round for the Housing Trust Fund it's underway right now the the executive board will

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be discussing that soon and making a recommendation to city councils which will'll be bringing back in the first

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quarter of 2025 all right the recommendation is there on the screen and

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I'm any questions all right thanks for that Council Reynolds

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yeah can you just clarify you said this will count towards our permanent support of housing quota there were 100 units up

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there presumably every city can't take the full hundred we must get an allocated share of it how is that share

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determined and what is it that's absolutely correct um Arch and the

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member cities are still working with King County to determine the exact formula that they're going to use to

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make that kind of determination in terms of how the credit is allocated um I can tell you that um in terms of the amount

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of funding that we're putting into the project it's around I think 1.5% of the

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total cost so you know it's a small fraction for Mercer Island so is it safe

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to assume that our our will get credit probably for one or two units you know somewhere around that one and a half% I

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think that's a good assumption okay thank you okay any other questions K

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andal yeah thanks um ala is the shift to Redmond expected to increase the total

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um overall cost of the project it's not um there was similar situation in that

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the land for the project was being contributed by the cities um Kenmore

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versus Redmond and so the actual construction costs are expected to be about the same okay thanks C wer yeah I

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just want to thank staff for bringing this forward and working with Redmond to make this come together I think it was too bad that the Kenmore project fell

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apart but really great that the cities could work together to get this done in Redmond so fully support moving this

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over and thank you for doing the work on the back end to make it happen Okay council is there a motion to

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reallocate \$ 53,3 previously awarded to Plymouth Housing to the Redmond support of

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housing project with revised conditions described in exhibit one so moved second okay moved by Council M Weinberg

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seconded by Council M Reynolds any discussion see cler please call the RO

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thank you Mr mayor council member andw I mayor nce hi council member Weinberg I

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council member Reynolds hi council member Jacobson hi council member wer hi

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and Deputy Mayor Rosen B hi thank you Mr Mayor all right motion passes our next item of regular business is AB 6551

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first reading of ordinance number 24 c-15 open space Zone code Amendment and

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we welcome CPD director deputy director Alison vorp and management analyst Carson Hornsby welcome

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thank you

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mayor all right uh good evening Council my name is Carson Hornsby management analyst I have a few slides to share

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with you this evening on the open space Zone uh the purpose of this agenda bill is to conduct the first reading of

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ordinance number 24 C15 which is the open space Zone code Amendment

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before I jump into the code uh I'll I'd like to share a little bit of background information about this project uh the

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open space Zone started as a part of a larger work item on the scope of work for the 2024 comprehensive plan periodic

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update uh that scope of work included creation of a new park zone and in initial discussions on the development

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of the park zone the Parks and Recreation Commission uh recommended that the Zone

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was uh should be split into two separate zones one for parks and one for open

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space the Parks and Recreation Commission uh and the open space

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Conservancy trust board collaborated uh with staff on the draft open space zone is this mic cutting out a little

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bit it's the noise canceling it' be all right sorry about that um the the PRC

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and open space conserv trust collaborated with staff uh to develop the draft open space Zone and they

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presented a joint recommendation to the Planning Commission in May that that recommendation included

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three different pieces one uh is the code update the zoning map and the land

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use map the legislative review process related to the land use map and the comprehensive plan periodic update was

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completed uh by the by the Planning Commission and the recommendation was passed forward to Council in June and

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then more recently uh in September the Planning Commission finished the legislative review process related to

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the code Amendment and the land use the zoning map and that's uh part of this work item

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tonight uh they approved their recommendation on September 25th so if approved ordinance 24 C15 would uh adopt

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the open space Zone development regulations and uh zoning map and it would do it on an effective date that is

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shared with the comprehensive plan periodic update on December 31st um this is important because we want to make

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sure that both both documents are adopted at the same time and uh that there's no laps uh in time for

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inconsistencies between the two maps so jumping into the code um the

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purpose of the open space zone is to preserve protect restore and enhance open space lands uh these provide a

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number of benefits to the community from ecological benefits to access to nature for Passive Recreation and relaxation as

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well as educational and stewardship opportunities the designation requirements of the Zone

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specify that land must be owned leased or managed by the city of Mercer Island and fulfill the purpose statement in

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order for that land to be included within the Zone the uses permitted uh proposed

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within the open space Zone include Trails passive recreational uses which are uh defined as things like walking

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jogging or Wildlife viewing passive recreational amenities which include things like Signs kiosks

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uh benches picnic tables habitat restoration and enhancement uh temporary

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uses uh as authorized by the city manager design Wireless Communications

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facilities are included here because they're already regulated in a Citywide code and also heavily regulated by the

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FCC and uh lastly utilities are included as a permitted use if no reasonable

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alternative location exists so as there is very little

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development proposed to be permitted within the open space Zone the list of development standards is pretty short uh

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we start with setbacks at 20 feet uh for adjacent property Zone residential or

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multifamily and zero feet for all other zones restrooms are only permitted

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on properties larger than 100 acres and are limited to 300 square feet so this only applies to Pioneer Park as that's

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the only uh open space that's over 100 acres signs are supposed to be governed

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by the Citywide sign code with a few caveats for interior and entrance signs

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uh the sizes of those are up on screen um the exterior lighted exterior lighted

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signs are prohibited within the open space Zone and natural colors on signage is required unless necessary for public

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health or safety kiosks are also included in the development standards and uh the uh size

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is or an increased size is allowed at Pioneer Park again because it's it's over 100 acres and lastly Trail

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standards are limited to 8 ft in width uh and this is a pretty short section because we want to allow a bit of leeway

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for staff to uh develop Trails based on habitats and landscape and those needs

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can uh vary from property to property the last piece of the ordinance

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is the zoning map that's included as an attachment at the end of the ordinance um you can see the proposed map up on

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screen there to your right it includes all the areas that are proposed to be zoned open space this includes

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everything that is classified as open space within the pros plan and that list of properties is on the left hand side

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of your screen so if this ordinance is approved or adopted it will uh replace

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the the current zoning map that's in uh the in appendix D of title

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19 of the uh zoning code so I believe that's all I have I'll

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turn it back over to the mayor if there are any questions or okay discuss thank you very much for that Council any

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questions Council May Reynolds I was on the The Parks

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Commission when we went through this as I looked at what you had submitted I didn't see any obvious signs of what the

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Planning Commission had changed but I probably just missed it can you give us an overview of what they did change um

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the I think there was one Amendment to the Wireless Communications facility section is just a simple um wording I

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can um it wasn't of any substance I don't think um it was a minor scram error

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there were also some errors on the the um zoning map as well that we cleaned up for this version that's proposed to be

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included in the code thank you okay council is there a

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motion to schedule ordinance number 24 c-15 for second reading on November 4

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2024 with an effective date of October or December 31 2024 so moved okay moved by Council

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Reynold seconded by Council Jacobson all right any

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amendments uh C clerk I have an amendment I'm wondering if you can put on the screen it's a Amendment to the

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definitions and I'll let her put that up there and let everybody read it maybe

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just as a quick note before we get into the amendment the definitions are in the general definitional section of the City's code so these definitions don't

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apply only to Open Spaces they could apply to any other reference within the city

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code and the intent here is to uh take undefined terms out of the definition of

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passive recreational uses and be a little bit more specific on the definition of

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trail and I will let you get that up on the screen

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okay so the amendment is is striking the second part of the passive recreational

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uses section and it is striking um facilities used which is kind of the

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undefined term that's causing awkwardness in there so the amendment would

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be as you read on the screen I don't know the best way to make the amendment to the motion is just uh propose an

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amendment to the definitions as displayed on the screen that was what I had drafted Mr Mayor this is the wrong

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version oh yeah the strike through is not showing

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yeah so I have uh passive recreational uses passive recreational uses have a low impact on the natural and built

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environment and include activities such as hiking Wildlife viewing walking jogging and picnicking that is the end

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of the amended definition of passive recreational uses the definition of

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Trail gets added text so the new definition of Trail is an off Street

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Path for Passive recreational uses Trails may include structural components such as boardwalks Bridges and

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stairs okay so I've made the motion for the amendment is there a second second seconded by council member

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Jacobson okay any discussion any questions council member Reynolds just a

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a quick question and maybe the city manager will help my memory on this um

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passive uses does not specifically mention bicycling but nor does it say it's not

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passive so the distinction of whether that counts is passive or not who gets to make that decision and will be will it be Park dependent

