

MEETING TRANSCRIPT-BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL- BUSINESS MEETING-7/28/2020

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Joe Deets: Two minutes. They're

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Joe Deets: Not that I'm

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Joe Deets: See, we are just wait. There's no call today. So there's no waiting

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Joe Deets: We got everybody

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Leslie Schneider: And it's not six o'clock yet.

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Yes, we can.

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Leslie Schneider: Remember car and COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Are you hiding there behind your

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Leslie Schneider: Your. There we go. There's one.

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Leslie Schneider: Awesome. Thank you both.

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Leslie Schneider: My computer clock says we have arrived at six o'clock, so I will here by open the city council regular business meeting for today Tuesday, July 28 2020

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: In our roll call. Today we are missing. Councilmember Medina, he announced quite a while ago that he would need to miss this meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: Six council members are present tonight, including our Deputy Mayor deets and council members nisar council member Pollock council member car counselor for high topless and our city managers with us this evening and our city attorney.

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Leslie Schneider: We have some other folks kind of waiting in the wings to support us as we get through as we go through our meeting with any

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Leslie Schneider: Council member like to just do a quick check in. Before we move on.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, well let's do that. So we are moving on now to item number two.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry. Oh, you know what, I don't have my hand. My I'm so sorry. Let's get this going here.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright so Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: You have your THANK YOU MAYOR. Yes, I always like to have a brief check in looking forward to tonight's meeting.

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Joe Deets: Some very good things to talk about one that I'm particularly excuse oh my god who's calling one thing I'm particularly interested is the economic recovery plan which will be discussing tonight so

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Joe Deets: Really looking forward to that conversation and very productive meeting. So that's it.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Well, thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so how does the agenda look to everyone.

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Leslie Schneider: A council member dates Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: I unless comes from overhead topless unless you want to add something. I was just going to approve the agenda, as presented

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Leslie Schneider: topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't want to formally add anything, but I think I would remiss in not mentioning

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The op ed piece by Councillor Pollock in the Islander. I don't want to, because I think the public watching might be wondering whether we're going to address that today. I don't want to do rail. Our, our agenda, but I do want to say that I do want to discuss that at the good of the order

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Um, so we have emotion for approval. Is there a second

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Joe Deets: I'll just make it clear. Yeah, I moved to approve the agenda, as presented and I see

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Leslie Schneider: And we have to remember car. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, if there's no further discussion. All in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye, and any

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you that passes unanimously. And does anyone tonight have a conflict of interest, they would like to disclose.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. And we're now going to turn to public comment. And so I'm going to switch over to looking at my attendees list here, so I won't see panelists for a little bit and as

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Leslie Schneider: Many of you probably know already, we will be going in order of the hands as I see them up. And so if you want to make. Public comment please do find the the button that says, raise your hand. And I will call on you in order, and I would like to start with Cindy Anderson.

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cindy anderson: Can you hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes. Okay.

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cindy anderson: Um, you know,

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cindy anderson: I've listened for so many weeks to counsel people griping about what another council member has said in another situation and it's been on and on, you know, no crimes committed and so tonight. I'm going to address my comments first to Leslie Joe and cold. Who's not here.

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cindy anderson: I believe that when you voted to sell city bonds in

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cindy anderson: You committed bond fraud documents supporting the sale of the bonds failed to disclose the material fact that the city has no

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cindy anderson: Police person personal injury damage coverage for personal injury damages arising from and a use of unreasonable force.

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cindy anderson: This was a violation of the law under the Anti fraud provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 as amended the Securities Act of 1934 as amended and the Washington securities.

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cindy anderson: Act. I'm Kirsten, I believe you did the same thing in 2011 and elected officials are subject under State law to a criminal prosecution for 10 years and bond fraud is a felony. I think it's a Class B felony.

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cindy anderson: And so, you know, if you're going to cry with each other. I'd rather see something like this brought up in for for the good of the order and discussed then continually swept under the rug. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you, Cindy.

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Leslie Schneider: The next one I have is team, Tara. And if you could please state your name and the street you live on.

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Team Tarra: Yeah, sorry, that's

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Team Tarra: This is Aaron Phillips. I'm at work.

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Team Tarra: I live on Miller road you guys hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, we can. Thank you.

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Team Tarra: Great. So I'm already nervous for this meeting. I was hoping that my comments would kind of be irrelevant but I'm just going to go through them.

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Team Tarra: Because it sounds like stuff might come back up. But what I wanted to say is, you know, I'm sorry I haven't

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Team Tarra: Been really in the thick of things, but I have been watching the meetings and I just want to say that there is, I'm kind of working throughout the district, but also

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Team Tarra: Very much connected with what's going on in the community. Just because I'm doing some campaign work and what I wanted to say that I've noticed is we have we have a public health crisis right now.

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Team Tarra: We have girls who are being sexually assaulted and raped. We have mental health crisis that's leading to suicide and as someone who has

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Team Tarra: suffered through severe depression, anxiety, this is a big issue for me, you know, we're trying to tackle institutional racism. We have people who can't afford to live where they work.

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Team Tarra: My friend just lost her job last week there's unemployment and think the Lord Joe is taking that on

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Team Tarra: But I have to say, if I were someone if I were me when I was 18 again and suffering with depression and I watched this body in the last four weeks.

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Team Tarra: I wouldn't know what to think. I mean I wouldn't look here for help. And the thing is, you guys have the power to help us and the issues I I talked about above are dramatic.

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Team Tarra: And what I'm hoping for today even is that you demonstrate your passion by the issues. You're right. You raise and the way you vote.

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Team Tarra: I really need to stop seeing the shame because it's starting to be more about this body than our community and we have so many extremely important crisis things going on. And I don't want to sound like I'm being dramatic because I'm not. It's really going on.

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Team Tarra: And I just, I don't want to play oppression Olympics. We are all benefiting from some in some way or form from institutional racism.

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Team Tarra: We are all humans being, I just want you guys to start seeing humanity and each other. We there doesn't need to be shaming. This conversation is so

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Team Tarra: So problematic and hard to have that you guys are going to royally screw up on Conversations about Race, just like I have I'm speaking from

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Team Tarra: From experience. But what I want to see is that you guys are responding to our needs, as a community, and an acting a servant leaders in that capacity.

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Team Tarra: If you have issues with each other, please be very, very mindful about sort of bringing airing them up in the public view. I am really, really hopeful that you know we were in the right hands. And if we're not, we are in the only hand. So what I'm hoping is that you guys can

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Team Tarra: Sort of like local within you and respond to me as a community member as the community in general.

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Team Tarra: And, you know, show each other some grace, just like we all want to and just kind of move on to the issues that we need you to focus on. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you very much. CHEERING

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, next up is Mike

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Leslie Schneider: There. Yes.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm sorry to interrupt. I'm, I'm hoping that we can just quickly provide an instruction on how to raise hands. My I got a message that there's a member of the public that would like to comment but doesn't know how to raise the blue hand.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so there is there is an instruction guide that's attached to the agenda packet

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Leslie Schneider: I think the main thing you want to do is look for the participants.

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Leslie Schneider: icon at the bottom of your screen and make sure that's up and then when that's up, you should be able to see a button for raising your hand down at the bottom.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry, I can't go into any more detail than that right now but

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Leslie Schneider: But there are instructions attached

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. If we could move to Mike sarasi please state your name. If I mispronounced it and state you live on, and you have three minutes.

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Mike Suraci: My name is Mike ciresi I live on air and drive and they emerge island live on a medallion since 1977

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Mike Suraci: I was appalled to read the article written by Michael Pollan entitled The systematic racism in Bainbridge Island government published in the kits F son data July 24 only 20

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Mike Suraci: The article contains untrue and misleading statements.

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Mike Suraci: Further, the behavior of Pollock flies in the face of proper behavior of a sitting city council member

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Mike Suraci: This behavior is a replication of the same out of control behavior displayed during the sitting members prior tenure from 1999 to 2003 on the Bainbridge Island City Council.

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Mike Suraci: When the city council votes on emotion. It is the obligation of the full City Council to support the approved motion on this occasion, the voter was in the minority but refused to follow protocol as contained in the government's manual

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Mike Suraci: America appointed a candidate based upon emotion approved by a majority vote of the city council members.

