

# GMHB EXHIBIT 119

## 2024-11-04 City Council Transcript

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all right we're gonna get started good evening and welcome to the November 4 2024 city council special hybrid meeting

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I'm Mayor Sim nce and this evening's hybrid city council meeting is being brought to you in person and by zoom we're also broadcasting live on M TV

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channel 21 and the city's YouTube channel welcome and thanks for joining us tonight council members please have

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your mic phone is turned on for roll call city clerk Andrea Larson please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor

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council member andrw here council member Jacobson here council member

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Reynolds is absent council member wer here council member Weinberg here Deputy

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Mayor Rosen bomb here and mayor n here thank you Mr Mayor city clerk if I could

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interrupt uh we just received an email from council member Reynolds that he is now trying to join so we will I see him

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in thees and I will promote him and I'll note for the record that council member

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Reynolds has joined the meeting at 50:1 p.m okay while we do that we'll move to the Pledge of Allegiance Council if you've joined us in council chambers

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please stand in face the flag if you join via Zoom please mute and turn off your

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

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

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justice for

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

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so Mo second okay moved by Deputy Mayor rosenbom seconded B by council member Jacobson city clerk please call the RO

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thank you Mr mayor council member andraw I council member Reynolds hi council

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member Weinberg hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi May mayor anise hi council member

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Jacobson hi and council member wer hi thank you Mr Mayor thank you motions uh

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motion passes the agenda is approved next item is city manager report we welcome city manager Jesse

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Bond good evening city council whoops I got all sorts of things popping up here

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all right it is uh Monday November 4th uh first up is a look at our upcoming

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meeting calendar for the month of November I'll remind you Council your next meeting is Tuesday November 19th on

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deck for the boards and commissions we have a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting this week uh Utility Board and

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Arts Council well the Utility Board is meeting uh next week and the Arts Council the week thereafter we keep all

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of our uh calendars updated on the website at the link on the bottom of your

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screen next slide uh just a reminder that the uh

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recruitment for the Planning Commission is open and was extended uh to November

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19th we are looking for uh to fill five positions two resident lay persons one

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resident paid practitioner and two non-resident paid practitioners uh this

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is a uh slight change in the Planning Commission and if you'd like more

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information about those positions or to read more about the qualification we have all that information posted on our

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website again the deadline has been extended to November 19th next

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slide hey some good news the Luther Burbank Park Sports

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Court renovation after uh some challenges with the asphalt uh we are happy to say that we are in the home

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stretch for this phase we're putting down uh temporary striping uh We've installed the post for

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Nets and the court fence and uh weather permitting we'll be putting in the concrete walkway very

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soon as well we think it'll be another 2 to three weeks before the courts will be available for play and then just a

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reminder the spring uh when the temperatures warm back up again we'll be putting down the permanent surfacing and

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the permanent striping uh Council we are uh planning for a uh official ribbon

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cutting and opening this spring where we will also be uh providing walkthroughs

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of the boiler building at the Luther B Bank Park next slide please a quick update on the 80th Avenue

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pedestrian improvements uh that work is ongoing we have a lot of construction happening right now in uh Town Center as

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a reminder this project is replacing uh a sidewalk that was heavily heaving from

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uh tree roots uh we'll be putting in new trees and lighting along the east side of 80th Avenue uh we've been working on

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the last couple of weeks uh with where when the weather allowed uh new curb got our sidewalk and as you can see in that

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photo there new set of stairs the new light poles are also being installed and uh we're starting to

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take out some of the asphalt uh where the concrete is going in more to come

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and we'll continue to provide updates on this very important project I do know a number of businesses have reached out

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and indicated uh some concerns about impacts uh to their access and driveways

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due to the holiday season uh so the staff are working with them to make sure we're well well coordinated in that

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regard all right next slide please tree giveaway uh we have been

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promoting this across the city channels uh for over a month now I'm not sure

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I've uh mentioned it to the city council so I wanted to drop it in the presentation tonight uh the city's

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partnered with the Washington State nursery and Landscape Association to encourage tree planting on residential

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properties Mercer Island residents can apply for a voucher uh that will provide about \$150 towards the purchase of a

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single tree or several smaller trees in fact the tree in that photo and I'm not sure what kind of tree that is uh was

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purchased and planted uh through this voucher program so uh this is really

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important as we work on uh growing our tree canopy on the island one of the the

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best places to do so is actually on Residential Properties uh so more information on our website uh to apply

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for this uh tree Voucher Program next slide

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please also in some good news uh over the summer the mercerdale playground was

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vandalized that impacted uh the Beloved train uh the surfacing at the playground

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and that cone SP spinner which is in that upper right hand picture I think might be one of our most popular Play

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Pieces uh was also not working so the great news is all of uh the repairs are

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now complete uh everything is operational uh we're still working on

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some of the interior of the train but uh the the equipment is fully back online so thanks to the team and our uh vendors

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for working to get that equipment fixed next slide

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please ah this is that uh time of year when we start pushing out reminders uh

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to everyone in the community to help us clear the storm drains uh Mother Nature is uh blowing the wind like crazy we

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have lots of tree fall uh our crews are doing everything they can uh to keep the

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storm drains and CTS clear but we need uh help from our community when you see a a drain cleared please uh scoop those

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leaves up and put them in the compost bin uh we're continuing uh to work these issues if if you have a major blockage

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we encourage you to reach out and submit a service request and we'll get a crew out to assist as soon as

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possible next slide please hey we had a great Halloween minus the

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pouring down rain on Halloween itself uh but starting with the Friday trick-or treat through the town

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center it's really tough for us to actually quantify how many people were out but I have to say I've been out

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several years in a row and I think it was our biggest uh Town Center trick-or treat we've ever had it was great uh

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lots of uh staff out and many many many businesses participating it was a ton of

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fun uh the Pumpkin Walk was also great success although it was a little rainy that day again our thanks to everyone

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that contributed pumpkins and uh came out for a really great evening and uh last but not least thanks

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to the Parks and Recreation team uh for putting on a great hollow weekend again this

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year all right upcoming events I've got a couple to remind you about uh we went

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straight from Halloween to Holiday Lights uh if you've been in the Town Center lately or seen the front of uh

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the community center building where we're at uh the holiday lights are up the mercerdale tree is almost completely

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lit uh we'll be uh turning keeping the lights on through the new year and just a reminder our holiday tree lighting is

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on Thursday December 5th this year it is a Thursday now uh so come on out for the

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tree lighting we also have just a really long list of other holiday events planned in November and December they're

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all published on our website and we'll be certainly promoting them individually across all of our Communications

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channels in the coming weeks and one more some good

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news hey we wanted to mention that uh we got a grant yes H the city was awarded

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\$100,000 from the Department of Commerce uh city council you know that the

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electrical vehicle charging plan which is intended to be completed in phases over the next three to four maybe five

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years uh is a really incredible lift we intend to start with uh the planning

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work related to the city's Fleet and this is really important because we're in the process of Designing a public

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safety and maintenance building which will house most of the city's Fleet so all of this came together uh really

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nicely we are turning around quickly and issuing an RFP for consultant to help us

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uh work on this first phase of the EV charging plan um I want to give a shout shout out to our sustainability program

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analyst Alana Dara goddess she jumped on this as soon as she realized we had resources available that lined up with

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the work that needed to be done uh she coordinated all the staff got the uh application turned in and we were

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successful so really excited great job Alana and

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onward all right also a shout out uh last week we had our annual drug

