

GMHB EXHIBIT 170

2023-01-25 Planning Commission Transcript

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excellent thank you very much and uh I will now call this meeting of the uh the

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special hybrid Planning Commission meeting to order it is December the 14th 2022 my apologies for uh being a few

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minutes late we were just resolving a few technical issues uh my name is Dan Hubble I am tonight's

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Planning Commission uh chair and uh it is being brought to you both in person

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here at City Hall as well as in a hybrid format some Commissioners will be

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joining us remotely welcome to everyone and thank you for joining us uh this evening

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if the folks who are remote would not mind turning on their microphones and

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Deputy city clerk uh Deb Estrada will be calling the role Deb

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T thank you Mr chair commissioner boatsman here

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commissioner Curry here commissioner accuse here

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commissioner Rashid here commissioner rigid here commissioner

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Murphy here and chair Hubble present thank you thank you very much and uh

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with all members present and accounted for we do have a quorum this evening thank you very much uh the first item of

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business this evening is appearances and this is the opportunity for anyone to speak to the commission about issues of

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concern uh Deputy city clerk is there anyone who

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has signed up for appearances online seeing none in the audience no chair

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excellent given that there are none we will skip past uh the first item of

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public appearances that brings us to item number one of

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regular business which is the approval of the minutes from November the 9th

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um is there a motion to approve the minutes of November the 9th so moved

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it has been moved by uh commissioner and there's a second thank you from

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commissioner accuse uh are there any comments questions or Corrections that we need to consider

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seeing none online either commissioner

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uh Dan I have two uh Corrections great

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uh the first one is it says that you were at a remote location in the call to order

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because I recall you were there I was here in all of my glory

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I mean like my head was maybe in the clouds but uh physically I believe I was

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present then I have one more that is somewhat more substantive

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um is on the top of Page Three

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where we have the revline version of policy 17.4

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um I believe a word was left out

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in the second line it says the need and support the ability I think it was the

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need for and support the ability to maintain

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so the word for I believe was left out after need

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okay um is that something we can either verify and or

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have consensus on Dan yeah

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um got my packet last Friday and I I didn't have the minutes in it at that time and

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I have been derelict in printing the minutes that were sent to me and I didn't get a fresh packet may I take a

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quick look at the minutes because it looks like we're talking about things that are a little more sensitive I will be on them they're not in the packet

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that's been printed on the dice should we put them up on the screen well we the

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other thing we can do is that if people do want to review um just given because it was sent

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um as a secondary attachment um I think late to the packet that was released if I recall it

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was since Saturday morning it uploaded to the online packet Saturday morning yeah so so yeah what we can do it's not

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critical that we approve it this evening we can always just okay if folks will

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still want time to review because of that um would you be okay with that uh commissioner Murphy oh yeah if we just

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bring this back yeah um so um we can either take a motion to table it

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or you can just withdraw your motion and we'll uh I would draw the motion very good does

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the secondary concur with withdrawing the motion I concur excellent thank you

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so we'll remove the motion to approve the uh minutes and let's bring those back next meeting if that's all right

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thank you thank you well that was easy uh and I'll skip past

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voting on that uh perfect uh item number two uh which is uh of the bulk of the

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business this evening um is review of the comprehensive Plan

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update Capital facilities element and utilities element um this is I believe the first review of

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this section of the comprehensive plan and the purpose of tonight will be to re

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review uh the changes that are in process from the staff and

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provide comments on that and so with that I believe we have uh senior planner Adam Zack at the podium and I also would

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like to recognize that uh deputy director Allison vangorp is also here in

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the audience and uh joining us remotely is Elaine

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summergren from the Department of Public Works to help us if we have any questions about these two elements what

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was her name again Elaine Elaine thank you yeah

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um so good evening it's good to be here in person um let's see tonight we'll be taking a

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look at the capital facilities and utilities element of the comprehensive plan

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um our purpose tonight is just to go I just wanted to give you a briefing on the first draft of those two elements

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and look at um give you an overview of the things that have changed or that are being

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proposed for change um and in advance of a comment period

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similar to the process that we used with the transportation and the land use elements so we'll give you the first

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briefing today you'll have a comment period through January 13th and then

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we'll come back at your January meeting to review those comments

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to start out with um we'll take a look at what is a

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capital facilities element so this is the the component of the comprehensive plan uh that directs our City's Capital

