

MEETING TRANSCRIPT- BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL- STUDY SESSION- 8/4/2020

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Joe Deets: Call I think everyone's supposed to be here today. Right, no holidays.

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Christine Brown: Correct.

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Joe Deets: My TRUSTY ASSISTANT here again.

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Joe Deets: Back from his

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Joe Deets: camping trip.

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Leslie Schneider: He gave no indication to me that he would not be here. So I'm assuming that he was attempting to be here.

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Leslie Schneider: But I also talked to him in a while.

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Okay.

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Joe Deets: Well, six o'clock, and we're going to go ahead and gets here.

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Joe Deets: Or Oh hey there you are. Okay, good to see you. Councilmember media, quote, we're going to go ahead and get started at six o'clock, and we have a lot to talk about tonight.

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Joe Deets: Thank you all. I'm calling this meeting city council study session to order for Tuesday, August 4

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Joe Deets: To

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Joe Deets: Let's do a quick roll call.

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Joe Deets: See mayor shiner

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Leslie Schneider: I am here. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Everyone council members are happy to be here tonight. Looking forward to remeeting  
good to see everyone

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: President and looking forward to what I hope will be an easy meeting tonight.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, me too.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Night, everybody. I'm sorry. Good evening, everybody. Here's a little too much information I'm I'm back from two weeks of vacation in Colorado.

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Kol Medina: And I found this thing. They're called the sun and I'm I noticed earlier when I got home that like my legs were really dirty, but they weren't so they were tan.

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Kol Medina: Was just so shocking.

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Joe Deets: Welcome, welcome back to our hey it's sunny here now.

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Leslie Schneider: That a little bit of that.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Evening, nice to be here.

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Joe Deets: And COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Joe Deets: Well, we're going to start off

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Joe Deets: With land acknowledgement

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Statement.

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Joe Deets: First little statement from a quote from chief Seattle dated 1850 for

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Joe Deets: Every part of the soil is sacred in the estimation of my people.

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Joe Deets: Every hillside. Every valley every plane and Grove has been followed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.

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Joe Deets: Now the statement.

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Joe Deets: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land which we gather is within the Aboriginal average Neil territory of the people of clear salt water. The Squamish people

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Joe Deets: Expert fisherman canoe builders and basket Weaver's the Squamish people live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years.

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Joe Deets: Here, this will punish people live and protect that I added waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the point Elliot tree of 1855

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Joe Deets: If we're going to move into Executive Session.

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Joe Deets: Let me see.

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Joe Deets: Pursuant to our CW 42.3 O dot 1101 dot i

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Joe Deets: To discuss of legal counsel matters related to litigation or potential litigation, to which the city, the governing body or a member acting in an official capacity is or is likely

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Joe Deets: Likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency and we're slated to do this for about 2020 minutes so

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Joe Levan: And council. As always we'll, we'll break in through I'll send you an invite through teams and you'll accept the invite and join the executive session that way.

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Joe Deets: Okay, so we will be

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Joe Deets: Leaving about six or 520 minutes we'll be back at

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Joe Levan: Good evening. How are you good

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Joe Levan: People in here.

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Christine Brown: Council has extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes they anticipate returning at 640

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Joe Deets: See if we're just missing council member necessary she is. Okay. Okay. Welcome back everybody. We're back from Executive Session, and we'll continue a fire open meeting a next step is approval of the agenda.

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Joe Deets: To I hear emotion.

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Michael Pollock: I just wanted to add something to the agenda.

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Michael Pollock: My mind. It's a roadblock of the miners to to the consent agenda.

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Michael Pollock: Council member car had approached me and wanted to be a another liaison on the island center Planning Committee.

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Michael Pollock: And we just have a few more meetings left, but she was interested. So I would hope that everyone would be agreeable to that and we could just put it on the Consent Agenda to put her on

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Michael Pollock: We have a meeting coming up on Thursday. So it has to be taken care of. Today, so that she can participate as liaison.

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Joe Deets: We don't have a conservative agenda for study sessions where

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Michael Pollock: Well,

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Michael Pollock: Can we make one

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Michael Pollock: Or can we just put that I add that on that. It's just a timing issue that it's the the meetings on on Thursday, so

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Joe Deets: Okay, so what is your ask COUNCILMEMBER

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Michael Pollock: Just that she'd be appointed as as another liaison to the islands central planning committee.

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Joe Deets: Okay, do you want to make any we're talking about the agenda.

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Michael Pollock: You want to just do it right now, or do you want to put it on the

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Joe Deets: Web we're talking about the agenda.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, that's what I'm asking is to put you want to

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Joe Deets: add something to the agenda.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Okay. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Do we have a second to that.

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Kol Medina: A second

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Joe Deets: Okay, so we will. Let's just put that I, oh gosh seven. F. And this is

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Joe Deets: Edition of COUNCILMEMBER car to the island center subcommittee.

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Michael Pollock: As a liaison. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Any other changes.

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Joe Deets: To the agenda.

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Kol Medina: Can I add share just as a point of order, and under the rules we adopted for adding things to the agenda if we're adding something to be voted on tonight's as a substantive discussion then we actually need for members of the Council to agree to put it on.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Do we have we have four, we have to add two more. Okay. Councilmember Schneider customer looks pretty much unanimous me. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Any other changes to the agenda mayor cider.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you might have a very also small request to add a five minute item, you probably saw in your email a letter signed by me as support for the

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Leslie Schneider: Arts and Humanities Bainbridge grant application. I just want to make sure that everybody gets a chance to see that and and chime in on it. So a five minute item whenever

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Joe Deets: So, so the you know the agenda item is support letter to

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Leslie Schneider: Arts and Humanities Bainbridge grant to support their grant application to create a creative district.

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Kol Medina: Second,

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: And we don't need. Okay. And third, do we need a

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Joe Deets: Four. Okay, for I think we got four

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Joe Deets: Yeah, okay. So that will be item 70 okay. I'm okay. Anything else stops.

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Joe Deets: We have a motion to approve the amended agenda.

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Kol Medina: So moved.

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Joe Deets: second by second by comes from. I've written this are all in favor say aye or

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Counts the the amended agenda is approved.

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Very good.

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Joe Deets: Next is the conflict of interest disclosure. Does anyone have a conflict of interest. They like to disclose.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Hearing not now we'll move into the mayor's report mayor Schneider Europe.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: city clerk. Thank you. I was just going to suggest that you start that I have some prepared remarks and it might go a little bit over three minutes, but I hope not. And I just want to go a little bit more deeply into just one topic.

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Leslie Schneider: As of the end of July, just a few days ago, the application period for filling seats on most advisory committees is now closed.

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Leslie Schneider: And as a point of clarity, we have not yet opened the application period for our current planning commission, they can see

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Leslie Schneider: So thankfully there was a wealth of applicants to most of these committees and in the next few weeks. It'll take a major effort.

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Leslie Schneider: To interview everyone and as the mayor, I will take part in as many of these as I can and I look forward to meeting. Many residents so willing to be generous with their time and talents.

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Leslie Schneider: I want to emphasize that our process for filling these committees has been very consistent over the past

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Leslie Schneider: Five or six years and I found out a little detail. So, under the leadership of an Blair, beginning in around 2014 or 2015

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Leslie Schneider: The city is worked to develop a standardized process for appointments to city advisory groups her goals were to make the process more transparent and to encourage a more diverse set of participants.

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Leslie Schneider: unconfident that we are about to improve the process again as we learn to apply an equity lens to our committee selections. I had hoped that we would do that.

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Leslie Schneider: For this major round of applicants, but I get it now that making even what seems like really common sense changes can backfire without fully understanding

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Leslie Schneider: And addressing hidden underlying structural racism and implicit bias race equity Task Force has been leaning in to make sure that we all first get the training that they think is critical to uncover and counter this bias.

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Leslie Schneider: The city manager has been leaning into a system in achieving their work plan and the liaison to the task force has been advocating for them.

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Leslie Schneider: I will not interfere in that effort and we'll all just need to be more patient with the process that will take longer than desired to play out. So for now.

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Leslie Schneider: The advisory committee selection process for this cycle will continue, as it has in the past. And I just want to quickly outline that process. So,

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Leslie Schneider: First of all, the mayor and the liaison to the committee and the chair of the committee formed the selection panel to review resumes and to interview qualified candidates for roughly 10 minutes each.

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Leslie Schneider: If the chair of the committee is the one being interviewed for a renewed item. Then another committee member is substituted. And if the mayor is also the liaison.

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Leslie Schneider: To that committee. Then another council member is usually asked to participate on that panel. And then after the applicants have been interviewed

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Leslie Schneider: The three interviewers decide by consensus on the top candidate for each open position and I will convey this choice as part of a slate of choices to counsel for approval.

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Leslie Schneider: If a majority of Council votes to confirm the choices. The decision can either going to affect immediately, but more often it is sent to the consent agenda of a future meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm also very happy to discuss this or any other issues in my Monday afternoon office hours. And that's it. Thank you very much.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Thank you, Mayor

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Joe Deets: See, we will move on. Item five future Council agendas.

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Joe Deets: Morgan, would you like to take that

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Morgan Smith: Sure, I just looking ahead, we have the rest of the August agendas scheduled out here.

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Morgan Smith: The meeting next week, the business meeting. We have an Executive Session. And then we have place time

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Morgan Smith: For the race equity task force to come back with the next update on the status of some of their items.

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Morgan Smith: And council members are and I are going to meet with them again tomorrow to see if they're on track for that date. If not, they'll come at the next available meeting so it'll either be the 11th or shortly thereafter.

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Morgan Smith: We're scheduling a couple of public hearings for later in the month and there's some housekeeping related to the update for the process we use to surplus property.

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Morgan Smith: That was an item that was identified as part of the work and discussion around the Suzuki projects.

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Morgan Smith: Previously, but we would like to go ahead and fix our housekeeping on this. So it's not related to a particular piece of property.

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Morgan Smith: It's just to update the process which has been when we went to look at it was extremely outdated and no longer currently aligned with some of the other parts of our code so

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Morgan Smith: Then we have a placeholder to do all of the committee appointments. It is quite possible that not all of those will be ready to go. So we'll see where things stand by the time we get there.

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Morgan Smith: And then we have time placed to have a conversation about recent community concerns related to sexual assault investigations at the

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Morgan Smith: police department's role in those investigations.

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Morgan Smith: And then Council last week had plans time under Council discussion to hear from the members of the joint subcommittee with the planning commission on their recommendation for

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Morgan Smith: Potential changes to the process that's used to fill Planning Commission vacancies. So, that time has been placed there too.

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Morgan Smith: So that's your first business meeting and then I won't go through the other two agendas in detail, one item on the 25th, which is the second business meeting that I want to call out just as a potential we currently had previously had the the update for Council on our current fee study

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Morgan Smith: Scheduled to come on the 25th, but that meeting was getting a little bit fall. And I think there's some prospect that the city manager brochure may be ready for you to review at that time.

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Morgan Smith: So my suggestion was that I felt like that fee study update was also perhaps better for a study session.

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Morgan Smith: Just to make sure everybody has a chance to learn about the process and understand what that fee study is so I've suggested that staff move

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Morgan Smith: That 30 minute topic to September 1 and that will give us a little more elbow room on the 25th and in that event, if we do get to the point where the city manager brochure is ready for you. You'll have plenty of opportunity to use time that night to move it forward.

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Morgan Smith: But other than that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Joe Deets: Just a quick comment.

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Joe Deets: I see august 18 looks a little light. I only saw two topics.

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Joe Deets: We need to have that meeting. I mean,

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Morgan Smith: I will be out of town if that if that helps influence your vote. So it is

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Morgan Smith: I am in different to whether you have a meeting or not.

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Michael Pollock: I'm I'm likely to be out of town as well so

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Morgan Smith: The

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Morgan Smith: The one topic is your standing update on sustainable transportation, so we can certainly find a different time for that. The other is

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Morgan Smith: The next step in a topic and item that's been working its way through Planning Commission.

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Morgan Smith: And I also think we could schedule it on a different date. It's not. There's not a specific calendar need or timeline requirement to have it on this date. So if Council prefers to cancel this meeting.

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Morgan Smith: You can just let us know and what we can both of those topics are available to move elsewhere, but it's up to you guys.

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Joe Deets: Hey, thank you. I'm well I'm in, I would be very happy to not meet on August 18. How does that Michael, you're obviously you're going to be gone or COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Sorry.

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Joe Deets: Quick work. How does everyone feel who wants to have this meeting on August 18

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Leslie Schneider: I'm just wondering if there's a chance that that there may be other issues that come up between now and then do. Do we want to just cancel it now or, I don't know, we could

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Leslie Schneider: Is that is the 18th is a study session. So, you know,

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Morgan Smith: It's a study session.

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Leslie Schneider: I'd be fine. If we wanted to cancel it.

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Joe Deets: Well, let's that's two weeks from today. So we can look at this as

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Joe Deets: A strong candidate for cancellation unless something comes up.

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Morgan Smith: Maybe we could take the temperature at the end of this week's meeting tonight later tonight because I think that

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Morgan Smith: Even things that come up next week would be challenging to put on the next week's meeting if we're not aware of them now. So

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Joe Deets: Okay, we could touch base on this at the end of tonight. How's. How's that sound.

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Okay.

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Joe Deets: Any other comments on agendas, folks.

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Joe Deets: Good. Mr. Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. I just want to

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Leslie Schneider: Request a very little bit of time. I think a lot of on a future agenda to be decided to discuss hiring a consultant for some counsel training on parliamentary process.

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Leslie Schneider: So there is I'm recommending

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Joe Deets: Mayor

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Joe Deets: Maybe. She'll. She'll come back.

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Joe Deets: Let's just say she mentioned parliamentary procedure. That sounds like a great idea.

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Joe Deets: About knowing the specifics

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Sorry. Mayor, we lost you.

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Joe Deets: Does anyone have. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Cups. Remember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: My hand, my hand is that are you looking at the panelists.

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Joe Deets: Oh, I'm sorry. I need to do that. My mind steak. Yes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I actually know what she's talking about. She's gonna recommend that someone come and talk to us and I'm in favor of that, but I'm going to do my own items.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And which actually would require a steady session. So I guess I'm going to argue against my desire to also cancel the 18th, but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm curious if there's any traction for two two items. One is, I'm kind of concerned about what the status of the plastic bag ban.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, I was I was, of course, supportive of us suspending it when we first went into the chaos, a coven

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: First of all, I'm fine with the, the, the fact that we're not requiring people to bring we're not we're not allowing we're allowing grocery stores to require to require that people not bring their own bags and right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But the fact that we've just immediately and stayed in the the plastic versus paper mode when we're an island.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the Puget Sound is concerning me. And so I don't know whether we whether whether you know city manager has ever heard of why I mean again when we were in the chaos and the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, limited just, you know, manufacturing was crazy and distribution. Maybe they couldn't get class, you know, paper, but I'm wondering if there's a compelling reason why we're still in allowing plastic bags as opposed to just paper. And if we need to act on that.

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Morgan Smith: So I just want to be clear. We did not. While many municipalities did suspend their plastic bag ordinance. We did not. And it was

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Morgan Smith: My preference to not suspend the ban. It's the ordinance itself because I knew that that was a Community decision that we felt very strongly about. And I felt like it might be difficult to come back from

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Morgan Smith: So rather than suspending the ordinance, I simply administratively determine that we would not enforce the ordinance. So the decision to use plastic bags is now occurring at the business level.

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Morgan Smith: So that the the decision for us as a city would be to resume enforcement of the plastic bag ban.

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Morgan Smith: And I think we would start first with outreach in the same way that when we implemented the ordinance, we start first by letting people know that

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Morgan Smith: Different alongside that was at the time we looked and quit we being the emergency management coordinator myself looked and could not find specific

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Morgan Smith: Reputable public health guidance that spoke to the health issue of plastic bags and so we also did not. That was another ingredient our thinking. And I'm sure that that's something that reasonable people can disagree about

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Morgan Smith: But we just could not point to a specific recommendation.

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Morgan Smith: From a public health resource that said that was an issue. So that was another reason we just chose to go with the lack of enforcement rather than suspending the ordinance.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Right, so, so I'm just looking for traction on council, so I don't know whether we make this an issue an item for upcoming agenda and ask

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the interim for staff to do outreach on sort of the status of this. I'm just not sure where we put this on, but I want to see that the traction that we want some

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Enforcement and what that looks like. And I'm not saying because I don't want to get into the public health argument about the reusable bags, but I will. But what I'm looking for is traction on Council that we want to eliminate the plastic bag option that we want that much enforcement.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And how this on upcoming agenda.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So can't talk about it now. Otherwise they're talking about now. But can we please put this on, I do have an attraction with an agenda that's my first item.