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takeback event uh really pleased to announce that we collected over 150

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pounds of of medications that were turned over to the DEA for Destruction uh that's a picture of our crew out um

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hosting the event so thank you to the Mercer Island Police Department uh for coordinating this event and I think

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that's our last slide tonight thank you thank you all right our next item of business next item of businesses

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appearances this is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the city council on any item except items requiring a public hearing quasa judicial matters or

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campaign related matters tonight's agenda will include person public appearance and remote public appearance

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

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registered with the city clerk by 4M today when it's your turn to speak you'll be called by name remarks must be addressed to the council as a whole not

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to individual Council or staff members any person making personal impertinent or slanderous remarks who becomes

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

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

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comments and move to the next speaker or item of business see clerk please call the first speaker thank you Mr Mayor our

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first Speaker tonight is Addie

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Smith can you hear me sure can all right poost has asked you to

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start your video can you guys hear me okay sure can

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okay my name [Music]

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[Music] is can we pause that timer Miss Smith we can't hear you at all I don't know if

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you can do something to improve the audio on your end but it's not it's not coming through at all

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okay let's go to the next speaker and we'll we'll Circle

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back move to the next one

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yep that's going to be in person yes our next speaker is Sue

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Stewart welcome thank you good evening Sue Stewart I've been a resident for 50

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years uh I'm here tonight as president of friends of Luther Burbank Park to celebrate what I hope will be a

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unanimous vote on the designation of open space Parks most residents are

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likely unaware that some parks have an underlying zoning of residential Luther

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burag Park is R 15,000 lots of 15,000 square ft upper Luther Burbank Park and

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all three portions of pioneer Parker Zone owned residential with 8600t

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housing one former City development director shared with former mayor Elliot

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Newman former president of King County League of Women Voters Amanda Clark and me that the city's plan was that if the

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city ever decided to Surplus a park the zoning could be honored houses could be

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built according to that quiet underlying residential

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zoning um I was here when the council member Le andril asked that open space

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be included in this year's comprehensive plan um it was at the conclusion of the

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mountain bike closure on upper Luther Burbank Park most all of you council members visited upper Luther then

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friends has watched the process travel through the work of the planning and Parks Commissioners so our members and

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all Park lovers on this island should thank first Lisa and all others uh

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involved in this new app protecting six of the open space parks with better defined protections and

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uses Luther Burbank Parks 55 acres is now being redefined as an active Park

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and Citizens need to keep on what may be in the works some com comments about the

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future of the administration building deserve clarifications to

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citizens deviating from my position as president of friends of Luther B Bank Park on October 1st uh I asked about

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grandfathering of some larger pea Patches by longtime gardeners at the

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October that was here at the October 8th Parks Commission meeting three members asked for a process to address the issue

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first Don Cohen commissioner Don C then Ashley hay and agreed to by chairman

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Peter struck in today's documents in preparation for this coming Thursday's

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commission meeting no Amendment Avenue is offered by staff we petitioners find

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that unfortunate but for tonight lovers of parks need to celebrate agenda Bill

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6558 open space Park designation please vote yes thank you thank you next up uh

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Dan

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Thompson thank you my name is Daniel Thompson and I've been a resident uh for over 50 years I have completed reading

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the entire draft comprehensive plan it is a very good plan and in my opinion

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shows that the majority of this Council really understands the issue and I really appreciate all the work uh that

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you put into it because I think it's going to turn out to be very important as I predicted almost no regular

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citizens participated the only comments really are from the Master Builders Association and

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futurewise neither discuss or even consider the fact Mercer Island has lost over a thousand residents since 2020 and

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our current future housing capacity is 330 units more than even the gmpc

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estimates as I point out uh in my email all of this up zoning is based on three

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falsehoods one is that 1 million new residents will move to Washington in the next 20 years when population's been

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flat in King County for the last four years that the cities of King County don't have existing zoning capacity to

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meet these inflated housing targets and that any new market rate construction will be

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affordable I've already talked to you before I think it's critical that you appoint a leaon to the Planning

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Commission so that we don't go through this again the new Planning Commission might not understand what you've gone

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through on this plan and your vision some might be from off Island they don't read mines you have to stay more

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engaged I've already talked to about housing elements 5.2 and

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5.3 I think that they should be amended to add consistent with state law and the

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comprehensive plan your promise to the citizens is the comprehensive plan and

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that is what the next Planning Commission must take into consideration it's your policy and that is critical

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because there is a Divergent between a single family primarily low density uh

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community and 1110 and 1337 going forward as we learned from

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the community facility zones it's the development regulations where the rubber meets the road we're going to need to

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have some regulations that one multiple dwellings on the lot have the same

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GF as a single family Zone number two any dwellings above one must have an

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affordability mandate just like they do in the Town Center under 1220 we're going to have to maximize our

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parking minimum so our streets are not overrun and number four one I didn't mention is any affordable housing unit

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under 1110 to create more dwellings must be the same size as uh any other

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dwelling so that it's not tiny than together our next speaker tonight is

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Evan Lawler

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you hear me we can okay I'm I'm sorry do I need to start over you do okay sorry

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try to figure this out from my phone um my name is Evan Lawler resident of Banbridge Island uh I represent um SRM

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which owns Tabit Village uh obviously our our Center is tired and it's had

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some challenges with the fire and at some point uh not too soon we would plan

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to to redevelop that Center um we'd be in in take a step back

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here sorry this is with respect to the comprehensive Plan update um if we were

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to redevelop we'd be required to replace the retail square footage at a one: one square foot basis um which is fine um in

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the comp plan we've noticed that the plan allows for additional density in the Town Center um which we tend to

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agree the additional density is needed to to make a Redevelopment Project work

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um but right now we can go five stories uh but five stories very

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inefficient development uh size uh for a location such as this uh seven stories

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would be much better um the current density bonus to achieve seven stories

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would require 15% um of the units be affordable at 50%

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Ami uh the the challenge with this is is that that no longer makes the

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development density feasible to construct from a a cost perspective and

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you layer on all of the you know States latest building codes um subsidizing the the rents to to

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make the affordable housing component work would create rent levels that

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probably wouldn't be supported by um the the residents of of Mercer Island that

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didn't qualify for uh affordable housing so if the intent

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of this uh affordable housing density bonus is to disincentivize development

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of town center I I think perhaps that's going to be uh achieved uh we see the

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similar thing playing out in Redmond in perland and uh we're not optimistic that

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they're going to be successful uh with these same uh development mandates for for

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density time will tell um if if anyone's able to crack the code and and develop

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under these uh new affordable scenarios I I guess where does this

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leave us we'd like to ask if you're looking for development with reasonable

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rents to residents of of Mercer Island um perhaps consider a fee and L uh

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payment to Arch to support affordable housing uh we understand that this will be compliant under the city's affable

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housing obligation you want to Circle back now for Addie Smith yes she would like to try again our next speaker will be

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Addie Smith

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okay can you hear me now we can all right we'll reset that timer and

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give it another shot all right good evening my name is Abby Smith

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and today I am speaking before the city of Mercer Island

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City Council Members today is Monday day before election November 4th

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2024 I am I want to say do not be do not believe their tears when they cry about

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experiencing hate their tears are fake if they were real they demand Justice

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and fight for justice for anyone who experiences racism and hate they fight

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for children who experien racism and hate these City Council Members have known for over five years now that my

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daughter and I were experiencing racism hate and discrimination by residents of Mercer