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Mike Suraci: The candidate that Michael Pollack addresses in his letter actually did not apply for a position on the planning commission during the public application period.

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Mike Suraci: Quoting from the July 3 2020 Bainbridge review councilwoman Christie car said she was deeply offended by Pollux remarks councilwoman Kirsten high topless said such accusations were beyond pale as a body, we have to put a stop to this bullying.

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Mike Suraci: Perhaps the most vehement disagreement to politics accusations came from councilman Jodi's resulting in an argument, which eventually oblige the mayor to intercede

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Mike Suraci: The citizens of Bainbridge Island deserve better representation bollocks long standing unwillingness to follow accepted parliamentary procedures.

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Mike Suraci: And create disharmony amongst his city council members has gone long enough BASED UPON US history. My suggestion is a Pollock resigned his position on the city of Bainbridge Island City Council, thank you, man.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you Mike.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, um,

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Leslie Schneider: And then I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Aaron, I think your hand is still up I'm going to move on to Greg drunker please

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Greg Dronkert: About America distinguished members of council. Thank you very much. My name is Greg drunker I live at 3566 Crystal Springs here on Bainbridge Island. I'm calling tonight to speak in support of the coven 19 Economic Recovery Plan.

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Greg Dronkert: I think it's great that the ad hoc committee was formed that there are action items that are being proposed. I think it's critically critically important for our community to support some kind of Community action with regard to economic recovery.

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Greg Dronkert: I'm a small business owner here on Bainbridge Island and have been for my entire time on the island.

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Greg Dronkert: And we've been hit especially hard by coven

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Greg Dronkert: But by sticking together and working as a team, we've been able to pivot and redirect and keep our business operating

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Greg Dronkert: We've added four employees during the coven as a result of our ability to adapt and I think that the economic recovery plan that you're working on.

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Greg Dronkert: could enable other businesses in this community to do the same thing and I greatly appreciate the work of the Council, the ad hoc committee. Thank you, a Deputy Mayor dates and Mitch Schneider and

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Greg Dronkert: COUNCILMEMBER Medina, that's all I have. I think you're all doing a great job. I really appreciate the opportunity to speak.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much. Great.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, next. Ron Peltier

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Ron Peltier: Can you hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, you can hear you.

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Ron Peltier: All right, good evening council members Ron Peltier Valley Road, tonight, you're going to be discussing the process for selecting any city manager.

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Ron Peltier: I think we all agree this is one of the most important decisions, you will be making for the community during your time on the city council.

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Ron Peltier: It goes without saying that we all want a new city manager is Honest, trustworthy transparent.

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Ron Peltier: Political with an impeccable background and a history of fiscal competence both professionally and personally

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Ron Peltier: The last time, our city hired a city manager through strategic government resources Sgr we ended up with someone who arguably fell short of those qualities

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Ron Peltier: That hiring decision turned out to be costly for Ireland, so I didn't have city council seven years ago, hire someone who is not a good fit for Ireland.

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Ron Peltier: How do we end up with a city manager who, among other issues, had a less than stellar personal financial history.

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Ron Peltier: Fortunately, you have them on your council member who was on the city council in that higher decision was made, seven years ago.

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Ron Peltier: Perhaps you would share with you what she learned from that process, but then city know seven years ago. And what was the rationale for their hiring decision.

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Ron Peltier: This will be extremely helpful to you when you begin to look at a new crop of applicants.

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Ron Peltier: Whatever you do going forward. Please do not leave any stones unturned regarding the applicants.

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Ron Peltier: Some of them may interview. Well, but have a troubling personal and professional history. They don't tell you about

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Ron Peltier: Please treat this like the extremely important decision. We all know it is. Let's get the hiring of our new city manager right even if it takes longer than expected. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Hey, thank you, Ron.

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Leslie Schneider: Brenda F. J. If you could state your full name please and you have three minutes.

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Brenda F.J.: All right. My name is Brenda fan for Johnson. Thank you, Mayor Deputy Mayor city council members and city manager. I've lived on they regarded for the last 15 years

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Brenda F.J.: I wanted to commend you for the groundbreaking activities that the Council has taken and is about to undertake.

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Brenda F.J.: There is more work to be done. The future is now and now is the right time.

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Brenda F.J.: How do we target programs resources investments and strategies to those groups of people who are being left behind and to those who need them most.

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Brenda F.J.: These are questions that we as a city share this is the goal of the race equity advisory standing committee that you're going to recommend tonight.

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Brenda F.J.: This work is not just about changing policies and practices with change it to the vigils behavior so that people can make better decisions that lead to equity.

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Brenda F.J.: This is our social responsibility, even for those of us who have previously worked on race issues. This can feel uncomfortable difficult and raw

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Brenda F.J.: We have to get on the same page. We have to have the same understanding of the basic terms, so we can talk effectively about race and how to move from narrow

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Brenda F.J.: Individual definition of racism to a more comprehensive awareness, everybody's experience is different.

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Brenda F.J.: I grew up in, together with Detroit during the 68 race riots my mother's only drink for me and my three siblings, was that we quote unquote, get out. Meaning, get out of the ghetto.

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Brenda F.J.: We were fed the same American dream that you were, I believe that the laws, policies and governmental institutions were created for all that was the first lie.

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Brenda F.J.: I believe that person is and institutions should be trusted to be just and do the right thing. That was the second line, I believe that was safe.

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Brenda F.J.: And as I grew older, I learned the truth, we put trust in a system that from its inception has policies, laws and codes that were designed to hinder me at every turn.

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Brenda F.J.: Yes, I have been able to get out. But racism follows me wherever I go and I fear for my son and grandson, I have discovered were to the feelings. I've had my entire life.

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Brenda F.J.: Words like institutionalized racism gas lighting and micro aggressions learning about this as a painful but necessary for many people have been blinded by privilege.

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Brenda F.J.: They have been fed the lie that only their lives matter that we are other that they are not that we are less. And so we do not deserve the same

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Brenda F.J.: We have been told, I can't be a racist because I've had diversity training we want to move beyond Diversity and Equity

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Brenda F.J.: My question to the City Council today is what measurements can you place on your actions regarding racial equity, what action can you point to to see that change has taken place you proclaim equity and proclaim MLK Day in February. It's black history month

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Brenda F.J.: You support the young, high, high schoolers and say black lives matter and we are proud of you for doing that. But where is the real proof. I don't see people of color.

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Brenda F.J.: And indigenous or transgender people in city government one city committees are on city council. I don't see this in places that count, we have started on the path of unity and equity.

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Brenda F.J.: Paradise Island City government can lead the way we have to continue real measurable goals for racial equity already other cities like Bremerton are following suit.

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Brenda F.J.: There are still many questions in this work. How do we drive equity. I'm looking through my equity lens and what I see disappoints me

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Brenda F.J.: This lens shows who is benefiting from our current policies, it shows where we need to implement equity into our decision making processes, we are not moving fast enough. We are not going far enough.

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Brenda F.J.: There's much more work to be done, we must be allowed to dig into this issue at this point. It's not about being right. It's about getting it right changes happening all over the world will be on the side of change.

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Brenda F.J.: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you, Brenda

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Leslie Schneider: I have to admit I lost track of time there. I apologize and

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Leslie Schneider: I do appreciate all your words.

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Leslie Schneider: Up next is Lisa, Neil.

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Leslie Schneider: Sorry.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm looking Ashley Matthews. I'm very, I apologize.

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Leslie Schneider: Things are jumping around on me here. So we please go ahead and you have three minutes.

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Ashley Mathews: In light of everything that happened this week I was watching

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Ashley Mathews: John Lewis's funeral procession over the admin and been at a spreadsheet on Sunday. I think it was. And I reflected back to when I walked over that in 1995 and how it made me feel

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Ashley Mathews: And I had, I read Michaels column in a break a set day as well. And I was immediately worried because I was scared that it would once again bring up all of this conversation that it sort of died down in the week that you guys just talk about like

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Ashley Mathews: In passing or as trying to say it's like later. Let's just put something on the agenda, I have a name. My name is Ashley Matthews, I live here. I'm a human being. And you guys keep talking about bullying.

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Ashley Mathews: And then you should see your faces. Some of you. You look like you can't I made me can't see it because you don't

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Ashley Mathews: You know you can't see yourselves, but if you were to be able to read your body language, how it comes across. It's really intimidating and really bullish when you talk about this, you are talking about a human being, this whole time.