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Kol Medina: That support that conversation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And if there's any

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Background we need from that Morgan that you think we need that you can get us

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I mean I think it's more just a discussion item because it was an administrative decision that I made at the time and I can certainly, you know, based on councils guidance that would inform my thinking about whether I felt like it was

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Morgan Smith: A timely whether the time had come to pivot away from that posture, I would suggest that we just take it up next week on the 11th, because I think it would be the kind of item that council would want to provide emotion on in order to direct

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Morgan Smith: And so if it's something you'd like to discuss sooner rather than later, we can just add time for Council discussion on that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Perfect. And then the other one is this may take a little bit longer but I said when we abandoned and and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Coming look to the Subcommittee on the mask ordinance. But when we, when we backed away from the mask ordinance because we felt that the governor's order was going to be sufficient.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: There were a couple of issues that were outstanding and one was belt masks and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I've made my little effort to send a message to the governor through his little portal, which is pretty worthless and I know I asked. Councilmember Medina to approach the issue to broach the issue at

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The health district meeting, but I don't feel like gotten any traction on the valve mask issue. Meanwhile, other jurisdictions have not. Not a lot other jurisdictions have prohibited them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Disneyland and Disney World has prohibited them, you know, I think it's a big issue these masks that have valves on them there. One way valves that just allow people to spew their unfiltered air at people.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And on Facebook recently there was a thread, where people were complaining about them. So I'm just looking for any traction and maybe I'm first looking to my subcommittee.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Co members on whether we want to develop some sort of a regulation hear about those. If we have to look at the local level.

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Joe Deets: Go ahead. Kevin Pollak

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Michael Pollock: Okay, you know, thanks. Yeah.

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Michael Pollock: I you know I supported a band at the time and I still support it. There's nothing in consistent. It's really a bad health practice.

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Michael Pollock: To do that, you're just spewing out viral particles. If you're infected into the world at large. And the whole point.

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Michael Pollock: Of the mask is to prevent the spread the point of the masses and to protect you, which is new to a lot of people, and there's to protect people from you if you're infected. So yeah, I would support banning that and

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Michael Pollock: Absolutely.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So if we put some future agenda, we could the subcommittee COULD RECONVENE. I don't know how customer car feels about this. We could do some research bring back research and we can develop a proposal.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Sure.

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Joe Deets: I'm Customer Hi topless, did you say was there one other mask issue or was that no

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I said, Oh, that's great. The other one even was at this point.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I said there were a couple, but this was one of them. And so this

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Will bring forward. Okay.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, thank you.

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Joe Deets: Okay but mass and Mayor. See, I don't see any of that handsome air Snyder you we lost you in mid sentence.

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Joe Deets: Cleared you want to try again.

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Leslie Schneider: Oh, sure. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So I also lost by notes, I have to reboot those, but basically I just would like a few minutes on a future agenda to talk about some counsel training on parliamentary procedure and there's a specific consultant. That's pretty well known in Washington State.

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Leslie Schneider: It's the company is Jurassic parliament. And so if we could just get a few minutes on an agenda to talk about whether we'd like to get that training for Council, that'd be great.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Alright, that sounds good for that.

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Joe Deets: Second or third

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Joe Deets: Okay, well, that'd be something maybe we could

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Joe Deets: Deputy and you can in the mayor can talk about preps when we can fit that in. Okay. Okay.  
Any other agenda items.

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Joe Deets: Great Council member so

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Rasham Nassar: Thanks. So I, I just, I want to be certain that Council has an opportunity to touch in with the land use the Ad Council, Commission.

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Rasham Nassar: Land use ad hoc committee to provide feedback and such on to discuss some of the elements that or topics that have been assigned to that subcommittee realizing that the only way for us to do that is as a Council as a whole.

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Rasham Nassar: I certainly would like the opportunity to provide some input on I think it's the EDU conversation and all of its

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Rasham Nassar: Relative components that I believe we remanded to the subcommittee. We took it off the Council's agenda and that became your agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: So I just want some clarification as to how frequent. We're going to be having those check ins with the land use subcommittee. If the plan is just to touch base during

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Rasham Nassar: committee reports. If business meetings or if we're going to have standing agenda items moving forward and looking for feedback on that.

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Rasham Nassar: Phone.

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Michael Pollock: Number car. Do you want to

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Michael Pollock: Respond.

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Christy Carr: Sure. I think we initially said that we would provide updates in the committee reports.

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Christy Carr: We did that last week. And frankly, I was really tired and I think that maybe we could do it similarly to how Council has had regular updates at study sessions for the development moratorium or sustainable transportation plan so that

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Christy Carr: I so I just want to put that out there as an option for Council to consider in terms of updates and also being able to provide input.

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Rasham Nassar: I would certainly support that approach if it were a 15 minute standing agenda item on our study session agendas at the start of the meeting. I think that would be most beneficial.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Michael Pollock: And I can just respond. Just because you've asked specifically about the EDU and we haven't really done a lot with that. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Okay, um. Councilmember hi topless. You had your hand up.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I just want to be clear that I mean we've talked about this and we're probably going to continue to struggle with our with our tasks that we're. I mean, we're certainly not going to be developing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Policy. Right. I mean, everybody's clear on that. We're going to be coming back and saying, here's what we think Council should ask the planning commission to do and then have, you know, that sort of thing. Right. So it's real high level. I mean, just to be clear, okay.

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Joe Deets: Counselor. No, sir.

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Rasham Nassar: No, I understand that and I and thanks council member Hi topless. That's certainly not the expectation. They expect that what what I would prefer we commit to though is just a standing opportunity for council members to provide feedback.

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Rasham Nassar: in open session just to make sure that we secure that spot on agendas, because to provide feedback off record is just a violation of OPM and because we have three council members on that committee.

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Rasham Nassar: So whether or not you have substantive feedback or you've made substantial progress, I think, is irrelevant. It's just that it makes Council feel like they are two part of the process and can make you know be up to date and current on

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Rasham Nassar: What you're what the focus is and where the direction is heading.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Any other comments.

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Joe Deets: Okay, we will move on to. That's it for future Council agenda. So we'll go on to item six, a green building Task Force update and Peter. Good to see you. Just a couple hours.

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Peter Best: Yeah, right. Good evening. So I'll share a couple of slides here with you.

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Peter Best: Right. So, good evening council. My name is Peter best I'm one of your senior planners and working on the green building

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Peter Best: Program with the green building task force. So, this is your monthly update their progress and just wanted to reflect back on the objective you provided us for an interim off the shelf green building program or components of a program

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Peter Best: That will be implemented by early October. So we have a very ambitious goal.

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Peter Best: And that is the first step in a multi phase process to develop a full green building program for Bainbridge Island.

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Peter Best: So what we still anticipate delivering to you in September roadmap, which will outline the Phases for developing that full green building program and first steps ordinance for you to consider.

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Peter Best: The schedule is very ambitious and we met earlier this afternoon and took a temperature read at the end of the meeting as to how the task force was feeling

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Peter Best: On being able to complete their work. And just one more meeting. So over the course of four meetings.

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Peter Best: Is what we've had to develop a recommendation at this point. They are still cautiously optimistic that they will meet that ambitious schedule. So we're anticipating a delivery to you on September 1 first study session.

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Peter Best: We will rapidly go through two readings with Council recommending a public hearing on September 8 and adoption on the 22nd, which would make it implementable before the moratorium is lifted.

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Peter Best: Or the moratorium deadline. There are a few constraints. I just want to remind you about

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Peter Best: With this within this schedule, we're limited to Amendments of title 15 of the code, which is the building code.

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Peter Best: We are not considering amendments at this first phase to the land use codes, but we do anticipate that there would be amendments to those in the next phase.

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Peter Best: There is limited public engagement in this first phase of work limited to the public hearing in September.

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Peter Best: But this is built on substantial public engagement during the Comprehensive Plan process in the climate change advisory committees work. So we're relying on that information as public engagement and there is

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Peter Best: What looks like maybe more of an outside chance at this point in time, but there is still a chance that some parts of an amendment may still need 90 days review by the Washington building code Council, but we're trying to avoid that if we can

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Peter Best: So just wanted to give you a brief update on how they're developing the recommendations and what those might what those are starting to look like.

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Peter Best: So it is a three phase roadmap, they've developed some guiding principles that would apply across all phases.

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Peter Best: And themes for each of those phases shown in those blue boxes. So the first phase would focus around the theme of carbon reduction. The second phase would focus around the theme of being carbon neutral and the third phase ambitiously would be around the theme of carbon storage.

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Peter Best: So there's some very interesting conversations around that we have some amazing experts that are on the leading edge of some of that work.

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Peter Best: So to focus more in on what we're going to deliver to you for the first phase, these first steps would include a baseline mandatory green building program.

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Peter Best: Plus some additional optional programs and what those programs are still in discussion.

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Peter Best: But the expectation is that there will be a baseline mandatory program for all building types residential, commercial and institutional

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Peter Best: The task force is

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Peter Best: Very

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Peter Best: feels very strongly that public facilities need to lead by example. And so you can anticipate some recommendations from them on that front.

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Peter Best: And there are some additional areas of consideration. I wanted to just

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Peter Best: bring to your attention of the public's attention that these might be coming down the road. There's not a guarantee these will be in the phase. The first phase, but we're looking at, including them. So making sure buildings are solar and electric vehicle ready

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Peter Best: phasing out of combustible fuel sources and offsetting embedded in operational carbon in building construction.

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Peter Best: So that's a highlight of where the recommendations are seem to be going. There's still work to be done. They've the task forces split into three work groups to try to flesh out particular areas of their recommendations.

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Peter Best: I can report again like I did last month that this is an amazing group of people to work with incredible level of expertise in these areas and experience from research to application.

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Peter Best: And they don't all agree on every point. So there's been some very good collegial debate about issues, but they are working very well at coming to agreement on on their recommendations.

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Peter Best: So for members of the public out there that are interested, there is a web page on the city's website for the green building Task Force. You can find

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Peter Best: The names and contact information for Task Force members and as well as our meeting information materials and all of our agendas have the hyperlinks to attend the zoom meetings. So I'm sure folks are available to that.

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Peter Best: And with that, I'd be happy to take any questions.

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Joe Deets: Thank you Peter comes from over in the sorry your hands up.

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Yes.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you Peter for the presentation. That's really helpful. I'm glad that we are getting an opportunity to comment on this night.

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Rasham Nassar: I guess my question is more for my colleagues that are on this task force, as I stated in our prior discussion on this topic, my interest was in the affordability component here.

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Rasham Nassar: And what I think I may have alluded to, although I

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Rasham Nassar: Definitely did not have entirely fleshed out was that I would be interested in in learning what the cost differentials were for people to build and I'm specifically thinking about single family.

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Rasham Nassar: Property owners for them to build under the existing building code.

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Rasham Nassar: Versus the green building code and that we take that cost differential if there is one into consideration.

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Rasham Nassar: If the movement from the task force is to mandate green building code requirements for Union you universally across all

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Rasham Nassar: Property owners across the island, then I think that we may want to consider some sort of financial assistance for property owners that are looking to redevelop certain aspects of their home or accessory units.

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Rasham Nassar: Such as, you know, Barnes, or I don't know, whatever, where the new or the city within require them to build to an enhanced standard which and as an assumption would likely cost more.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm just wary of the of the financial burden that this could potentially place on existing island residents. And so my question to my colleagues is has that has there been a voice for that on the task force and during throughout these discussions.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Okay, thank you. Councilmember Pollock. Yeah. You're sure you join me as a liaison. So go ahead.

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Michael Pollock: Sure. Um, yeah, it didn't come up directly, but there was. I thought, first of all, I just want to say, Peter did a

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Michael Pollock: outstanding job summarizing, I would just add that there were a couple of items. One was there was definitely discussion that

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Michael Pollock: The city Bainbridge Island is a little behind the times in terms of green building code. So that was that was out there. And then secondly, there was kind of a little scattered discussion from

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Michael Pollock: The fact sort of cost benefit and that any action today is really going to have is really going to be leveraged in terms of its benefit relative to something we would put off 10 years or so in terms of a benefit to climate change.

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Michael Pollock: And then that gets into sort of in a roundabout way your question about affordability because

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Michael Pollock: The cost of climate change makes things on affordable for all of us. And, and so when you look at the long term, there's a real, it's going to cost us a lot. Whether we address climate change or not. So when we're talking about affordability, sort of, it's a short term.

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Michael Pollock: Kind of look because in the long term, everybody's going to be paying for climate change, so

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Michael Pollock: I at least that's how it was addressed in that I don't know that kind of shares my my thinking on it.

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Michael Pollock: But there wasn't specific conversation about subsidies for people more modest means in order to conform. There was more I think interest in trying to do something as soon as possible. Remember, this was their guidance was to get something going. Sooner rather than later. And, and I

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Michael Pollock: Sense that direction or interest was in new building a new construction so that at least we started getting new things in play that were climate friendly. So I don't want Peter or Joe, correct me if you if you feel differently.

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Joe Deets: Thinking I yeah I'm I was in the meeting today to

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Joe Deets: And I, I'm sorry I did have to kind of go in and out because I kept getting phone calls, but I there was. I know a threat of a conversation I distinctly remember today, Peter. Maybe you could pick on this and maybe try to answer a council member in the SARS.

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Joe Deets: Query or concern, sort of like having sort of set some very high standards for certain buildings, but maybe the very small ones, quote, the more affordable. Do we need to be

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Joe Deets: Quite a strict I distinctly heard that conversation. So it wasn't no I'm said the word subsidy during any of the meetings. I've been in, but it was the it, but it is a very group of very real architects.

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Joe Deets: Designers folks who know this trade very well and are very concerned about all holistically affordability. But Peter, do you have anything to add to this.

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Peter Best: Yeah, absolutely. So equity affordability is one of the core principles that they're outlining and

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Peter Best: You know, I think that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock, you know, capture some of those themes about, you know, kind of temporal

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Peter Best: Affordability is definitely a background factor, but in the short term, there are some calculators out there that they're looking at that would help kind of look at that cost benefit.

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Peter Best: Particularly on what they call embedded carbon. So what's the kind of carbon supply chain built into the materials that are used for construction.

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Peter Best: So that's an interesting line of of conversation, they're having. And so there there there is this in the short term, you know,

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Peter Best: Often in green building some more additional increased upfront costs but reduced operational costs.

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Peter Best: And so what is the rate of the return on investment timeframe for that is something that, you know, public information would be good to share

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Peter Best: And then as as COUNCILMEMBER deets was was saying there is discussion about scaling the scaling requirements for green building. So, for example,

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Peter Best: Smaller buildings are inherently more efficient for the operational carbon side and they have less embedded carbon in them.

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Peter Best: So they're talking about possibly a lower level of green building requirement on the smaller more which would be more affordable structures and higher standards on less efficient larger structures, there may be some discussion. I think this might be more in face to about kind of incentives.

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Peter Best: Fees on building size right so larger buildings might contribute some funds.

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Peter Best: That help would help with retrofits you know efficiency upgrades and those sorts of things. So I think there's there's lots of examples out there and lots of creative thinking that can be brought in.

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Peter Best: Some of those things will need to talk with legal counsel to make sure we've got the authority to to implement, but over phase one and into phase two will be looking at some of those things. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Peter. We're running a bit over time but I COUNCILMEMBER hi topless. He had your hand up.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So this idea of scaling the standards by building sizes that and is that is an industry wide practice or is that something that this that this committee is talking about doing

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Peter Best: Um, you know, it's actually question. I'm not sure I can give you an answer, but that's something that I can find out for you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I want to play. I want to put a vote in for, you know, the strongest regulations that we can possibly have laying on top of that. No, probably on top of that, looking at genuine need

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Economic need but um but I'm hoping that we're going to have a very, very strong green building ordinance that's going to apply to existing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Construction, we're not we're not a city that's hoping to be having a lot of new construction. So I think we're definitely looking at applying this to to retrofits and the existing construction. So I hope we're gonna have a very strong green building ordinance that applies to everyone.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Across the island. Thanks.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember. Nice. Are your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I just wanted to respond to some of what I heard. I absolutely support everything I heard you, Peter.

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Rasham Nassar: Say I'm really happy to hear that the discussion seems to be very multifaceted and detailed and often heading in different directions. So it's a creative dialogue and I think that's

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Rasham Nassar: That means it'll be it'll yield some pretty interesting and also competent results. So thanks also to the feedback from my colleagues and I i wanted to

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Rasham Nassar: just point out that when we're talking about layering additional regulations on top of existing regulations. I think we have a

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Rasham Nassar: Responsibility to existing island residents to understand the immediate impact on those residents of those regulations.