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Island white residents I am an African-American woman and so is my daughter these City Council Members did

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absolutely nothing to stop it the police did absolutely nothing to stop it the

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City attorney prosecutor judge Jeff Gregory and the Merc Municipal Court all

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report to these City Council Members these City Council Members allowed hate crimes to happen and then Protected

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Their police officers in attempts that have now Spanned over five years to prevent the city from dealing with a

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lawsuit when I was attacked on November 19th 2019 the police arrested me and not the

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person that they had known for months prior that was attacking my daughter and

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I but she is white and I am black she is

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a convicted felon and I am not I was the manager of the \$100 million building and

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my attacker was just one of several races living there these City Council

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Members have allowed judge Jeff Gregory to lie to them and to you and to prevent

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me from having an attorney that I am well within the right to have and have been denied by judge Jeff Gregory I

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haven't been able to work or start a business for more more than five years because these city council members and

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the Mercer Island Municipal Court have been reporting fraudulent charges and court date to every

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employment and business opportunity I have ever applied for in the last five

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years these are the people that you continue to elect to office and it is time to stop it is time to say no to

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racism and discrimination which is what my daughter and I experienced which is what I have been reporting to the police

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six months before I was arrested for defending myself my attacker had a gun

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the white woman who attacked me at the elevator had a gun I would have been

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killed if I had not defended myself and the mer Island police were at my door

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two the day before the that attack and I told do we have any other public comment

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tonight there are no further speakers Mr Mayor okay that's going to take us to the consent agenda which contains ABC

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6561 October 18 2024 payroll certification certification of claims

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for October 11 18 and 25 2024 city council regular hybrid meeting minutes of October 15 2024 AB 6560 shop small

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month Proclamation number 350 AB 6558 second reading of ordinance number 24

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c-15 open space Zone code Amendment AB 6562 imagine housing priority and

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subordinate subordination agreement agreement AB 6565 2025 2026 biannual

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budget Workshop follow upon remaining budget proposals AB 6569 correction to

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the reallocation of the arch HTF funds for the Redmond Plymouth housing project

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AB 6570 written public comment on the proposed changes to Washington state supreme court standards for indent

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defense is there anybody that want to wants to pull anything from consent yes Mr Mayor I'd like to pull item number 7

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ab65 65 uh from the consent agenda okay

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we're going to pull AB 6565 the 2025 2026 B anual budget Workshop follow up on remaining budget proposals do you

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have a motion to approve consent as amended so moved second second okay moved by Council M Jacobson seconded by

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Deputy Mayor City cler please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member Reynolds I Deputy Mayor rosenbom I

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council member wer I council member Weinberg I mayor nise hi council member

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andraw hi and council member Jacobson hi thank you Mr Mayor all right consent is

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approved that makes our first item of business AB 6565 2025 2026 by annual budget workers

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shall follow up on remaining budget proposals I'll give the floor to council Robert Jacobson  
yes uh Mr Mayor I move

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to amend the city manager 25-26 work plan to include a revision to

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the code of ethics and direct staff have to return with a proposed scope of work

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and appropriation request by quarter 2 2025 okay is there a second second okay

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moved by councilor Jacobson seconded by Deputy Mayor rosenbom do you want to speak  
to the motion yes uh I think both

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of the uh City officials who've been subjected to this uh have discovered

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that uh at much cost and convenience and

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heartburn uh the results that are achieved uh are not not worth the uh the

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effort put together specifically somebody that's accused of something

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should have the opportunity to stand up and present evidence prior to a

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fullblown hearing secondly the guard rails over who's doing the hearing and

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what rules they should apply need to be much clearer since uh in both instances

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that we've had these ethics complaints under the current code uh the hearing

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officers have departed significantly from either accepted legal procedures or

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what is reasonably clear from our ordinance so I think it needs uh cleaning up both uh for purposes of

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streamlining and for protection of both the those who make ethics complaints and those City officials against whom ethics

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complaints are levied than you okay thank you for that Council any questions all right any discussion not

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seeing any City Court please call the rooll thank you Mr Mayor one second I

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lost my place Deputy Mayor rosenbom I council

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member Weinberg I council member wer I mayor nce hi council member Jacobson hi

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council member Reynolds hi and council member andrw I thank you Mr Mayor okay

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motion passes uh since this was pulled I'm just going to read the other motion and we'll take it as one slog I mov to

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appropriate \$30,000 of the 2023 yearend unassigned fund balance for the general fund for the fee and L program for

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affordable housing and add the community Planning and Development Department's work plan in the 2025 2026 budget and

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two appropriate \$20,000 of the 2023 year end unassigned fund balance in the general fund for the digital

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accessibility audit of web and mobile app access for people with disabilities and add to the administrative Services

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Department work plan in 2025 2026 B anual budget and three appropriate the

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remaining 6273 of the 2023 yearend unassigned fund

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balance in the general fund to the municipal facility replacement fund Mr second second okay moved by mayor n

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seconded by counc Jacobson any discussion not seeing any discussion C clerk please

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call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member Reynolds hi mayor nce I

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council member Weinberg I council member andraw I council member wer I Deputy

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Mayor rosenbom is not in the

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room and council member Jacobson hi thank you Mr Mayor okay motion passes

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our next item of regular business is AB 6559 for reading of ordinance number 24 c-16 to adopt the 2024 comprehensive

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

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welcome thank you mer good afternoon Council um we're g to uh keep things

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fairly short and sweet here this afternoon from the staff presentation perspective I think all's going to pull

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up a a slide deck we have here this is uh first reading of the uh adoption of

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the 2024 comprehensive plan uh what I'd like to do is just spend a quick minute

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recapping uh what's happened since we uh last talked to you about this subject on September 17th so if we could Advance

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the slide that'd be

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great there we go um three things three key events that happened since September

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17th when we were last in front of you for this uh the first one is the public review draft as Council directed

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um a draft 2024 city council comprehensive plan was produced and made

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available for public review and comment on October 1st um the second key event that's

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happened is uh a couple of final internal reviews um our um legal city

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attorney's office and uh the city manager both completed final reviews and

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uh we do have some uh recommended amendments that were provided in Matrix in exhibit two of your packet

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materials and then uh the third uh key event that's happened since the 17th of

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September is um once we got the uh draft posted or public review and comment on

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October 1st uh we did receive public comments through uh the end of October

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there and uh your Council packet was actually updated on Friday the 1st with

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all public comments that had been received in writing by the city through uh October 31st so those are the key

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events since we're last in front of you uh next slide

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please in your packet we do have a couple of recommended motions for the council to consider here this evening at

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first reading um just in order as they appear in your packet number one is a

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recommended motion related to um approving the proposed amendments contained in exhibit two of your Council

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materials and direct staff to include these in the final 2024 cont comprehensive plan that would come back

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to you on November 19th for second reading uh an alternate motion that was provided in your packet uh if you uh

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wish to go item by item through uh The Matrix um you could use the alternate

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motion there and insert um item numbers log numbers as you see fit the second proposed motion uh would

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be then to complete first reading and schedule a second reading for uh November 19th for ordinance uh 24

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c-16 and then uh finally in closing uh the last motion there that was see in

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your packet is in relation to non-substantive amendments and that would be a motion to direct the city

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manager to make any final non-substantive amendments as necessary to the 2024 comprehensive plan in

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preparation for that second reading and option on the 19th of

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November uh next slide please so uh just quickly Next Step