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Investments uh to ensure that those Capital facilities keep Pace in our our

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provide sufficient capacity to serve the new growth that's expected through the

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planning period the capital facilities element includes an inventory of those facilities

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um and that's where we do the Capacity Analysis looking at um you know essentially as we as we plan

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for these 1300 new housing units um in the in the 20-year period how

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would that change demand for those different Capital facilities um so that's all contained within the

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inventory um the other really important thing that Capital facilities element does is that

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it establishes our Capital facilities plan and our Capital reinvestment plan

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um so these are the two lists of projects um that eventually become our Capital

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Improvement plan so they form the basis of where we're going to make the most investment or where we're going to make

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investments in the future in our Capital facilities and yeah that's really the groundwork

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that Capital Improvement plan is something that's updated annually by the council as they make decisions about

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what capital facilities to fund um every year

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um so just a different way of visualizing that so we have the the element overall which identifies those

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improvements that will be needed to keep Pace um as housing is developed and as new

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commercial development occurs and then that feeds into that Capital facilities plan and capital reinvestment plan to

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make sure that those facilities maintain that capacity so that we don't outgrow our capacity to serve and that that

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looks on kind of a longer time frame and then those feed into our Capital Improvement plan which is a more a

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shorter term plan for how we're going to make improvements over the course of a couple of years

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um thinking about the scope of work this is another element here where our scope of work during this update is really

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targeted and very narrow um the council wanted us to focus primarily on those amendments that are

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needed to maintain our growth management act compliance and then also to account for any changes

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that may have um that may have been made to the county-wide planning policies so

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that really just involves updating the inventories and analyzes about our capacity for Capital facilities and

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making sure that those project lists are up to date in the capital of reinvestment plan and the um

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uh the capital facilities plan and then finally we were directed to review the

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element for consistency with other planning efforts that have been undertaken since the last update so very

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very narrow scope for the update of this element now moving to the utilities element the

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utilities is very closely related to Capital facilities so the capital facilities is looking at the actual

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facilities themselves and utilities the utilities element is looking a lot more at a higher level how we're going to

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coordinate with utility service providers rather than the physical facilities themselves and so they're

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really focused on those utilities Like Water Service Sewer Service our storm

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water treatment Solid Waste electricity and telecommunication services

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um for the the update for this element is is even more um more narrow we're really just looking

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at um and you'll see when we look at the element here in a minute um that we're really just looking at those targeted

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um updates that are necessary for our GMA compliance and updating our the text

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in the element to make sure that it's um that it's accounting for those things that have been for those changes that

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have taken place since the last update in 2016.

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um so it in a moment I'll I'll pull up the elements here and I'll walk you through some of the key changes

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um to both um and for that process I'll just kind of go through those those uh the key

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changes um I won't go through line by line um really tonight if you have like

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clarifying questions we can answer those at this time and then we're asking for if you have you know input on policy

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language or um those kinds of more specific uh

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feedback we're asking for that to be emailed in during the comment period which goes through January 13th

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um and then we'll we'll come back just like we did with the transportation and the land use elements uh we'll come back

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with those comments you'll be able to consider those and um we'll keep working towards a public

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review draft um so the process the overall process for these two elements you know we're

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gonna do this initial briefing tonight um that the comment period goes through January 13th then at your next meeting

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on January 25th we'll take a look at those comments and consider the second draft

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um and then if if necessary we'll come back for a third touch at the February meeting

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um if if we have uh substantive things uh left over after January

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um and January 13th the comment period deadline

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um I think that's the fifth time I've said it so hopefully you guys captured or caught that

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um so at that at that point I'll turn it over to questions before I um pull up the uh the drafts to take a look through

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what was the deadline for the uh comments um you know I think it was January 13th yeah yeah great

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Victor [Laughter]

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um but I I would take any questions before I get into the draft um I don't know if Carolyn yeah I just

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was you know reading the um step memo and and came across this phrase about how

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let's see here um

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let's see if there is a funding shortfall for Capital Improvements the city must reevaluate the assumptions about growth

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in the comprehensive plan including the land use element so I'm kind of looking for some more blatant ways of saying

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that but does that kind of mean that if the city can't provide the facilities

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the growth is in question yes so that that language comes from the

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growth management act um that's one of the things that's um that we're required to do is is