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Rasham Nassar: And so I would absolutely hope that we could get some sort of cost or financial analysis, even if that factors in the cost of climate change and

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Rasham Nassar: And the alternative and term and factors in the carbon reductions and such. I think that's a fair analysis, but I think that we still need one it's consistent with our guiding principle.

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Rasham Nassar: Number four. Consider the costs and benefits to island residents and property owners and making land use decisions.

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Rasham Nassar: And I it's consistent with our goal. And our goal and our work on affordable housing, it would be a really regrettable and result if because people could no longer afford to maintain their homes.

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Rasham Nassar: They were forced to leave and would be literally making one decision that at by compromising our goals in another area.

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Rasham Nassar: The last thing I want to say is it's kind of anecdotal, if you will. It's a little story that I happen to cross on, I think it was a social must have been social media where

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Rasham Nassar: This individual took it upon himself to buy a huge swath of land and build an 1800 style home for himself, where he was living purely off the grid.

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Rasham Nassar: The most sustainable and eco friendly and climate friendly lifestyle you could ever imagine.

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Rasham Nassar: The problem was that his belt that what he developed which he built entirely out of recycled materials was found to be a violation of the building code.

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Rasham Nassar: And so he was forced to take it down so you can see that sometimes we have good intentions in passing regulations, especially building regulations, but that oftentimes, the result is not so much what we were after.

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Rasham Nassar: So I don't know if it's even possible that recycled building materials have worked themselves into green building discussions or code anywhere in this nation. I do tend to

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Rasham Nassar: See or witness that it's the people that have stand to profit from the materials that they're selling that lobby for the regulations that then become the requirements that you have to build two

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Rasham Nassar: Are the ones that are pioneering these fronts, but that's another area for y'all to consider looking at and into as well. So just wanted to put that out there. Thank you again under three minutes. Okay.

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Joe Deets: A couple of them are Polycom we're over our time. But do you want to wrap up.

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Michael Pollock: You know, just real quick. I just want to emphasize these guys are really and gals are really, really smart and you know Peter trying to convey as much as he could, but they're really thinking about this at a very high level. And it's, it's just a group, I have a lot of confidence in so

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Michael Pollock: I'm, I'm very confident that the issues that have been raised tonight are going to be addressed. I'm just simply because they're thinking about it. They're very concerned about climate change and about the impact

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Michael Pollock: That building has on climate change and they're going to give just a top notch group very thoughtful group. And that's really all I wanted to say.

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Joe Deets: Great. And I'll just echo everything comes from over Pollock said we couldn't ask for a better group there. So, okay. Thank you, Peter, very much.

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Joe Deets: Hey, you're moving along and try and speed things up, folks, we have item six be update on development moratorium planning, Jennifer. Good to see you.

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Jennifer Sutton: Good to see you, to cancel. Good evening, and Jennifer Sutton senior planner and I'm sitting in tonight for director have the rights to provide you your monthly update on the

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Jennifer Sutton: Development moratorium and its work plan and this development moratorium is set to expire on October 3 at this time, the current development moratorium.

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Jennifer Sutton: Ordinance 20 2009 is in your packet as as a one page summary of the moratorium and a table showing a work plan status report. There's two items left on that work plan.

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Jennifer Sutton: Item one is the integration of the critical area ordinance into the SMP the shoreline master program and that is nearing completion, you spoke you discussed it in June.

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Jennifer Sutton: And at this time, we're scheduling a public hearing for you on this matter on August 25 item number two is related to affordable housing the city council discussion over 2018 and 2019 on inclusion area zoning and the multifamily tax exemption is referenced in the status report.

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Jennifer Sutton: Second as COUNCILMEMBER nisar mentioned ordinance.

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Jennifer Sutton: Related to the accessory dwelling units and common ownership.

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Jennifer Sutton: The Council has opted to forward this for discussion to the Joint Council Planning Commission ad hoc committee and I'd be happy to take any questions on the development moratorium.

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Joe Deets: Well, not seeing any questions. Thank you very much. Jennifer for for giving the set update

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Jennifer Sutton: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Okay. We'll move on to new business item seven, a Bainbridge Island senior center community center improvements discussion. Hello Mark. Good to see you.

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Mark Epstein: Good to see you. Thank you, counsel. Mark Epstein engineering public engineering project manager and public works and city and tonight for the public works director who's hopefully enjoying some Weller and time off.

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Mark Epstein: I'm going to present a couple of projects that are going to come to you for consideration as part of your budget discussions that are on the summer.

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Mark Epstein: And the purpose of this is to provide you some background information, a little more detailed information. They may not get otherwise.

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Mark Epstein: So the first one tonight is the BAM Jilin senior center senior Community Center. I also have a couple of representatives from the senior community center with me tonight to help answer any questions or fill in any blanks. If you so choose. So I'm going to share my screen.

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Mark Epstein: And bear with me for a moment.

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Mark Epstein: Okay. Can you see the presentation title.

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Mark Epstein: Can't hear and Kim. Can you see this. I'm not hearing anything just okay sorry my audio is has gone out.

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Mark Epstein: So did the screens change. Now I just want to make sure everyone can see that, how are you good. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: You're looking good.

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Mark Epstein: Okay, now that goes back to, so I'm just going to give a little bit of background, talk about the existing conditions and give you the the project proposal and some costs associated with that.

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Mark Epstein: So back in May 2018

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Mark Epstein: There was a infrastructure deficiency assessment done on several of the city's buildings and senior community center was my nose and there were some deficiencies identified in cost put to those. And I'll share those with you a little more detail.

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Mark Epstein: Then last year, last fall in September, the community center came to the city.

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Mark Epstein: With some additional renovations that they wanted to help with their operations and it was mostly some interior renovations and I'll go through that a little more detailed too so

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Mark Epstein: We assess those and came up with costs associated with that. And that's, those are the numbers that will be presenting

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Mark Epstein: So back in 2018 the deficiencies were things like insulation that was missing fire alarm systems and data systems, a new heat pump in some kitchen appliances that needed some upgrades.

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Mark Epstein: And those costs were detailed out and came out to a little over 120 \$1,000

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Mark Epstein: And then this is the plan of the project proposal of the Community Center products with. So this is a plan of the Community Center, the entry friend entries in the bottom in the center, the thrift shop is in the top left corner.

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Leslie Schneider: I might be only one, but I'm not seeing your changes. Slide three

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Mark Epstein: Okay, we see

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Mark Epstein: Should be so you're not seeing the floor plan.

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Mark Epstein: No. Okay, hold on.

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Mark Epstein: Okay, how about that.

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Mark Epstein: There we go. Okay. Sorry about that. It tends to pause sometimes

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Mark Epstein: I won't go back and I just want to see the car slide but this. This slide shows those those renovations. It's removing some walls.

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Mark Epstein: Doing some upgrades to the kitchen and and the friend entry way. So we'd like to all those had a professional cost estimator. This is just a few photographs of the existing condition, showing the lobby in the top left the office hallway and the top right.

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Mark Epstein: It's a view, bottom left into the existing office and then the thrift shop in the bottom right.

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Mark Epstein: And so these were the costs for the new plans we took out any cost. It overlaps with the 2018 deficiencies study. So these are all independent of those costs and that came out to almost 330,000

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Mark Epstein: Of them. This is just giving you the running the running total of the cost of the two plans together. So just under \$500,000 for the entire project.

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Mark Epstein: And that's, that's all I have for that.

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Mark Epstein: I'm happy to answer any questions or we have fried price and and Lovejoy from this in your center here as well. If you want to hear from them.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Thank you, Mark. Councilmember NASA your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, thank you. It's so nice to see everybody here I am hiring.

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Rasham Nassar: That

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for the presentation. Mark, I'm totally supportive of this. I'm the

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Rasham Nassar: Kind of mind that anything the senior center needs the City Council ought to provide I just really appreciate the senior centers role in the community. I think it's one of the most important

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Rasham Nassar: Provides one of the most essential services to island residents. I hear nothing but good things from people all the time, and I've

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Rasham Nassar: I've frequently walked past the senior center and witness nothing but happy joyous energy emanating from that building. So thank you for that. I wanted to ask whether or not the

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Rasham Nassar: You all in terms of renovations and such, if there's been any thought or consideration to any additional improvements that may be necessitated by the coven 19 pandemic.

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Rasham Nassar: I can't imagine what those might be, but I know that PR council member dates structure there are structural recommendations in terms of improvements that are now being a

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Rasham Nassar: Factor of consideration into design and building, and if I just curious as to that and and know that in advance, I would be very supportive of additional increase in funding to make sure that we would accommodate for that.

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Rasham Nassar: You have been talking with the city.

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Reed Price: Of over the course of the city staff over the course of this process. And yes, obviously Copeland considerations have been part of the discussion.

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Reed Price: And we've been looking at health and safety at the long term financial stability of the center

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Reed Price: And trying to make the center, more efficient. It's been used as a lot of different things over the years. And so there are sort of vestiges of its earlier life that we work through. Now there's a

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Reed Price: On the east wing there's at what used to be a health center. So it's a little Warren, there's some offices and we had a couple of offices, one for the

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Joe Deets: The

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Reed Price: Nonprofit and one for the park district. When we were both operating here and now it's just being run by the nonprofit, but I would say under that health and safety area.

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Reed Price: councilman NASA. There are a number of areas where

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Reed Price: Things that apply to

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Reed Price: Ability for seniors to get around also reduce

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Reed Price: dependency on touching doors or or operating with, you know, things that involve using your hands are opening doors are talking through that kind of thing. And, and I know has been doing a lot on looking at the ADA requirements and maybe could speak a little bit to this as well.

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ann lovejoy: Sure, I'm happy to. I mean, one of the first things we did of course has talked to a lot of people and find out what the biggest issues were with accessibility and it starts when you try to get in the door. So we need a better

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ann lovejoy: Access through the doors themselves. They're very heavy and the

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ann lovejoy: Push button door doesn't actually work as well as it ought to. It's getting older, so that needs fixing, because really, if you can't get in and out. It kind of makes the center less usable.

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ann lovejoy: Also of course then we have reception and we discovered that the reception area that was installed. Most recently,

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ann lovejoy: It really doesn't isn't accessible for people in wheelchairs or even very short people or people with walkers particularly so we want to redesign.

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ann lovejoy: The entryway so that it removes a bunch of tripping hazards. For one thing, and makes the whole reception, a lot more flexible.

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ann lovejoy: We're trying to do everything we can, without without moving structural walls, but to make our space so much more usable because one of the things we see is that we're just overflowing.

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ann lovejoy: Well, we were

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ann lovejoy: Good. And I think we will be again.

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ann lovejoy: But we need the updated automatic doors we need bathroom access, we need to have everything in the bathroom be no hands, of course, and I know the city's doing that with other buildings, too. So that is probably the most

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ann lovejoy: Obvious of the coven things, but a lot of the other things might seem less obvious, but it's like we are asking for.

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ann lovejoy: repainting with high contrast color sections to highlight portals and areas of use, because that's really important for people with low visibility and of course we have quite a few

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ann lovejoy: Of the visually impaired people and people who are having issues just seeing where the doorway is and we want, of course, to make sure that the doors are wide enough for wheelchairs and

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ann lovejoy: Eliminate and even floor surfaces, because it was. I don't know if you all know that we originally it was a couple different houses that were sort of brought together and the process has been interesting. But, um, there's a lot of leftover

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Joe Deets: So we're running short on time. So thank you, that I want to get some colleagues chance to talk mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you read and and very good to see you. And I just want to say that, um, I was party to some of these conversations quite a while ago when I was participating in as an informal liaison to some of the Executive Board.

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Leslie Schneider: Meetings and whatnot. And so I'm just very aware of the thought and creativity that's gone into a lot of these suggestions in the in the planning. I just want to bring up one really big thing and I have no idea how to integrate this, but I just I

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Leslie Schneider: I've been talking off and on now for over a year, about the possibility of doing senior affordable housing in conjunction with the senior center. So while I support all these changes and they all make a lot of sense to me. I'm wondering if there's any possibility that there could be

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Leslie Schneider: A minimal feasibility study or just so that we know what might be possible on this site with some affordable housing and how that might interact, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: How that what the timeline might be on that and how that might affect you know the expenditures on this. So that's a huge thing. And I'm sorry to, kind of, you know, land it like that, but I just would feel remiss if I didn't bring it up at this point because it's such an amazing opportunity.

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Leslie Schneider: And otherwise I'm very looking forward to seeing this you know in in our discussions about the budget, I think.

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Joe Deets: Thank you Mary before read, I want to give COUNCILMEMBER I topless a chance to get and all and I see this city manager you had your hands up to. So calcium or I tacos. Go ahead, please.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. Um, so I guess is the question that's been a before staff.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I really want to see this happen and it makes sense. And I'm sorry that we don't have more time to understand more about the background.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It sounds like these are essential renovations and just to understand where where you were going with this, and the changes to the floor plan and so forth are sounds like all about accessibility. Is that what I'm understanding

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yes. Um, and so what what is there a recommended funding source yet or is that something we're going to have to solve. And so maybe my main question is going to be before I have any more questions is going to be to the city manager, if we're going to go with that. Okay.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'll defer it as a manager.

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Joe Deets: Okay city manager.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I want to just clarify that this is coming to you on a study session because I don't believe it's ready for Council action. We wanted to honor the work of the organization. They have started to do some real thinking about a project that's been in

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Morgan Smith: In the plans for some time, but as you can see from the level of detail of the designs. This is still very much a thinking exercise and not. I don't think necessarily ready for doing

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Morgan Smith: It's my job to deliver the bad news, although I am equally as supportive and appreciative of the great partnership that the organization provides we will be building a contraction budget for 21 and 2012. We know that

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Morgan Smith: And so one perspective might be. And this may be as a way to bridge this discussion with the comments from mayor Schneider. It may be that what the city is able to do in

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Morgan Smith: Is use that time to plan what should happen next with this facility. It is not my understanding that these

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Morgan Smith: proposed changes are all essential to use your word or our life safety, there will be other areas of the city where we are limited in the upcoming budget.

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Morgan Smith: To really making hard choices about things that are that are necessary from a life safety perspective and then still moving forward with some transportation projects, if we can, but picking up a \$500,000 investment in this building at this time just may not be a

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Morgan Smith: Opportunity that we can say yes to without the benefit of additional outside funding or other partnerships.

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Morgan Smith: And I don't know that yet, but I think the point of our conversation today was

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Morgan Smith: To let you see this project and to introduce the idea that it is in the thinking of the nonprofit and it is very much a request that they have of us.

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Morgan Smith: But it's not in at an action item standpoint, just yet, and will be thinking about how best to time the next steps for the Council to take up so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just let me just, could I just spoke with one comment I

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Don't know. I guess what I want to say is that I would I would hate to have is this to go all or nothing from if this can't happen. Then what happens is a senior center then falls into some gap between this and long term planning for maybe some eventual renovation to

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Morgan Smith: That's exactly what I'm not suggesting. I'm saying we could we could deliberately point. And I'm not, I'm not ready to make that recommendation right now, but we might deliberately point towards 21 and 22. This is a major project, and it may have some even more expanded scope.

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Morgan Smith: Depending on how much support there is for ideas like the mayor's

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Morgan Smith: It may be that that's the appropriate next step to do some planning around. I know the nonprofit has spent some some time on this, and they are very invested in it.

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Morgan Smith: But the city is the owner of the building needs to now join the conversation and understand what's feasible for us and how it resides against our financial capacity and other city why priorities.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Okay, thank you. Read it again. Okay, quick, quick comment, please.

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Reed Price: Very quick, very quick one. The 2019 strategic plan which we shared with the city manager before we adopted it.

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Reed Price: Had two phases to this. The first was a what we call a refresh project, which was intended to make the center, more efficient and viable in the short term.

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Reed Price: And the second was a feasibility study and a long term project which might look at expanding the center and doing exactly the kinds of things that they are Schneider was talking about.

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Reed Price: Maybe co locating low income housing and that sort of thing. So we saw a need for some immediate action and some long term action. The other thing that I will mention is that every phase in the engagement with the city since 1983 and then again in 2011 the senior center came up with.

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Reed Price: To help build these projects and we are open to the idea of discussing this with you. We have the same concerns that the city manager was talking about in regards to funding because of the

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Reed Price: Pandemic and we are recognizing that future as well. But I think that if we were to able to work with the city on timing on where this might fall in the

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Reed Price: In the plan and also last time that we went to work with the city. We gave about 250 maybe 200 \$300,000 to help with the West Wing renovation in 2011 and we were given a

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Reed Price: Lease without rent payment for 40 years. And so an extension or something along those lines might allow us to extend ourselves a little bit, knowing that we were

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Reed Price: Going to keep the viability of the center going in the long term, but as the city manager said those are discussions that we can have now. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Me, I'm sorry. Your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, I just want to clarify, because I

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Rasham Nassar: I'm a little confused by some of the city managers comments, the Council approved the budget and that correct

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Rasham Nassar: And with regard to how Council would like to allocate expenditures that those are Council decisions.