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[Music] um we need to after completing first reading do any final work to produce a

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clean copy to present it to the council for adoption on the 19th of November and then also uh we'll be doing some work uh

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post adoption on final plan layout and um I believe we have a consultant that

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we've used before for other plans might be able to help us with that um that concludes my comments I'm going to turn

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it over to our city manager at this point who I believe has a couple of additional comments she'd like to make so Jesse take it

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away thank you Jeff uh Ali next slide and it's just one

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slide thank you um Council I'll acknowledge that uh

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this may be the last meeting where we're uh having a a substantial in-depth discussion on the comprehensive plan uh

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but as we get closer to that final adoption did want to take a moment to recognize three years nearly three years

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of work by a uh really significant number of people you know to the Mercer Island community for following the

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process for as long as you have uh participating in all of the meetings commission meetings working group

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meetings and such we thank you uh city council it I know how much work has gone

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on behind the scenes including uh giving up a good portion of your summer uh to

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read word by word uh the draft from the Planning Commission thank you uh not

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just for the summer but everything leading up to it uh for the Planning Commission uh for all of the work that

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you did uh many meetings I don't even know how many dozens thank you uh the

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council and Planning Commission came together as well and formed working groups uh to H tackle the housing

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element and the economic development element uh really appreciate the additional time you contributed there

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and certainly last but not least I want to acknowledge all of the staff across many many many many uh divisions

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departments and certainly to the CPT team uh led by Adam Zach um thank you

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it's we're not there yet but we're darn close and I just wanted to say we appreciate you before we get uh to the

39:13

discussion tonight and uh hopefully the adoption at the next meeting thank you everyone that's all I have thank

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you all right Council open up for questions or motions

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom yeah I have a a motion when the time is right the time

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is right I move to approve the proposed amendments in Exhibit 2 and direct staff to include these changes in the 2024

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comprehensive plan okay moved by Deputy Mayor Rosen Bomb seconded by Council M

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Jacobson all right do you want to speak to the motion at all or yeah sure um I

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imagine everyone has a chance to review the Matrix that was sent out you know these are changes that make a lot of sense and appreciate the effort that

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went into them to bring a lot of this into um it's the right word over here

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uh Confluence congruence with other plans and other efforts that this

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Council other Council have taken on and I think these make sense thank you council member

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anal um yeah thank you I'm completely supportive of the motion um and I I do

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believe that they are um they are excellent changes and I want to thank

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the city manager and staff for all the work to comb through and and eliminate

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redundancy um I have a question as well though and if if I were to be supportive

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of um Mr Thompson's recommended changes to 5.2 and 5.3 in the housing element I

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think to Simply add language that says consistent with state law and this comprehensive plan um when is the

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appropriate time to to kind of bring that in

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it's it's probably now as an amendment to the main motion is what my recommendation would be unless the mayor

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has uh a different approach this evening no I think that's fine I think

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for everybody's benefit it be nice to have to language from the comp plan on the screen if that motion is going to be

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made are you going to make that Amendment to the motion counc M anal yes I would like to make a friendly

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Amendment to the motion if the deputy mayor considers it to be friendly um to add I believe it's language I believe to

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5.2 and 5.3 of the housing element that simply adds the qualifier consistent

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with state law and this comprehensive plan Mr Mayor I'd like to recommend that we not friendly amend it and we just

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make the amendment for uh our own recordkeeping if that's okay with the council before I get anybody seconding

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that I'd like to see it on the screen so we can make sure people know what they're seconding all right give us a

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second while that's coming up I'll just add um if it is in fact 52 and 53 that

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we are U looking at 53 already has that language in it um so it might be just

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5'2 that the amendment pertain to um sure yeah I'm kind of a little late to the party I had a lot of reading to do

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and only kind of recently got caught up so but I think I think Dan's points are

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good

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we we're juggling screens here Adam do you happen to be online and in a position or or do you have it

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Ali housing

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element and you are going to

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page oh you've got it yeah I'm sharing I'm sharing here this is uh agenda bill

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6559 exhibit 1 B3 um page 13 of the housing

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element okay so can we edit this document on the screen or is this a PDF that can't be

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edited that it's going to get a little messy if we do that Mr Mayor um so we

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need to know where this phrase needs to be inserted consistent with state law and this comprehensive plan at the end

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of 5.2 yeah Adam could you zoom in yeah than

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you okay you can see 53 already has that language at the end of it well 53 would

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have to have added um state law after state law it would say end this

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comprehensive plan okay

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so I don't know what the best way to capture the motion is but I think it's pretty clear that she's suggesting

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adding it consistent with this comprehensive plan to 53 and then with

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state law and this comprehensive plan to 52 at the end of those sentences Mr May correct and I'm sorry I

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didn't have a chance to send it out in advance of the meeting I just wasn't really sure how to how to get that done

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I captured amend housing element goal 5.3 to add consistent with state law in

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this comprehensive plan actually Andre that's uh 5.2 5.2 and then to policy

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5.3 add the words consistent with this comprehensive plan

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or whatever the the same language is for 5.2 is there any part of that motion

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that is pointing that at the housing chapter because that I'm sorry could you say that again is there some part of

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that motion pointing it to the housing chapter because there's lots of 5. tws yeah that's one of the things I want to

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fix uh so that the first part of the motion should be amend the housing element you got that

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yep okay with that city clerk can you read the motion back to the council and I'll be looking for a second yes so I

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have amend the main motion to amend the housing element goal 5.2 to add

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consistent with state law in this comprehensive plan and to add to housing

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element goal 5.3 to add consistent with this comprehensive plan okay is there a

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second second all right seconded by Deputy Mayor rosenbom all right any

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discussion Mr mayor council member Reynolds hand is up council member Reynolds  
thank you i' just like to get

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an opinion from the city manager the City attorney or somebody else as to what the  
Practical effect of this would

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be it it strikes me that if it weren't consistent with state law we wouldn't be able to do it  
regardless so adding

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statement saying we're going to follow the law what does that add that there is no effect the

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comprehensive plan is being adopted consistent with state law and itself um but  
sometimes that language is preferred

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by the council can can I ask councilman randel to explain what problem she sees that

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she's trying to address um yeah no I just was persuaded

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by Dan's comments um in his email and in public comment uh portion of this

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meeting that that language would be in um an enhancement to the plan

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and okay thank you any other questions hold hand y all

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right city clerk please call the RO thank you Mr Mayor mayin I Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi council

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member Reynolds May council member Jacobson hi

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council member andraw hi council member wer hi council member way

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I thank you Mr Mayor I will remind the council if you're in person please turn on your microphones for votes so the

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online um participants can hear your votes okay so now we're back to the main motion amended to add that are there

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other amendments council member W uh so I move that we add the following

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goal to the utilities elements this is a mail that I sent at uh 9:00 a.m. on

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Sunday so I believe the whole Council including the city clerk has this already uh typed up

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uh this is would be utilities element new goal 6.8 encourage psse to offer

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contractual bidirectional charging and utilization of distributed energy

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resources allowing psse to use resources located at customer properties such as

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stationary batteries electric vehicles including electric school buses and solar panels  
thereby avoiding expensive

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or emitting sources of electricity in various uh uh scenarios throughout the

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year is there a

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second look for a second sorry get up mute seconded by C RS all right you want

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to speak to the motion sure uh so one of the suggestions we uh read in our public

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comments was to add a goal to the utilities element to encourage any major

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new electricity loads to install batteries on or other uh distributed