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or you are correct we did talk about this for over an hour at The Parks Commission meeting I just can't remember

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what we concluded um yeah this definition was

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was uh written uh not to preclude

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biking or any other activities that might come up as we talked about at the park Commission meeting and I've shared

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with some of you in our recent conversations those types of uses either

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need to be regulated in the Parks code which I have now added to your work plan our work plan for the next biennium or

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through uh policies site specific policies or operational policies this zoning code really should

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not be in the business of regulating you know those types of activities that that's why this was written this way so

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it's a it's these are illustrative examples and not meant to be restrictive and nothing we vote on tonight is going

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to preclude bicycling in those Parks that'll be addressed elsewhere if we choose to do so that is correct and I if

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I recall from The Parks Commission discussion and it it has been about six months since we talked about this I

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think they felt strongly about putting the such as pieces in there just to

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frame that types of activities that would occur passively we had quite a debate about that but there were two

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that were left out that was uh one was horses and one was

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biking thank you okay any other questions before I call the role on the

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on the amendment to the motion city manager does anybody on staff want to comment on the amendment amended

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language if there's any concern from the city's end uh I'll just share that uh the mayor

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asked me to preview the changes and I we have no concern I actually like that it

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streamlines the definition uh just a bit more than it was originally uh the other

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thing we were keeping a close eye on as uh the mayor mentioned was that this definition will also show up and be

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needed when we uh adopt the park zone so we need to keep our definitions Nimble

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and I think I think we achieved that with your Amendment excellent okay not see any discussion City Clerk Council

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Jacobson uh the there are a ton of trails there's

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whole trail system on Mercer some of which I know goes through uh open spaces

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and a lot doesn't go through Parks or op spaces if at least when I was a regular

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user of them and I have some concern about bicycles or Scooters or other

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things and the what that's going to do to our trails and that this isn't the

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time for me to get make a long speech but I have a I would like to learn more about what that's going to do to the

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maintenance aspect particularly of trails and so that's my

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marker Madam city manager so thank like to know more about that at some point

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received okay anything else all right city clerk please call the role and Amendment thank you Mr

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mayor council member Jacobson hi council member Weinberg hi council member wer hi

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council member Reynolds hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi mayor n hi and council

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member andr I thank you Mr Mayor okay the amendment to the motion is adopted any other

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amendments any discussion on the amended motion all right see clerk please call

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the RO council member wer I council member

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Jacobson hi mayor nce hi council member andraw hi council member Weinberg hi

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Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb hi and council member Reynolds hi thank you Mr Mayor okay motion passes our next item of

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regular business AB 6555 presentation and discussion on the 2025 2026 biannual

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budget Workshop Revenue forast operating budget and budget proposals and we Welcome Finance director Matt

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morning good evening mayor niece members of the council and the entire staff team

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that is joining us remotely this evening I'm Matt mck your fin director and welcome to the second budget workshop

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for the 2025 2026 banial budget review process Ben Schumacher the city's

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financial analyst is going to steer the deck and he's pulled up the first slide so thank you Ben uh let's let's get

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moving I'm going to be joined tonight by city manager Bond uh as we go through

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about 35 slides beginning with an overview of the city's revenue forecast and the current economic conditions that

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have informed it we're going to focus on the city's primary operating fund uh the

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general fund and a the newly established development services fund Jesse is going

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to cover the operating budget both with where we've been and where we are headed

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uh as outlined in the work plan goals and in the proposed Staffing levels the

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third part of our Workshop tonight will involve seeking the city council's input

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on seven budget proposals as outlined in exhibit three I I'm joined by the leadership

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team uh this evening uh and members of Finance who are all here remotely and we're we're eager and ready to answer

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your questions next slide this is the schedule to fine-tune

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the 2025 2026 bio budget this fall and so tonight is our first public meeting

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of the budget development process our goal tonight is to receive input from

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the city council on both the proposed work plan and the disposition of the

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remaining general fund balance from 2023 year end which is in regards to the budget proposals we're really looking to

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incorporate your feedback that we received tonight into the final 2025 2026 banial budget if additional staff

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work is required um we will come back for a um as needed budget workshop on

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November 4th to provide followup as required the final public meeting um for

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the budget review process is on November 19th which is when the city council will

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adopt uh review and adopt a number of of budget related ordinances we're aiming

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to adopt the budget on December 3D um first meeting in December okay next

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slide all right let's dive in uh next slide Ben thank

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you as a reminder the revenue forecast is a comprehensive ensive analysis on

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the city's revenues across all funds and so this information sets spending levels

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every two years and we revisit the underlying assumptions in the revenue forecast at the midpoint every bium and

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so when we build the forecast we look at what's happening at the national level what's happening within the state and

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the local level in regards to the economic activity um but we also place l

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would say the greatest emphasis on what's happening within our immediate region and the previous 12 to 24 months

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of the city's financial performance and so we also take into account the

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research um and findings from the larger community that tracks the economic activity within the region so that that

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includes the King County Office of Economic and financial analysis and the

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state uh economic and revenue forecast Council next

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slide on October 1st uh the city council received a financial status update on

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the first six months of 2024 and some of the key takeaways from that work was

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that the general fund revenues remain healthy and that we have uh had a

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reasonable levels of growth in 2023 but that those levels of growth have somewhat leveled out they have have

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remained pretty flat in the first six months of 2024 and so we don't take this

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as a sign of a weakening economic activity or a weakening economy at a

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time when interest rates are starting to come down an index that that staff references when we build the

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forecast is the University of Michigan's um inflation expectation survey um and

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what this does is it measures uh consumers expectations about the economy

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specifically inflation and so through the end of the September the survey is pointing to that that consumer expect

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ation for the economy are on a relative upswing and that consumers expect

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interest rates to continue following for the next for the next year next

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slide this expectation is shared by the staff team uh particularly given the

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federal reserve's recent decision to cut the federal funds rate by a half percentage Point while also indicating

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more rate cuts are ahead this line graph shows the last 10 years years of

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inflation in our region as measured by the Consumer Price Index for urban consumers

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CPI since its peak in 2022 you'll notice that uh the CPI aesthetically declined

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and so the forecast includes the Federal Open Market committee's recent uh rate

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cut on the federal funds rate and Views this as a signal that the Federal Reserve is managing risk within the

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economy and that the economy is healthy and this is what the general fund revenues is telling us next

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slide this table provides uh a high level overview of general fund revenues

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projected through the rest of the year and in 2025 in 2026 so from left to right the First Column is the major

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Revenue groups in the general fund the 2024 adopted budget in the next column

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forecasted figures for 2024 and the third column and the difference between the two uh in the fourth

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column which you'll notice um we're projecting that through the end of this year revenues are going to come in at

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5.8 million higher than what was in the original adopted

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budget we've also included forecast of figures for 2025 and

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2026 the assumptions underlying these projections are outlined in detail in

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Exhibit 2 um but for the next few slides we're going to focus on where we are

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observing the greatest variability which is in sales tax license permit and

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Zoning fees and interest earnings okay next

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slide there's a lot of information in this uh chart so we're we're going to walk through it um this is a 10-year

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look back at the annual sales tax revenues as illustrated by the black line and then the uh colored bars

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indicating the year-over-year percentage change green indicating positive uh

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year-over-year growth and red indicating a year-over-year decline sales tax revenue is forecasted

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for 2024 through 2026 which is indicated by the the blue dash line and the blue

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bars other than 2017 um there's been year-over-year growth since 2014 um with Revenue growth

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in 2023 um which came in roughly at uh

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29% um similar to the growth rate that we uh experienced in 2015 and so in in

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2024 our revenues are tracking with the levels that we saw in 2023 but their

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overall rate of change is flat next

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slide other than the construction sector which is where we are seeing a a bit of

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a Slowdown in the first 6 months of 2024 most sectors where we track sales tax revenue activity it remains strong and

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so it's on this basis that staff projects that sales tax revenues are going to come in about \$7.3 Million by

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the end of the year and experienced modest growth in 2025 with a growth rate

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of 3.7% and then 4% in in 2026 next

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slide revenues tied to licenses per in and and Zoning fees have have been

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strong year-over-year with revenues in the first six months of this year coming in

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\$650,000 more than they did in 2023 during the same period And so this this

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variance is largely due to one large development in the Town Center undergoing an unanticipated uh