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Rasham Nassar: And so I think will be helpful is as Regis suggested what expenditures are being requested from the senior center to solve near term problems.

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Rasham Nassar: And what could be postponed in the future if you could just be considerate of the city managers comments that would help the city council.

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Rasham Nassar: Analysis when we, when we start having those detailed discussions as to where to draw funding for what to give in favor of Community Services or support such as the senior center.

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Joe Deets: Okay, great.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. I'm

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Joe Deets: City Manager.

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Morgan Smith: And I also just want to point out that the city has been making whether urban life safety or small maintenance projects that we can do along the way we have been doing that, during the years since the nonprofit over took

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Morgan Smith: Took over management of the building. And so we've been working in close partnership our public works staff.

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Morgan Smith: Does what we can to make sure we have an eye out for what they're whether it's day of this light as a problem or whether it's a it would really be great, it's time to paint this room. We've been doing those things. I don't want to

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Morgan Smith: leave that out of this conversation. So we are and we have been treating the senior center as one of our city facilities in our approach to implementing

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Morgan Smith: In building facility changes like plexiglass like looking for touch those doors, things like that. So we have brought them into that portfolio of

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Morgan Smith: The things that we are changing City Hall police station Municipal Court, we include that facility in in that planning and work that we've been doing this this year.

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Morgan Smith: So we are doing what we can at the baseline. And I think what it is time to do now together is for the city and the nonprofit's you consider this next big idea.

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Morgan Smith: And the, the interim plan is I think the \$500,000 plan, but maybe we can get the green eyeshade out

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Morgan Smith: And and and give that some context, but more to come on this. Tonight's the goal for tonight was to make sure that you were informed that this thinking was out there and the work that the nonprofit has done to date and that you will be ready then to understand

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Morgan Smith: What we end up suggesting for the budget and then you can take that suggestion and adjusted or or modify it is the result of your own budget deliberations.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, city manager. Now, this is great. I I'm fully supportive of the senior center. It's a buzzing place.

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Joe Deets: Read your hand is up. We do need to move on. Unless you got something. Okay, you're good. Great, thank you. Excellent. Thank you read and so good to see you and everyone tell everyone to take care and can't wait to see a renovated senior center.

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ann lovejoy: Thank you Joe.

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Joe Deets: Next item seven be city, Doc.

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Joe Deets: City doc low float modification does discussion.

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Joe Deets: With Bainbridge Island Rowing Club.

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Mark Epstein: And so I'm gonna take the lead on this one as well right to counsel in Mark Epstein engineering project manager and public works.

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Mark Epstein: This projects like the senior community center is just for your consideration for future budgets discussions and it's a

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Mark Epstein: modification to the city, Doc. I'm going to share my screen. And again, please flag me, it seems like my computer likes to stop sharing after two or three slides. So I'm going to

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Mark Epstein: Hopefully I get through this. Without it, pausing so

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Mark Epstein: Okay. Can you see it now.

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Mark Epstein: Yes. Okay, I'm going to go through unless somebody stops me

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Mark Epstein: Like the last one I'll just give you a little bit of background and the existing condition, the proposal is and the costs associated with that.

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Mark Epstein: So,

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Mark Epstein: A little bit of background on the city, Doc.

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Mark Epstein: We, as you know, built a brand new doc in 2017 2018

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Mark Epstein: Planning for that started way back in 2015 we began construction in August of 2017 and had a very nice grand opening celebration in June of 2018

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Mark Epstein: I'm sorry. Go back. So there are three concepts that are going to be important to for for you to understand about in as we walk through this

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Mark Epstein: Also, I forgot to mention that we also have to entrust and Rob Hirschberg from Bainbridge Island willing

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Mark Epstein: To likewise sensor questions are filling in the blanks. But so going back to these three concepts.

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Mark Epstein: These are all interrelated and have constraints between each one of them. And this is for gets to the root of some of the issues about about the usability of the study doc for the rowing club.

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Mark Epstein: Free board is just simply how high the deck is above the water buoyancy which is important. True public Docs is how much weight that talk can carry without people's feet getting wet or or worse.

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Mark Epstein: And then the transparency, because we have permit requirements to have a certain percentage of transparency of the surface through to the water.

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Mark Epstein: So they're interrelated. Because when things to get more buoyancy things have to be less transparent and the more buoyancy. You have the lower the free board you can have and low free board is sort of the issue for rolling chills.

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Mark Epstein: So this is what we have out there. Now this is looking from the blade of our hockey stick back toward sure you can see the low float to the left.

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Mark Epstein: That has a has an inch free board now and the main flow. It has about a 16 inch free board. So there's an eight inch step down.

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Mark Epstein: The, the nice thing way this thing works for the public. Little bit is that low float acts as a sitting area for people. They sit on the main flow and put their feet on the low float. So it's an

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Mark Epstein: Informal observation area. It's also used by the kayak concession. That's just on the other side of the main float. But it was always intended to be usable flow for the rowing club to launch their shells there.

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Mark Epstein: Unfortunately, the rowing club has not found a very usable. So this is a diagram that shows what the problem is with the rowing shells.

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Mark Epstein: There, or is a very long, we only have a six foot low float section. So there, or is rest on the on the main doc and that's a little bit too high because it causes the pitch passes the boat to tip over, which makes it much more difficult to get into and out of the shells.

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Mark Epstein: Few photographs. We actually had Rowing Club about and do it to a little demonstration to see one affiliates clearance of the war's over the low float and has shown on the top left there was just barely

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Mark Epstein: enough clearance to get those to get those riggers above the low flow, but it did cause there was a tipping. This was a varsity senior high school varsity

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Mark Epstein: Eight man vote so they were a little bit more skilled and get in and out.

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Mark Epstein: This is the project proposal. This slide is just to show you the location of where those little floats are on the dock, the shore, is to the left and the

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Mark Epstein: deepwater more just to the right on the blade of the hockey stick. And I'll give you a little blow up in the area that's the dash dash outline

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Mark Epstein: Here. So, this shows you the proposal. It's a little bit crazier the new flow to be integrated out section here you can see the existing little floats right above that.

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Mark Epstein: To the left of the low float says a ramp handicap ramp, so people can get from the main float ramp down to the low floods. So the proposal is even lower low floats for the entire length of the low phone section of the existing dark

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Mark Epstein: And this gives you a little picture what's what's proposed to. So, a young usually to like we said before, to get enough

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Mark Epstein: Buoyancy and keep the free board low enough, you'd have to have very little transparency, but this manufacturer has a product that has that created section in the middle, which would seem to have enough transparency that we could permit it.

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Mark Epstein: In the section here given additional eight feet. So those roars the oars would fit over the dock and it would have five and a half inches of free board which is for the manufacturer says they can produce for rolling shells.

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Mark Epstein: And so this was a sketch that was done by the rolling club. So it's not entirely correct. Just in some of the dimensions that would be an eight foot proposed added section there and then green

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Mark Epstein: And instead of free for free boarded still be five and a half. That should be adequate for the Rowan shells.

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Mark Epstein: And this is the cost estimate for for that. Most are almost half of the cost for this project are going to be in mitigation, because we'll be adding some

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Mark Epstein: New dark and and some of that new dark will be opaque. So we have to provide mitigation for fish and wildlife.

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Mark Epstein: So most of our engineering consultant fee permit fees and mitigation contractions all for the offer the mitigation part of the project.

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Mark Epstein: The docking construction itself would be about 130 entire project about 330 we've already authorized \$30,000 to investigate new low floats in here. So we would need another \$300,000 to complete this project.

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Mark Epstein: Question.

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Mark Epstein: I'm done, ready for questions.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Mark. God counselor, not sorry your hand is up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I have a question. I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Mark would you might not sure. Thank you. It's just so much easier to see everyone that

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Rasham Nassar: I know that this came to the Council and 2018 as a budget request was the figure the same. Was it a \$300,000

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Mark Epstein: No, I think the budget budget request is as far as my recollection was for the \$30,000 to investigate the design, we were looking at maybe not modifying a custom modification of the existing dog but invest the time talking to the engineer that wasn't feasible. So we like.

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, I thought that that's what we ultimately approve because we didn't have majority Council support to fund the actual improvements, but the Council said no in 2018 in favor of this \$30,000 thing study is that a city manager is that, and I'm am I recalling that correctly.

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Morgan Smith: That's right. There was a request at that time to provide funding for what had been scoped initially as a as a full

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Morgan Smith: Change full design option and the Council opted instead to allocate a smaller amount of funding to investigate whether there were other alternatives available. And so this is the result of that work, but we haven't expanded actual funds, other than see staff time to get there.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, my follow up question to that is, is the rowing club as the rowing club offered to

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Rasham Nassar: Subsidize some of that \$300,000

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Morgan Smith: I'll answer that I've in back in 2018 that wasn't a partnership that they were able to offer, but maybe they have a different response today.

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Joe Deets: Yay.

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Joe Deets: See

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Joe Deets: So I see a couple folks. Well, let's just continue my colleagues. Councilmember hi Thomas. Your hand is up.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, so, you know, we just all my concerns would be I definitely will be interested in hearing from the club. I mean, it is a private club. I was just looking at the website, they've

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: They're up to 2.14 million towards their \$3.4 million goal for their rowing for, you know, for their, their boat house.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We just talked about how we're not able to help our seniors with the the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Improvements to, you know, to making the senior center more usable and just dealing with the lack of installation underneath the facility and so forth. So I'd have a really hard time spending \$300,000

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Putting out a float for a private Rowing Club, so I can imagine supporting this request, but it would be good to hear from the club itself. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Well, let's thank you. Councilmember had local council member Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thanks. Could somebody Mark maybe just from remind me, or maybe all of us. How did the rowing club handle this. Before we put in the new doc.

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Mark Epstein: Yeah, maybe better for them to ensure that they they presently and before the new Doc, we're launching from the shore.

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Mark Epstein: And they continue to do that now.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Councilmember into sorry your hands up. Do we want to listen to their own club or do you have another query.

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Rasham Nassar: Well, no. I mean, I'm happy to hear from either Sue or Rob I think you've heard some of the sentiments and questions from council members. So, be grateful for your response, but I am just wondering from the city's perspective why it seems like the city is providing a service to a narrow

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Rasham Nassar: To serve in a very narrow portion of our population on this case a private organization.

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Morgan Smith: I don't think that we're I'll just take that one. Mark, I don't think we're providing a service that the city Doc is a public a piece of public infrastructure.

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Morgan Smith: The Rowing Club is a significant user of the facility. And so we worked hard to incorporate their perspective in the doc design.

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Morgan Smith: seems as if subsequently we can at least agree that the design fell short for their particular need.

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Morgan Smith: There has been some back and forth about about how that happened. But it has happened. I, I want to be clear, it is not

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Morgan Smith: Like those past topic we're not bringing this forward as a staff recommendation. We want to make sure that you have insight into this request, especially since there was Council direction, two years ago, she goes.

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Morgan Smith: Go learn what options exist. This is what option, we've been able to identify that can be legally permitted and the potential cost involved. And I think that, just like with the senior center.

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Morgan Smith: Our ability to make these choices is informed by the cost benefit between the resource as it stands, and what can be offered by the community group that's interested in the project. And also, just to kind of inform our thinking as we go into budget development specifically

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Morgan Smith: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: So you've got a couple folks on the road club those su interests and Rob would either view, you're welcome to speak. Go ahead, de su

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Joe Deets: unmute yourself.

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Sue Entress (BIR): There it is. Thank you. So all good points, but really appreciate the time you're giving this city council and the thoughtfulness that you're putting into it.

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Sue Entress (BIR): I'm not just president of rowing club, I, I've been a community member on Bainbridge Island for over 20 years I get the complexity of these projects. I want to go. First off,

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Sue Entress (BIR): To respond to some of persons comments about us being a private organization. We are a nonprofit community organization and we have for the last 20 years offered our programs, which is a non cuts work to

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Sue Entress (BIR): Everyone in the community, regardless of their ability to pay. We have scholarships to make sure that everyone can pay were supported by that Bainbridge Community Foundation and help line house.

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Sue Entress (BIR): To make sure that we can keep these programs programs available to our youth. Typically, we have about 100 high school students participate year round 60 plus adults year round.

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Sue Entress (BIR): And that \$2.2 million that we have are so proud to have raised for the rowing center and community building and waterfront park that I hope that you guys have had a chance to check out. And if you haven't, please let me know. I'd be happy to bring you through five at a time.

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Sue Entress (BIR): That was raised, not by one wealthy rower and if you guys know of one of those wealthy growers, that would be willing to raise that amount. Please send them my way

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Sue Entress (BIR): It's been raised by hundreds of community members in our community and some actually not rollers that are just really proud of.

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Sue Entress (BIR): What we're doing, and what we're able to offer our young people and our senior citizens and everybody in between. So, you know, enough of the soapbox but I feel like we are offering a really valuable community service before we set board. The plan to build that

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Sue Entress (BIR): Rolling center that and community with the upper floor. That's usable community space we had, we thought, in agreement with the city to provide

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Sue Entress (BIR): Space on the city doc to accommodate the design to work both for us and for other non motorized you know hand powered kayaks other rollers in the community.

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Sue Entress (BIR): And we, that was really kind of a, an agreement that was made well before this Council, I get it. But it was an agreement before we set forward on

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Sue Entress (BIR): Making waterfront park our home that we could use that dock to launch and land, especially using that wheelchair access and the low free workflows for

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Sue Entress (BIR): Adaptive rowing for people with physical disabilities and limitations rowing is one of the very few sports that allows people

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Sue Entress (BIR): You know, even amputees to participate. So again, we are our intent was always to work with the city to make waterfront park our home I'm

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Sue Entress (BIR): Not really concerned with how we got to where we can't use the float. But I would say that

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Sue Entress (BIR): I feel like we're holding up our end of the bargain and spades. I mean, I'm really proud of what's going on down there at waterfront park and what we're able to offer our community.

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Sue Entress (BIR): And I really want the city to support us and being able to do that. And so this meat, talking with you tonight is really

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Sue Entress (BIR): Our effort to keep this on the budget and make sure that we're thinking about

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Sue Entress (BIR): What programs are offering to the city and yes that rolling center the upper floor. We're already discussing

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Sue Entress (BIR): How it can benefit the senior center because they are bursting at the seams. The, you know, these are two really important projects that benefit our community long term. And I think we just

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Sue Entress (BIR): Really need to honor that. So again, that's, that's sort of

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Sue Entress (BIR): You know the background of this, there was the Washington State ferry settlement money that was went through the dock and at the time, there was the Friends of waterfront park set up a whole

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Sue Entress (BIR): Kind of community input and the largest part of that was to make sure that this doc was to be used by our community and not just as a you know a stepping off point for tourists and

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Sue Entress (BIR): That low free word float was a really important part of it, and I

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Sue Entress (BIR): Really, you know, given that this is a discussion session, I really encourage you to take a walk down there and just see the current state of things right now i think i think we can do better. I just, I think that there's a lot of

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Sue Entress (BIR): Need and usefulness for that Doc, and we can really work as a community together to make sure it serves all of our purposes.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, sir. This is helpful, I, I'm so glad that we have such a great Rowing Club on the island. It is really a community asset. So let's just be clear about that colleagues.

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Joe Deets: I think the concern sue that you're hearing and Rob and I'll share that is

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Joe Deets: We, you know money is very, very tight and you just heard the senior center, how we were looking very strongly with the budget so

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Joe Deets: I speaking for myself. It's not that I am not supportive of the rowing club or or really, more importantly, what it entails what it does for the community is just these are just very hard decisions financially for us and we are stewards of the public purse. So

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Joe Deets: You know, this is just the reality we are in the covered era. So I'm COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Your hand is up.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I just kind of want to echo some of that, but to let you know, super supportive of it. I just think it's amazing to me, given that we're an island that there isn't more

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Michael Pollock: Public access it benefits so many people. It's just, in my view, money well spent. But having said that, Deputy Mayor data points well taken that it is money well spent. But if you don't have the money and time to spend it so

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Michael Pollock: It would be great to see if there's ways to to cut the budget or or get volunteers involved or I don't really know what the options are. But anyway, that we could get the cost down

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Michael Pollock: That would certainly help or outside, outside sources of funding, but boy, I sure would like to see something there, and I appreciate all the work that's gone into it.

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Michael Pollock: To get them into this form. So, so just want to let you know where I right stay on them that were set, I guess, since we're talking about rolling

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I mean, I'd love to see that Doc built that I know that's \$300,000. So do you want to have one more word and then we'll move on.