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energy resources so they uh draw power off peak uh I decided to make this

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motion after discussing the idea further with the individual who submitted it and with  
another subject matter expert on

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the uh and going through several drafts of the proposed motion I realized that we're nearing  
the end of a multi-year

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process of updating the comprehensive plan but the whole purpose of giving the public 30  
days to review the proposed

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changes to the comprehensive plan is to broaden the audience of people thinking about the legislation in present uh in

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question and then collecting and carefully considering their feedback and then being open to considering any

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reasonable changes that they suggest I therefore encourage my colleagues to resist the temptation to say it's too

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late uh and to seriously consider enacting this suggestion from our constituents uh just as we are seriously

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considering the 63 changes that were submitted last week by the staff okay and for the benefit of the council I

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have invited Matt LaRon who is in the zoom waiting room if anybody has a actual technical question for psse a

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subject matter expert Wendy of course has a broad background in utility work with

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PSC and so I will go to you c m andol um yeah thanks I frankly I just

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don't understand understand what this means I I do not understand what this would accomplish or what what it means

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from a practical standpoint I mean what what happens if we add the goal okay do you want that question to

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be answered by a technical expert or by a council weberg or who who would you like to answer that question um well I

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you know I guess it's it's it's Ted's motion so I kind of be interested to know if he knows but he does not have

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technical expertise to do that probably Matt okay can we can we well uh I I

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would rather have Matt kind of address it if he's able to I don't know how long he can hang out but I know that he's got a couple Council meetings to be at

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tonight I I take a crack at take advantage of the expert that Matt uh

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essentially correct me where I'm wrong there but I want let's not do that let's have Matt did you hear the discussion

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just uh of the motion there I I did yes thank you and so

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council member andw is looking for maybe a technical explanation of what this means uh well I guess first of all I

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want to say I respect councilor weinberg's sentiments here that most of what he's mentioned I think are things

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that PSC would very much support um although it is a bit of a um it would be

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difficult for us to understand exactly what that terminology because it's kind of mixing several initiatives together and some of which we're doing now in

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which cities and psse support for example distribute um batteries like you

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battery walls at home uh we already do have a program where you can get a you can participate in in um install a home

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battery system and then also make that available in a program with PSC call a battery Flex program where you get

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\$1,000 per battery and \$500 per year to participate where we could draw down the battery during Peak periods and so forth

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so I I don't want to take too much time but I could go on with solar panels we have a net metering program where again you can get one for one credit if you're

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creating more power during the daytime hours and um that that could be then be

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sort of banked or credited with PSC that can roll back when you need it at other times during the year or during the

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during the daytime the U bidirectional charging uh is one I know Council

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Weinberg and I talked about that it's I think it's sort of an exciting next stage in things but I'll try to give a

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quick example of the challenges with putting something in policy right now bidirectional charging there's a whole

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Fleet of vehicles from different manufacturers that are going to come out in the next or three couple years next year and or actually a few already right

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now no Kia and others that have already put some on the market the challenge is

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um there's a great company uh in Phase that's created a whole ecosystem from solar panels batteries to your

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bidirectional charger where you can control on one app and they're they they

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have operational bidirectional charger but it they can't quite put it to market yet because they have to get the auto

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auto dealerships or multiple Auto Deal manufacturers on board their system and all the proprietary system and it's not

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not altogether certain in the future if the automobile manufacturers will get on board with them because the auto

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manufacturers from the other end are coming into that ecosystem and are creating an ecosystem where not only do

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you buy the car but you buy the bidirectional charger the battery and the solar system that's on like a for

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example a GM brand and so it's not the future is quite uncertain in terms of who's going to get into and sort of

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dominate or set the the the standard for the technology is so in in short what I'm saying is um it may be diff might be

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best to sort of avoid some great specificity in policy language right now whether it's in a c plan or a comp plan

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and be more General I did provide the mayor with a copy of some Matrix language or sort of model language that

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we had provided last this past April to City staff uh that can be used I gave an example and some email and that to a

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more General language that could be used whether it's or agnostic as to whether you you want to use it a comp plan or C plan but you know it's up to you uh to

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to maybe look at that but um we would certainly uh welcome further conversations on the issues that Council

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M Weinberg raised hopefully that answers some your questions I'm sorry it no we

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appreciate that coming from you thank you that was helpful appreciate it c weberg yeah so the intent is to enable

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people to be able to have their solar power uh that charges their batteries

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and and to have the power that's in their car be able to stabilize the grid when there is a need for that and I

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believe that there's support uh as uh Mr Larsson was mentioning from uh psse on

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that there's still a need for standards out there uh that uh the industry is

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working on but I think what the intent of the amendment is to make sure that we

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are uh showing support for uh building that with uh with

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psse Okay C wer um I'll just say I appreciate

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the intent Ted and um I know PSC has been working on this for years and there's a lot of changing technology and

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a lot of changing state regulations around this so I don't think we need to put it in our comprehensive plan at this

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time okay sorry councilor Jacobson uh without

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respect any of the merits of this and I do appreciate uh Matt uh Larson your uh explanation

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that uh enlightened me considerably on the subject um this seems to me to be

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something that if anything should be in the climate action plan because it it

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requires certain amounts of action and and the uh the whole approach of our

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comp plan is to outline policies and to incorporate the various plans we have be

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the parking plans be the uh Pros plan uh any of these kinds of things that are on

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the uh operational and executive end of these kinds of things so I I think this

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would be appropriate to be uh in the cap and the other the other situation we have here and the philosophy that the

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the uh staff has adopted very wisely is that not to put things in the

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comprehensive plan that may may or may not have to be amended but put them in the subsidiary plants they're much

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simpler to amend and particularly in a situation where the technology is uh uh

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changing or is is dynamic so I I don't think it's appropriate to put this

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anymore than it's appropriate to put some of the other things that were the uh staff I think wisely uh removed and

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referred to the the the cap and in certain other instances uh other other plans we have so I'm I don't think this

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is the right place for it and that has nothing to say about the merits of it because I I'm only dimly understanding

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things thanks to Matt thank you uh city manager is this a

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policy that is in the cap

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already oops sorry but that not not as uh as presented we have broader

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language uh related to working with PSC on a number of initiatives I I did see

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Matt thank you for sending uh again high level thoughts on items to

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include in our comp plan we don't have that exact verbage uh but psse and our joint work

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together is referenced throughout okay great

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so thank you Matt for that any other discussion all right take clar please call the role thank you Mr mayor council

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member wer council member Weinberg I mayor n nay

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council member Jacobson nay Deputy Mayor rosenbom I'm sorry no council member

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andraw nay and council member Reynolds I motion fails two to five okay

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any other amendments coun Wyber okay so this is an amendment that

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I I sent to to the city clerk uh just before the meeting uh and the city council also has a copy of it in their

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inboxes um so the amendment is a move that we change the second sentence of

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proposed log entry 2-16 in uh Exhibit 2 uh to read design

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safe pedestrian routes to break up larger city blocks

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council member Weinberg which question number you on you're not going in the order that for question number

59:03

two there there's not anything that you sent okay thank

59:09

you uh so if you want I can I can send you a types copy of that yes please

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thank you is this from the Q&A Matrix T so this was question number two in the

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in the Q&A Matrix got it

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and this in the email you sent at 538 Andrea sent this out right before the meeting I think the The Matrix

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right uh yes the Matrix was sent out about 2:30 this afternoon it's log number