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Ashley Mathews: And I know that it's a hard topic and it's uncomfortable, but you have to sometimes look at humanity. These are difficult topics, the situation wasn't how it came out in the paper and you guys all know that and not no one really ever

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Ashley Mathews: You know, it's all learning the bridge. But in light of that, I thought I saw a quote this week by

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Ashley Mathews: JOHN LEWIS and he said a democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few.

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Ashley Mathews: ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option.

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Ashley Mathews: For peace cannot exist where Justice is not served and I just see that we have so much opportunity here to really

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Ashley Mathews: Dig deep and make a better community while you guys are all bickering with each other this community is really joined together on its own and doing some great things.

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Ashley Mathews: There's so many groups right now reading quotes books. There's so many community meetings going on. I haven't seen any of you guys at that are really moving and inspiring.

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Ashley Mathews: I mean a simple question on Bainbridge islanders yesterday, asking who would ever had a black male teacher pretty simple question, and really made people think and start some discourse.

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Ashley Mathews: And then to hear that somebody that you guys want to put Michaels thing back on the agenda here. So the way you said it just now.

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Ashley Mathews: You could say, you know, again, that this is a difficult subject. It's a different thing. You're talking about me. I was there, I know that I felt that there was a lot of racial insensitivity going on on both sides, and we can all get into that.

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Ashley Mathews: So I think there's a can go a lot deeper. When I first met you, Mayor, I was. It was probably nine or almost 10 years ago and I went to

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Ashley Mathews: The business at the time. I don't know if he still had it. That was an office place because they wanted to get

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Ashley Mathews: A notary done and at the time I remember you feeling so threatened by me that I instinctively got my wallet out so you could see that I had money and I wasn't going to rob you and then I went home and I cried.

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Ashley Mathews: So that was my first experience with you and my my subsequent experiences have been pretty similar. So I just hope that we can start a fresh and new and really work towards doing some things in this community. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Ashley.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, next up is Lisa Neal.

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Leslie Schneider: Think they're jumping around. Again, I think we send you his next

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Lisa Neal: Good evening council. My name is Lisa Neil and my husband and I have lived in Ireland center for 25 years

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Lisa Neal: And I'm here today to talk to you because we're concerned about Coby staffs and Kirby's retained consultants interference in the island center committee process.

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Lisa Neal: Today we sent you a very comprehensive email and not going to read it here. It's quite long, but it provides you with all the background and provides you with the information and we asked you to read it.

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Lisa Neal: Reduced to its essence. Our complaint is this while the island center committee has concluded that there is no sewer line needed to island center because there is no need to add density that requires it.

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Lisa Neal: Coby staff ignored the committee and in March 2020 ordered a \$30,000 sewer analysis for island center from a contractor.

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Lisa Neal: When this came, then when this issue came up at a council meeting back in September of 2019 the city manager, Miss Smith and then mayor Medina assured the public that this disregard for the committee's work would not occur.

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Lisa Neal: That this sewer analysis would not be done unless the committee came forward with a plan that required it that turned out to be untrue.

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Lisa Neal: The problem appears to be that the staff and consultants involved in island center are biased in favor of density

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Lisa Neal: Either because of an affinity for so called affordable housing or pecuniary interest in one of the design and building traits.

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Lisa Neal: Either way, we believe those persons whose interests are in conflict with the residents of islands that are need to be reassigned.

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Lisa Neal: Or in the case of the consultants have their island center contracts terminated the sewer analysis if completed should be disregarded.

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Lisa Neal: You know, there is no need to add density in island center the island center committee has concluded that only the properties of a couple of its members will potentially be up, so

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Lisa Neal: Far less than necessary justifies to a sewer that upon arrival will only further increase density, we ask the Council to take control of this runaway process and to be responsive to their constituents, not to special interests and those who stand to gain financially. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you, Lisa.

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Leslie Schneider: Next is elder Brasilia

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Sal DeRosalia: Hello. Can you guys hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, we can. Thank you.

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Sal DeRosalia: All right, thank you. You would you try to unmute me before, but then you said the Lisa Neil thing. So I stayed up

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Sal DeRosalia: My name is Sal Rosalia and I live off of Madison Avenue. I was going to talk about some race stuff but man, you guys got you got your work cut out for you with that. So I'm gonna leave that alone tonight. What I would like to talk about is the business stuff that we have going on.

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Sal DeRosalia: And so my ask is, this is

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Sal DeRosalia: I just, I know that we have to respond to the business community and we have to help people out

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Sal DeRosalia: My ask is that if we start issuing money that we issue it to qualified businesses and qualified people to do the work.

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Sal DeRosalia: And if we're talking about diversity and inclusiveness and all that stuff.

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Sal DeRosalia: It seems that the downtown Association and the Chamber are the only two people who get to communicate with on any meaningful level from and I'm using air quotes business perspective.

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Sal DeRosalia: With the city and right now that's through Joe deets. I was a part of this like working committee or group or whatever that was.

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Sal DeRosalia: And I literally got cut out of it. I got cut out of it. I got not communicated with any more for weeks and then the next thing that happened.

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Sal DeRosalia: Is Kevin Dwyer communicated with Joe. Joe got appointed to be a liaison none of you guys wanted to do the work. So you let Joe take it and here we are.

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Sal DeRosalia: And so I'm not going to try to block business getting helped, but I would say, Please, since we're here like really pay attention to what's going on right now.

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Sal DeRosalia: You're going to have the downtown Association and you're going to have the chamber looking to get money from you guys.

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Sal DeRosalia: And they don't do a good job at representing all businesses. I've been denied service by one of those businesses, the chamber and so

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Sal DeRosalia: I would like my business just went out of business on the island. I have another business. I would like for that one to not go out of business.

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Sal DeRosalia: And so to do that I need people like Joe deeds to stop cutting me out of meetings, I need to him to like to reply to emails when he says he will

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Sal DeRosalia: They were supposed to send me survey results about the chamber a month and a half ago, they didn't do it.

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Sal DeRosalia: And so this is just, it's BS if he wants to take the lead on this, if he wants to pick up all these positions so he could, you know,

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Sal DeRosalia: Do the whole mayor thing next year. Like he needs to actually do the work and he needs to communicate with people, even if he doesn't like them or agree with them all the time.

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Sal DeRosalia: So, so what I'm asking is that if you guys are going to okay this stuff. Please don't just rubber stamp it. Look at what people are asking for.

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Sal DeRosalia: Ask critical questions and if you're going to dole out money, make sure everybody's got the opportunity to get that money, not just businesses and Winslow way.

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Sal DeRosalia: And not just businesses that are part of the chamber of the downtown Association, there's a lot of other businesses actually the majority of other businesses are not a part of those organizations and so everybody should get a look at this. So that's my ass. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. So, all right, Kevin Dwyer, you are up next.

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kevin dwyer: Okay, can you hear me.

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Yes.

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kevin dwyer: How's everybody doing

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kevin dwyer: I just wanted to say.

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kevin dwyer: One thing you might not be aware of that. Rex Oliver, who was

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kevin dwyer: I'm filling in for as interim president CEO of the chamber passed away last week. Yeah, cancer and put up a good fight for about five or six months and unfortunately

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kevin dwyer: Didn't make it so it's a terrible thing or just want to let you guys know and I know there's other people listening in on this.

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kevin dwyer: In this meeting. So we will be sending something out. We're hoping to have some sort of memorial service form going forward. So anyways,

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kevin dwyer: The reason why the reason I'm calling is to support of the economic recovery program. I think Greg drunkard had some great comments and I echo his. I don't want to touch sales.

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kevin dwyer: I understand where he's coming from. He doesn't think anybody represents the, the larger business community that's not true.

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kevin dwyer: Between Biden, the Chamber, I would say we represent about 80% of the businesses on Bainbridge Island, but I don't want to split hairs. Now, I think we need to move forward with this economic recovery program.

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kevin dwyer: Joe and the mayor and Cole put together a nice program here there expediency though needs to be the watchword here. We move very quickly on this. We have some good plans around a program called Save our stores that we're working on already.

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kevin dwyer: I know Joe and I and others have talked about it. It's a good plan. And hopefully you guys will take all these things into consideration.