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Sue Entress (BIR): Yeah, actually. Just a question and I don't know the answer. I think Mark probably could give us more insight. He's been fabulous. By the way, and trying to figure out all the angles of this. I'm the mitigation of \$80,000

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Sue Entress (BIR): That's allocated to this budget is that work that's going to have to be done. Anyway, meaning I think he had brought up and again he knows this and Morgan. I'm sure better than I

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Sue Entress (BIR): Are we, I think there was the talk of replacing the, I don't know if it's called the bulkhead what it is it Pritchard Park. Exactly.

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Sue Entress (BIR): Is that rusted and I'm just, I'm not arguing the numbers. I get that. You guys are juggling them. I'm just wondering if if this is money that's going to need to be spent, anyway.

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Sue Entress (BIR): If mitigation over at Pritchard Park is going to need to be spent. Anyway, if that might help as we figure out the future budget of this project and how it's affected. Does that make sense.

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Mark Epstein: Sure, I can try to crack that the bulkhead at Pritchard Park, which is just south of the Superfund site.

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Mark Epstein: Is wasn't slated to be removed. I know it seems plans. I think the park district has plans for it to be removed. Eventually, and efficient wildlife would love to see it removed.

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Mark Epstein: So that was our best bet it was it's it's complicated in terms of the types of mitigation. I won't go into all the details, but that project was our best least costs effort to to fulfill the requirements for mitigation.

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Morgan Smith: And said, Mark, just to be clear, we don't have plans to do that work. It was that you proposed removing that bulkhead as a potential mitigation project to attach to this change to the city, Doc.

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Morgan Smith: Correct.

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Mark Epstein: That's correct. We were looking for mitigation projects. This is one that came up

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Joe Deets: Thinking I'm mayor Steiner your hand is up. We're over our budget time. Do you have something you want to pound in here. And then we move on.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So I

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Leslie Schneider: I wish that we didn't have these hard choices to make.

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Leslie Schneider: One of the things that really jumped out at me in the presentation was about the, about the access provided to for instance wheelchair.

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Leslie Schneider: Bound.

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Leslie Schneider: Folks, and I'm wondering if there might be some way of having less mitigation or something. If there's only an access for, you know, not the full boat length, not the full eight feet or whatever, but just a smaller access, just to provide

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Leslie Schneider: wheelchair access for instance. So I'm not suggesting that we go back to the drawing board on that. I just wanted to throw that out there.

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Leslie Schneider: Because I think that would be an amazing amenity for our community. If we did, if we did provide that access. So a small thought it doesn't really help in the long

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Leslie Schneider: Term goals.

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Morgan Smith: Can I just clarify mark there is Ada access in the current design. Isn't that right,

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Mark Epstein: That's correct. I ramp custom set CD accessible.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you, folks, we're over our time on this. Sue, Rob. Thank you so much for coming.

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Joe Deets: Really wish you all the best says I love the rowing club. I wish I was down there rowing, but

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Joe Deets: You know, I think you got a sense of the realities that we face here and it's it's not, I would say not for lack of support, but we're looking at our person, you know, we have to make hard choices, but let's let's keep thinking about this. So thank you.

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Joe Deets: Okay, we're gonna move on to item seven, see.

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Joe Deets: Kofi connects status and communication priorities for 2020 and 2021 2022 and Kiersten you're here somewhere. Right.

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Kristen Drew: Good evening city council Kristen drew communications coordinator. It's nice to see everyone again I've been anxiously awaiting this presentation.

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Kristen Drew: Tonight we have just three main goals, we're going to review and discuss our progress on COBie connects will share with you our communications goals for 2019 2020 and our progress on those. And then we'll look ahead to our summary of proposed.

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Kristen Drew: Budget for 21 and 22. So first I'd like to focus on the Colby connects newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: This was launched as a city council priority. Last year we mailed we produced and mailed our first newsletter and April of last year. That was the cover there on your screen.

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Kristen Drew: This newsletter is mailed to roughly 12,000 12,000 addresses on Bainbridge Island. It's mailed island wide to all mailboxes that we have

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Kristen Drew: When we launched this project we hire consultants, a writer and graphic designer from Bainbridge to help us get this newsletter started

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Kristen Drew: But we learned from them in February, that the April issue would be their final newsletter. So we launched a request for qualifications process to find new consultants. We at this time, have not been able to interview and hire new consultants.

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Kristen Drew: Due to the coven 19 pandemic I've shifted my focus and priorities on the pandemic. So unfortunately, at this time, the newsletter remains on hold.

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Kristen Drew: So the costs, we in the last year, we've been able to produce 13 newsletters, with a cost of roughly \$114,000

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Kristen Drew: That cost is divided between the consultants, the writer and graphic designer and then also our printing and postage.

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Kristen Drew: I'll go into a little bit more detail on the cost later. But you'll see that the primary costs that we're paying for really are the printing and postage.

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Kristen Drew: The newsletter has been a combination of four pages and eight pages.

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Kristen Drew: It really depends on the content and what's coming up that month on how we decide how many pages. It's going to be all spoke also being mindful that an eight page newsletter does cost more money to produce

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Kristen Drew: And I will say that even when we do have eight pages. Sometimes it still feels like there's not enough space.

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Kristen Drew: So some of the successes we have received an overwhelming amount of response from the community for this project.

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Kristen Drew: In fact, I would say that of all the projects that I've worked on this is the one that we have received the most positive feedback from the community.

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Kristen Drew: We've heard from people who normally are not involved in the public process and I received a lot of emails. Early on, if you don't mind, I would love to share one with you.

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Kristen Drew: This is from someone whose name was not known to me. Someone who I've never met and the email reads

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Kristen Drew: Just wanted you to know I've heard a few positive comments about the newsletter and that people, including myself, are reading it.

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Kristen Drew: And taking away much more information than they knew before feeling more connected to the dates of meetings ways to be involved and what is being worked on.

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Kristen Drew: I think that in the age of social media and online presence. Most people have too short of attention and it's fleeting.

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Kristen Drew: A printed material gets read and absorbed are marked on and set to the side of a desk or remember to put on calendar, etc.

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Kristen Drew: What a time to be alive in this new century, thanks for your great work. So I wanted to share that with you because I think it encompasses a lot of what the Council wanted to get out of this newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: Another success of this newsletters had, as I mentioned, it's mailed island wide everyone with a mailbox gets this newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: It's also been a great communications tool for many city projects that photo on your screen on the right was taken last year at the island center Republic workshop

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Kristen Drew: Rather than sending out a postcard island wide to let everyone know that this was coming up.

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Kristen Drew: We included it in the Colby connects newsletter. So we're trying when we can to include as many city projects in this to help save costs in other areas.

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Kristen Drew: And finally, in a success, it's printed on 100% recycled paper. Some the Council Members mentioned that this was a goal. And I'm proud to say that we have been able to achieve that request.

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Kristen Drew: Challenges.

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Kristen Drew: As I mentioned, we are getting a lot of positive feedback on this, but it's hard to measure, measure success because we don't know how many people are actually reading the newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: Versus recycling it but again we are getting a lot of positive feedback and you'll see on the right side of your screen I included a screenshot of one of our

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Kristen Drew: newsletters and that graphic there the county hosted a chemical collection vent last year event.

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Kristen Drew: And the feedback that we got. After that, was that the average folks who showed up. Were there because they saw it in the newsletter. So I think it's another great example of how this newsletter has helped get the word out.

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Kristen Drew: Probably the greatest challenge we faced with this newsletter is the turnaround time to print and mail every month, we have to carefully consider content and

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Kristen Drew: Trying to make it as current as possible when it lands in people's mailboxes. We have to balance that with the turnaround time to print and mail.

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Kristen Drew: We have found a company that can do both the printing and mailing for us generally about a week. But it took a little while to get there and it still remains a challenge to make sure the information that people are getting is current

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Kristen Drew: staff time. This is also a challenge. I would estimate that, as I mentioned, we've we've hired consultants to help us with this newsletter, but as a communications coordinator. I do spend a lot of time working on the newsletter. I

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Kristen Drew: estimate that when we are working on the newsletter. I spend about 75% of my week on this newsletter, which I enjoy working on it. But it takes away from other priority areas such as projects.

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Kristen Drew: And finally, the cost. They have been higher than we anticipated when the newsletter was initiated we initially talked about it as a bulletin.

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Kristen Drew: One page front and back. But we quickly learned that four pages wasn't going to cut it always and sometimes it needed to be eight pages. So our costs have doubled.

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Kristen Drew: Does anyone have any questions up to this point on the newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: So I'm going to change gears to another focus area.

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Kristen Drew: Okay, so our next focus area for the last year has been project support and outreach.

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Kristen Drew: I think we've made a lot of progress in this area. I think we can still improve, but I think

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Kristen Drew: We've done a lot of new things and I think the Olympic Dr project is an example of what we aim to achieve when we launched a large project we produced

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Kristen Drew: And shared a lot of fact sheets, we created web pages. We did a lot of in person outreach. We were on the ferry. We had tables at Safeway in teensy

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Kristen Drew: That that was a great tool for us. We did a lot of things that we hadn't done before. And unfortunately, do the pandemic those activities are currently on hold.

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Kristen Drew: Another thing we did and I hope you got to see was the video for an Olympic Dr explaining how to use the new facilities out there. And this, again, was something that we hadn't done before and something that I would like to continue to do with other projects.

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Kristen Drew: So some of the challenges with our project support and outreach I, as I said, I think we do continue to improve trying to use simple language and more visuals, but I think we can do more.

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Kristen Drew: I think that it's difficult for one staff member myself to support all departments.

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Kristen Drew: And as I mentioned the in person outreach, which was a great tool for us. We currently can't do. So we're looking at other options.

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Kristen Drew: Whether that's through online open houses which we're going to do for the sustainable transportation plan, but we're seeking other ways to try to get the word out.

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Kristen Drew: Another focus area for us was website enhancements. So a little background on the website. The information technology department oversees the technical aspect of the website.

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Kristen Drew: And then departments manage the content of their own project pages we weren't able to do an overhaul of the website in the last year, but it's something we're keeping in mind.

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Kristen Drew: And we have made some improvements on the website. We've improved content in a timely manner.

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Kristen Drew: It's my goal when the newsletters go out, whether it's Coby connects or it's the city managers report or a newsletter.

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Kristen Drew: That when you click on a link or you go to a link that that information or that page for sending you to is updated.

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Kristen Drew: So we really focus on that in the last year we've updated our notify me list. These are email, text project list that people can sign up for to get updates on different projects we

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Kristen Drew: Removed a lot of the lists that were outdated we consolidated some so if you go to that page you'll see it looks a lot better and in early 2020 we did have formal training for the website, which was very helpful.

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Kristen Drew: So the challenges for the website. We currently lack the capacity for the website redesign the IT department has really focused switched its focus to the pandemic and helping staff get ready, prepare them for teleworking so we haven't been able to get to this in the way that we want.

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Kristen Drew: Other areas. So you may recall that in early

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Kristen Drew: We launched a communication survey to get feedback from the community about how they're getting their information where they get it. What are the topics of interest to them.

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Kristen Drew: And we heard from the respondents, a lot of ideas and things that we were already doing. So I've tried to use the last year to promote the tools that we have

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Kristen Drew: On our website and our online newsletters and Coby connects to let people know hey we have these email project lists notifying me. We have a weekly

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Kristen Drew: E newsletter and the city council meetings are streamed so i think it's it's really paid off for us because we've seen growth in all areas of our communications platforms from city managers report to social media.

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Kristen Drew: notify me and for the city council agendas and I do, if you don't mind, I would love to take a quick second to show people how to find all of these tools that I'm talking about. If you go to the main homepage of the city's website and you scroll down to sign up for city notifications.

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Kristen Drew: It's under news and social media and you can sign up for anything that you'd like. Just make sure you confirm your subscription, there will be an email that manned up in your junk folder. So does anyone want to take a guess which email list, we saw the highest growth.

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Joe Deets: City Manager for

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Kristen Drew: Uber good, look good guess. But it was actually your list. It was the city council agendas. We have seen a 305% increase in subscribers on this list.

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Kristen Drew: So this again in the survey that we launched, we heard from a lot of respondents that they wanted more access to city council meetings. And so we've been trying to promote how you can watch the meetings, how you can get the agendas when it's published. And again, I think it's paid off.

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Kristen Drew: So,

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Kristen Drew: Challenges. Again, I hate to say capacity again. But this is another area where I do lack the capacity to post consistently on social media. I would love to do more, but it really is a matter of priority.

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Kristen Drew: So looking ahead to 21 and 22 my focus my priority will be to continue to support the city's covert 19 response.

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Kristen Drew: We will also continue to focus on Colby connects if that's the direction that the city council chooses to go and then we'll continue project support and outreach. I would love to do more photography and videos will continue to see managers report and then as available the website enhancements.

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Kristen Drew: Costs. So I'd like to break down the Colby connects costs. We estimate that to do one year.

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Kristen Drew: Publishing COBie connects it's roughly \$110,000 you'll see here my mouse is

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Kristen Drew: Those costs come from the writer and graphic designer professional services and then the printing and postage combination of four page eight page newsletters.

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Kristen Drew: So we've broken it down there by monthly, and then the annual again 100 roughly 110,000

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Kristen Drew: So looking at the other costs I estimate the external costs to be roughly \$48,000 you'll see there about \$24,000 for photography and video services.

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Kristen Drew: When we launched the Coby connects our HQ back in March, we also launched in our FAQ for photography and video services.

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Kristen Drew: And at this time, we haven't been able to interview or hire anybody for this. It's greatly needed. I would love to get some new photographs and start some video projects, but I just haven't had the capacity to do that.

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Morgan Smith: And Kristen. This is Morgan, but I just want to make sure it's clear to folks this set of expenses is not related to, Coby connects this is other communication initiatives.

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Kristen Drew: That's correct. And there is if you want more details. It's in your console agenda packet in the memo.

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Kristen Drew: So just to recap again the 2122 total estimated costs for Coby connects we estimate 110,000

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Kristen Drew: The other focus areas roughly 48,000, it does not include what the web costs might be to do a redesign. So the total annual would be 150 8000 and now I have a question for the Council would you like to make any significant adjustments to Coby connects and I will stop sharing my screen.

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Okay.

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Morgan Smith: Wrap up before councils discussion I think Christine mentioned this, but it's worth emphasizing that connects was very much a council initiative.

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Morgan Smith: And was created and launched and with the strong and specific direction of council members and we also then

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Morgan Smith: Designated it as essentially a one year pilot and said let's see how it goes. And then let's come back and discuss. So part of what we're doing today.

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Morgan Smith: Is meeting that commitment and it's happened to coincide with this pause and production and we are on the cusp of depending on councils guidance relaunching with a new team of

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Morgan Smith: Assistance, but we really need to hear from you first about what you want to do, and whether you want to make any adjustments or changes now having the benefit of one years experience.

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Joe Deets: Picking a mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Christian. Thank you so much for all the communications data and and just all the innovations. You've brought you know just love seeing all the events that you used to go out and do

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Leslie Schneider: So I, I really a big believer it right to continue the experiment of Kochi connects and having that print paper going out to our households, one of my reasons for that is

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Leslie Schneider: In my own business. I do depend on electronic communications emails and I know how much they fail me

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Leslie Schneider: And I have a number of different platforms and sending them out in different ways. And I just know that you know my members my potential clients and all that.

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Leslie Schneider: Hardly any of them even get it, let alone. See it enough to make a decision on whether to read it or not. It's just so unfortunate that

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Leslie Schneider: So much of it goes to spam so much of it goes into the other folder and you just don't see it. So I think it's really important that we do have that communication land in in people's boxes.

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Leslie Schneider: Given that there is, you know, a huge amount of cost associated with it. I mean, I think the cost is warranted and I would like to see it move forward. But I know that we're juggling

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Leslie Schneider: I could I could imagine that we would. What if we did once every two months, an eight page newsletter, you know, which would

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Leslie Schneider: Cut down on the cost of the of the mailing and it would cut down somewhat on the cost of focus. So if we need to pull back at all. I guess that would be my choice. But honestly, I would like to maintain our commitment to the monthly newsletter.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I first experienced Coby connects as a citizen prior to being

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Elected and I was incredibly impressed. As a former Council person who struggled as a council person to reach the community and knowing that one of our greatest challenges is communicating with the community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And as a business person, and as a former Council person and current Council person I know that we can't, you know, reach people were there.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Exactly what COUNCILMEMBER with the mayor was just saying everyone is overwhelmed with electronic communication.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I am firmly convinced convinced it's a success, and I would like to see it continue and I would like to see it continue as on a monthly basis if possible.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Those costs from my own experience look completely reasonable I'm impressed. I fully support it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I guess I would just ask to. I understand that. We've got we're dealing with code, but I would be curious to know what we will be able to do to communicate about the the round about the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Madison and white round about as a south and resident just kind of just knowing how we're going to know what to expect, as we try to get out of there over the coming months.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This might not be the time to talk about it, but I will know how we're going to be communicating and hearing about that and thank you.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you will be surprised to hear me say that I'm 100% in favor continue with coda connects on a monthly basis as we're doing it frankly I think it's the most successful thing that's happened during my time on council and then I have a question.