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2-16 in uh exhibit two if it's easier to pull that up the original text

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okay so I think I just sent the text of question number two to the council alist

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and also to city clerk yeah but what what is the motion so the motion I move that we

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change the second sentence uh of proposed log entry

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216b to read design safe pedest ran roots to break up larger city blocks

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okay is there a second second all right mve by councilor

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Weinberg second by c Reynolds do you want to speak to the motion sure it's a very simple change to just uh make sure

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we Preserve the concept of safety uh in as the text is transferred from uh the

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land use uh element to the transportation element okay any

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discussion well I think this is one of the problems that comes when amendments are untimely because it doesn't give uh

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me anyway the opportunity to take a look and see if the subject's adequately covered in other matters and there's a

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we have rule about that and there's no reason why this couldn't have been brought in the 36h hour window that uh

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is subscribed so I object to the motion on the grounds it's untimely never respond to that no uh Deputy Mayor

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rosenbom I'm going to go in order of that just a question from coun wber is

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this in response is this log number two in the Matrix that you that your question safe this is uh log entry 2-1

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16b no no no no no in the in the question answer Matrix that was sent out this afternoon is this in response to

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your question number two

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yes so if I'm reading this correctly and maybe the staff can correct me if I'm

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wrong but the this this idea of safety exists

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specifically at least in goal number seven and goal number 12 in a couple places correct yes yes that's correct

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thank you Okay C wber so in response to the uh objection about it being untimely um so

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there were 63 changes that were sent to us by staff um and uh I read through all

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of them uh and looked at all the changes that uh were the location they were copying things from and where They're

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copying it to and if there are any changes that were being made to the taxes was being copied from one place to

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the other staff provided us with the Matrix um that was a shared Word document

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uh that they said if anyone has questions please type them into this word document uh staff uh dutifully read

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through all 13 of the questions that I had there and sent a response at 2:38

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p.m. today I did not uh noticed that it was there until about 400 p.m. today um

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and so I did not have 36 hours to identify what staff's response was uh uh

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in order to meet the requirement of our no surprises rule I I did send out an email last night mentioning that by the

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way I sent in these questions I'm not going to get the response within the 36- hour time window uh so there was that

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heads up that this was coming okay I see that CPD director Jeff Thomas has a hand up I'm going to

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acknowledge Him for the moment just real quick um in the spirit of this conversation our current city code

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chapter 19106 uh which is Town Center regulations

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um section B item one does already have incode so it is a requirement for

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development to um have Midlock uh connections when certain situations

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exist so we do already we have already codified something at least in the Town Center um that would uh be similar to

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the uh proposed policy change here that's on the screen

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okay Council Reynolds uh yeah Reynolds thank you um just wanted to

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reaffirm uh C weinberg's point there I I think under the circumstances he really

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proposed this within minutes of the soonest it would have been possible to propose this so I think uh to a certain

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extent we need to be willing to consider this um it it seems to me a very reasonable amendment to make uh we all

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want a more active vibrant town center and we've used it term of a walkable

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Town Center as well and none of those things will occur without safe pedestrian routes and so while this may

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arguably be a little bit redundant uh the same could be said of almost anything in the plan I I think this is

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important enough it's it's worth calling it out here so I'll be supported

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okay not seeing any other hand city clerk please call the roll thank you Mr

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mayor council member andrw n mayor n n council member

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

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Rosen bomb I and council member wer nay motion fails three to four okay are

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there any other amendments council member weberg okay uh

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[Music] so I move that the wording of the new

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policy 13.3 uh created by log entry

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226b match what it was in goal 13 specifically Town Center buildings

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should meet a high standard of Energy Efficiency and sustainable construction

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practices and exhibit other Innovative green features above and beyond what is

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required by the existing construction code

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is there a

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second second okay move by Council weberg second by Council M Reynolds you want to speak to the motion sure uh so

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stating that buildings should emphasis on the word should go above and

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beyond what is required doesn't mean that they are required to go above and beyond it's just encouraging develop

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developers to go beyond the bare minimum there is no harm in including this

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language and it sets the tone and but the setting setting of the tone can do a lot of

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good okay depy may Rosen bom is this T just just so we can try to all anchor

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off the same thing here is this question is this log number three in the Q&A Matrix that was sent out this afternoon

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yes and what is the corresponding log number in the exhibit two that 2- 26b

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all okay thank you okay any other questions

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discussion city clerk please call the role thank you Mr mayor council member wer wer nay council member Weinberg I

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Deputy Mayor rosenbom no council member andrw nay mayor nce nay council member

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Jacobson council member Reynolds I motion fails to

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to okay any other amendments council member

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Weber I move that we strike the change proposed in log

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2-28 and this has been related to uh item number four in the question answer

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M question answer Matrix okay is the change the word City

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that I'm just looking at the Matrix and I see that in quotes So the change was to remove the

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word council and allow essentially the city to make

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changes okay is there a second second okay move by councilor

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Weinberg second by councilor Reynolds do you want to speak to the motion it's I I think that the city

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council needs to retain its Authority to approve any proposed changes to its

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code okay well I point out that this doesn't

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Grant anybody the right to or the uh measures to land use change the land use

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code all it says is a city may consider and that's certainly we that's a task

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that we expect of the uh uh CPD because

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they're on the lookout all the time for better practices so I consider this to be a frivolous

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Amendment okay any other discussion city clerk please call a

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rooll thank you Mr mayor council member andrw n council member Jacobson hey

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Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb no mayor nice nay council member Reynolds

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May council member Weinberg I and council member wer nay motion fails one

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to six all right are there any other amendments council member

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Weinberg I move that we strike the change for post in log

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2-31 and this is item number five in the Q&A

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Matrix all right we'll wait till that's on the screen

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is there a second second okay moved by councilor

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Weinberg seconded by Council Reynolds speak to the motion thank you uh so

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there is only one action in the building energy section of the cap plan which relates to Green Building which is be2

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two excuse me be 2.2 and it contains just 15 words land

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use go 20 as it's currently described uh or is currently worded um once you

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remove the duplicate header that is has 117 words and it helpfully divides the

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proposed effort into three logical workstreams this seems like a helpful first step towards developing the green

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energy program I recommend that we not delete this valuable work we can consider moving it to the climate action

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plan the next time that we open up the climate action plan for review okay Council m

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R oh um I was just going to ask that we if we could get a zoom out because I wasn't able to see the whole page but

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that's happened now so I'm I'm fine with this if um I haven't independently

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verified it but if it is duplicative in some ways and conflicting in some ways

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with the goals and actions in the cap I agree strongly that it should not be in

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the comp plan this is definitely a cap goal and that's where it belongs yeah and so coun weberg you're

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saying this is missing from the cap and you want to see it over there as

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well what I'm saying I guess is that the entry that's in the cap is very short

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it's only 30 words um and the entry that is excuse me it's only 15 words and the

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entry that is uh before us uh for the uh

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comp plan Amendment um or the one that we essentially

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uh approved on uh in in our last meeting

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um is much more detailed uh and gives us uh a good first step towards breaking it

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into three work streams um and I think we should not destroy that work by uh uh

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deleting it which is what uh the log is suggesting we do c manager what is the

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process for updating the cap should this language want to end up in the cap

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it's really the council's pleasure you don't have any uh limitations on the number of time our frequency that you

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amend the climate action plan I have been strongly advocating that policy

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changes be made in the cap and not the comp plan that is going to save our sanity in the long run because it won't