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additional round of of Permitting staff is projecting that this Revenue category is going to end 2024 at

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\$3.9 million and in 2025 and 2026 you'll notice that there's a drop off in projections and

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that's due to revenues that are tied to development services we're we're pulling

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those out and we're putting out of the general fund and putting them into a new special Revenue fund the revenues that

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you see projected here have to do with uh business licenses and and fire inspections so those are going to remain

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in the general fund next slide please this table uh forecasts um what we're

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projecting for revenues in the newly created development services Fund in

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2025 and 2026 all revenues and expenditures that

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are related to the community Planning and Development Department's work will be tracked to the development services

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fund and so the the third row in this table interfund transfers in uh in 2024

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that number is made up of year own balance that has been tied to permit

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activity uh over the past four years and so uh these dollars are restricted

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dollars they can only be spent on permit related Services work um and this is going to serve as the new funds initial

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operating fund balance in 2025 and 2026 the inter fund transfers in that same

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that same third row um are general fund contributions that support

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non-development service related work um in that the community Planning and Development Department does

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such as long range planning and so that that makes up about 22% of the Department's operating

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budget staff uh anticipates that there's there's not going to be any new development in the Town Center in the

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next biennium and we are forecasting that development services revenues are going

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to normalize with with modest increases in 2025 and in 2026 just a quick

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question on that on the inter fund transfer from the general fund if there's Commerce or other agency grants

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are are those reflected in the general fund transfer or where is the grant

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Revenue attracting directly to the development services fund okay so we're just not projecting any grants at the

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moment on this slide we are not projecting any any grants

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okay okay next slide please for the first first six months of

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2024 uh the general fund has received \$1.2 million in interest

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earnings this amount exceeds the the 2023 interest earnings for the first six

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months which was 1.1 million and it also exceeds every year in the city's history

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um so we are we are now outdoing um what was a record year in

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2023 many factors play play into how the city um

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brings in interest earnings and we've had some some good dialogue in the the question and answer Matrix that with the

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questions that were submitted by the city council prior to this meeting um but the primary reason is that the the

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20 24 Revenue levels um that we're experiencing with with interest has to

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do with the average earnings rate that's applied to the city's principle that's held in the local government investment

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pool and from January to June of this year that rate has been 5.46%

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as staff has reported on previously uh the interest earnings rate at the local

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government investment pool closely tracks with the federal funds rate that's held by the Federal Reserve and

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and so we're taking this into account with our projections and so the forecast takes into account the the Federal Open

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Market committee's recent uh reduction of 0.5% to the federal funds rate and we

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anticipate that interest earnings are going to decrease over the next two years which is indicated in our

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projections for the 2025 and 2026 in the table next

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slide okay we're going to bring it all together here um with the five-year forecast uh for the general fund which

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uh this this line graph is projecting uh revenues and expenditures in the general

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fund from 2024 through 2028 and we've included uh revenue and expenditure

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actuals from 2021 through 2023 the black line represents

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revenues with the red line illustrating uh expenditures the blue area at the

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very bottom uh just illustrates the the difference between the two the variants the drop in revenues from 2024

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to 2025 the black line is is primarily due to as I mentioned earlier pulling

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out the development services revenues from the general fund and putting them in the new development services fund so

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that's what that drop is Indicating but putting that aside general fund

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revenues are projected to remain healthy the challenge comes in the out

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years and so through from 2025 to 2028 revenues are projected to grow

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5.6% expenditures we are projecting are going to grow 14.7% over that same

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period so this jump in expenditure growth is is partly due to the budgetary

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impacts of City Hall's closure and the residual effects of that

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which have not yet hit the general fund because we've been incurring most of those expenses and paying for them with

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the initial design for example the initial design of the public safety and maintenance building and the the closure

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of the building and housing City staff um in other locations um we've been

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paying for that with arpa funds and with year-end uh fund balance from prior years ongoing costs with like the leases

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uh associated with the City of Newcastle for housing Municipal Court operations and the modular buildings

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that are housing our Police Operations these begin to hit the general fund in

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uh 2025 so that's that's what's feeding into um the

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projection next slide okay so um let's open it up for

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questions okay Council any questions all right coun andol yeah thanks Matt um

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tracking so far pretty well I appreciate the clarity um brevity of your

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presentation but um if we're moving revenues out to the development services fund shouldn't some expenditures follow

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those revenues indeed and they do okay they do um all of the revenues and

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expenditures associated with Community Planning and Development Department's operations are now being housed and

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managed in the development Services fund okay so I guess I thought I understood that the reason that the black and red

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lines diverged was because revenues were moved out to the development services fund um what tell me again what is

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causing the black and red lines to diverge so the the black line is coming down because revenues is coming down

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right expenditures levels are not having a corresponding drop because we're

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although we're pulling out the expenditures associated with the CPD Department from the general fund we're

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also incurring a number of new expenditures so that's what why the

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expenditures are not dropping from 2024 to 2025 and that partially explains

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mostly explains why the rate of increase year-over year is so significant on the

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expenditure side does that answer your question I think so yeah thank you thank you thank you c

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Reynolds just want to start with a big thank you I sent you around 40 questions on this over the weekend I believe and

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you gave some fantastic answers to all of them so with fairly limited time so thank you for that um I have a few

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follow-up questions but only a few that I want to address tonight I think and that relates to the interest earnings

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assumption yeah if I recall correctly and I haven't had time to fully digest this we're we're getting around five

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right now and you are 5.08 or something like that and then you're suggesting the

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assumption is 375 for 2025 is that correct yeah the average monthly earnings rate we're assuming 3.75 5% can

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you just shed some light on how you come up with the 375 because if I were if I were guessing I would have said 325 to

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or 425 to 450 somewhere in that range but tell me what you're thinking we're we took into account what we're seeing

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with the CPI the CPI W as well um and we're seeing how uh the EXP interest

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rates are tracking um within the region and so this was a conservative estimate

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um informed by the information we had on hand and what the Federal Reserve has signaled to us um we've taken a deep

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dive into the local government investment pools um investment strategy and they are very conservative um their

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number one goal is not to lose money and so that's informed what we're proposing um and what what kind of interest levels

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we we hope to to gain in 2025 can I quick followup go for it uh

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can you just remind me for our financial management policies when that interest earnings comes in does it stay in the

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fund that the money that contributes the investment earnings or does it go to the

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all go to the contingency fund or something else like that when the money comes in okay um so interest earnings um

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are allocated at a proportional level to the funds um which the the principle um

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is being held so if it's for example if the water fund makes up 20% of the city's principle 20% of the interest

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earnings go back to the water fund we do this on a quarterly basis um and we continue to um move the interest to the

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respective funds when the contingency fund meets its Target funding level the

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money Associated the principal dollars associated with the contingency fund we're getting very technical here I

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apologize um my fault those dollars go to the general fund only when the

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threshold Target funding level for the contingency fund is meant and those rules apply whether it's budgeted

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interest earnings or excess interest earnings they're both Tre did the same way in terms of how they're allocated distri okay thank you in section six of

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the city's financial management policy adds some helpful color on what the council can consider doing when we're in

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in periods where we have excess interest earnings okay not seeing any other

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questions carry on okay Ben please pull up the slide and

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I'm gonna hand it over to uh Jesse

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Bond good evening Council uh we decided just to put together a few slides to

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frame up the discussion on the work plan I know several of you reached out with the potential amendments so we'll get to

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that part of our discussion quickly next slide please Ben um a little bit of background uh the

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work plan which is in your budget notebook is part of each of the Department's budget it

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outlines basically how we plan to spend our resources over the next two years

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uh some of the work is ongoing but many of it is tied to very specific deliverables um and where appropriate we

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include uh roughly the quarter that we anti anticipate completing that

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work this is based on your priorities your your large overarching goals and priorities and obviously informed by uh

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your staff team and many of our adopted plans which I'm going to talk about in just a minute next slide

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please before we look forward I want to take a moment to look back because we've had two epically uh big years not

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enough time tonight to celebrate all of the accomplishments but a couple major ones uh we secured a very important

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partnership with East Side Fire and Rescue and uh we made that transition which was

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huge thanks to Ally and uh the team for helping get all of that done uh we

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maintained uh yfs Services over the last two years during a time of a very

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critical need we did a whole lot of capital Project work and a corresponding

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amount of planning work water sewer Parks roads storm water and more uh Matt