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basically to say if we're finding that service capacity is going to fall short we have to rethink how we're planning

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for that growth um and there's a there's a number of ways we can do that

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through zoning because that's really how we're kind of channeling that growth

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um but it we're fortunate that we haven't found a capacity shortfall and

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it's not unheard of certain cities in in King County have periodically had

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moratoriums on building due to not having enough water yeah yeah that was one of the driving factors behind the

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adoption of the GMA was to keep cities from getting into that kind of trouble thank you

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any questions down here no great I have another one oh yeah somebody else maybe wants to ask a

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question okay and then on page three of your staff memo memo uh relationship to

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other plans the capital facilities element so so it's a great list there and I think that's that's kind of a good

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reference but um I do have a sort of a burning question as we go through this whole comprehensive Plan update I'm always

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going to be wondering if the plans that are listed are adopted by reference as

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part of the comprehensive plan and is is that necessary and you know what's the

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pros and cons of of doing so or not doing so um so yeah that's what I'm wondering

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about all those plans plus the hazard mitigation plan and the capital reinvestment plan the capital you know

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the are all of those not all of them are explicitly adopted

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by reference in the element um a lot of times though those will be

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um they'll the specific plans will kind of call out how they're related to the

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existing comprehensive plan and then they're they're linked in there um you'll see like in some of the tables

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here in our inventories we talk about the capacity um you know has been drawn from the

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analysis in that plan um so there isn't necessarily we don't necessarily need to adopt every every

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one of those plans by reference we maybe just are referring to them does that make sense sure um I guess as a consumer

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of City information here's where it runs into a problem let's say I'm looking at the comprehensive plan because I want to

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find out what's the policy on this or that and then it says well this is found in the XXX plan then I have to go on a

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long search through the city website try to find that plan I just think it might be a real

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Improvement for Mercer Island citizens if any plan that is referenced in the

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comprehensive plan is found when you go into the City website and click on comprehensive plan and that you can find

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all those things in that one place I don't know that's something I would suggest to note that down so one of the

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things that we'll be doing later in the comp plan update process is looking at a new layout for the comprehensive plan to

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make it more user-friendly and so that might be something that we can do without without it being necessarily like a

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legislative policy change yeah just a layout okay

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was that all Carolyn for the just intro questions

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great so let me pull up we'll start with the

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capital facilities um element um so you'll notice um as you're looking through the draft

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there uh we made uh quite a few updates to the introductory text those are

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primarily in response to those changes that have occurred since 2016 the last time the element was updated so I

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encourage you to read through that again we we don't necessarily need to go through that line by line tonight

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um the first thing I wanted to look at or to highlight for the group

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is Advocate on somebody else's computer

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um so this uh this is an updated draft this is on page seven of the element

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um the capital facilities inventory map um so you can see

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um where those facilities are located there's a key here on the left hand side

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um for the the different numbers of the map and what those what those indicate so this is one of the the new updates

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that we've made to the to the element you'll see on the page after it the the older map was

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um uh pretty dated and so we gave we gave that a facelift but yeah

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um I get a question on the graphic um I know the city in the in the somewhat

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recent past purchased a property at Island Crest and 40th would that or should that be reflected on this diagram

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or no um I don't believe so unless it fits into one of these categories so this

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isn't a public lands map this is this is mapping actual the actual facilities

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okay right so once that were to be designated at a park then we would want

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that reflected on them okay thanks for the clarification Adam I'm happy to answer that question

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also apologies everyone um Elaine Suburban Deputy Public Works director um on the operations side of

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the house um the piece of property that the city purchased at 4004 Island Crest Way is

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actually designated for right-of-way for transportation purposes so that won't be added to this map

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as a park that that wasn't what it was uh its purpose in being purchased so just to clarify that

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okay thanks and Adam real quick for for those of you online uh in here because we've got the

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presentation up from Adam we actually can't see you so if you do have a question um please feel free uh to uh chime in as

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Elaine did because uh I I can't see you so just feel free to make yourself known

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if you have any questions or comments thanks

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uh so Dan uh yeah like uh we're not seeing or at least I'm not seeing any

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kind of presentation or screen share by uh Adam oh thank you

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for calling that out we will yeah make sure that it

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maybe that's why I can't see you yeah that's all I'm saying is you oh

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well I mean that's a great show there we go I think now you should be