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require us to amend the comprehensive plan so my recommendation tonight is if you'd like to amend the cap plan you

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pass a motion with a very specific change and we can bring it back to you

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for ratification in 2025 so we we would bring the the whole cap plan back to you with with the

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change got it you could also just set this uh on an agenda for further

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discussion next year if you're not prepared to make that motion tonight of course all right any other

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discussion city clerk please call the ro oh I see Council Reynolds you have your hands up your hand up

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yes thank you I i' just like to get a clarification on the city manager's comments just now um I I think these

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motions Ted has been proposing and I imagine there are a few more based on the email he sent out generally are are

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sound and appropriate and reasonable changes to make um if the changes belong

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in the cap plan if we're con convinced of that um we've already gone through the part of the meeting where we were

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talking about the work plan for the city is that that's something we have to agenda like if I wanted to propose a

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motion to reopen the cap plan to consider these things when is the appropriate time in place in this

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meeting to do that I I don't know that the correct verb is is reopen it's simply to direct

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a change to be made to the climate action plan and and you can make that motion

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tonight but presumably not while we have a motion on the floor at this point correct that's correct not right now can

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do it after after we get through this okay well if if council member Weinberg does not make that motion I I

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will at the appropriate time okay city clerk please call the rooll

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thank you Mr mayor council member Jacobson nay council member andraw nay council member wer nay Deputy

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Mayor rosenbom no council member Weinberg I council member Reynolds

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I and mayor nce nay motion fails two to five okay Council M weberg any more

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amendments to the motion all right so jumping to uh the

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one that was for question number 11 in the uh

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Q&A uh so the motion is I move that we strike the changes proposed in log 8-4

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is there a second second okay moved by Council

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weberg seconded by Council RS going to speak to the motion Council

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Weber so uh I guess a uh question for um

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for the uh city manager um is the

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uh the city code is supposed to be based upon the values and policies that we have in the comprehensive plan right

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it's not the other way around is that right they need to

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align okay but the language that we've struck does not align with the city code which is why our legal council

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recommended it be removed so if we wanted to change the city code and if we

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don't have something already aligning with it this in the comprehensive plan

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then would we essentially not be able to change the city code because there's nothing in the plan that is that it

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would align to that's not corre correct your comprehensive plan is your overarching policy document we have many

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things in the code that don't directly tie back to the comprehensive plan okay

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in this case the sentence has been struck because it conflicts with what is in the code so you're saying that if we

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were to change the code as part of a docket item uh and if there isn't

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anything specific in the comp plan that it aligns to that wouldn't that wouldn't disqualify it from uh being a item it

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depends on the tax but I believe if you're interested in making an amendment to the code regarding noticing that's a

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code Amendment that's not a comprehensive plan Amendment we have extensive code

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policy on noticing requirements for most of our permits okay and a second question uh

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according to today's code do notices of Redevelopment of uh does it go to nearby

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land owners or to business operators or both it depends on the permit depends on the permit okay so if

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somebody is if there's a change happening in the land adjacent to

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somebody who owns a business will the business owner get notified of that or

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is it's there's it I apologize council member Weinberg we have Reams and reams

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of code language on notification requirements it's typically within a certain radius of the location of the

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permit that's issued independent of who who lives there or what is

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located there okay if you wanted to do a deeper dive on the not into noticing I

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would need to schedule time for you to talk with the CPD director and he can walk you through the various notification requirements for all of our

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permits okay so the intent of the motion was to make sure that our local

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businesses are getting informed of changes that are happening nearby uh to them and the feedback that we got from

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in the discussion of the uh the economic development plan uh indicated that they

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felt they weren't getting enough notice on that I think what I'm hearing you say is that the right place to discuss that

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would be in preparation for a docket change and not in the comp plan is that

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correct that is correct Jeff also has his hand up so he may be able to add some color

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commentary couple of comments the first one is council member Weinberg the the

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notices the is largely driven by the information available through in

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counties system that's where addresses and the individuals or the

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Andor the companies or Andor the owners are generated from so we do

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not we do not have the we don't maintain our own database that auto generates some sort

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of list so in a way our hands are a little bit

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Tied by we're relying on someone else's information to generate those types of list so that's that answers hopefully

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the question about who is who are these notices going to the second uh the second item I

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wanted to address um which I believe made it into the uh The Matrix that went out today responding to your your

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questions the code Amendment

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um a docket request would go and it

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would have the city review its current noticing requirements

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that's been done before as recently as I believe in in about 2017 or 2018 so that

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is possible to do that and again as I mentioned uh in the text that I put into

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the Matrix that went out today depending on exactly what the request is or what the scope

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is that would generate some sort of analysis and outcome that we'd be able to report back to the Council on but

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until we get that dialed in um that would be through a doc request that would be the

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avenue on how the city council if they wish uh would like to have this type of

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matter uh reviewed and analyzed and you know we'll see what comes out

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okay thank you uh so in light of the information I've gotten from the city manager and from uh director Thomas uh

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and if it's okay with the person who second of the motion I'd like to withdraw the motion okay council R all

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right motion to Amendment to the motion is withdrawn okay council ryberg all right

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one more uh so this one is uh relating to item number 12 in the question answer

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Matrix I move that we uh strike the changes proposed in log number

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8-12 second okay moved by Council M weberg seconded by Council M Reynolds waiting

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for staff to get that on the

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screen is that it you said 8. what that's

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10.4 yeah oh sorry couldn't see that part yeah 10.4 is the number of the

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policy and the economic development plan okay so again what is your motion uh is

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to strike the uh the changes proposed in 8-12

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okay all right do you want to speak to the motion thank you uh so the changes

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proposed in log 8-12 I uh might miss the point of uh

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goal 10.4 uh the intent of the goal uh 10.4 is to ensure that the fees that we

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charge are not having an outsized effect upon the business's uh startup costs

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even if we are only covering our costs uh which I've been assured that we are

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um if we find that a particular fee is a is having a significant or creating a

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significant barrier to Business Development we may need to reconsider the underlying value to the community of

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the city service for which that fee is being charged okay any other

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discussion all right city clerk please call the Rome thank you Mr mayor council member

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count Deputy Mayor rosenbom no council member Weinberg I mayor nce nay and

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council member Reynolds n motion fails 1 to six okay

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we're back to the amended motion on the floor any other

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amendments no not seeing any city clerk please call the

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RO thank you Mr mayor council member weberg I Deputy Mayor rosenbom yes

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council member Jacobson I council member wer I council member Reynolds hi mayor

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anise hi and council member andrw I thank you Mr Mayor okay we've got a couple procedural

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motions uh council is there a motion to schedule ordinance 24

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c-16 for second reading on November 19 2024 so moved there a second all right

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moved by council member Jacobson seconded by council member Reynolds city clerk please call the

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rooll thank you Mr Mayor mayor nce hi council member Reynolds hi

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council member andrw hi council member Jacobson hi council member Weinberg hi

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council member wer I and Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb I thank you Mr Mayor all right motion passes lastly is there a

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motion to direct the city manager to make any final non-substantive amendments as necessary of the 2024

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comprehensive plan in preparation for second reading and adoption on November 19 2024 so okay moved by Council M wer

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seconded by Council M Jacobson city clerk please call the rooll thank you Mr mayor council member

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Jacobson hi Deputy Mayor rosenbom hi council member wer hi council member

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andrw hi council member Reynolds hi council member Weinberg hi