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just talked about a whole new fund that we developed at your direction thank you for your leadership and uh as of January

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1 we will be live with that new fund to manage uh permit revenues also really largely behind the

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scenes but an absolute Beast is the new finan financial management

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software you know Council if we think back four or five years ago we looked at each other and said the technology we

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have is just terrible um and it is really limiting what we can do we knew it was a big lift but you funded it and

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the staff team's been working on implementation so we're almost there that very first phase and you know more

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work to come to really optimize that new tool those are just a few of the

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highlights uh that I picked from the last two years but really proud of all that we've

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done ah planning I I put this slide in here because I I wanted to also remind

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you of where we've come from during the pandemic uh we were in process with a

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number of our plans and we had to pause all of that work and it all got loaded up in the last four years and if you're

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feeling planning fatigue I'm feeling planning fatigue um but there's a lot to be proud

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of you uh in 2022 we did our Ada transition plan that was about a Year's worth of work the pros plan was adopted

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that was almost three and a half years worth of work uh more recently the Town Center Parking plan the climate action

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plan a new Compensation Plan a cost allocation plan and you can't see it on your screen right now because of the

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Clos captioning but underneath that box is your comprehensive plan periodic update which is not quite across the

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line but it's darn close so as you look at the work plan in the next two years uh what I'm going to advocate for

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is that the focus should be on the doing right the action uh we are a city that

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uses our plans actively uh we open them up all the time we reference them and so

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that is how I have structured the next two years of work is is to and I'm going

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to ask resist the temptation uh to pull forward a plan that's sitting in the oute it's sitting

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there for a reason like the bike and ped plan that's an important plan that needs to be updated but we need to make space

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the next years uh for the for the other work uh that that is really challenging to get done when we're doing these heavy

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planning lifts and as I'm making that ask I will also say remember it's not just us the council and the staff but

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it's also the community that has to follow along these very intense planning processes and I think uh they also need

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a break we can focus on the action so what does that look like I didn't put

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everything into the slides here next slide please Ben um first of all a little bit on

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Staffing levels you know Council I reached out to you last week I sent you an email and I'd be happy to meet with

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you and and go Department by department or chart by org chart and and talk about

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the position moves I checked in with a mayor and Deputy Mayor previewed some of those slides it's a dense deck and I'm

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not sure it would have been the highest and best use of our time tonight uh but I am available if you'd like like to

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walk through that in the meantime some high level themes about our staffing plan I'm proposing to maintain our

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staffing levels uh some of the positions are are changing a little bit or moving

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departments uh but it's it's essentially the same headcount you know my style is an

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Adaptive Staffing model as things are changing as as positions are vacated

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through retirements or departure we always evaluate um that position and the need and that will be continue to be our

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approach into the bium we are doing some realignment and a little bit of shuffling mostly to get

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some more resources into the public works department that is specific AI because of the capital project load I

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will also mention this isn't exactly clear in the budget document and it's something we'd like to try to fix for

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the next budget is uh the it's not always clear where the position is

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funded and I'll use an example from the city manager's office Robbie cting ham Adams who's a management analyst works

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for me about half of his position right now is supporting the public safety and maintenance building so he too is

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technically carrying a capital project responsibility even though his uh position is still showing in the city

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manager's office so we'll think about ways to improve um the look and feel of

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the budget and and improve your understanding of where Staffing Resources are spent that's just one

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example uh and obviously I also shared at any given time about 20% of our

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Workforce is potentially eligible for retirement or getting really close to it so this continues to be a theme

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something that we're really watching and and trying to plan ahead for uh we've already started this we have a new

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policy in place that incentivizes non-represented staff to give us a one-year notice uh in exchange for a

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vacation cash out which allows us to hire ahead we are doing some of that hiring ahead and we are trying to create

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some overlap so that all of that institutional knowledge often many decades does not just walk out the door

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without a proper transition all right next slide please uh this is the table that just

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summarizes your FTE and your LTE I don't know that we need to get

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into it tonight unless you have um any particular questions but again the

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Staffing model maintains our current level and it's it's what I recommend we

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need to deliver the work plan that's also in your budget next slide so let's

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talk about the work plan uh there's way too much in that budget document to hit it all tonight I have just three three

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slides uh facilities facilities facilities uh that's the big one the public

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safety and maintenance building design uh also other facility needs that fall

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under that umbrella capital projects we are driving a lot of resources to

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support the Public Works team and even if we're not in public works Finance customer service attorney's office

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clerk's office everyone is pulling together to support these projects uh we'll need to spend some

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time in the next biennium talking about the yfs fund and the general fund both are projected to have expenditures

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um exceeding revenues into the next mayum uh on a more positive note we have

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just adopted a new cost allocation policy and we have a whole host of interlocal agreements that need to be re

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uh renegotiated Carson who you saw tonight is actually working uh with Matt

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and I on that project as we speak I also dropped in a note throughout the work plan we are embracing the uh not totally

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new but still relatively new to government um artificial intelligence era we are going to be an early adopter

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of The Suite of opportunities through Microsoft Office and uh looking at other

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ways we can incorporate U new technology into our operations and to improve

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efficiency so more coming on that we're excited next up uh some policy work and

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again not big heavy hitting plans but uh you've heard a lot about ebikes and scooters in fact I think tomorrow we'll

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be putting out U an early an early Communications on this just updating

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people on state laws but as we've looked into this we're probably going to need our own Suite of

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regulations that's on our work plan as we were going through the comprehensive plan I noticed looking at the arts and

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culture plan that we have an opportunity for just a modest update so we're going to ask the Arts Council to tackle that

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in the next year uh we are working right now on a new park zone that will come to you next year that's part two of The

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Open Space Zone that we talked about earlier and uh council member Reynolds

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beat me to the punch as we're going through the zoning work our perks code is really out of date and uh we need we

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need to tackle that in the next two years as well with uh in partnership with the parks and rec

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commission uh the state legislative session is always uh a big a big

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commitment and we pay a lot of attention to that so just a reminder we're headed into a long session in

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2025 and then certainly uh related to the comprehensive plan periodic update

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that you will adopt by the end of this year there will be a whole body of work uh coming out of that plan that will be

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scheduled into the next biennium and beyond all right one more slide and then

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I'll be wrapping up some other key highlights the EV charging infrastructure plan or the EV charging

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plan which I've had a lot of questions about that term is really an umbrella

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represents a whole Suite of what I will call sub plans for lack of a better word we're taking the first bite at the Apple

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right now and doing some planning work around the city's Fleet that ties directly to that new Public Safety and

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maintenance building and we'll have more work coming it will span uh the next bium and into 26 excuse me 2728 as well

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uh the Light Rail station is projected to open at the end of 2025 multiple teams uh police fire City manager's

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office Communications others are are planning for that opening uh we do have a partnership with

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East Side Fire and Rescue they now provide fire and Emergency Medical Services if you look at their work plan

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there's some things that they've identified to work on in the next year it's our job to uh partner with them on

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that uh one of the items is looking at our our turn times and possibly

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evaluating the station 91 and 92 boundaries and while we do that also looking at the services that we uh

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receive regionally and if we need to make any adjustments there I already

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mentioned this but uh the finance Financial software is intended to go live in January but the work isn't done

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yet we have several more modules to implement and that will probably take the better part of the next two years

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but it's really important work and we're going to keep on it again I cherry-picked a few uh work

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plan highlights uh Mr Mr Mayor it's probably appropriate to stop there unless you want to dive into the budget

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proposals I can have Matt come back up and we can finish the presentation and stop screen sharing or do you want to

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stop here and talk work plan Council what do you want to do we we can talk work plan uh items from the

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council or we can continue on with Matt roll through the budget proposal

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all right Matt come on all right we'll keep going with presentation and we'll

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okay thank you Council um Ben go ahead and pull up the uh budget proposals okay

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so uh exhibit three of your agenda packet um for ab 6555 uh laid out seven uh different

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budget proposals for City council's consideration tonight um for the

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disposition of the remaining unassigned fund balance in the general fund from 2023 year end so um we ended 2023 um and

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with a just a little over a \$4 million um balance and the council has taken

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action on the majority of those funds um and made some strategic Investments through throughout this year there's

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about just over \$500,000 left um which uh we want to present to the council

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tonight and get your feedback on the seven proposals um next

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slide so the proposals are outlined here um with the first being um in standard

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practice with council's prior actions uh contribution to the municipal facility replacement fund um the council has been