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able to see yeah yeah oh and now I can see you because we're looking at the zoom window and stuff thank you for

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pointing that out Mike yeah um we're still learning this whole hybrid thing so

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um so the the next piece uh that I wanted to highlight um or call your attention to

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the page is on page nine of the draft

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um so this is uh table two in the draft element has been updated this is our um

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our level of service analysis for the capital facilities um and

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um and then also some Financial forecasts so some forecasting of how much

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um maintaining the um maintaining or expanding the capacity at

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these facilities uh that's a forecast of what that may cost

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um so this is a when we're thinking about how um the potential growth in the future

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may affect um the capacity at our different Capital facilities that's where that's found

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here in table two that's where we do that analysis and we've uh Elaine

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restructured this table it's it's got a lot of strikeout and underline as a result but it the new layout will be a

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little bit easier to read than the previous one and maybe a little more clear too so we made some

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clarification there and then so one just I have one question table two

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table two currently exists and we're just updating it correct and so when

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you're updating the new Capital costs the last time this was done was 2016 2016 and so the new

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capital costs reflect this what is it six years that have correct six years

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that have passed okay yes um and then the the other thing here in

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table two is um the parking facilities uh line is highlighted

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um we're still that's pending the completion of the parking study um once that's finished then we'll come

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back in here and and fill out that line but I didn't want to put something in there until we were done

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um done with that project and just one more question on the table parks in open space

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is that a strikeout on on four or is it is the new number 4.3 value the

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new number is 4.3 okay Carolyn just a suggestion on the table

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is to carry over the headings onto the next page I was trying to study the

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table but I kind of getting lost without the headings there thank you

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foreign and I think the the next draft we'll

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take a look at I'll give you a clean version too it'll make the table a little more legible

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um okay I noticed the use of level of service

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and I'm wondering is there like a formal asset management system or can we get links to those

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where the levels of service are detailed because C and D isn't really meaningful sure if you know where to find that

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information so um I can I'll provide that with the next

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memo um the level of service standards for a lot of the capital facilities are set in

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several different plans so um so they're kind of scatter shot so I can

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give you some links to where those are at um and some background information yeah

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[Music] um the next piece um so any other questions on table two

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before I move on I I don't know if I can just clarify that last thing for everyone who may be listening to this

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later because that I think could sound like a little disorganized I think I

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want to just point out the example being is the level of service for the roads like arterials residential streets Town

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Center those would be in the transportation plan like Transportation element whereas parks and open space

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would be in the Parks and open space plan so we have Capital facilities that exist in all of those different

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areas and the levels of service are Divine Divine defined in those specific

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places and so this is just a sort of an overlay on top of that so I I

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didn't want it to sound like oh we're just being disorganized and it's all over the place it's really that the levels of service are defined in the

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appropriate places within the plan and we're just happening to reference them because there are capital facilities

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that also exist as a part of that right if that makes sense did I represent that yeah no that

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was great thank you I saw a couple of blind looks when you said that right so yeah so like yeah sewer our sewer levels

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of service are and the standards are established in our sewer plan and you know it makes more sense to have them

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there because we're doing a lot more specific planning in those documents so uh and those are the documents to which

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I'll provide some links yeah it's perfect yeah and Beyond the documents I think my question really was does the

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city have a formal integrated asset management system where um in a in a database somewhere within

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the city and often these are custom softwares you have all those rules and levels of service Define and there are

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triggers for when you need to act do we have anything like that or is it really just you've got to go to the plan like

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if someone wanted a snapshot of what are the recommended levels of service and how are we doing towards that do we have

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a tool that does that for that one I might def might ask Elaine if this is a parking lot

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item I'm happy to do whatever email yeah I'm I'm happy to to give that a

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shot um again Elaine summergren um good evening Commissioners

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um so we do have a uh comprehensive asset management system within Public

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Works where a lot of these types of items are being tracked in capital projects

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um however we we haven't totally integrated all of our um Capital work and our capital projects

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into that system we're we're currently working on that it's primarily being used for operations right now so any

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improvements to any of our utilities or um our parks are all

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um documented there I will say that you know truly the vision is for you know

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developing that asset management system so that it's doing exactly what you mentioned just now so sort of having

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those triggers in the absence of a really comprehensive management system

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that will that will ping us right as as we're approaching those thresholds

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um those are all things that are done uh in-house right now so by CIP project