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and mayor nce hi thank you Mr Mayor okay Council any other motions anybody wants

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to make before we move off of this council member

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annal yes I would move to direct City staff to uh prepare a revised draft of the

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climate action plan uh with due reflection of the climate related motions that uh council member Weinberg

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presented this evening for consideration in a future council meeting second okay mov by ccor

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Reynolds seconded by councilor

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weberg Cil wer so um my understanding is we have a

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climate action plan that we just finished a couple years ago so you're wanting to open not open you're wanting

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to revisit that and consider where we're we have some gaps is that what you're

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proposing effectively yes I think uh council member Weinberg has identified a number of areas where the plan lacks

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some specificity it's not entirely surprising that happens it's a huge document that we all worked on over

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quite some time it was inevitable that a few things would be missed I think these changes are very reasonable changes and additions that

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would make for a stronger plan and give staff and the and the council more guidance on how to proceed I think it's

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that we heard from a number of people in the council meeting tonight saying uh that these were perhaps appropriate

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changes to consider but that the cap was the place to do it so let's do it in the cap okay  
council member

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and all I'm just not prepared to vote for this at this time I would like some further evaluation  
of what type of work

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this would require and whether we think it's really necessary you know will anything bad  
happen if we don't do these

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updates um I'm not persuaded that we know that or that we've had enough time

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to deliberate on that tonight so while it might be a motion that's well taken at some point  
um I know we've got very

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busy two years ahead of us and I'm not willing to just add a a work item for

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staff right now um with with no real research or discussion okay City cler you had a

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question uh may please read the motion back as I captured it certainly I captured direct the  
city manager to

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prepare a revised draft draft of the climate action plan with due reflection

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of the climate related motions that council member Weinberg made at tonight's meeting  
for consideration at a

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future city council meeting that was a pretty fabulous

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translation of my somewhat inco here at 3:00 a.m. was GNA say Okay C

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lber come why don't you come back to me in let me council member wer okay um so

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I don't know that Jesse can prepare the revision without another deeper dive so Jesse can I turn to you to ask what your

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your thoughts are around this direction and what would have to get off the work plan to be able to accommodate whatever

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you would bring forward

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yeah I'm not sure on the on the timing of this I I think the the motion while I understand the spirit is vague enough

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that I need to come back and uh review I think probably the log and get

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more specific direction from the Council on what items are in and which items are not uh there was duplication in the

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comp plan and the climate action plan there was um

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you know so anyway I think we all feel the pain

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uh Deputy Mayor Ros yeah unless I'm missing we could probably come back to this in a few weeks so I guess I would

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ask Council Reynolds and Council white Weinberg to to if possible to circulate a little more specificity

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about which amendments these are um and maybe we can think about this down like

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in a couple weeks I just I'm a little un there's a lot sent out so I'm just a little unsure as to what would what

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would actually be in that motion yeah I have to agree it is a little difficult in the moment to try

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and understand what it is that we're voting for council Reynold can you tell me exactly what are the are the items

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that we're voting on I I think it would be more helpful if council member Weinberg did that since he had the full

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list of motions in front of him but I think it was fairly clear which of the ones he proposed were climate related so

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it's every every one of those all of the climate related ons were the ones I was suggesting for consideration that's

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correct okay Weinberger do you want to speak to this motion yeah I I just

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wanted to reiterate that we need as council members we need to be responsive to our community we did give give people

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30 days uh to look at the uh draft of the uh of the comprehensive plan we got

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feedback from people um and uh we got a significant number of uh changes uh in

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as of what I think it was Wednesday or or Tuesday of last week uh that we had

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to process uh very quickly um I want to make sure that we

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are uh making that we're reading through those and considering those uh rather

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than uh kind of being in a rush to uh to accept all of those so I recommend that

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we uh seriously consider these changes and if it requires having some time to

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think about what changes would go into the cap plan and I think it's a a good approach to it

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okay Council mayor wer I will just say I think Alana's been doing a great job as our sustainability analyst management

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analyst around all this climate action work with the k4c and the climate action plan as we have it so I'm I'm inclined

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to wait and see uh more for more specificity later so I'm not inclined to support

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this okay Council M Weinberg old hand old hand thank you all right city clerk

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please call the R thank you Mr Mayor council member Weinberg I Deputy Mayor

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member Reynolds hi and council member Jacobson y motion fails two to five okay

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so that concludes that item of regular business we now move to other business and the planning schedule we welcome city manager Jesse Bond good evening

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again city council uh looking ahead to November 19th I just want want to call out that we will continue our work on

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the 2025 2026 Bal budget uh the meeting includes a handful of public hearings

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and ordinance adoptions as we look towards a final adoption of the budget on December

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3D uh I will also note uh the December 3rd meeting now includes the board and commission appointments for the uh

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Planning Commission uh we also added to the December 3rd meeting uh the audit exit

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conference with the auditors uh that ended up being the only date that worked for them and I believe that is all I

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have for you this evening thank you Mr Mayor okay we're going to work and see if we can get Craig off the bed and lisb

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been there uh any other Council absences to report not seeing

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any all right uh council member reports anything to report Deputy Mayor Rosen bomb uh nothing to report I have nothing

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to report Council wer Linberg yeah so on uh Tuesday October

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29th uh Mercer Island had the pleasure to welcome Miss corle an uh who is the

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daughter of city council member of Joel on uh for our sister city in tono Le ban France I and several members of the

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board of our sister city Association met with Miss an and took her to lunch at the new crawl space restaurant here on

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the island and explored several Civic buildings and parks and historical sites in the island as well as some tourist

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attractions in the region miss an uh handed me a letter for our mayor from Kristoff Arman and uh who's the uh for

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to our mayor from kristofh Arman who's the mayor of tono lean uh she also gave us the gift of two boxes of Swiss candy

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one of which we open up and devoured as as a group uh the other of which uh is

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uh for mayor niece I will be delivering those two uh the letter and the uh the Box Cy him I would also like to mention

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that the sister city Association which is celebrating its 25th uh anniversary next year is excitedly preparing uh to

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send its 10th biannual delegation from M High School to ton lean in 2025 so

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students are already eagerly filling out their applications leading up to the November 15th application deadline this November

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15th and uh interested students can find the application materials on the Mercer

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Island sister city association website and finally my next open lunch will be

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on at noon on Sunday November 24th at Alistair as always all are welcome it's

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an open Agenda anything you want to talk about even questions about City business they like all I ask is that everybody

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please show their respects to the chef by ordering some food and or beverage okay councilor Reynolds any the report

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uh just very quickly note that tomorrow is election day I'm not too confused on my time zones I'm encourageing everybody

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to get out and vote and C Randol nothing to report thank you Council M

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Jacobson yes uh one small report a couple weekends ago uh the Parks and Rec

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Department under the variable leadership of Lizzy Sloan uh had a planting uh uh

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in uh uh of trees and shrubs and these

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kinds of things in the open space adjacent to the Gallagher Hill or I guess it's called Gallagher Hill open

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and and uh I think they everything got planted I was happy to be there to kick it off and uh it uh well done to Lizzy

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Stone because she had that thing a really ably organized and there about I think 75 or 80 people volunteers who

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came um so uh well done thank you all

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right the next hybrid meeting of the city council scheduled for Tuesday November 19 20124 at 5:00 p.m. the time

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is now 6:36 p.m. as a reminder Council please stay seated until the city is terminated the broadcast good evening

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thanks for joining us tonight

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