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diligent on making contributions with the most recent one at the October 1st meeting of a million dollars um and so

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this is proposing to make an additional contribution um to continue to to to sck

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away funds in that uh sck away resources into that fund given that the target

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funding balance is \$10 million and and as Jesse alluded to um much of our Focus over the next two years will be around

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the city's facilities um the second item is the communications and Public Relation support um additional resources

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to um improve our and enhance our Communications over the next two years the gun buyback program was proposed in

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May of 2023 from the city council we were unable to uh act on that buyback

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program in large part because we've been without uh an operational facility now that those facilities are coming back

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online we um would like to put it out to the council again for consideration there's number four is to

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start investing and putting money towards the EV charging plan work that we have ahead um number five is uh a

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proposal that the the council requested we be we bring back um when the

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classification and Compensation Plan was adopted in June of this year and so um

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that is there for consideration and then number six and seven are two limited term positions to support the water

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utility um and particularly the capital work given the robust Capital

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Improvement plan associated with the water distribution system um next

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slide okay so these are the recommended actions pulled directly from the agenda bill for council's consideration tonight

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on making taking any action on the budget proposals next

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slide okay we next steps um just as a reminder um we have an additional

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release valve with the November 4th meeting um if needed um we're going to

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come back with a number of budget related items and give the council opportunity to review the updates that

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we're going to make based on the feedback we get this evening at the November 19th meeting and we're we're hoping to work with the council to adopt

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the budget by December 3rd and with that we can stop sharing

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and if it's of value we can pull up um a tool um that uh might facilitate the

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discussion around budget proposals but when we get to that uh when we get to budget proposals we're happy to dive in

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on that um so we can open it up for discussion on the work plan and budget proposals I leave it to the mayor okay

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thank you what I'm going to do is I'm going to reserve the work plan items until after the budget proposal so we'll work our way through that and then we'll

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we'll have plenty of time to discuss the work plan so are there any questions on the budget proposals yeah council member Andro um

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so on the EV charging plan I'm a little unclear and a little uncertain if if my

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if I'm not unclear I'm uncertain um about the goal to feature have a

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Readiness and capacity study to evaluate increasing EV charging commercial and residential properties Citywide is is

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there some thought that the city would be funding this developing EV charging stations on its own no no um but we are

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planning for it and we need to uh there's multiple parts of this first we

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need to collaborate with psse uh to make sure as the islands uh capacity needs

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are changing I'm not using the right term sorry Matt Larson if you're

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listening uh to to make sure that we can enhance infrastructure uh resident IAL

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public facilities commercial to accommodate EV charging I think the

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other thing Council member Ander that that planning work really focuses on his potential code changes that we may be

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changing our development code to require additional EV charging technology but we

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have to do a whole body of planning work before I can even uh come before you to make any recommendations in that regard

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okay um well I'd just like to comment then that if this is guided towards that

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and guided towards providing our own Fleet with charging and not getting into the

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business of or subsidizing EV charging in any way shape or form um I probably

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have a lot less angst about it but uh let me read you some notes I have right on my screen

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um I'm going have to come up with a better way to talk about the EV charging plan because it's a it's a term I will

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call call it an umbrella and it it really represents a whole bunch of smaller bodies of work I'll call them

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sub plans uh not a great terminology I'll come up with something better but our first bite at the Apple is happening

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right now we just submitted a grant for the through the Department of Commerce to fund our own Fleet study and the

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reason that's moving forward right now uh even without me telling you that is because we're designing a new building

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uh where most of our Fleet will be housed and so we want the planning work uh to with that PSM building so that's

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the first bite at the Apple uh up next maybe not uh we can talk about the order

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later is is a look at the rest of our public facilities um how do we want to

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integrate EV charging infrastructure into Parks schools things like that um

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even partnering with Sound Transit on the park and ride uh zooming out even more is the rest of the island uh

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planning for additional capacity and EV charging infrastructure islandwide what does that

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look like that what do we what do we plan to regulate so are we paying for all that no uh but it's it's a sort of a

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concentric uh planning circles to get bigger and bigger as we go I do anticipate that whole body of work will

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take us three to four years that that is what was anticipated in the climate action plan uh starting with our own

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Fleet right now okay thank you thanks C wer um Jesse

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can you talk a little bit about the water uh positions there are two and then that public relations one I know

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they're term limited but you still need to find people and water water water infrastructure infr infrastructure

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totally get that but um talk about what happens if we don't get those positions

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sure the uh Communications and PR uh public relations requests uh I met with

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the director's team gosh last spring and we talked about our funding priorities

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and it was nearly I think it was unanimous we all agree that we need more help on

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Communications uh there's just so much going on we have one Communications manager and the way we deliver

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Communications isn't the most efficient uh everybody with a job at the city has a role so you have a very busy project

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manager working on a capital project and then we also tell them to go update the let's talk page um I I couldn't come up

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with the resources given our current budget constraints to fund a position but in this past year in particular we

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have leaned on Consultants when we needed additional horsepower particularly during emergencies so I put it on the list for

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consideration um some additional funding that we would just have if we need help

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uh during peak times we toyed with possibly an internship but it doesn't

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get us very far so I imagine those dollars were likely to be spent um for

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Consultants that's that uh the two positions in the water utility a little bit different we have such a huge body

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of work happening on the capital project side uh anytime we're doing work in our utilities our our utility staff members

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are called out to support those capital projects so what's happening right now is because of the volume like some of

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our maintenance is uh I want to say it's falling behind but it's it's it's tough to juggle both right the capital demands

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where we need our skilled team members out working with contractors and supporting those projects and the data

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day maintenance of our utility system so these two positions come in to to basically relieve that load so we will

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have dedicated staff working on the capital side of the utility projects and dedicated staff on

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maintenance uh those funds those those two positions will be funded through the utility um we we have the capacity to do

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that in the Utility Fund I still when we're adding positions like that I want the visibility and I want the council to

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give the go-ahead for something like that that's that's why those are on that

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list so those don't hit the money we can use tonight that would be built into rates right that's that's correct

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they're funded elsewhere and and if you want my opinion those are the two highest those positions are probably the

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highest priority on that list in front of you tonight okay Deputy Mayor rosom I have a

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motion when the time is right okay okay okay let me give it to council

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member Jacobson yeah I share council member and was concerned about the EV

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charging and I found it interesting that uh I guess uh met Market eliminated all their charging things and I understand

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that from what I've read that that's not unusual that uh it's looking more toward

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private Enterprise I don't see why we should ever be in the business of running that kind of a system because I

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think it's for that's nether here near there the one thing I was talk about as a gun buyback thing and I understand

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that we have some you know some internal um restraints from from getting with

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that and I'm wondering if Kirkland has an operating thing why can't we just interlocal with them have them do that

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stuff and we reimburse them for the cost of it and that would seem to me to to

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dissipate the need for \$3,000 wor of overhead among other things um and uh

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you know it would be I think that would be a a you know a good way of solving that problem and

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getting that program uh in in effect and if for some reason somebody can't get to

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Kirkland to drop off a gun I'm sure we can figure out some way to to do that um as decid i' make a comment I uh I would

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like to commend the city manager very much for doing adaptive Staffing because I was conspicuously absent when I came

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on the the council and the idea was we just hire more people and one point there were 200 and some FTE here and we

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were uh creating a problem for ourselves so I think that's I think that's very enlightened and a good way

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also to maximize and take best advantage of skill sets that may be better uh

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applied in a different context so good on you thank you c m wer okay one more

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um Jesse can you talk a little bit about the ipal facility replacement fund uh 150 seems low if we need a new building

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and need to figure out what to do with um all of that so is 150 at least or

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like we could use more there right oh yeah uh

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sorry that this was this fund was created right after the closure of City Hall and it was actually done at the

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direction of the the council so again I want to acknowledge your leadership on our

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Financial stewardship it is uh it is a resource we

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need even just to get the design off the ground and we have been directing our excess Revenue there uh 150 doesn't get

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us very far but again our our our recommendation to you is

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when there is extra that is the place where it is is going to be needed um

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it's it's your policy decision uh tonight and ultimately at the time you

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adopt your budget how much of that \$500,000 Surplus from 2023 you'd like to

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direct to that fund obviously you have some other things on that list that are also important
okay thank you Deputy Mayor

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rosenon yeah I move that we approve budget proposals numbered one