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managers and um and the deputy directors to really look at where are we in terms

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of all of these plans and another reason why we use these plans constantly in the

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in the course of our work to really make sure that we're you know staying abreast of where our thresholds are and and um

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you know following the prioritizations that are that are embedded in those plans very specifically

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I hope that helps very much thank you thanks Elaine um

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any other questions on table two before we keep rolling here

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so the next piece here um is this is on page 14 of the draft on

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the printed copy this table is a little difficult to read in its current format

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but this is the capital facilities plan and the capital reinvestment plan so this is that what forms that foundation

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for um the uh the capital Improvement plan that

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annual plan that we produce um that the city produces but in in the

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PDF you can zoom in and get um get a little better view of the detail and for

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the next draft we'll do um I'll do some work on trying to get this so that it it prints right it's

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partially just a page formatting thing um but you can see in this table here

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um you can see the um the description of the different

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projects um where that um which planet belongs to the Target

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completion date and then um the financial uh analysis for that

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you know how much is the project going to cost um so this again

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um things that are showing up here in the capital facilities plan and the capital reinvestment plan will

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eventually feed into our Capital Improvement plan um and there's

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um you'll you'll see as you go through the draft there are um there are a lot of these so if you're

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interested in seeing what projects the city may be taking a look at doing in the next several years

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um you can you can see pretty much everything here in in the list

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um and Adam just for um clarification in our review this is a list that's adopted

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by Council annually or semi-annually I believe the so the capital Improvement

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plan that is based off of this list is annually updated okay um and when when

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projects move from this large list the capital facilities plan and the

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reinvestment plan when they move from that to our Capital Improvement plan that's when they're you know budgeted

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for the the that part of it is figured out um so this is the

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um again kind of the framework the the foundation for that annual list so this

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the capital facilities plan and the reinvestment plan are adopted with the comprehensive plan and then the CIP the

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capital Improvement plan there's a lot of plans the capital Improvement plan is then updated annually and adopted

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annually and from what I observed in the packet that was presented there's no proposed changes to this chart is that

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correct um no the the chart is um this the one that looks like this

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with the blue headers that is the new version and then the one that follows it

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um with no no color that's that looks like this that's all the old one that will be

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oh God it was in a different format so I didn't realize it was referencing the same yeah yeah we we updated it uh again

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to make it um just a little more modern and then I think there's some slight formatting

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um to make it a little more legible for you perfect that clarifies my

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I was like how come I'm not seeing any updates yeah the whole the whole table is

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updated and then here too is another spot where you know some of these projects a lot of these projects are

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pulled from those other more specific plans so like the water system plan the sewer plan those those other disparate

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um subject-specific or facility specific plans great thank you

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[Music] um so next let's take a look at the

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policies so most of the policies um we took a very light touch with the

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policies and you'll see that most of the Amendments that are proposed are

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primarily for clarification and then just some some slight

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um you know stylistic changes to make it match some of the other formatting the one new policy that's proposed is a

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proposed 1.4 um this was added in

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um in response to a change to the county-wide planning policies um the wording on it will look fairly

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familiar um it's it's talking about Equitable um treatment for

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um or Equitable Equitable provision of services with capital facilities

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um and I when I was drafting this policy I tried to draw from what we were working on with the transportation

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Element last time um using the historically underserved communities

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um phrasing that kind of came out of that meeting so um this 1.4 it's a new policy and it's

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in response to county-wide planning policy change

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um other than that um all oh sure so the clarification on 1.4 is is super

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helpful since this is going to go to the public and the public is going to comment on it

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and we've recently had comments about whether the changes that the Planning

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Commission is making whether they're surgical or discretionary is it possible

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in the document to just comment and just provide a tie back to why the change is

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being made like you just made the same look there was a county county change here and we need to get in line with

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that or this is the uh you know this is required by the GMA or whatever just so

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that people who aren't in this meeting who may be looking at this at a future time

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have some context as to why these changes are being made yeah um I'll make sure to do that in the next

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draft I think we we did that with the transportation element and I thought that was really helpful so I should have

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carried it over we'll carry it over for the next one Karen yeah on page 31 just a couple

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things um so policy 1.16 uh as soon as I

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read that I had a thought about it um so it says that um

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public services within the city to encourage them encourage the consistent provision of adequate public services so