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kevin dwyer: There's certainly a lot of good stuff in here. So that's, we need to work on quickly. So I suppose we can put aside and then work on later but

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kevin dwyer: Going forward, it's time to say businesses, not just Winslow way all over the island Greg's businesses out of day road.

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kevin dwyer: There's businesses and island center there's businesses Linwood center high school road.

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kevin dwyer: At the pavilion all these businesses do need your support. It's time to nurture businesses, not just to tolerate them. So I would hope you really take a hard look at this, make some decisions quickly and let's move forward and help our businesses going forward. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Great. Thank you, Kevin. Okay, next up is the bi standard podcast, I'm thinking this is Tim self but if you could state your name.

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Leslie Schneider: That would be great. And you have

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Timothy self.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Hi, Mary. Thank you for your time. I'm

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Timothy self lives on level just have a little bit of commentary. But before I get to that I want to put best wishes out to Ashley, she's being very brave right now and I appreciate

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Her honesty and ability to stay in the forum and continue to talk about it.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Brenda as well. You're a champion of so many causes Aaron, I totally hear what you're saying.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Morgan, I think you've done an excellent job and I don't think we need to take the advice of somebody like Ronnie Wood chips, who had for ethics charges against him.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: Talking about your personal life and what type of job that you have to do that's more mudslinging that is is not needed on Council and I think somebody said it said it best earlier about the mudslinging that goes on.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: For public display.

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: The coup and how we carry ourselves is representation of our community. So I'd like to see that sharpen up

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The B.I.STANDER Podcast: And lastly, if you're all about that Mr Pollock. I think you should give up your chair to somebody of color. Thank you for your time.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you, Timothy. Next up is Deanna Martinez.

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Leslie Schneider: Hello. Can you hear me. Yes, we can hear you. Okay.

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deannamartinez: And my name is Deanna Martina

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deannamartinez: I live on Bainbridge Island.

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deannamartinez: And

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deannamartinez: Tonight I I want to

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deannamartinez: I want to give some context.

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deannamartinez: To to my comment and so know that this is where it's coming from.

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deannamartinez: My belief is that you make the time for things that are important to you.

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deannamartinez: I

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deannamartinez: Don't think that that can be disputed.

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deannamartinez: And so, you know, that being said, is deeply disappointing.

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deannamartinez: Come to find out that

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deannamartinez: No movement really has happened.

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deannamartinez: In regards to signage that the racial equity Task Force had asked for.

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deannamartinez: And and and also their membership.

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deannamartinez: I

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deannamartinez: And so again we're going to go back to that original statement and and that I think that people make time for the things that are important to them.

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deannamartinez: And so

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deannamartinez: Also understand that.

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deannamartinez: You have a really fortunate situation.

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deannamartinez: You have

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deannamartinez: No experience in many of the conversations that you're having these days.

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deannamartinez: You have no qualification.

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deannamartinez: Or lose experience for the exception of COUNCILMEMBER Hassan

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deannamartinez: And

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deannamartinez: And so you have this wonderful

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deannamartinez: Fortune and having a race equity task force to advise you, you have actual people of color that are

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deannamartinez: Giving you

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deannamartinez: Their knowledge their lives experience.

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deannamartinez: And hoping that you'll do something with that something good something better.

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deannamartinez: In spite of a history that tells all of us over and over and over again.

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deannamartinez: But this story has the same ending

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deannamartinez: And so when I see that there is still no progress on signage and I see that the

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deannamartinez: Gear membership was not pounced on it immediately. And now we are in a position of not having access to those resources that we so desperately need right this moment actually

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deannamartinez: It's just, it's it's really disappointing. And so what I want to say is

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deannamartinez: Please listen

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deannamartinez: Please learn to listen to the race the equities Task Force, the people that you have advising you because they not only speak as a race equity task force.

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deannamartinez: But the way our communities work. No, I want to say this because this is important that you need to know this.

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deannamartinez: When they speak to you and advise you

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deannamartinez: They are doing it on behalf of all of the other people of color.

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deannamartinez: It is not just them. And so I need you to understand and listen because when you don't listen to their advice.

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deannamartinez: What it looks like is we're not important to you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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deannamartinez: That is an action.

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deannamartinez: And I want you to, I want you to understand that and and also when you rush me through very important information that you need to hear and you can't make the distinction between needing to hear it.

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Leslie Schneider: You know, the reason that we try to cut people off at three minutes and you're now at four minutes plus is out of fairness, so that we can treat everyone alive.

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deannamartinez: I totally understand what you're saying and what I'm telling you is that I'm giving you an education right now I'm teaching you something that you don't know

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deannamartinez: And I'm actually trying to save you.

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deannamartinez: Because in saving you it saved us

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Leslie Schneider: So Deanna i i'm in

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deannamartinez: That's all I have to say.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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deannamartinez: I just want you to understand that there is deep disappointment.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, I hear you and

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Leslie Schneider: I also would love

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Leslie Schneider: To know that I am open to being taught in individually. And I do have office hours and I would be willing to make a special appointment with you. So please do understand that I am very open to what you have to say. And there are some things you said that I could also contribute to

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Leslie Schneider: So thank you very much for your comments. Okay, I don't see any other hands raised. I'm going to head back to the panelist now and we're going to move on.

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Leslie Schneider: To the mayor's report. So first,

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to request from the city clerk that you go ahead and time me

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Leslie Schneider: And I have not timed myself so I don't know exactly how long this is going to take, but I just, I do want to know that this is kind of the start of a new

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Leslie Schneider: A new practice that we're going to have here on Council, we agreed.

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Leslie Schneider: A meeting or two ago that we would try to have some discipline and keep ourselves to three minutes. And so you will see this time are not just for public comment tonight, but also for us as individual council members.

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Leslie Schneider: We're not going to cut people off at three minutes. It's something that we're going to be getting used to but

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Leslie Schneider: But hopefully this will help us have a little bit more self awareness. So I'm in my marriage report. First I want to add to what Kevin Dwyer announced about our local chamber leader Rex Oliver, who died last week.

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Leslie Schneider: I just need to add sort of my own personal memory of back in 2012 when the the chamber board used office ex-pats to interview Rex remotely.

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Leslie Schneider: Much as we are all accustomed to doing today with zoom, but it was a little unusual back then and then in the year since Rex and the Chamber.

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Leslie Schneider: We're close partners with Office X that's showing up early on Friday mornings for the Bainbridge business connection.

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Leslie Schneider: And then we would show up remotely, we would show up to the monthly networking after hours events and for the Fourth of July rick scott us to volunteer for St duty one year when we weren't in the parade or in a booth.

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Leslie Schneider: His friendly grand and occasional Canadian accent breaking through it will be dearly missed

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Leslie Schneider: I'm moving on due to escalating infection rates pulls those mayor Becky Erickson has reconvened the Monday morning, Coby coordination meetings for mayors commissioners of kids that county

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Leslie Schneider: This week's meeting was the last one for retiring kits that health officer, Dr. Susan Turner and we were introduced to her replacement. Dr. Give morrow.

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Leslie Schneider: Maybe at some point when COUNCILMEMBER Medina is back, we could hear from him, because I believe he had he sits on the kids at health board and maybe had a role in appointing Dr morrow.

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Leslie Schneider: Dr. Turner was quite concerned in her update and mentioned that we have seven long term care facilities without breaks and a 7% positivity testing rate.

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Leslie Schneider: contact tracing is getting complicated with sometimes 350 calls in a day and more frequently, those who are contacted are not willing to talk about their contacts.

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Leslie Schneider: I believe Bainbridge is doing well with wearing masks and we've been holding steady for the past few days at just 20 cumulative infections, but we need to stay strong. Thank you to all of you who are taking the precautions seriously and keeping our numbers low

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Leslie Schneider: I'm looking forward to tonight's discussion on economic recovery as a number of commenters have said, Deputy Mayor Dietz has put in a lion's share of work into this and we hope we can get some actionable ideas out soon. And that's what I've got. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: So we can move on now to the city managers report.

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Leslie Schneider: And no no time clock needed

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Leslie Schneider: When you're on mute city manager.