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two three four six and seven your second all let

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me finish and direct staff to include the associated funding in the final 2025 2026 Bal

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budget second let's see Ben could you put back on the screen for us the list of budget
proposals and then we I'll be

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clear what was included in that motion I'll second it okay just to recap

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we've got one two 3 4

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67 is seconded by Council marij maybe Matt can weigh in on this do we

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want to use the interactive tool where we can toggle on these proposals going through or
not sure what did you pull

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that up for us

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Perfect all right Council so what you see here is uh Excel spread sheet a beautiful Excel

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spr spreadsheet so what you're seeing in the top row row number two um is your your

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beginning balance um the \$51,000 that we have at play this evening and what Ben

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has done is um he's shown you um roow uh budget proposals 1 through 7 um the

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originating Department um whether these are one-time expenses or ongoing the

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associated costs in 2025 and 2026 and based on the motion that is on the

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floor he has activated in column K the approval column um these as approved so

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you can see the net effect in row 19 of remaining

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\$56,000 uh available um this also takes into account at the very bottom of the

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table the um impact to the water fund so as Jesse pointed out um budget proposals

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um number six and seven regarding the Limited term positions um those are are

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hitting the water fund there not not hitting the the general fund on assigned fund balance
okay quick question for you

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the the green balance are you um of the inclination that we should associate

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that with uh something else like the facility fund okay that that would be um

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encouraged by staff all right so uh Council any amendments to the motion

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council member Jacobson i' I'd move to amend to pull the money in item number

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three into the uh item number one okay is there a

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second second okay any

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discussion council member uh Reynolds just want to make sure I understand what you're proposing to do are you

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suggesting we eliminate the gun buyback program just make the 150b 175 is it

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so he he said to move the money from item three to item

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one so we would spend 175 on the municipal facility replacement fund and

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not have the gun buyback no he didn't mention canceling the gun buyback he's talking about the money so the motion is

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to move the money three to one not doing anything with the program

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yet do we understand the motion on the floor is to move the 255,000 from item three to item one I'm moving

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okay council member andal yeah I think I'd be supportive of that I mean the 25,000 based on our really lack of

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experience or success is money just sitting there not doing any good um I would be highly supportive of continuing

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to fund the M Municipal facility replacement fund easy to say um and explore an interlocal

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with Kirkland given that they have the in infrastructure set up and have um perhaps compensate them for every Mercer

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Island gun they take in okay coun I'm GNA go to Deputy Mayor rosenbom yeah I'm opposed this I don't I

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don't see how we have a buyback program without anything to buy without any resources to use for the buy um so I

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think I think this is this is contrary to what we had uh decided earlier in this year and I'm going to propose this

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okay c r i i was largely going to Echo those comments we take the money away we

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take the program away I don't see how we need the money to have the program and I think that would most unfortunate to lose it Council M Jacobson well isn't

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haven't didn't we appropriated in the 24 budget isn't there money in there for the gun buyback program I can

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answer that Mr Mayor we originally funded the program using arpa funds council member Jacobson okay and so and

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the program was not delivered even though it was directed by a majority of the council uh due to the closure of

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City Hall uh In fairness we would like uh our direction from you

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was to was to deliver the program I need it to be re I need it to be refunded

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officially because the arpa funds will not be available next year so that's what happened there mechanically I get

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that thank you question Okay C wer can you remind me what the gun buyback

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program is and maybe our police chief wants to talk about it like what is it

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is it true simply the the program and and we have it outlined it just was not executed yet

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um because of the facility situation uh incentivizes people to to turn in their

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weapons it's based on the Kirkland model uh we collect them and they receive gift cards in as an incentive

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U so the thinking is it it helps take uh weapons um off the street and the 25k is

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for one year or two and gift cards and staff and the whole thing yeah it was it was for a trial program

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to do it one time uh we have no idea uh how successful it would be so \$25,000

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was the recommendation to to to try it and then we'd uh be happy to give you feedback from our experience we just

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didn't get to it yet and for that I do apologize and do we have Staffing Resources to do it now if we allocate

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the 25k as long as it happens next year because we will be in buildings and have

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more capability being next to City Hall where we have storage than we currently do fantastic thank you okay I would like

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to ask Jake if you would accept a friendly amendment to split the difference and um allocate

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12,500 to the program so that there is still a program approval with that and take the other 12,500 and put it into

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the replacement fund yeah okay so we have a friendly amend Amendment to the

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amendment and that would was moved by the original amendment was moved by Jacobson seconded by anderol I had

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second by wer wer so are you can I read what I wer you're okay can I read what I

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have Mr Mayor sure I have amend to pill 125,000 from item number three gun

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buyback program to item number one Municipal facilities replacement fund

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contribution okay everybody's agreeable to that that's a fair characterization yep and for

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uh Matt morning's benefit do we want to specify the year in which this is going to go that would be helpful sure so

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makeer a motion do you want to put it in 24 slated for 2025 so 25 no change to

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that okay I just want to I want to make sure that the motion is capturing

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25 okay customer white Jesse is that

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sufficient to do a pilot in your opinion um we don't know because we

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haven't done it yet but we will structure a program based around the resources that are allocated

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okay okay any other discussion c Reynolds just just want to note uh I

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don't recall the numbers since we talked about it last time it's been a year or more but Kirkland's experience was

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considerably more than that I don't recall the exact number was in the 50 to \$775,000 range if I recall um I I I

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think you know we could do this program for 100 bucks if we wanted to it's just rolling it by one gun at that point um

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it's just a question of of how much we want to spend and how much success we're going to have um nobody's going to throw

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that money away if we if we baloc 25,000 if that is more than enough to buy the

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guns that are coming in we'll have money left over and I'd be fully supportive of reallocating the funds to the to the

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building replacement fund at that time but I think it would be a darn shame to cut the program down so much that we

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can't get as many guns off the street as we can and potentially say

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lives okay so um council member Weber yeah I just wanted to emphasize that 20

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\$122,000 is kind of rounding a in the big scheme of things for the uh for the facilities but if it saves a life it's a

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lot more than rounding a so I I would prefer that we keep it all all 25k uh in

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the gun buyback program and if we don't use it all then I'm supportive of putting it uh into the uh facilities

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fund but I'm not supportive of the the motion to take 12 and a half uh out of

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it without even starting it okay uh Dare I ask if you would like

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to incorporate into your Amendment the idea of partnering with Kirkland

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yes I would I would amend my motion or change my motion to say that we should

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actively partner with Kirkland or any other municipality that has an operating gun program and I suspect that our chief

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of police would probably more knowledgeable than anybody else in this room about who is and where he would go

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to shop at okay so let me ask this is in the in in the alternative right not as a mandate okay Council wer yeah yep that

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was what I so city clerk you had text that was emailed to you for Council M Jacobson's can you add to proceed his

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text in the alternative and then just uh carry on with all of his

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text and that would go at the end of the gun B text that existed on item

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five yes one second and we'll get this on the screen for you

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Council you wanted it proceeding uh you're going to have everything that's already in number five

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and then you're going to say in the alternative enter into and interlocal for

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all right if we can blow that up as big as possible and if you can see yeah Council

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M Jacobson's looking at

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that I'm good with

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that somewhere in there we actually need the text of item number five ally I don't know if you could

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assist with this but what we're trying to amend is item number five texts we've

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we've amended the dollars item three no it's item number three or sorry it item number three we've amended the dollars

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which uh I guess that that first section is fine uh but now we're dealing with an

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amendment to the text of item number three

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I I don't believe we have text for item number three it just says gum buyback it has a description and the description

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reads this proposal is to pil is a pilot modeled after we're talking about amending this

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description to add in the alternative and

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then I don't think you need to amend the narrative I think you can just let this

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be the new narrative if you're but this isn't this is just adding on to that narrative right it's in the

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alternative to the existing text all right you could copy and paste the

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existing text into what you have here and we'll we'll be at that point but right now okay I I don't have the

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existing text in front of me so I'm sorry I can read it for the city clerk this

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proposal this proposal it's kind of got an error there

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this this uh proposal pilot modeled after the city of

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Kirkland's gun buyback program

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period the program includes a monetary

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incentive pen EG gift card

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close BR for each gun

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relinquished via scheduled gun buyback

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events period

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pilot

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yeah okay does that Council M Jacobson does

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that reflect what you're looking for and second it looks good with that okay any discussion
Deputy Mayor Rosen yeah I'm