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I was thinking of the um Solid Waste and Recycling a contract that the city has for

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providing certain Services it seems like a pretty mild word to just say that to make sure

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that they're consistent um and I was thinking of the word satisfactory and the reason being is I

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remember having experienced once well I I observed that the garbage and recycling trucks when they go through

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there's usually a glob of petroleum at every stop wherever they stop to pick up

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bins glob so every Monday in my neighborhood there is you know petroleum

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running into the storm draining down into the lake and we've made so much improvement in cleaning up our cars but

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here we have you know the solid waste and recycling company leaving really substantial amounts petroleum on the

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road and I call the city about this one time and then I was told well that's the responsibility of the the company that

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provides the service but I sort of thought shouldn't my city who has a contract with this company be able to

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respond to me as citizen observing something going on that you know shouldn't be happening this hydraulics fluid is being dumped in the street

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so anyway it moves me to say that you know the service should be consistent and satisfactory and you know I still

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have that question as to you know what is the role of the city in supervising these contracts and making sure that

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laws are not being broken

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um I noted that down we'll take a look at that with the next draft yeah also there's another plan mentioned on this

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page a hazard mitigation plan so I hope that would be something you know I could easily find if I was wanting to look at

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it thanks anything down here

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okay um let's see and then in terms of the

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policies um like I said most of these were just um you know fairly minor uh

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clarification amendments and then you'll find at the end of the draft

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on page 35. let me get there um there's this final chunk of policies

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um pertaining to essential public facilities I just wanted to point out

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that we didn't make any amendments here in essential public facilities or something that

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um in terms of policy direction that there's a really clear requirements from the state

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um concerning those so we don't have a lot of like leeway in those policies so I just thought I'd point out that we're

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we're leaving alone the essential public facilities policies as we've already

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kind of worked through that and don't don't want to go there again I think don't need to go there again

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um so that's the that's the quick overview of the the major changes for the capitol facilities element

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um and now I'll take um we'll we'll jump over to the utilities element yeah actually Adam

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before we do that I have a question about the uh Table Three the capital

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facilities forecast okay so the the first row appears to be

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anticipated um or the costs uh over the 20 years and

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then the following category or seven or eight or nine rows are Revenue sources

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um but I noticed that the revenue sources in most cases

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far exceed the Capital costs

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right Elaine um did you did you work on table three in the in the draft here

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you know I did not work on this table Adam I apologize I I can't speak to this

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um I do know that you know there's there's some of this um especially in that other category

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um you know the Grant Line is pulled out but I suspect a lot of the ones that are in that other category are also

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um Grant funded um this is definitely a table that we can revisit though to make sure that you

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know these things are properly updated yeah I was more concerned about the the

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water sewer and storm because for example we've got you know the water

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system Capital costs and then we have water rights contributing

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you know literally twice as much money and I don't know is the differential

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operating costs or is that I I assume that's not excess

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money that's flowing into the city uh no so the the water in the sewer

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rates are based on the actual Capital project so and looking at this I suspect

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we need to spend a little more time on it so we may not want to completely dive into this one I think I think

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um myself and Patrick umashita the Capital Improvements deputy director

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will want to look at this a little more closely make sure that we're um we don't dive too deep on something

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that hasn't been fully vetted so I apologize foreign

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any other questions on the capitol facilities before um before we keep moving

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all right I am seeing none great so now moving to the utilities element

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um we'll start with the policies in this element

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um are pretty much all only minor changes

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for clarity and style so there isn't there are not uh substantive changes for

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most of the policies in the element the majority of the updates that you'll see in the utilities element are to the

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narrative text that precedes those those policies and that's primarily to update

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um in response to those planning projects or those other projects that have that have occurred since the last time this element was updated

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and this is in keeping with that scope of work for this element where it was really narrowly defined to just doing

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what we had to do for the growth management act uh compliance and then updating to account for

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projects that have been undertaken since the the last time the plan was updated

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one of um the only policy changes that was made

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that has some substance is under policies 8.7 and

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8.8 and this is on page 16 of the draft the last page

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um we have updated um these two policies to reflect the

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Wireless Communications facilities work that was recently completed in 2019 I

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believe um and so this is updated to be to

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reflect that the wireless communication facilities otherwise the the policies

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the other policies are primarily for clarity or style

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um and let's see here and as I mentioned the The Narrative text is where you'll