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Morgan Smith: Thank you. I'll be brief. Just a couple items to mention. First, it's not typical for me to respond to public comment but regarding the comment that was made related to island center sub area plan and the sewer study

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Morgan Smith: I remember clearly the explanations and the commitments that the staff made at the time the Council was looking at that agreement.

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Morgan Smith: And I'm not aware of anything that has happened, that is contrary to that, but I will be looking into it first thing tomorrow.

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Morgan Smith: If there's something that's occurred that is different than the commitment that I made in the fall, I will be taking steps, firstly, to to correct that and and if it's the case that what's happened

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Morgan Smith: Isn't that, then I will also be following up with you clarify that. So I just want to make that clear.

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Morgan Smith: I also want to make sure folks are aware, the governor today announced that he is going to put an

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Morgan Smith: Indefinite hold on reviewing request for counties to move forward with reopening so that means that we will be on phase two for some time to come.

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Morgan Smith: Next steps are an unknown at this point, but he provided some additional clarification for expectations related to bars and restaurants and some other

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Morgan Smith: public venues, but the overall message is that our county will remain at Phase two, and other counties will remain where they are for now.

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Morgan Smith: And that's all I have for tonight. Thank you. I guess I will say not to be personal. But I think the remarks during public comment related to

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Morgan Smith: personal histories of city managers were remarks intended to refer to the former city manager not myself. So I hope that that is clear to most people. But if it in case it isn't. I feel like I would like to say that publicly thank you

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Leslie Schneider: Right. That was my interpretation as well.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, we are moving now on to item six, which is

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Leslie Schneider: Future Council agendas.

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Leslie Schneider: And city manager, I can bounce that back to you.

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Morgan Smith: Sir, we have mapped out the agendas for August and I can answer individual questions right now, we do not show, but we have planned a couple of executive session topics there as well.

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Morgan Smith: But our meetings are looking pretty manageable and we are trying first to move forward with your highest priority projects.

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Morgan Smith: I don't need tonight to go through these one at a time, but hopefully if there were items you were expecting to see coming up in the next few weeks, you can spot them in one of these meetings schedules and if not, I would be happy to answer questions about future timing.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm COUNCILMEMBER into sorry you have a question.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, city manager. I'm going to turn to the email that you responded to me I with today.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that response. First of all,

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Rasham Nassar: Are the have that has that been scheduled or is that something that you're working on this Thursday to place on a Council meeting.

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Morgan Smith: Explained my plan for. And I think it's fine to talk about the agenda topic which came up a couple of meetings ago

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Morgan Smith: I guess it was couple weeks ago since we didn't meet last week was questions in the community related to the policing and sexual assault issues.

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Morgan Smith: And so my intent for now is to talk with the mayor, the Deputy Mayor about scheduling a topic for a future agenda in August, which I think COUNCILMEMBER had topless. It also requested so

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Morgan Smith: I just want people to know it's not on the schedules right now, but that is our plan and I'm have it on the list to talk with me or Schneider Deputy Mayor deets on Thursday for picking an exact date for that.

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Rasham Nassar: Great, thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: And do we know enough about

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Leslie Schneider: Like

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Leslie Schneider: Resources or timing or anything. Is there anything that you would need from COUNCILMEMBER nisar sounds like you've got some

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Leslie Schneider: Great.

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Morgan Smith: I think she just went

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Morgan Smith: To the offer. I made to call out if there's anything that you care about that you expected to see this not yet placed on an agenda that that isn't yet on an agenda, but we had had some dialogue about it.

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Rasham Nassar: And really, for the for the public's benefit and the benefit of the council members because I realized I looked at the email notice I was the only one on that correspondence. I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Just a, just a quick clarification city manager is this chief will be participating in that discussion with the Council.

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Morgan Smith: Yes.

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Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Um,

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Leslie Schneider: So I

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Leslie Schneider: Hands are jumping around a little bit. How about COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you, mayor. I wanted to ask my fellow council members if they would consider tabling I think it's 9am on August 11 agenda related to accessory dwelling units.

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Christy Carr: I think our last discussion was really inconclusive and kind of all over the map. And I know that there were some decision points there, but I don't know that they were the right decision points and I don't sense that there's urgency in terms of

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Christy Carr: discussing that. And I think that at us or overall density is a larger discussion that can be incorporated into the work that we're doing.

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Christy Carr: Through the joint subcommittee. So without a sense of urgency, I would like to request that that item be tabled.

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Leslie Schneider: Patent pending what so you're expecting that there would be more information coming from the, from the joint subcommittee or what

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Christy Carr: Right, yeah.

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Christy Carr: And just in terms of urgency and people thinking that it's allowing speculative to development.

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Christy Carr: It seems like we should have just more information and data about that and not be making decisions and making changes to our code.

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Christy Carr: based only on gut feelings. I think that it's important that we make good decisions and something that was reactionary based on one development.

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Christy Carr: Several years ago I don't think it's good governance and I just like us to think about it more thoughtfully and more comprehensively with our overall development strategy.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so I'm going to look for hands right now to react to that because that's a request council member Hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, so actually, ironically, if that if that had not been coming through to us. And had I not thought that it was a done deal since it had come out of City Council on its you know

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: As a request to Planning Commission last year to require common ownership. So this blew me away when the Council reacted the way it did.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: At our last meeting, I would have requested that to be on our triage list. So I have a very different feeling about it. I feel that it's some, something that has become becoming a trend.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In development on the island. So I feel very differently, where we to kick it off of our agenda on the subcommittee I'd asked to add it to our triage list. So I feel quite differently. I may be in the minority, I have a feeling that COUNCILMEMBER

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Medina will will join me in that, but we may be in the minority. So that's my opinion.

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Leslie Schneider: So just to be clear, you would prefer to keep it on the August agenda.

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Yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: Priority

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then it may, it may get voted down anyway.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Let's hear how people feel because if I remain in the minority, I may prefer that we roll it off into the larger if we're going to lose it. Or if those of us who think this is an urgent issue are going to lose anyway.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It may be that the best we can hope for is that it that it become part of a long term discussion, but I'm just letting you know that my concern is, is that it is actually an urgent issue. So that's just, that's how I feel about it. Okay. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor de so you responding to this issue.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, sure. I wasn't gonna say anything until I heard COUNCILMEMBER car. Speak up. Yeah. I, this is one issue, the US. I've been wrestling with honestly and

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Joe Deets: I'll just say I want to do the right thing on this and I just have not seen the kind of conversations that would help me make an informed decision. So

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Joe Deets: I'll just say my experience on Council is too often we are put in a position of being kind of rushed and this is extremely important, and I would like to take a very thoughtful methodical way.

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Joe Deets: Precisely because it's important. So I do do not disagree within its importance. In fact, it's very much because of its importance that I would prefer it that if we're going to have it looked at by that.

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Joe Deets: Committee of the Council and Planning Commission, that would be great. I'd be very much in favor of that because I'd like to see really some let's just say

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Joe Deets: Real analysis of what are the consequences of any of these decisions we make. I just have not heard that I hear kind of a lot of like it's a knee jerk reactions and I don't want to vote on a knee jerk reaction.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember hey topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm just gonna say what I said when we talked about this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: week before last. Planning Commission spell it sent mail I seeing this and they have an opinion so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's what I said to us, what I said last when we get when we, when we discuss this and councils reaction was, well, let's kick it back to pathfinding Commission was they did. Look at this. They did feel that this was that this is a concern that comment ownership is a concern. So

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, huh, yeah. I'm not sure that this makes sense. And when I

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Joe Deets: First, the analysis that from the planning commission. I'm sorry if we're having this discussion.

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Joe Deets: Well, I haven't seen

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Joe Deets: Kristen.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, the analysis was provided to us in the in the materials that we got we can't talk about this now and that's fine.

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Joe Deets: You know, let's take it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Let's you know let's kick it back to subcommittee. And we can talk about it there, but they they did spend a fair amount of time this remember

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The Council asked the planning commission to develop

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: an ordinance requiring common ownership. So, the Council actually asked for this and then it came back and then and then Council received this two weeks ago and said Paul, we don't want to ship. At least that's what I watched happen. So anyway, that's not our item right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, there's obviously not, there's obviously obviously we're not going to accept that right now. So I guess we kick it back to said to me and they said committee can decide what to do.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car, did you want to respond.

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Christy Carr: Sure.