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Kol Medina: Can we get going again. So what's what's in the way of us getting it going again. Thanks.

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Kol Medina: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember car.

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Morgan Smith: Well, do you want me to answer that quickly.

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Morgan Smith: In part in March and April, we had to stop because we had to focus on other things. But then we were at a stop because we lost our design and production team.

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Morgan Smith: And so we have done the RFU we have responses ready to review, but we didn't want to go forward without, without the certainty that councils, you know, had given us the direction to either continue as we were doing or to make adjustments.

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Morgan Smith: So once we have this conversation will have what we need to move forward.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Hi. Kristen. It's nice to see you.

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Christy Carr: I know how hard you work on the Coby connects newsletter and I think you do a great job and even with all the challenges I think that it is a really worthy thing for the city to be doing. So I hope that we do continue it.

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Christy Carr: That was it.

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Joe Deets: Wow.

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Joe Deets: Nice just Thorpe's we get your point across.

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Joe Deets: Something for all of us to aspire to. Okay, I'm fully and supportive of Coby connects person you've done a fabulous job. I know it's a ton of work.

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Joe Deets: You know, I just, but as we've seen, it's so important to get the message out and how miss it messages can be

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Joe Deets: And this is something that we can and should do something about. So we owe it to our community to get them get good information good data to the people of the island.

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Joe Deets: That calcium over Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: This one of the same you know it's really been nice to read and I've gotten a lot of good feedback from people that do appreciate some leave it at that. Nice going, hey,

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Wow short sweet. I think you got the message. We all like it. Um, I guess this will come up in our budget conversations is how do we how do we afford to do this. But maybe that's for another day. Does anyone have any more comments.

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Joe Deets: Okay Kiersten. Do you have any parting thoughts.

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Kristen Drew: Thank you for all your feedback and I look forward to getting back to work on this too. I, I enjoy working on this project. So, and it's, it could have come in handy. During the last couple months, but

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Kristen Drew: I'm looking forward to getting back to work on it. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Great. Thank you so much. I'm okay. I'm moving along item 70 discussion of criteria and amount for 2021 lodging tax award cycles Executive Council okay co chairs. So that would be customer car and council member I capitalist. You guys want to

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Joe Deets: Lead on this.

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Ellen Schroer: And

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Ellen Schroer: There's a B or D that's

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Joe Deets: A real party.

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Ellen Schroer: And I have a short presentation, I can step.

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Ellen Schroer: Through before we hand it over to the liaisons if they'd like. Or if they want to start their presentation. Okay, I'll go ahead

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Joe Deets: Okay. All right. Go ahead.

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Ellen Schroer: I'll share my screen. And we'll, we'll work through this and then

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Ellen Schroer: There's some time at the end for the Council to just to discuss

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Ellen Schroer: Wrong one

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Ellen Schroer: Is the next one I got a little ahead of myself.

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Ellen Schroer: There we go. Let me try again.

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Ellen Schroer: Okay, so the item in front of us is our first discussion of watching tax in 2020 or 2021. This is an annual award cycle that the city runs

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Ellen Schroer: The city receives lodging tax from short term rentals hotels and motels and then

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Ellen Schroer: Proceeds to distribute that money to eligible uses using a committee as set up by state law.

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Ellen Schroer: So tonight we'll sort of step through that we haven't talked about this yet this year. So we'll introduce this to the council members haven't done it before, and to the community.

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Ellen Schroer: Talk about the amount that will award for the upcoming award cycle. And then, most particularly discuss the selection, click criteria and eligibility for projects for the coming year.

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Ellen Schroer: A quick look at the general timetable, we are now here at the beginning of August. There are

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Ellen Schroer: We are still recruiting for el Tax Committee members. There are some specific eligibility criteria set out by state law.

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Ellen Schroer: As to who can be on this committee, there's four representatives in addition to to counsel co chairs, one of whom boats and one who doesn't. So we're still recruiting for that.

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Ellen Schroer: When we have the right number of eligible applicants will bring that to you for appointment in September.

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Ellen Schroer: We will issue an RFP after receiving your direction about the criteria that should be included in that RFP hold some in meetings for applicants.

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Ellen Schroer: And then run the proposal process through October and into the fall, with the goal of bringing you a set of recommendations from the committee for Council consideration.

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Ellen Schroer: By the end of the year. And then this allows the organizations who are applying to have that funding right at the beginning of 2021 for us.

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Ellen Schroer: The city is suggesting that we plan for total awards of about 200 and 220 \$5,000 in 2021. This represents a decrease from last year based on our revenue estimates.

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Ellen Schroer: The city over the past years has set up the practice of awarding amounts that are fully supported by the starting fund balance. What this means is that we will award for 2021 money that we expect to have in the fund in 2020

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Ellen Schroer: And this provides some assurance to the organizations that they will be able to have their revenue or have their project award money.

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Ellen Schroer: Regardless of the performance of the fund in the next year. This in particular has stood us in good stead. This year, when our revenues were much less than we thought they were going to be

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Ellen Schroer: But we still, we were able to continue to fully award and fully support all the awards that were made last year.

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Ellen Schroer: And show you this slide shows the blue line is the revenue. You can see the revenues have increased in each year since 2011 quite sharply in the past couple of years before falling off to what we estimate to be a level that

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Ellen Schroer: just under half of what we got. Last year, so in 2019 we received nearly \$350,000 in this type of revenue and in 2021 we r s or excuse me in 2020 we're estimating that will receive right around \$110,000 from the same revenue source.

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Ellen Schroer: However, because the expense the awards were fully supported by the fund balance we had at the beginning of the year. We continue to be able to support to support our awards and the community organizations which have received them.

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Ellen Schroer: The next couple of slides. Talk about criteria for eligible projects because this revenue comes from short term rentals and tourism related stays the projects that are eligible are also related to tourism.

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Ellen Schroer: Most of these criteria come from the State law and the city of Bainbridge Island has also chosen to add a couple of new ones are a couple that that respond to our own our own community values.

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Ellen Schroer: And

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Ellen Schroer: In particular, last year.

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Ellen Schroer: The Council decided to add new criteria to encourage innovation to incentivize event to seek qualifying capital investments and, in particular, last year, made a decision that would be put into effect next year to start

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Ellen Schroer: To starting with the awards for next year to not provide funding to organizations for the same activity for more than three years in a row.

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Ellen Schroer: So we had some conversation with liaisons about whether or not these criteria continue to be relevant and ones that we want to have

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Ellen Schroer: In our RFP. So one of the decisions. I'm asking you to make tonight is whether you'd like to continue to have these or whether you'd like to have some either remove some of them or change some of them going forward. And we'll have

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Ellen Schroer: A little bit of time to discuss that. And the liaisons may also or the coaches may have some additional information, they'd like to share

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Ellen Schroer: In order to be eligible to receive this award applicants must be a municipality public facilities district or registered as a Washington State corporate Corporation

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Ellen Schroer: You may not apply as an individual to receive these awards for profit private businesses are not eligible. So they need to be 501 C three or c six organizations and the city has also made the determination that proposals.

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Ellen Schroer: Or excuse me that organizations that have a member on the Award Committee are also not eligible to receive money.

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Ellen Schroer: So at this time I'd be happy to have the CO chairs add any additional comments and then also to hear from Council about the criteria that you'd like to see in the RFP, which will bring back to you at the end of August for issue and response in the fall.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Alan. Um, let's see your hands up. But do you want to list here from the CO chairs first. Yes.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, that was my understanding the coaches could be first, and then I'll come in and

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Joe Deets: Go, go ahead. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm welcome some of our car and I discussed in particular the criteria that the Council last last year's council had planned on implementing as of this year.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And we're and in COUNCILMEMBER car please correct me if I'm mistaken at all. We were recommending the reconsideration of the restriction that the mandate that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That that it

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That funding not be allowed for a more than three years for the same item or the three years in a row, not that that might not be something that we consider but that they're not be a mandate.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And also the cap that the goal be that we are seeking qualifying capital investments in this particular year with the circumstances that we are in

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The reality is that that would of course be

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Us, or I guess the park district, really, that would be seeking that, of course, we will restrain ourselves from seeking that but just even printing that in the RF

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Piece seems a little odd. So I believe that that would be our recommendation as the co chairs. But if you wanted to add anything to that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: I think I'd be captured. I think our discussions, so thank you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And just the the reasoning behind the three years is just and this was made to be a different a different opinion from last year's Council was just that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, maybe that that maybe that in most in in the reasoning was that, hey, you know, we need something new, the innovation. But if something is really is really an amazing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, if it's something that the community could really benefit from. And it's come around for a fourth time. Why tie the Y tie the committee's hands so

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Christy Carr: I'll just add one thing on that as well as that, when we looked at the past funding allocations are what which organizations got funding for what

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Christy Carr: I believe the language is three years in a row for the same thing and the the it to me at least looking at the list of things that we're we're got funding. I think that the committee would have a really challenging time to kind of try to parse out

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Christy Carr: What is the same thing or not. So it just administrative Lee, to me, seems complex

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Christy Carr: In addition to what COUNCILMEMBER high top listen

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember nice are

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Rasham Nassar: You happy. So I was on I was the Council does the CEO, but not liaison Chair. CHAIR co chair of the committee and I served

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Rasham Nassar: For two years, my first two years on the council. So I really distinctly and clearly remember kind of the evolution of

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Rasham Nassar: That prohibition and kind of where it came from. And it was born from a place of wanting to see more innovation and creativity more diversity within some of the proposals that were coming to the city because the feeling

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Rasham Nassar: Was that some of the organizations were becoming too dependent upon municipal L tech funding for essential services, which were viewed as maybe

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Rasham Nassar: Elements of that the services of that organization that they could have or should have sourced from other sources outside of city funding.

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Rasham Nassar: I no longer feel that way I read the email that came to council. I think we're in really concerning times due to coven economic crisis and all. And I would

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Rasham Nassar: I think I would absolutely support removing that prohibition, just for the sake of letting the community know that that

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Rasham Nassar: The city's interest right now and soliciting L tak funds is to help these organizations survive. I think our economic environment and climate has become one of survival and so

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Rasham Nassar: We may begin to see organizations apply for el tech funding for essential services and programs.

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Rasham Nassar: We may start to see kind of a reversal of the types of creative or innovative programs and

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Rasham Nassar: You know things in the pre coven days that were kind of an expectation or at least the Council was seeking to encourage

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Rasham Nassar: And I think that that's I think that's absolutely helped a healthy response from the city. And so I absolutely support the chair and CO chairs recommendations in that regard I do also remember that the city did compete for el tech funding, with regard to the way finding signage is that

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know where that is. But is it the city's plan to to come up with a proposal for any sort of attack funding for this go around.

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Morgan Smith: If I respond

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Morgan Smith: So we have only done that once in the last 10 years well twice I guess both times for way finding

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Morgan Smith: And that was with explicit sort of counsel direction and request to do so.

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Morgan Smith: In the absence of that we would not plan to submit a project and do not this year have a project that we've been preparing or developing on those lines. So that was very much an outlier.

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Morgan Smith: And if council of the future identifies a project that they'd like to direct staff to compete for all tech funding, we would do so, but we wouldn't do it in the absence of that direction.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Joe Deets: And I just say, you know, we have quite a discussion on the way finding and of course this is p cover days but

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Joe Deets: It was pretty explosive that this was a way to get around all the signs that were littering the right ways and hopefully that project still moving forward.

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Joe Deets: That some of us are

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, I just wanted to follow up. The reason I bring it up and I in no way i agree to some extent with customer had topless this point.

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Rasham Nassar: But I also do want to raise the point that part of what attracts tourists to the island and and maybe a new version of attraction.

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Rasham Nassar: For tourism is that we are a safe community because we have safe pedestrian infrastructure and safe now. Meaning that our infant or pedestrian infrastructure, especially downtown is adequate to maintain the requirements for social distancing there in place because of coven

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Rasham Nassar: I'm recalling that COUNCILMEMBER deets came forward with his business recovery plan in there was

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Rasham Nassar: A sort of, I don't know if it was an explicit or implicit request for some changes to our downtown area such as Winslow, which would have a benefit or

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Rasham Nassar: positive impact on businesses and that downtown area that could maybe be source in terms of funding from EI tech funds. So I wouldn't want us to just stop thinking in that direction.

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Rasham Nassar: If it's the case that we can kind of

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Rasham Nassar: By. I don't know. I'll still I'll stop there. But I think it's I think it's an important something important to consider and if the city word to come forward with a proposal.

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Rasham Nassar: To compete for tech funding, similar to how the city submitted a proposal for the way finding signage that provided a direct service to the to our local downtown businesses, but also island residents, I would certainly be supportive of the city doing that.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just want to make a couple clarifying statements and this may be where we're constantly car really might want to clarify what she differs from me but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: My, my statements about the three year three years wouldn't really have anything to do with with supporting local businesses operating costs or something like that. So that really has to do with again.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What's the point would be that not artificially tying the hands of the committee if there's a fourth year

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Fourth year the same idea or similar idea still has got you to the committee to the community I'm

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: On the other hand, not competing with the community and in this particular year with seeking capital investment money does have to do with maximizing the dollars being available to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To community organizations. And the reason I think that distinction is important because we're still, I believe. Councilmember car and I were still assuming we would leave in promote innovative ideas.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think that's important, more than ever, this coming year, because here we are with our tech dollars. They're seeking to bring in outside visitors during this weird time that we may still be living in next year.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so what's this going to look like, you know, what are the events going to look like, you know, it could be, it could require some innovative ideas.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I think innovative ideas need to be there. I think we want to we want to all the dollars to go to me organizations. I think we don't want to find our hands too much of anything.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With three years. That's what of prohibition but sure. Bring on the innovative ideas. So those are just my thoughts.

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Joe Deets: Cups. Remember pilot

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Michael Pollock: Yeah well come from a high topless actually asked it comes in on her car wanted away and So on that note. She's shaking her head. Okay, well I'll waiting for you there.

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Michael Pollock: Is yeah I agree with what Council of a high topless, said I, you know, I've been in

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Michael Pollock: Having to distribute funds and having people kind of have the feet, the front line because of the fact that they've gotten phones before. And so it's really important. You're right. You don't. You don't want to

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Michael Pollock: preclude repeat customers, I guess, you know, from from applying again. But there does we've really struggled with this and other venues to raise the bar a little bit and to make it clear that new

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Michael Pollock: monies are new ideas are really welcome and perhaps even getting a little bit more higher ranking and because otherwise you end up in a situation where

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Michael Pollock: People don't bother to apply for the funds because essentially the funds are going primarily to people who are already have

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Michael Pollock: Successfully applied for a grant. So it sounds like you're thinking about it and I'm really encouraged to hear that. And I just, it is tough and look at it from the perspective of somebody thinking about applying and competing against

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Michael Pollock: Things and how you're going to how you're going to truly get that innovation and make people think they have a realistic chance of getting the funds if they haven't gotten them before.

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Michael Pollock: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, you know, I'll just pick up an echo the number Pollock sentiments and I mean I guess everybody here.

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Joe Deets: I'd hate to have sort of these fast rules. After three years, forget it. I mean, I'm sure we had a reasons for that. But I think having

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Joe Deets: The flex giving attack the flexibility of making decisions. We could say yes, if there's a compelling reason for that fourth year. However, we

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Joe Deets: Want to encourage the new ideas because if the, if anything, we're learning about code is what we thought we knew a month ago, or

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Joe Deets: No longer applies. And so how we're going to get out of this in the future, is that we're going to be looking at some new ideas. So I think having the flexibility is where I'm getting at. So

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Joe Deets: That's, I would be very much for it, but not not tying the hands of the attack with some sort of strict rules that we don't you know it's not really necessary.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Any other comments.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Well, thank you for, oh, go ahead, comes from for couples.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think that they also want us to. Okay, be a mill.

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Morgan Smith: We will let me just clarify on process. So I'm going to wrap up the Council's discussion tonight.

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Morgan Smith: And they end suggested the takeaway for us is that the RFP that we develop for your consideration will remove the requirement from that was implemented last year to limit.