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opposed to this I I think our original intent here was to have something located on Mercer
Island I think we're adding in a disincentive when we're

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trying to incentivize people to do something uh I think traveling to Kirkland adding another
hour or so uh to

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the process is is the opposite of what we're hoping to do councilor wer so when you read
The Narrative about the two

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events we're buying one event instead of two and we're looking into the Kirkland models an
alternative to doing those

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events this is how I understand this motion it's just providing flexibility

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from what I can read right and maybe scale right every dollar is going to the B back instead of the administration of

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a program all right any other discussion council Weber I think what I'm reading this to

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say is uh in the alternative enter into an interlocal agreement with the city of

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Kirkland or the municipality operating a gun buyback program to purchase guns if

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any from Mercer Island residents seeking to donate guns to any uh such gun

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buyback program subject to reasonable reimbursement from Mercerland it sounds

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to me like you're saying the the event would be taking place in Kirkland um but

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that the money for uh the gun being brought by a Mercer Island resident would be coming from the Mercer Island

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budget is that correct that reflects my reading of it

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so it is moving the event to Kirkland then well moving it may be having the

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event in Kirkland absent being able to have the event in Mercer Island like in the alternative is do you want an event

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or no event we've been at this for a couple years and here to now accomplish nothing I think we heard the city

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manager say that if we have funding we could do it in the upcoming year I think if we move the event to Kirkland there

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are going to be guns that uh at least one gun that would have been donated uh

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or given if it were here on merer island that wouldn't uh if it's in Kirkland well I'll remind you that we have and

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continue to have a voluntary gun Turnin program that has been utilized bu Islanders all this time like there's no

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there's nothing stopping somebody from doing that I know but this essentially adds money to it it gives more a greater

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incentive to do it I think moving it further away makes it less likely that

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uh obious a smaller less likely but it's going to make it less likely that people are going to uh actually uh take guns

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off the street okay any other Council Reynolds to to be blunt uh you know you

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know to me this is about kids um I had a friend of mine shot and killed when I was in high school from a gun that

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didn't need to be there um you never recover from something like that he certainly didn't

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recover his family didn't recover I didn't recover I still carry that with me every gun that we buy back through a

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program like this is a gun that will not be used to kill somebody the gun would be bought purchased destroyed taken off

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the street uh I think anything we do to make that program less successful uh moving

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it farther away creates less incentive to get rid of the guns and limiting the pool of money available is basically

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saying oh sorry we've used up the money can't buy anymore so that's another gun

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that we would have bought that could be used to kill somebody and that's just not okay to me now we have to draw the

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line somewhere admittedly you know I'm not proposing we do a million dollar budget but why not start with 25 see

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what happens we agreed to that a few months ago or a year ago whenever it was if there's money left over we can figure

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out then whether that should go into the municipal facility replacement fund or be used to have another event a year

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later I don't see any reason to uh to to hamstring that event before it even

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starts I think it's a darn shame that puts lives at stake okay all right any other

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discussion see cler please call the roll thank you Mr Mayor mayor anise I

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

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council member Reynolds nay council member Weinberg nay Deputy Mayor

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rosenbom nope okay the amendment passes any other

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amendments okay so we're back to the amended motion uh so as far as the uh changes to

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the work plan that would come after this we'll do that after yeah okay so please call the roll

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thank you Mr Mayor mayor anise right wait hold on I'm on the wrong

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one sorry council member wager hi Deputy Mayor Rosen bom hi council member

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Reynolds hi council member andraw hi council member Weinberg hi council

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member Jacobson hi thank you Mr Mayor okay motion passes since that passed I need to have a follow along motion which

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is going to be council is there a motion to authorize the city manager to open recruitment for two water utility

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Capital team members budget proposal six and seven ahead of the final budget adoption so mov okay moved by Weinberg

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seconded by Jacobson any discussion s clerk please call the

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rooll deputy mayor rosenbom hi council member wer hi

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council member Jacobson hi council member Weinberg hi council member andrw

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hi mayor nce hi and council member Reynolds hi thank you Mr Mayor okay

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thank you that gets us to is there anything from you Mr morning before we dive in the work plan okay work plan

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proposals and C Weinberg I know you have one so I'm over to you sure sure uh so I

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moved that we uh direct staff to create a 2025 26 work plan item for development

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of a program enabling the funding of of affordable housing efforts through a fee

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inl option and draft a budgetary impact statement to be brought back to the city

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council at the November 4th meeting for review and consideration of inclusion in

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the 2025 26 B annual budget okay I'll second that um so moved by customer we

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Weinberg seconded by Marin you want to discuss the motion in any greater DET detail than that well

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this is uh the primary way that we're going to be able to raise funds to actually uh create affordable housing uh

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and it gives us flexibility to be able to direct it to where uh the the land is

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most affordable uh and uh there are other options that we could consider as well U but I think that this one's the

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most promising and I'd like to uh get it on the work plan so we can uh start

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looking at what what that would look like okay great Council any discussion

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yeah I do sorry Council mayor Andel have um can I ask have we or have we not had

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a fee inl option in the past Jeff are you

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available yep there we go uh we have not so this item is

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actually uh one of the tools that's presented in the uh draft

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2024 comprehens of plan housing element to uh consider here in the next period

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of time so um this motion would move uh that item to the front of the list of

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those tools that are in the housing element and um that's something that we would work on then in

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2025 okay would would the um the information that we got on November 4th

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include information about other jurisdictions that have this program and

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the success of it creating affordable housing no uh that would be part of the

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work plan the assessment of a fee and loop program what we would be coming back with on November 4th is uh the the

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cost to do this work in 25 26 not not a full-blown analysis of the

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work item so so you would be setting that uh that piece council member and

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roll to be addressed as part of the work

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program council all right so I'm clear fee and L means we would charge development of some kind for low-income

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housing and get it to Arch or someone who can actually build it somewhere where it might actually be built in Le

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of of trying to make it work here right like is that essentially what we're talking about and we don't know if other

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jurisdictions have done it yeah in its most basic form you're correct City Seattle does it almost exclusively yeah

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other jurisdictions are doing it I just want to be clear I will not be in a position to have that analyzed by the

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four right got it okay I'll go do some homework okay Council any other

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discussion Council Jacobson my only concern with it is and

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and I'd ask the city manager to take a look at this uh is what the impact on

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CPD is which is the organization I assume that will be doing this work and

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uh you know they've got plenty of work and if it turns out it gets into a

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priority and it becomes a priority well let me strike

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that one would have to decide what priority it gets if we decide the cost

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of doing it is applicable so uh I'd be very interested in hearing it some point

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whether it's November 4th or next year uh how things are going to you know what

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if anything it's going to displace it's given high priority because we've got uh

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a bunch of things on the uh you know on the uh the list to vote

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on again this year plus a bunch backed up from prior year so so here's what I

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will do Council I will um work with director Thomas ahead of the November

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meeting uh to attempt to frame out a little in a little more deta tell the

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2526 work plan and how this item might be incorporated we already talked preliminarily today about the cost uh we

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we need to bring on a consultant to help us uh build the fee and L model that's probably in the ballpark of about

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\$30,000 so don't go spending that budget proposal money yet until we get uh the remaining 50,000 till we get to November

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4th uh so that we can revisit this item and anything else you you bring forward this evening uh but thank you council

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member Jacob and we'll also uh try to wrap up uh the work plan more comprehensively but I guess you

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understand me better than I express well okay I'll just take a brief moment

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to to maybe speak to the motion uh earlier tonight when we allocated 50 some odd thousand to Arch we created

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1.625 per or 1.625 units of 30% Ami

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permanently Supportive Housing and the Fe and loop program uh as it's described in the housing element is to allow a

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portion of what is prescribed in our code for affordable housing so we're currently proposing 15% of the units in

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town center at 50% Ami for rental if for example half of the units could be fee

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and LW we would be taking and Arch is responsible for calculating this number

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uh for us they would we would be taking the development cost of those units and collecting it is a fee and low which

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case we could turn it over to Arch and so you can imagine that if we just spent 50 Grand a night and generated 1.625

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units of 30% Ami permanently Supportive Housing how incredibly powerful a fan Loop program could be but you don't want

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to miss the development window so to the extent that we're up zoning Town Center

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some of the property some of the zones to seven stories you could expect some development uh to be forthcoming I don't