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Christy Carr: I mean, I guess, in terms of counsel directed the planning commission. I was on Council at the time. So I didn't do that. And I don't agree with it. And I also i don't agree with for a lot of reasons. And I didn't see

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Christy Carr: I saw a knee jerk reaction 14 that that request to the planning commission and to council member data points.

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Christy Carr: I think that we really haven't seen a robust analysis of the good or bad consequences of what's currently in that ordinance and that's the basis on which I would like to make decisions.

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Christy Carr: We haven't asked the climate change advisory committee, we haven't thought about it in terms of our sustainable transportation plan and it is and could be or maybe not a piece of our

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Christy Carr: Development Strategy on this island and affordable housing strategy on this island. So I think it's important to look at comprehensively and do some real analysis and alternatives.

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Christy Carr: In consideration of alternatives. So I'm happy to talk about it in the Subcommittee, but I don't see it as a urgent issue. I don't think that that is based on actually any data in terms of development permit activity. I did some research on Zillow and one condo eyes.

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Christy Carr: What at you, was sold over the last three years that's, you know, really not robust analysis, but I'd like to see information like that before we make decisions that have impacts on people's livelihood and takes away flexibility in homeownership

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so I want to

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Leslie Schneider: I want us to avoid getting into a policy discussion now.

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Leslie Schneider: I hear a willingness to move it there. Um, I also want to get to two more hands so COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I'm all for an evidence based decision making. So I'd like to make a motion to refer this matter to the joint subcommittee.

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Michael Pollock: To formal motion.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'm not sure we need a formal motion, but that's fine. We thought a second on it and COUNCILMEMBER nisar, did you want to

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Leslie Schneider: add to the conversation.

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Rasham Nassar: And I have a question as well. And so are we talking specifically about that one item. I know that there were several that came to us related to at us, but are we just specifically talking about the condominium ization component

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Leslie Schneider: That we're talking about the whole the whole edu conversation that we had at that at that great.

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Rasham Nassar: I would absolutely I think counts number car for raising the point we talk about approaching a policy from a holistic perspective and looking at it in in its context where we have other affordable housing strategies or potential policy initiatives that are being discussed.

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Rasham Nassar: exclusionary zoning and such. And I think it makes sense to lump this discussion in with that discussion. My understanding is that when we, the Council form that subcommittee.

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Rasham Nassar: Council Planning Commission sub committee coming out of that joint Planning Commission, Council and US meeting that, the subcommittee was charged with

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Rasham Nassar: Of the affordable housing discussions.

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Rasham Nassar: And please someone, correct me if I'm wrong. Maybe Council overhead topless you'd be the appropriate person.

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Rasham Nassar: Whether that's the case or not, but I think it makes sense for those discussions to kind of carry in tandem and not to pull things apart.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'm hoping we can move on quickly here.

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Leslie Schneider: So we have a motion and a second on the floor. Let's just take a quick vote. All those in favor of moving this from the August

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Leslie Schneider: Agenda item and forwarding it to the subcommittee or whatever the original motion was please say aye.

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Christy Carr: Aye.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. And those opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so COUNCILMEMBER high top List is opposed. That would be a five to one.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright.

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Leslie Schneider: City Manager.

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Morgan Smith: I just want to suggest given maybe some of the remarks I heard from COUNCILMEMBER nisar that it might be worth and maybe the 11th is a time to do that.

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Morgan Smith: Hearings report from the Council members who are on that subcommittee.

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Morgan Smith: About, just to clarify how that work is going because there have been a number of items referred to them. And I think it would be important, at least as a minimum baseline to make sure everyone agrees on what the charges to that group.

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Leslie Schneider: That sounds reasonable customer high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Christy and I are planning on I think talking today Council, we call it committee reports about what we did yesterday.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yesterday, yes. So we can do that. We finally got started yesterday. Yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we can maybe discuss in a in an agenda setting meeting or it. I think it would be good to maybe hold. We're talking about the August 11 so we're a full two weeks out it might be good to to get sort of a general report back from that committee.

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Leslie Schneider: So, alright, we are moving that topic to the subcommittee. And we'll figure out how we get the information back from the subcommittee, including tonight.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, moving on from the future Council agendas. We are now on to item seven unfinished business and seven A is next steps for the city manager search process.

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Leslie Schneider: And we have Ron Hollifield here to help answer questions and I think we had a couple council members that did have some questions on the the process that the city manager.

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Leslie Schneider: Sent out to us in an email so COUNCILMEMBER nisar, do you want to go ahead and state. The, the questions you have.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, thank you, Ron.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for always nice to see you and to hear your very refreshing and different

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Rasham Nassar: Um,

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Rasham Nassar: So two things. First of all, I do hope that we can address some of the concerns that I've raised with you over the phone in the parents see and I think to influence in a positive direction. The process of the Council's about to undertake it might be a good day to kind of go over

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Rasham Nassar: What may have occurred. Seven years ago, we were sitting there was hired

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Rasham Nassar: And we do have a council member with us today that respect. And so during that process muscle hopeful that perhaps if she's inclined she could share some of

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Rasham Nassar: That decision making process was like seven years ago, in light of some of the information that we've received on the record from citizens that

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Rasham Nassar: has mentioned some serious concerns about the qualifications of our former city manager at the time that he was hired

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Rasham Nassar: The other thing and a much more happy thing relates to proposal, I would like to make two or three like council members to consider with regard to

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Rasham Nassar: heightening or leaving in a man of public participation. Um, I thought a lot about this and I know that we're in a time of coven and meeting virtually have it has its constraints. And I thought that we might want to consider.

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Rasham Nassar: Having the city publish a an article and our local papers that are explain to our community.

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Rasham Nassar: The process that the Council is about to undergo first that we're looking to hire a city manager and that we're working to develop a brochure.

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Rasham Nassar: And in that informational advertisement that that would in my, in my ideal world appear in both of our local island papers invite members of the public to submit their written comments, thoughts and ideas.

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Rasham Nassar: To the city. The city clerk, I assume, would be the one to receive those and then those comments would be included in our Council agenda packet. The next time in the future that we discuss

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Rasham Nassar: Are the workings of the creation of the elements that relate to the qualifications that would appear in that brochure.

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Ron Holifield: You may just Japan.

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Leslie Schneider: Ron, why don't you jump in.

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Okay.

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Ron Holifield: With regard to public, excuse me, with regard to public input. Absolutely. Whatever approach you feel the best with where I'm totally great with the one thing I would encourage and caution is the longer we

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Ron Holifield: The longer the process goes on the front end, the longer it gets out on the back end. Now, that's not a big deal. It's just that you need to be aware of that. So, you know, back that's just simply a reality.

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Ron Holifield: That said,

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Ron Holifield: We

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Ron Holifield: Also want to make sure you know that the brochure is first and foremost a marketing piece, what you're doing with a brochure primarily

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Ron Holifield: Is marketing the community and the opportunity and trying to get prospective candidates to go, Hey, this is something I want to learn about. So the brochure is not a

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Ron Holifield: It does not go deep into things that are more nuanced into terms of who's going to click with the community and who's not.

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Ron Holifield: And as I've shared previously a successful search, they're really going to need to number one click with the mayor and council.

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Ron Holifield: Number to click with city staff. And number three, click with the community. So we approach it in terms of. There are three legs of the stool.

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Ron Holifield: And just like with a stool. If any one of those three is not well max the stool is going to fall over. So community input is awesome. It is most beneficial. Yeah. In the

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Ron Holifield: As we begin to think through candidates. The brochure. It is just simply always remember, it's more of a marketing piece that does that make sense.

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Ron Holifield: So I just

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Ron Holifield: I just want. I just want clarity on what we're trying to accomplish with the brochure.

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Rasham Nassar: That that does make sense. And thank you, your comments are helpful. I would probably be of the position that having public engagement in this process at the earliest point in the process is always idea.

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Rasham Nassar: We're talking, you know, the equity and inclusion is a really big part of our work plan and counsel priority at this point in time. So I personally don't see the benefit and waiting until we have

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Rasham Nassar: Submitted that brochure and have received applicant applications for the position to wait or two with whole reaching out to the the all of the island.