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Morgan Smith: Or prohibit applying for funds for the same activity if you done so three years previously, but that the other new requirements that were identified will will stay intact.

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Morgan Smith: And then, except for the capital, thank you for the

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Morgan Smith: Liberating opportunity.

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Morgan Smith: So, but what will happen procedurally as well bring an RFP for Council to consider and approve and then we'll issue at once you've approved it. So that will have the amount in there.

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Morgan Smith: And any other particulars that you feel like you need additional discussion or consideration, you can do that at that time.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. City Manager. Great. Hey, yeah, I'm working on to nine o'clock we have

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Joe Deets: Three more items to talk about. Here's a question for you. Do you want to take a 10 minute break, or do you want to plow ahead.

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Joe Deets: Who's for

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Joe Deets: Break, Break, raise your hand.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Break, Break wins out because it's just the way it is. So we're going to take a 10 minute break, let's say, skip back here at

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Joe Deets: I don't know, like 907, something like that. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Do we need 10 minutes. I think we people were showing five

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Joe Deets: Five.

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Joe Deets: All right, let's do 905 back here.

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Joe Deets: 905

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Joe Deets: Staying

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Joe Deets: Cool.

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Joe Deets: got just about everybody mayor Schneider and

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Oh, there we are. Okay.

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Joe Deets: I don't know if we can start early.

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Joe Deets: Or we did save come back at 905

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Joe Deets: But

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Joe Deets: What the heck, let's just keep going.

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Joe Deets: Item seven, he proposed approach for 2021 2022 Human Services award Eleanor, you can lead a discussion on that.

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Ellen Schroer: I am if you're ready. I'll go ahead and get started.

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Ellen Schroer: Great.

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Ellen Schroer: So the next item on the agenda is a discussion of the approach that we want to take or that the city will take for the upcoming two year award cycle for human services funding. This is a funding cycle that this city runs every two years, we make a decision in

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Ellen Schroer: For human services funding and on the off years then or the opposite years for the cultural award funding.

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Ellen Schroer: So right now is the time where we would typically be starting or mid partway through the discussions around human services funding.

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Ellen Schroer: And this is one area of city work that is behind its typical timeline. So I'm bringing you some options tonight for how we might work forward.

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Ellen Schroer: To continue with this work and run the award cycle for the upcoming biennium. And we're behind just due to the time constraints and the other pressures, we've had in responding from responding to the Copa pandemic.

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Ellen Schroer: The Human Services funding cycle is an important part of the city operations we award \$660,000 or have in the past.

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Ellen Schroer: To community organizations who are providing human services. This is the way that the city supports the organizations. It's how we

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Ellen Schroer: Work to support the Human Services element of our comprehensive plan. And it's, it's something that we're really proud of. And I think do very well.

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Ellen Schroer: So tonight, we'll talk about that cycle. Talk about some options and confirm again the funding amount which is an important part of the budget development that's going on right now and will come to you in September.

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Ellen Schroer: As I mentioned before, the framework for this is

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Ellen Schroer: Taken from the city's Human Services element of the comprehensive plan. We recognize that the city has a very important role in providing human services and the conditions that sustain the delivery of those services.

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Ellen Schroer: And the way that the city has done that over the past years is to provide funding to organizations that are providing health and human services in our community.

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Ellen Schroer: We are proposing at this time to continue to the awards for the upcoming biennium at \$660,000 total so \$330,000 in each year.

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Ellen Schroer: This is the same level as we've had for the past two awards cycles 2017 and 18 and 2019 and 2020 and I do also want to call out that this level of support on a per capita basis is really significant and is higher than many of the other jurisdictions in our region.

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Ellen Schroer: If this were a typical year. Like I said we'd be partway through this already.

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Ellen Schroer: In the summer that the city typically issues an RFP and receives proposals from applicant organizations in the community that provide the services that are described in the RFP.

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Ellen Schroer: we convene a community advisory task force. So, a group of seven people and two council members to counsel liaisons who also help that committee with their work, we have in the past had outside facilitation by a subject matter experts to help with this complicated process.

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Ellen Schroer: And then a set of extensive fall meetings for presentations and selections. So generally between four and six meetings between two and four hours each.

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Ellen Schroer: Over a period of about six to eight weeks to help the to allow time for the task force or the Committee to review the proposals that were submitted and come to a recommendation within the allotted funding amount

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Ellen Schroer: Those recommendations are then brought to counsel for approval and we target completing that by year end to provide the organizations with the greatest knowledge of what our support and their revenue will be for the coming two year cycle.

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Ellen Schroer: But this is 2020 and our current context is a little different than previous years, we had some time constraints, because we've been responding to the code pandemic and doing other work.

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Ellen Schroer: I think that organizations also have some capacity challenges. And so we're recognizing that

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Ellen Schroer: And I updated this presentation today. We received for applications for seven Task Force positions. So I think the community is also feeling some time constraints.

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Ellen Schroer: And in Against this backdrop, we want to bring you some options to consider for how we might achieve this funding cycle going forward.

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Ellen Schroer: So there's three options that are in this presentation and were described also in your packet and I'll step through each one and I'm happy to take questions along the way. And then at the end, we're hoping to get a choice. So that staff will know where to start working

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Ellen Schroer: The first option would be to take an expedited approach to this and really what that would mean is to continue the current awards through the next biennium to the same set of organizations.

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Ellen Schroer: This approach would extend our current object. Our current commitment at its can, you know, at at same level it

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Ellen Schroer: Provides continuity and predictability for the recipient organizations, allowing them to continue to provide hopefully the same services with the same funding level.

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Ellen Schroer: At a minimal amount of effort or lesser amount of effort FOR THE LOCAL NONPROFITS on the other side. It doesn't give us an opportunity to consider any new applicants.

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Ellen Schroer: One reason that we are that we developed this is that the prior processes and I'll show you a summary in just a moment. Have resulted in a relatively stable set of recipient organizations in our community.

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Ellen Schroer: In the most recent cycle for the last two years, the funding committee recommended funding for 12 different organizations.

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Ellen Schroer: And in that set of 12 seven of the 12 had been recipients in each of the last three award cycles. So five of the last five years.

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Ellen Schroer: Three had received funding and for of the past five years, and to receive funding for the first time in 2019 and 2020 so that could lead us to expect sort of a similar set of results after going through the process.

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Ellen Schroer: And here's a chart with a whole bunch of words on it, but you can see by looking row by row that the organizations who are receiving the funding.

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Ellen Schroer: In many cases in seven of the 12 cases.

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Ellen Schroer: Of organizations who received funding for this past two year cycle. They had received funding in each of the cycles that went before that, as well. So from 2016 through 2020

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Ellen Schroer: Council may also want to consider. Delaying this process, recognizing that we don't have the capacity right now in the city organization, the community or in the community organizations.

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Ellen Schroer: To run this detailed process and we could defer that process until next year and provide perhaps the same amount of money but just at a later date.

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Ellen Schroer: what this would do if we choose this approach is to provide some additional time for everybody involved in the process they would have another couple of months, we would have another couple of months gives us some time to do more recruitment to fully staffed the task force.

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Ellen Schroer: It would also provide the organizations or the task force the opportunity to consider new applicants.

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Ellen Schroer: On the other side, it differs their decisions and may complicate annual budgeting.

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Ellen Schroer: For the community organizations who are hoping to apply for and receive this money in 2020 so they could start to plan for 21 and 22 many of these organizations run on a on a fiscal calendar your fiscal year. So would appreciate knowing in advance what their funding might be

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Ellen Schroer: And then a third option that we wanted to put before you is just to continue to use the same timeline and the same process as in previous by Enya

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Ellen Schroer: This would provide you the opportunity to consider new applicants, but it just may not be feasible given the time constraints, it would be a heavy lift for staff for the

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Ellen Schroer: Council participants for the task force and would probably necessitate setting some other things aside. That said, if that's the Council's choice. We would certainly pencil that out on the calendar and bring it back to you to tell you what it would look like. And we could have that discussion.

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Ellen Schroer: I would also note that it would be a pretty heavy lift for some of the organizations, but we could we could make that choice.

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Ellen Schroer: So this summarizes these three approaches and expedites the process which would

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Ellen Schroer: Call for staff to do some outreach to the community organizations and update the contracts to pay for those agreements for the upcoming biennium. This would be the lowest time commitment in the fall.

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Ellen Schroer: We could delay the process and do this in 2021

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Ellen Schroer: Which would also involve some outreach to tell people what to expect, since they've had this kind of funding opportunity in the past and they're probably expecting or hoping for it in the future.

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Ellen Schroer: This would also have a pretty low time commitment for the organizations and for the city or we could make a good try at doing our original process, which would involve really

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Ellen Schroer: Focusing time on doing outreach doing some recruitment for Task Force members deciding on our outside facilitation issuing the RFP and running the proposal process all within the next eight to 12 weeks. And so, this one has a fairly high time commitment.

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Ellen Schroer: This slide is just intended to help you see where our funding has been over the last five years, our current funding approach began in 2017 with the two year fund the two year funding cycle and our proposal is to continue the funding at that same level into 21 and 22

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Ellen Schroer: So that concludes the presentation, I'm happy to take any questions. And again, there is a motion in the packet which asks you to select one of the three options presented or you could

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Ellen Schroer: You could ask us for some more information. I guess if there's something that you'd like and then also to confirm the amount to be awarded for 21 and 22. And again, like with L tak. This will come back to you in the form of art of

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Ellen Schroer: Either in the budget if we go with the first expedited process or in the RFP. If you choose either option two or three

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Ellen Schroer: So I'll stop sharing my screen unless there's a slide you'd like me to go back to and be happy to take any questions. Great.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Alan. Um, let's get right to it. Mayor Schneider. You had your hand up first of all

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you, Ellen great presentation. Appreciate it. And so I i was the liaison to that group that committee. A couple years ago, and it is very time consuming. I will, I will agree. I think the committee did a great job.

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Leslie Schneider: One of the things I

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Leslie Schneider: One of my so I heard you say that you would as a next step. If we went with Option one is that you would reach out to these

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Leslie Schneider: Organizations presumably to make sure that that this was all okay with them that that you know their purposes for the money would basically be the same. And they would appreciate it.

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Leslie Schneider: My one concern is that, you know, just wondering if if coded actually changes our priorities, a little bit, especially for human services and so towards that.

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Leslie Schneider: A suggestion or a thought is that we do this with a check in to see whether we want to extend it for the second year. In other words, we make a commitment for one year. And then we do a check in to

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Leslie Schneider: With conditions being whatever they are, at the time, to see if we might want to jump in and allow some more applicants. At that time, or just different applications.

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Leslie Schneider: And I know one problem with that is that then it, it messes up the order the flip flop order with the cultural funding, but I presume that you know we could figure it out at that time. So that's my one main concern. Otherwise, I really do support giving the consistency to to the organization's

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Mayor council member Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you. And thanks for the presentation along

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Kol Medina: When the Great Recession happened. We got rid of health. Health and Human Services Organization and settled into just giving out same amounts, the same organizations every year for many years.

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Kol Medina: And we came to understand that that wasn't a great idea. And so we got away from that one. We could as a city.

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Kol Medina: And I hope we don't do that again. But in this moment. I think the only option that really makes sense is the expedited option.

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Kol Medina: Of basically just giving the same amount to some organizations for the next cycle, but with a really strong caveat that it's just this cycle and that it's not going to become a standard practice.

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Kol Medina: Of course, where the Council decided now two years from now, I can't cancel my decided to just keep doing it. Um, but I personally would only vote for the expedited option if we're doing it with the knowledge. There's just this one time thing because of extenuating circumstances.

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Kol Medina: And with that in mind, I'm just going to go ahead and put the motion on the floor, but I'm only going to put the first part of the motion.

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Joe Deets: City Manager in her hand.

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Kol Medina: Well, I think I can go ahead and make the motion. Right.

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Go ahead.

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Kol Medina: So I'm only gonna put the first part of the motion because I feel like there are two pieces to it. So I moved to direct the city manager to proceed with the human services funding award cycle for 2021 to 2022 using the expedited process.

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Joe Deets: I like it Council republican. Second that. Okay, let's, uh, a city manager. You had your hand up.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I think especially if Council is going to move into some clear direction. I wanted to make sure something that maybe wasn't clear is clear to you.

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Morgan Smith: The recommendation as the expedited process that we're proposing you consider

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Morgan Smith: Would be to provide proposed the same amount of funding to the recipient organizations, but to let them have the latitude to propose back what they would use it for

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Morgan Smith: Because while there is a high degree of consistency over who receives the

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Morgan Smith: Has received the funding, there is some variability and what they've used it for particularly I think going forward in this environment. We want to hear from them what their greatest area of need, is

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Morgan Smith: So before you really consider your direction and this, I just wanted to make sure that that was very clear.

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Morgan Smith: And then while I have the floor to say mayor Snyder's idea about maybe taking a two step process that complexity with that is that we typically make a two year award.

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Morgan Smith: So if you have awarded unless you only award one year of funding with the idea to Daniel run a small, short cycle to catch up. You've already programmed all of the money so

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Um, let's see.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless. SIGH You work next

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I'm going back to what I was on the Council that that started that what was supposed to be unless I'm forgetting is supposed to be one cycle of adjust

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: When we got rid of AAA chess of just repeating one cycle of programming. I don't remember it was that repeating. I think the previous allocations to the organization's because we're going to create

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A committee, like the Council ultimately did. So if that got repeated for years after. That's a shame. But I think this is a mistake. The whole the whole the whole

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The whole definition of the crisis, we're in has our society has changed. You know that the function of these these these organization has changed anything about Boys and Girls Club, they haven't had kids there, you know, while the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, being with us services baby performing certain functions that are really important right now, but they're seeing kids in the same way and help Lighthouse might

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Have a highly elevated role in our community that we aren't seeing yet and will next year. And you know, I guess I feel like you know as much as I'm sure the organization. And I'd like to hear from organizations as much as the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Organization might not want to have a delay. On the other hand, if we use a process. If you use the phrase called delayed process, but whatever. If we take longer.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Than we might do this better because they may be able to maybe have a better handle on what's actually needed in the community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And who needs it. So I'm not really comfortable with just rolling over, especially for two years. I think that we should do this properly.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And assess what the needs in the community are at this time and they could be a lot worse than we then we know they're going to be in in a few more months. So those are my thoughts.

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Joe Deets: Thank you for that, I, I've been taking given this some thought I was friend away, which, which of these options but

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Joe Deets: I think I'm leaning more towards the expedited and I'll tell you one reason that doesn't seem to have been come up is time is of the essence, for a lot of these organizations and for a lot of people who need help and so

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Joe Deets: End of the quicker we can get money out the better. Having said that, I do agree with your point. Councilmember head topless. That would be really good at least to find out these existing organizations, you know, what are their plans which the city manager is already brought up so

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Joe Deets: I'd be in favor of the expedited but that, but we would want to inquire with these entities.

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Joe Deets: What are they going to use the money for and if they sort of if there's any sense that they're having in hiring and saying, well, then you know there's other means.

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Joe Deets: We can put others we can put that money but just be extradited getting money out there where as soon as possible is is a very powerful incentive to me so

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Joe Deets: Cups number I topless your hand still up, did you want to

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Joe Deets: Okay, um, all right. Oh. Couple more hands Katzenberg nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I tend to agree more with COUNCILMEMBER head topless ON THIS I HEAR THE THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING FUNDING out to organizations as quickly as possible.

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Rasham Nassar: With that consideration. I'm not necessarily in support of the delay option, but I can't reconcile the fact something that COUNCILMEMBER topless that is that we don't know if the funding is going out to the greatest community organizational needs. We would just be buying a pre coven

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Rasham Nassar: Kind of foundational basis for just for for for providing funding to organizations, without taking the time. We're doing our due diligence to really understand how that funding will be used and where you know where the funding might go that could serve a greater

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Rasham Nassar: coven related perhaps need. So I don't know if there's a way to

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Rasham Nassar: merge some options. I think I one point I want to bring up as if this is coming to us at a study session without public comment. Is there an opportunity to put this on a business meeting and just defer this discussion to a business meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: Where we can send out a notification to these organizations somehow advertise this city website or something and then invite pop the comment on this item before Council takes action.

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Joe Deets: City Manager.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, a couple of additional ideas. One is it's not only coming on a study session, but it's also coming. I just want to acknowledge without the benefit of having any advanced discussion with the to counsel liaison.

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Morgan Smith: Because we just sort of recognized that time was slipping away and we wanted to get this information in front of you, but maybe a next step could be having had the benefit of this conversation we could work with the two Council liaisons to see what they recommended as a next step.

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Morgan Smith: I also want to say that having worked closely with the Council members who rebuilt the award process, five years ago that was a very challenging and thoughtful.