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see most of those uh most uh amendments to the element um and that's really the The Narrative

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text is the um the part of this element that is um that talks about

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um the existing service capacity or not capacity but existing service um and

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um the the current uh conditions for uh Utilities in the city

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um so that kind of lays the groundwork for them those those policies that follow

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but other than that the utilities elements um policy wise is not undergoing a significant change

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and that's a very high level overview but there isn't really much uh to report with the

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utilities element so um I be happy to answer any other questions you might have but that

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concludes my walk through Kate

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um I'm a stormwater policies I'm curious if this city is coordinating with the

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county on the clean water healthy habitat initiative I was almost expecting to see

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something in here um maybe that was one of those things that should have been proposed for a docket item

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um if not this time then next time and the reason I'm raising that is that um

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County studies are finding that you know a lot of the stormwater policies are development or Redevelopment oriented

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when in fact a lot of the problems we have with storm water are our existing development

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um and in a large single-family residential Community we're not addressing a lot of uh our stormwater

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impacts because we're not as much addressing existing structures and we

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are fairly built out as we mentioned a lot of times so um I'm curious if they're

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if there are opportunities to think about that or explore that or is that kind of a done deal and that would have

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been like a docket item to raise um I I'm not familiar with the the

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county project you said it was clean water healthy habitat um I'll take a look at that and see I

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can look at that before the next our next touch on it and and I can answer that question more thoroughly because it

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again we do have a really narrow scope but there may be ways that the existing policy I can maybe find where the

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existing policy would support participation in that type of thing yeah in particular they're um for the

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Lakeshore cities they're hosting stormwater Summits and trying to get more where you have a regional resource

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like like Washington they're trying to get or like some Amish they're trying to get all of the cities that drain into

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that Regional Basin to cooperate on some projects and standards yeah

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well Carolyn great comment Kate I'll be really interested to hear what that's about a little bit more if you've kind

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of intimidated what's about um let's see on page three uh in the

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middle of the page starting with the second sentence on March 24 the national marine fisheries service issued a final

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determination about the Chinook salmon okay so my question about that is it's

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probably here in the water utility section for some reason but it's not making it very clear I I presume this

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has something to do with withdrawal of water from the Cedar River um having to do with the survival of

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Chinook salmon but some sort of phrase um in this paragraph as to what is the

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relationship of the Mercer Island Water Utility to um

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uh uh The Endangered Species Act aside from our shorelines which is another

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matter why is it in the Water Utility plan here

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would be helpful thanks

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um sorry Carolyn did you say that was on page three was that yeah yeah okay page

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three of 16 of the utilities element

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yeah okay yeah thanks and do the line number line number how

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sophisticated line 23 [Music] . uh we'll we'll take a look at that in

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the next draft yeah

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any other uh questions or comments or a micro mic online anything from either

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of you questions comments [Music] great I was just going to say in

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response to Carolyn's comment I think you'll find a lot of fodder in the Clean Water healthy
habitation that might

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be helpful towards that end Synergy yeah that's good um great well thanks that that
concludes

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my uh presentation um so we'll we'll come back the the comment period ends on January
13th um I

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don't know if you caught that yet so just making sure and then uh [Laughter]

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and so uh we'll come back to this in January thank you

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excellent uh thank you all right not hearing any other comments

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um that was pretty good we will move to uh

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item number three other business We Have Allison here this evening for the deputy

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director support do you have anything for us Allison um just a couple quick things kind of a

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little housekeeping and a look ahead for the first quarter of 2023.

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um let's see I'm just going to go through kind of month by month what we're planning the next three months and

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then a placeholder at the end of March so in January we'll be coming back for

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the second touch of the two elements you just went over um we'll also be coming back to revisit

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the draft letter that commissioner boatsman put together on the docketing criteria I also sent around just before

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this meeting uh email from commissioner accused with some research that she did

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related to that item so hopefully you all will have a chance to look at those and then we'll just come back to that in

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January um in February we will be well we have

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kind of a placeholder if we do need a third reading for either the capital facilities or utilities elements

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um that may not be necessary it seems like we're moving through them fairly rapidly at this point

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um and so the focus of that meeting will really be on starting to code amendments

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that are on the docket and so we're looking to start work on both the the

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one that's carrying over from this year related to allowing schools in the business Zone as well as starting work