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Rasham Nassar: Whether or not those comments do serve as valuable input to the marketing materials is a question for council members because ultimately, we will be the ones that decide

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Rasham Nassar: What comments we take into consideration and what we don't. But to make the decision from the start that we ought not to do that in favor of reserving public comment for a later point in the process. I think runs counter to

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Rasham Nassar: Almost every single one of our, our priorities in terms of how this Council engages with the community.

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Rasham Nassar: And you know that we're unique Ron, we like to do

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Ron Holifield: Absolutely. And the last time we did this, I and another person with my firm actually spent a solid week on the ground just listening to providing the opportunity for citizen comments. So I totally hear all of that. Absolutely.

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Leslie Schneider: So what is the, what is an outcome here then is there.

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Leslie Schneider: A recommended approach council member decided you have

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Leslie Schneider: Best

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, I did. And that the Council. First, I believe city manager Smith, I'd be happy to hear from you as well. I know that it's the city has done this in the past where with Council direction we've advertised.

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Rasham Nassar: Certain agenda items that were being discussed or potential policy initiatives that were slated to be passed. For example, the CIO, we bought an advertisement space and review.

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Rasham Nassar: Just to make sure that we did our due diligence to alert the broader public that these conversations were happening.

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Rasham Nassar: So what my request would be and what I would be grateful to hear city managers with comments on is

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Rasham Nassar: Whether or not that's feasible. I seem, it is. But from your perspective, how soon can we get a notice in one of our local papers.

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Rasham Nassar: And then the second question would be procedurally how long should we keep that comment period open or maybe it should just be open in

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Rasham Nassar: perpetuity. So long as we're in the selection process. There's a lot of little decisions to make, within that broader decision, but the first decision is

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Rasham Nassar: Would counsel agree. And do we have the city manager support.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'm sure we'll touch base fussy manager here in a second. But in the meantime. Councilmember hi toplless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm just, just to kind of understand just so that we know what what we're asking. And when so we aren't

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, repeating starting something that we're going to change later I'm just trying understand how this fits into what Ron would do anyway.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So Ron do you would you would there be any value.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the creation of the marketing materials to pull in any any community feedback.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or would we be doing what what i think that was sham would be saying, which is that is there's no harm in us having the maximum period of time to be pulling in community feedback.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I mean, is there both is the maximum time that we pull in, what would it would help. Also in the creation, could we be gathering some information that would help you realize who you're trying to attract

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Ron Holifield: Absolutely, and I will, I will tell you that the Council is fairly diverse from your perspectives as as y'all know

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Ron Holifield: And if we got a dramatically different set of perspectives from the community, then I've heard from the Council.

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Ron Holifield: I would want to be going home timeout. We need to wrestle through some stuff and understand what we've really got going on. So assuming that is not the case. I do think it is beneficial having the feedback, having the input.

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Ron Holifield: Part of that benefit is honestly not as much as it is as much just building credibility and confidence and trust in the process as it is anything else.

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Ron Holifield: I will as diverse as the Council is and as really in tune, as the Council always seems to be with everything that's going on in the community and the different pockets of the community. I would anticipate

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Ron Holifield: That we won't get a whole lot of surprises. That said, there is all good and no bad for getting that input. Does that make sense.

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Ron Holifield: The only real bad is if there is not a time specific

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Ron Holifield: And even that's not a big deal to me. It's only a big deal to me because of the expectations. I've heard from the Council on the time frame, you want this completed and

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Ron Holifield: So the more elongated, it gets the lower the odds that I can get it all wrapped up in the time frame. You're expecting, but as long as there's clear understanding, it's not a big deal.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So then my question is, because my instinct would have been, I, I would like to have had

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You get you gather community and put before you produce the marketing materials, but I also don't want to sacrifice and I want us to get moving.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I don't want to sacrifice community input that's more detailed if that's something you would do later. So are we going to do both, are we going to do some sort of outreach for you to get some input.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That you can use to develop the marketing materials but also have community input later in the process, is that going to happen, or is that

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Ron Holifield: Is there. I'm not trying to avoid giving you a straight answer there is no consistent answer. So for example, when I did the chief of police search and Eugene

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Ron Holifield: There were at one community and departmental meetings. Now, we were personally only involved in about half of those

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Ron Holifield: But that became a really significant schedule driver, where the campers doing it. We simply want to make sure we're managing expectations so i can i could map out, should you ask for it 5678 different ways that we've done it.

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Ron Holifield: All of which are legitimate what is significant is doing what builds confidence in the community in this process, and every community actually will tend to have a little different rhythms and patterns and expectations and so

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Ron Holifield: I apologize. I'm not giving you a straight answer, but it's because legitimately there's not a nice neat little answer. It's really about what built it in the community, what builds confidence in the community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, Counselor D or Debbie melodies.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. I like this conversation. I think it's fair to say we all all of

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Joe Deets: Us agree to have public

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Joe Deets: public input. So I think the question is how to do it. You know, we are, we do want to move judiciously.

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Joe Deets: And in, in the era coven I think it's sort of hard to like back in the old days pre coven days, we could say we're going to have an event at City Hall calm and

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Joe Deets: meet and talk about it. Well, those days are over. We have a lot of zoom meetings, but maybe something that would be easy.

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Joe Deets: I'm just thinking a lot of sort of a running commentary that people can I mean people do this anyway but maybe have a particular placeholder, you can

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Joe Deets: I mean, I would enjoy seeing that just sort of people have an opportunity to continue the comment about the city manager process anytime at all times and then we can tap into that.

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Joe Deets: Ron, you obviously you can and the candidates can so we're listening and in the in the community feels like they you know they have an opportunity to speak and that's doesn't strike me as terribly difficult. So I just thought I'd throw that out.

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Ron Holfield: Um, are you just for clarity. Are you saying don't put something on your website that's like a bulletin board, so to speak, that people can provide comments etc that are wide open. Everybody can see

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I mean, something like that. And like comes from over now said maybe we could start off putting something in the paper people read papers anymore.

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Joe Deets: The ideas. People said, hey, we welcome this is a very important decision we. It's not just we're representing you and we want to hear from you.

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Joe Deets: So yes, a placeholder in the city website our Facebook page. Anyway, we can get the word out, but just not not over Engineer It is kind of what I'm trying to get at. But so. But people say, hey, I can, I can put in my comments.

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Ron Holifield: Just as a sidebar kind of along the line of what you're talking about. One of the things we do is as soon as the job gets posted and the process begins.

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Ron Holifield: As folks apply. We actually send them a clipping service every Friday have articles that are showing up in the paper that are relevant, because we believe they're

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Ron Holifield: You know, they're going to be better candidates and higher potential for getting great match. If they're paying attention to what's going on. If they're attuned to what's going on. So, you know, I, there's no downside to what you're talking about that. I see anyway.

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Joe Deets: That's just a suggestion. I'm interested with my colleague sake.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I'm really supportive of public input throughout this process to help the Council ultimately it's our decision to hire this person but

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Christy Carr: We work on behalf of the community. And I think it's really important that we hear from them in a meaningful way.

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Christy Carr: That said, I think that we all know there's a ton going on in the world on on a you know on in times when there isn't anything happening.

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Christy Carr: People get process fatigue to people to understand our process. They don't know what they're commenting on. They don't know who's listening or where it's going. So I would just one encourage us to be somewhat thoughtful and engineering about this.

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Christy Carr: Because we want to have public engagement, where it's most appropriate and most useful and meaningful for us in order to be to digest it and use it.

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Christy Carr: And then also just again to do the public solid and help them out to understand what it is they're commenting on and why we want to hear from them and when. So if regardless of where or when or how it happens. I just, I do think we need to be thoughtful and somewhat

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Christy Carr: Strategic about it.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. Um, I just wanted to quickly comment as well that I think it makes sense that the in part because we've paused. The, the, Coby connects. And so we're kind of lacking that communication device going into people's homes. I do like the idea of having

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Leslie Schneider: You know, an ad in the paper that maybe is not just a one time. Here's your deadline for getting comments in before the brochure, but more like here's how you can stay

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Leslie Schneider: Engaged with the city manager search. So here, you know, sign up for updates or sign up for the city managers report to get your updates or here's the webpage. So, and then we can

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Leslie Schneider: Ensure there could be an initial deadline. But I think it's more important for this process to pull as many people in as possible, who could potentially be interested in the search and they can feel, you know, part of the process.