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want to miss that window and I agree with Council M Weinberg that pushing this to the front of the line should be a high prior because it creates such a

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high benefit and so I'm supporting it for that reason customer wer I'll just say I'm worried about not actually building

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affordable housing I know it's lowest income Ami but um moving it elsewhere

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doesn't allow it to be here yeah and so you remember the housing element only allows a portion of the on-site to be

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fee and leude not all of it I think we talked about up to half of it so you know if you had 7 and a half% on site

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and 7 and a half% collecting the f uh you know we have a huge Target and we can't step away from the size of the

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target so we we kind of have to it depends look at it that's a yeah any

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other discussion Council Reynolds I was stewing on whether to

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bring this up during the budget proposal time and I I didn't and I'm not going to suggest a proposal now but I'm just uh

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miss van gorp got me some data before the meeting where I could compare our Arch contributions to those of other

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cities that are members of arch and my population data is a year old so

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this is not quite right but in round numbers Merc Island's contribution to Arch Housing Trust Fund is about a buck

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and a half per person on the island uh that puts us the second lowest

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with only Newcastle being below us and the average is around eight bucks okay can we can we just limit the comments to

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the motion this is relevant to the motion okay and so I I just want to say that if this Fe andl program allows us

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to increase our contribution to RM fully supportive of it that seems to be what the intent is so that's why I'm going to support this okay very good any other

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discussion all right city clerk please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member Jacobson hi mayor nce hi

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council member andr hi council member Reynolds hi council member wer hi Deputy

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Mayor rosenbom hi and council member Weinberg hi thank you Mr Mayor all right

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uh any other War plan proposals Council all right I'm going to jump into one here uh

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so I was able to attend uh organized retail crime uh Summit with Chief solder

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along with our judge as well uh it was hosted in um over at Microsoft's campus

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with the coordination with mayor of Redmond and this was a it was a

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conference that was attended by uh all levels of law enforcement Secret Service

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Homeland Security sheriffs police Chiefs uh Regional legislator uh state federal

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government uh legislative uh Representatives uh and uh courts from

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across the region and CEOs of companies like CCO and Nordstrom and the topic was

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organized retail crime and specifically King County and its leading reputation nationally as being uh one of the

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highest uh retail organized crime areas in the country if not the highest and

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what was discussed was local municipalities looking at their local ordinances to make sure that they had

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the support on the books for uh not only capturing the reporting but creating the

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ordinances around uh the things that lead to organized crime or at least facilitate it and being able to provide

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police with the tools that they need to uh interdict when at all possible so uh

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I had sent out some materials I wrote a proposal I sent out ordinances that this was modeled by many of of which were

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from the great city of isqua and up in Marysville everything has been on the books and is working I've talked to

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Chiefs and local representatives and everybody's happy with the ordinances so I'm going to make a motion uh I move to

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amend the 2025 2026 work plan to include the following items each outlined in detail in exhibit a to be considered

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individually one a shopping cart regulation ordinance aimed at deter deterring and managing organized retail

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crime by regulating cart containment retrieval and misuse to prevent their use in organized theft two an ordinance

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to amend business license criteria allowing for revocation or suspension in cases where businesses fail to take

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proactive measures against organized retail crime uh and do not collaborate

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with law enforcement number three an ordinance introducing mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders of public

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disorder crimes with treatment options as alternatives to reduce recidivism and encourage Rehabilitation four a public

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awareness campaign with suggest title quote see something say something a community response to shoplifting and

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organized retail crime and quote aimed at educating the public on the impact of organized retail crime encouraging safe

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reporting practices promoting Community involvement in crime prevention is there a second second okay by mayor seconded

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by deputy mayor rosenbom council any any questions any

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discussion okay not seeing any city clerk please call the RO

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thank you Mr mayor council member wer hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi council

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member Weinberg hi council member Reynolds hi council member Jacobson hi

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council member andrw hi and mayor nise I thank you Mr Mayor okay thank you motion

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passes I believe that concludes that item of business if there's nothing else all right we'll move on uh to other

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business and planning schedule and we welcome city manager Jesse Bond

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Council no big updates for me I'll just remind you again the November uh the first meeting in November the date

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changed to Monday November 4th looks like we will have one a budget item to

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follow up with you on that meeting otherwise uh the items in your planning schedule um still stand and three

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meetings to close out the year with that second meeting in December we typically

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can cancel but we won't do so just yet that's all I have you have to keep

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the threat out there right right all right Council any upcoming ones to report no all right council member

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reports Deputy Mayor rosenbom anything to report yeah we had a couple topics we had a pick meeting uh last Wednesday

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there was a very robust discussion about uh King County Solid Waste I know Jake

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is on what he affectionately refers to as the trash commission I think think um

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but obviously they are uh there's some potential you know significant rate increases coming um so they they came to

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talk to us about that and there was sort of some push back from cities about trying to get that a little more incrementally as opposed to a large

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number and I think it was 28 was what they were looking at um second one was the uh PTA Council met also last

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Wednesday uh we had a very long discussion about um ebikes and I know

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this is something on our work plan and something that Jesse highlighted tonight but uh there was a lot of concern

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from uh from members of the the PTA about what they were sort of seeing on the roads and the needing for some

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additional uh information regulation uh so I promised I would bring that back uh

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and I know the chief is is uh is working on that as well excellent thank you I have nothing to report CER wer nothing

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okay council weberg yeah so a few things um first of all I wanted to uh uh follow

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up on a statement made earlier about the uh uh electric vehicle Chargers uh the

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high-speed Chargers uh which previously shared the parking lot with uh the Met

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Market here on merer island were actually owned by Evo um and after they had been offline for several months I

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called up EO to find out hey what's going on uh and they told me that they were waiting on a particular part and

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followed up with Folks at the Seattle City Light to find out hey do you guys have a similar machine and can you get

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par part to these guys they said oh they stopped making those parts years ago or a while ago not years um and so Evo has

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chosen to remove uh the fast Chargers that are there I don't know yet whether they plan on putting new ones in there

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though so it wasn't met Market's decision to take him out um but we know why uh they had to be taken out because

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they weren't they weren't going to work again uh I'm hopeful that we're going to uh see a replacement there because those

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are only fast Chargers that I know of on the island okay so other stuff uh we had

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the King County City climate collaborative meeting uh or climate

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collaboration meeting on uh Friday the 4th uh the primary topic conversation

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there uh that this month was Recycling and how we might achieve a higher recycling rate and we had a guest

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speaker representative Liz Barry who came to discuss details of the rewrap act as used uh City uh microphones talk

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about it so I won't go into a lot of details there um but uh I would uh help

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with uh Recycling and make curbside recycling free uh and the next open lunch is uh

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that I'm hosting is going to be this coming Saturday on October 19th at piai Pizza as always uh all are welcome it's

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an open Agenda News sports weather humor even whether pineapple should be on a pizza any even question about city city

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business uh all I ask is that people show the respects to the chef by ordering some food and or beverage okay

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thank you council member Reynolds pineapple does belong in a pizza but that's not what I wanted to

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talk about um the just mentioned the Parks Commission met last week and uh

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kind of embarked on part two of the park zone where originally we were looking at Open Spaces we've started off looking at

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the parks now uh spent most of this meeting talking about the uh the purposes of of the parks and the uses

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permitted uh staff are going to take some of the next steps but uh lots of work to do still but the project has

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begun excellent thank you council member Andrew nothing to report council member

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jacs uh Utility Board met a week or so ago and uh approved the rates all of

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which I sent to you guys by email uh I think before our last meeting or after

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our last meeting and uh the head of the utility board chairman McConnell will be

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uh visiting us on December 2nd to bestow those on and as part of the all the

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rates and permit costs and all that and uh the garbage meeting that I

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attend I didn't attend last Friday because I had a conflict but so I have

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Lana I was not in town in Phil Morrow so I can't find out yet what went on so stay tuned okay
thank you all right the

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next hybrid meeting of the city council scheduled for Tuesday November 4 2024 at 5:00
p.m. the time is now 7:17 p.m. the

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city council will go into executive session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss with
legal council pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW

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council during the

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course of collective bargaining professional negotiations or grievance or mediation
proceedings or reviewing the proposals made the negotiations of

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proceedings while the while in progress pursuant to RCW 42301 404b there's a

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reminder city council please stay seated in the city uh St has terminated broadcast thank
you good evening and

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thanks for joining us

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