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on the item proposed by Mercer Island Beach Club to allow a shoreline conditional use permit

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um as the review process for the proposal they've made around allowing

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um marriage facility update I guess

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um so those are I think will each be kind of a longer review in terms of how code

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amendments go so we're planning for at least three touches on those so I think those will probably roll through

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February March April time frame um

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I did note that the February February meeting is scheduled for February 22nd

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which is during the midwinter break for Marshawn School District so I wanted to

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kind of bookmark that and I don't know if folks know their plans yet for that time period but if there are conflicts

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with that date um please let us know and we can look at whether it would make sense to reschedule

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um Allison what was the January date it's January 25th

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I know that's what threw me off I

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mean uh question will we be able to get a a series like that we talked about

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this over email at one point having these meetings as an Outlook meeting

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series um so that we all have them on our Outlook calendars for the city is that

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possible I know the zoom links have to come later but it would be ideal we can set that up for

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2023 and get all the regular meetings as a calendar appointment

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um and then you know if we do have schedule changes we can send those out as they come thank you so much

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um so yeah like I was saying I think the those two code amendments will likely

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run to the March meeting as well um and then Deb send an appointment out a week or so ago about a extra meeting

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at the end of March March 29th it's related to parliamentary procedure training so that's a there's a fifth

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Wednesday in March and so that's what that's the date that we're planning for that

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and I believe I did a calendar appointment did go out for that already

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uh is that in person or online I presume it will be a hybrid it'll be

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all online only does them online now so I mean I guess you could actually be here in

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the council chambers if you wanted to but she'll be up there on the screen

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you can come we could definitely have a room available to come view it and hang

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out in and is that just our group or is that a joint meeting with uh with other

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commissions as well it's a joint meeting with the design Commission

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um yours will be more of an extended training with the design Commissioners will be a three hour training the other

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training is being done for other boards and commissions will be a two-hour training lucky us

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is that a commentary on our LAX procedures no comment sir

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it's primarily because these commissions have a more robust role in terms of

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setting policy and and making decisions like the design commission has sort of a quasi-judicial role in terms of looking

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at development proposals that's very kindly thank you thank you [Music]

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um that's all I have for our our update any questions about that yes yes okay

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you have a question I did that wrong good night I ask a question there if you have a

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question yes please my question is what is happening with the housing work group

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and our little mini subgroup yeah good question um as you know we kind of put things on

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hold when we started seeing the guidance rolling out from Department of Commerce in King County as we were realizing that

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the work on that element was going to be a little more extensive than we initially anticipated so

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Adam and I and some of the other staff have been spending a lot of time in the last four to six weeks reviewing that

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guidance attending a lot of meetings and in webinars put out by Commerce in King

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County and trying to get our heads wrapped around you know what that work is going to entail we're currently

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working on updating the scope of work and reaching out to some of our Consultants to see what additional

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resources are available to support us and we were planning we're planning to bring an updated scope to both the

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Planning Commission and Council either at the end of January or beginning of February to give you all an update on

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what that's going to look like I'm anticipating that the work group may not reconvene until sometime in the

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spring because we are going to need to do some additional technical analysis and update

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the housing needs assessment um related to the there's a whole section of guidance on racially

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disparate impacts that requires a bunch of additional analysis so we'll be working on that this winter and spring

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and then looking to come back to the work group with that updated analysis and kind of restart the policy

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discussion at that point thank you great

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any other uh questions for Allison

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um with that um she mentioned the two meetings January

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and February um February 22nd as Allison mentioned is

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midwinter break for the school district so I know some folks have school-aged

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children and may or may not have a vacation plan so if you do believe you

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will be unable to make that meeting if you can let the deputy city clerk know as well

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as Allison and then we can engage whether or not we need to move that meeting or not based on the attendance

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and uh likewise is there anybody who knows they're going to be gone for the January meeting on the 25th at this

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point okay then we'll keep that meeting date

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just let the staff know if for some reason the 22nd of February does not

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work thank you uh with that uh as we just mentioned

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January 25th is the next meeting and before we adjourn does anybody else have

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anything for the good of the order well I see you moving to your microphone

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Carol this was so strangely painless that I I don't know I just not sure I can cope that's all I want to say

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well with that thank you all very much for uh uh coming this evening and uh

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enjoy the short meeting and we will see you uh in a little over a month and with that the meeting is adjourned thank you