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Morgan Smith: Exercise and I would not suggest that we take a more expedient approach lightly because I think they're there. The whole point of building that and going through some of the controversy that emerged.

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Morgan Smith: Was exactly because of the value of having a, you know, maybe not competitive isn't the right word, but, uh, but a thoughtful rewrap every two years. We am COUNCILMEMBER Douglas we picked two years.

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Morgan Smith: To kind of balance the administrative requirements and the fact that a lot of what our organizations do doesn't change very much. But the reason that I

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Morgan Smith: Feel comfortable really putting that forward for serious consideration is looking back at the continuity and the recommendation that's emerged, there has not been

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Morgan Smith: A lot of space for innovative or emerging ideas. This is a time of crisis, my sense from those organizations is

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Morgan Smith: That they are in crisis themselves. And this is a time when this expedited approach might really be beneficial.

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Morgan Smith: So I guess one suggestion I have for counsel is to consider leaving this with the two liaisons to work with Ellen and myself on what a next step might be

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Morgan Smith: And go from there. But I think the reality is I don't feel that it's feasible for us to complete a funding cycle before December 31 given where things stand today.

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Morgan Smith: But I also want to clarify that the delayed approach doesn't mean we would do nothing between now and January, we were just trying to be realistic about the fact that

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Morgan Smith: And acknowledging that it's probably not feasible to do the process that we normally do between now and December 31 we really think we're looking at some version of option one or Option two or some some new hybrid

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I just want to say that that while I'm I have no doubt that that the the nonprofits are

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Are suffering.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It just at the same time. I'm assuming that our community has dramatically changed in ways we don't know. You know, again, so that was

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That the stability. We've seen obviously could be dramatically different once we take a look at it. I just, I just want how people will look at that, that, that our lives have changed. And so I wonder about that stability. Once we reflect back in a few months.

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Morgan Smith: I think that's true. But I think it's important for people to look at the awards and then understand how many of those. It's sort of a parallel to the

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Morgan Smith: Conversation. We just had. It's going to help line house and food bank and rental assistance in independent living and and those kind of core programs that probably aren't going to see, you know, they might see a larger demand, but they're not going to see a lot of your shape.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think you're right i think i think it's not that the organizations themselves will change, but that but the shift could change dramatically. I'm saying the proportions could change quite a bit. So

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Joe Deets: Okay, so we have a motion that was seconded. So we'll put I assume that still wants to go through and I have just say

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Joe Deets: I'd like the idea of, of having a liaison so weigh in on this, but first let's this we got the motion. Seconded. So let's just go ahead and

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Joe Deets: Put it to have out

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Joe Deets: See all those in favor of the the motion to take the expedited option, say I

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Kol Medina: I

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Joe Deets: Think that's to name.

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Joe Deets: Okay that so it was everyone but COUNCILMEMBER Messina and Pollock so

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Joe Deets: That didn't pass. So I recommend we follow the city managers suggestion that the Council liaison.

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Joe Deets: Take a look at this and come back to us.

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Joe Deets: Do those ladies. I'm trying to speak on that.

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Christy Carr: I think I'm Elise on so I'm happy with that approach.

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Rasham Nassar: Do you want a formal motion in that regard.

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Joe Deets: We need a motion for that.

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Joe Deets: I mean, there's a study session, we can just say you got Council liaison.

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Joe Deets: Come back to us.

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Joe Deets: Who

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Joe Deets: Who's the other Council liaison. Is it

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Leslie Schneider: I mean, I'm assuming I am because I was before.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm not checking my list at the moment. So, you know, I'm fine with that. It seems to me like this motion failed. So I don't know that we have to have a new motion, maybe it's better to have the conversation and we come back with with some detail.

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Leslie Schneider: Mean it's not like we're going to make decisions without counsel shining in

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Joe Deets: Yeah okay so

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Joe Deets: Unless folks want to make a motion. Let's just leave it at that. That delays arms are going to talk about this and get back to us.

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Morgan Smith: And I would just say maybe as a specific target to aim for. We could try to be ready to come back to counsel on the August 25 business meeting.

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Morgan Smith: Because then if there was a recommendation, you can respond to you could take action that night and then whatever our approach was we could get going at that point.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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We're good.

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Joe Deets: Any other

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, I don't mean to interject COUNCILMEMBER deeds. My apologies.

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Rasham Nassar: Real quick, though, with the plan B to reach out to those organizations looking today and the 25th, or to be a discussion between the city manager and the liaisons

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Morgan Smith: I think let's let's see what what tonight's discussion has led us to it's my experience in communicating with

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Morgan Smith: The organizations is there under a lot of pressure. I'd rather be ready to tell them what idea we're planning to bring forward and ask for their response or highlight for them the opportunity to provide comment. I think that'd be more productive than kind of an open ended. What if

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Rasham Nassar: I think if an effort could be made to let the organization's know that will be discussing this on the 25th. I think that would be right.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I think you

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Looks like we got that. Okay, very good.

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Joe Deets: Now we got a couple new items on the agenda the CCE items seven f

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Joe Deets: See edition of council member car to island center as Council liaison, who wants to speak to that.

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Joe Deets: Customer pilot

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Michael Pollock: I MOVED TO APPROVE. Councilmember car as a liaison to the island center plan and community.

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Joe Deets: Second. Okay. Councilmember Medina seconded.

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Joe Deets: Anyone want to discuss it.

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Joe Deets: Okay, all those in favor of, say, I

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Joe Deets: Okay, anyways. Okay, that was unanimous, I think. Councilmember car maybe abstained. I'm not sure.

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Christy Carr: Oh,

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Christy Carr: I forgot. Yeah it. Yea.

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Christy Carr: Sorry. Thank you. Okay.

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Joe Deets: All right, we'll call it unanimous. Very good.

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Joe Deets: It.

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Joe Deets: Was quite good.

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Joe Deets: Next item 70 some support letter to arts and humanities Cambridge

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Joe Deets: For a grant application mayor Snyder, you want to leave that

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I don't know if I can beat the speed that the last one past that. But you know if anybody has any questions about the letter that went out earlier.

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Leslie Schneider: I can, I can answer it. But basically, this is just to support

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Leslie Schneider: Arts and Humanities Bainbridge in a grant application. The only interesting thing about it is, they're, they're kind of going at this creative district in two phases. So, this particular grant application is for a virtual

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Leslie Schneider: Creative district. So it would be coming up with digital content, but with the goal in mind that we would be an actual creative district at some point in the near future.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, cool.

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Joe Deets: We need a motion for this.

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Leslie Schneider: I mean, I think if nobody it it's signed by me. Um, if nobody objects. I think it can just go out as signed by me. This is just your chance to raise any concerns.

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Joe Deets: Or any concerns, so

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Joe Deets: You just get that TO THANK YOU MAYOR.

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Joe Deets: See. Okay, great. Now we're for good of the order. Does anyone have anything for good of the order

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Joe Deets: Counselor Medina.

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Kol Medina: The health board met this morning and I thought I would just relate some of that. So you all

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Kol Medina: Were making decisions, but

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Kol Medina: Our new health officer, Dr. Good morrow, was his first meeting Dr. Susan Turner has

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Kol Medina: Moved on SHE LEFT THE HEALTH DISTRICT know nine months ago that she was going to retire and her last day was last week. I think the new Dr. Moreau be great.

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Kol Medina: So Dr. Moreau, and Keith brown or the health administrator

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Kol Medina: Just provided some updates and I want to share a few numbers with you guys because I don't know how much of this is really public or if you go study this information on their website. And basically, things are really not going well in terms of covert 19 in our county

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Kol Medina: And over the last two weeks.

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Kol Medina: Our positive test rate has been 85 people out of 100,000. So the, the rate is 85 out of 100,000 in our county, which might not sound like a lot.

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Kol Medina: But the, the rate that we had to be under in order to move to Phase three under the governor's plan was 14 per 100,000

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Kol Medina: And we were under 14 per 100,000 a month and a half ago, but now we're at five 400,000 um, in order for school districts to reopen this

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Kol Medina: Metric they had. I think the governor's office, someone had set a goal was 75 per hundred thousand. So we're over that metric that was set is kind of a benchmark for schools to be able to reopen

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Kol Medina: Some things even a little more concerning is

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Kol Medina: Back before we moved into phase two our positive test rate was actually below 1% it was somewhere between one and 2%

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Kol Medina: Over the last two weeks. So that means that everyone who got tested one to 2% came back positive over the last two weeks. That's risen to 8.5% so in the last two weeks and a half percent of everyone who's gotten tested has come back positive and more people are getting tested as well.

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Kol Medina: The

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Kol Medina: Majority of our new tests or new cases over the last month, have been in the age ages from 10 to 39 so the highest group is 2229 followed by 3239 followed by 10 to 19

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Kol Medina: And that's part of why the health districts advice schools, not to open because our greatest positive test cases right now are

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Kol Medina: In school aged children and in people who have kids in school. So they're really concerned about that and they're very happy schools aren't going to be opening in person.

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Kol Medina: And

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Kol Medina: Basically what the what, Keith, the administrator boil it down to is

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Kol Medina: Based on their contact tracing so they they try to contacts.

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Kol Medina: Everyone who's tested positive and to get from them a list of everyone. They've interacted with over the practice of weeks and then contact everyone they talk they interact with over the prior two weeks.

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Kol Medina: Not everyone actually responds to those calls, they try to get everyone to respond, based on what they've seen from those calls and that tracing

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Kol Medina: We haven't. We've had a number of super spreaders in our community people who've

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Kol Medina: Been positive for the virus didn't realize it. Or maybe they even did feel sick and they just went out and infected their family and affecting their co workers.

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Kol Medina: Because they just weren't following the guidelines. They just weren't wearing masks and we're especially distancing

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Kol Medina: And they just weren't doing what we've been told to do. And like he said you know their pressure. I think it was just picking a number of using the science behind this number, but his impression was

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Kol Medina: You know, something like 30% of the population of the county just isn't following the guidelines and because of that we're seeing this spike in cases.

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Kol Medina: I was happy to see that of the now 660 or something like that positive cases we've had since this started only 20 of those are on Bainbridge

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Kol Medina: So I think people on Bainbridge are doing a better job and the rest of the county and following the guidelines. So I guess that's good news for us but still the county as a whole is not doing well. So I just thought you guys might like me share that information with you.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, comes from our policy.

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Michael Pollock: Well,

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Michael Pollock: I would be more cheerful, but I actually had a follow up question to counsel them and Dina if there's any evidence that the people that did spread it. We're not wearing masks or any sort of, you know, behavioral anything, anything to work off of their

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Kol Medina: All Keith Jarrett with us is pretty much exactly what I just said to you now. So I'm guessing.

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Kol Medina: Within the health district they take notes on all the contact tracing, they do. And so they probably know for sure whether people are wearing masks or not, but he wasn't sharing that with us today. I could ask if you like.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I'm telling me I wouldn't hurt. I mean, either they know where they got some indication. I mean, we do know mouse help, but having a little local data won't hurt. So yeah, if you, if you think of it next time.

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Michael Pollock: So, um, I guess, and cheerier news I'm I am

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Michael Pollock: We had a really good guess. It's a community portal. I thought we had a pretty good joint committee meeting with the planning commission and I

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Michael Pollock: That being the early hours of 940 I you know I thought it was worth at least sharing that it was a interesting meeting, and it seemed like it was working pretty well.

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Michael Pollock: COUNCILMEMBER car is kind of

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Michael Pollock: Leading it I guess I would invite her to speak or summarize if she wants to or if they're planning on just doing it next week, but I just wanted to let people know that there was moving along, and seemed pretty productive and then maybe it comes to them or hypothesis. When said

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Michael Pollock: Something

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Christy Carr: I don't want to report out

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Christy Carr: On it. Now, I'll just concur. I thought was a great meeting.

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Christy Carr: Will be presenting next or reporting next week.

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Joe Deets: Okay, very good. So it's good to hear productive meetings. Oh, Counselor, NASA

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I want to refer back to some information that the mayor provided her mayor's report regarding the process for

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Rasham Nassar: Selecting members to committees.

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Rasham Nassar: I appreciate that clarity, but I do hope. And I'm not saying that this needs to happen to need

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Rasham Nassar: My preferred approach would be to wait until have the air and equity training to cured and sometimes all numbers or its equity Task Force members have gone through some or most of the training.

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Rasham Nassar: Before we kind of conquer ties and language or in writing a concrete proposal that is something that can be clarified and voted upon by the Council, that becomes the true process. So there's really never any confusion and in the future about how members are selected to committees.

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Rasham Nassar: There are just off the top of my head. There are a number of sentences in my mind as I was sitting there and briefly, for example.

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Joe Deets: Or you're breaking up a bit.

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, I will try and speak closer to the computer.

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Rasham Nassar: And I'll make I'll make this quick. And the. Can you hear me okay now council member needs.

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Rasham Nassar: For example, you mentioned that when the mayor is the liaison to the committee. You ask a council member to join you in the interview process. And so a question then is how that council member chosen

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Rasham Nassar: And another question. I think I heard you mentioned was that you might be absent for some of them. I know it's been my experience that

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Rasham Nassar: I believe when COUNCILMEMBER Medina was mayor that he was absent for one of the interview processes in which I was the liaison to the committee. So that's a question, what, what's the process.

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Rasham Nassar: Related to that, and then the biggest question in my mind, though, is that we've just passed the whole liaison, which really perfectly is

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Rasham Nassar: Being involved in any decision point where committee is as part of the process. So my question is, how does the way if I get to participate.

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Rasham Nassar: Is there a dimension in which they can participate as a voting member in that Members selection process or not.

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Rasham Nassar: It's the discretion left solely up to chair to make the recommendation which the mayor then adopts. What if the mayor, the liaison and the chair disagree about the recommended appointment.

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Rasham Nassar: And again, I'm not asking for answers to these questions right now, I'm just raising them.

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Rasham Nassar: To demonstrate that I think we have a lot to a lot of work to do in order to really clarify a process such that the Community community can

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Rasham Nassar: Be absolutely confident that the process is equitable and fair. And to that I would just hope that that's part of the workload that the Council will undertake as part of the equity and inclusion and racial sensitivity training that is coming up ahead. Thanks.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I just wanted. I was gonna say anything, but I just wanted to say something that we should probably talk about is what the purpose of the good of the order is

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because it's actually which I really do think we should, because I was thinking earlier last week, you know, using it for what we should use it for

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And if we look it up, and maybe our parliamentarian person who comes and talks to us if we have that person to it will talk to us but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It really is supposed to be about talking about the good of the, of the order of the organization of that, you know, so talking about, like, what's not working in our organization, a character, the organization.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Like, what didn't work in the meeting, and so forth. So just something to talk about which hopefully this comment I'm making right now is fall into that. So,

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Any other comments.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER no sorry your hand still up for you to do is

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Rasham Nassar: I would absolutely support a discussion about for the good of the order and the purpose that it hasn't had to serve and how Council can and should utilize this time.

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Rasham Nassar: I would look at training if that's the Council's decision to take that parliamentary

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Rasham Nassar: Training that might be a good opportunity to have that discussion where we could just schedule it as an agenda item.

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Rasham Nassar: Because one of the questions in my mind is whether the what the correct the record of course that become commonplace items, and for good of the order, whether they're consistent with the intent and purpose of for good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: And again, just questions really but I'll look forward to the training to get

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Joe Deets: Okay. Thank you. Anything else

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Michael Pollock: Council deeds are deputy America. So I just want to thank you for running a nice meeting.

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Michael Pollock: And keeping us pretty much on time.

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Joe Deets: Well, thank you. I trying to that I what I find is, is, is the chair. You're, you can't partake in the discussions quite as much. But you do pay attention, very closely. So I get a lot out of it. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Well, it looks like that's it, folks. Oh, sorry city manager.

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Morgan Smith: Just a reminder, you were planning to return to the idea of whether or not to count cancel the Council meeting on August 18. I don't know if you want to take that up. Now, or or table it

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Joe Deets: I see it.

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Joe Deets: You were shaking your head. Is that a, you know, customer service like you don't know

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Rasham Nassar: I would just leave it to you. And the mayor and the city manager during the agenda setting meeting on Thursday to kind of see if you can work around that date, and if not, then you would come back accountable, but

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Rasham Nassar: I'm happy with that.

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Joe Deets: Okay, if that's good for everybody. The mayor and I and city manager will talk about it on Thursday, and let's hope we can cancel it. These groups, I shouldn't be saying all right.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I'll just say from a staff perspective, both of those topics can move so

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Joe Deets: Okay, perfect. Well, okay. Good meeting tonight and we got out in time to see our families so

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Joe Deets: Thank you, everybody. And we'll see you. See you later.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.