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Leslie Schneider: So I don't know is that

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Leslie Schneider: City Manager. Did you. Oh, I'm sorry. You've got COUNCILMEMBER Pollock, you have your hand up.

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Michael Pollock: No, that's okay. If you have a question of the city manager. Go ahead.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I was just kind of trying to tie it up and just see if we have any any agreement on sort of actions going forward. So if you want to jump in first.

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Michael Pollock: Okay. Okay, great. Oh, thank you. Um, yeah, so

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Michael Pollock: Just on the question of public input. Absolutely. The more the better. But I, my question was really related I guess was comes on on on your sort of brought it up related to the way we picked previous city manager and sort of what

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Michael Pollock: Well 2020 hindsight seem to be red flags, at least on my are related to kind of financial management missions.

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Michael Pollock: Of the free of a previous city manager. I'm just wondering

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Michael Pollock: For me, that would have just qualified that person. And I'm just wondering, you know, it's the same firm uses the same firm that

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Michael Pollock: Your party. I'm wondering what happened there. If you guys did background searches on the applicants and then if the information was provided to the counselor, what happened. So, um,

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Michael Pollock: So I have that question. And then the second one is sort of more generally is really what do you do any retrospectives on

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Michael Pollock: On your hires and, in particular, our hires that is we're, you know, the, the goal of this is to get somebody that's a good fit for our community and

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Michael Pollock: And well, did we, we've had a few hires now for your firm. Did we do that, when was the was the previous city manager that was hired a good fit as there any way to kind of assess that or or maybe was missed on that.

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Michael Pollock: Because what I don't want is a repeat of what happened last time and maybe some others or Executive Session, but whatever you want to share on that right now. I would certainly appreciate it.

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Ron Holifield: Well I, I don't think it's appropriate discussing anything about previous candidates in the past and I even think there could be some legal implications, to be honest with you. That said, let me explain to you how the process works.

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Ron Holifield: And that will put you can anticipate expect and hold me accountable to

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Ron Holifield: Every step of the way. Philosophically, we believe that it is our job to equip you to make good decisions with full information, it's your job to make the decisions and every step of the way. While we will

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Ron Holifield: Will certainly prep and equip and provide input, you'll make the decisions and there's really about three different decision points that that happens.

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Ron Holifield: And up until we get to the point of finalists. It's all Executive Session. It's all confidential, because if it's not, you'll lose all of the good candidates, because nobody wants to be exposed prematurely.

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Ron Holifield: First, the first stage think conceptually, you start off and how much like camera catch this, you start off with a stack this high of candidates and this much information.

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Ron Holifield: As you go through the process and the stack of candidates goes down the depth of information goes up.

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Ron Holifield: And that's by design because you honestly don't want to spend what it would cost on 50 candidates to do the depth of analysis that you're going to do on five

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Ron Holifield: So first point, what will happen candidates will submit a resume. We will review that internally will triage the candidates based on the resume and submit a letter.

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Ron Holifield: And any any known issues, then those candidates, we will present to you in executive session, we will have triage them into what we see as a tier, A, B, and C and

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Ron Holifield: You'll see everybody, you'll be able to discuss deliberate, I would say, on average, when we do this a council will bump. A couple of the tier B's up to tier A and a couple of the to raise down the tier be

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Ron Holifield: Generally speaking, most commonly that's based on personal knowledge of those individuals you served on a committee with them. You heard them speak at a conference, whatever it happens to be. And then we'll come out of that meeting with

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Ron Holifield: Folks still standing. The us call it a semi finalists list that group will then be asked to do a comprehensive questionnaire.

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Ron Holifield: Will do a Stage one media search which is automated. It's Lexis Nexis and and that questionnaire, the resume and the findings of the media search will be provided to counsel.

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Ron Holifield: And you'll take a couple of weeks to be able to review those highly confidential because literally people lose their jobs over submitting

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Ron Holifield: In this profession. And so what will happen is, the Council will have those a couple of weeks, we recommend a very simple triage story.

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Ron Holifield: Just a one, two, or three, one is you're interested in interviewing three is you have no interest to is I could go either way depending on the deliberation.

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Ron Holifield: Literally, what we'll do is we'll get in the conference room and executive session will put chart paper up on the wall will have the names listed down the side. And we'll go around the table with each of the council members reporting in their score.

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Ron Holifield: And about a third of the candidates still standing will be all one's about a third will be all threes and about a third will be a mixed bag. That's the array every single time what happens

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Ron Holifield: We'll focus our conversation then on the ones in the three. What did you see that this council member dissolved differently. What is that difference, etc.

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Ron Holifield: And our recommendation as we go through every step is that you err on the side of keeping somebody involved too long, rather than eliminating prematurely. In other words, always err on the side of more information on anybody before you eliminate then that in that

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Ron Holifield: That dynamic of those 12 to 15 that are still standing. While I just mentioned that they'll get the questionnaire, etc. You'll get that back. I'll meet with you again.

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Ron Holifield: And in that meeting, the goal will be to narrow down to four to six finalists. The four to six finalists will run the background check, which is done by a private investigation firm. It's the legal civil, criminal

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Ron Holifield: Then we will also run a stage to media search, we have a specialist in the Office that will spend approximately eight hours on each one of the finalists going very, very deep.

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Ron Holifield: Will run them through five different search engines will check all of the social media sites, we do not ask for passwords. We only asked for, we only go after stuff that's publicly accessible. We feel like that's where the legal lines are

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Ron Holifield: We will discuss that with you at the meeting you select finalist for you want to know whether you want to do an advanced game plan or not.

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Ron Holifield: We like doing that, that advanced game plan basically they have a homework assignment to do a maximum five page first year game plan.

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Ron Holifield: And they've got free access to all of the key staff to any members of the community that they want.

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Ron Holifield: And to all of the Council to do their homework in developing that first year game plan which gets submitted before the interviews. So then you'll get an updated packet that has now the stage to media searches and it is not uncommon.

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Ron Holifield: To have 150 pages per candidate on the media searches and then you'll also have their questionnaires, you'll have the background check if you choose to do it at that stage.

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Ron Holifield: Typically, a city will choose to say let's hold off on the background check, till you get the list a little bit shorter just to save the money.

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Ron Holifield: With the PR firm but we can run it at any given point, and then we'll also run a psychometric assessment.

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Ron Holifield: I'll talk with you at that semi finalists meeting which one you want to use we typically use either desk or one called I op. I actually like I off the best, but it is most effective when we have the entire Council.

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Ron Holifield: As well because it's really a team instrument so it's allowed you to be able to to really plug in and go, this is what we can expect here, so that'll give you some sense.

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Ron Holifield: As we go through it. We're having ongoing conversations with them. Oh, we'll also do reference checks on all of them.

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Ron Holifield: We actually provide them the list of folks, we want to give them to give us contact information on, we're not looking for them to give us, you know, babysitters best friend and all of that sort of stuff.

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Ron Holifield: Run this man.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm so sorry to interrupt you, but I'm just thinking that maybe you're delivering a little bit more than what was asked.

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Ron Holifield: I apologize. I apologize.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, and, you know, council members, feel free to tell me I'm wrong, that you want to hear all this, I, I think we probably could use hearing it again at some point in the future because

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Leslie Schneider: But I'm

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Your hand is still up, did you kind of get what you needed or what you could get from from run

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Michael Pollock: Um, yeah. Well, thank you for the very detailed answer it didn't actually answer a question, but it was fascinating. Um, how about wrong. How about if I give you a call offline. So we can

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Do that.

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Michael Pollock: But let's just go with that.

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Ron Holifield: Okay. Yeah, me too. Anytime.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, that's wonderful. Thank you and city manager. Did you get a sense of what

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Leslie Schneider: Any difference from what you were proposing to do any, any questions from us.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I think we still have some work to do to come to consensus on on clearly what you want to have happen next, anything is possible. I heard a range of ideas.

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Morgan Smith: And none of these are steps that we had suggested to take. So I want to make sure that we get it right and do it Council wants. I'll just go from the top in the order that the

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Morgan Smith: Suggestions were made and I guess what I'm looking for is a is a yay or nay from Council about which of these you'd like to do

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Morgan Smith: The list. Let me just read the list and then we'll go back through them. So the list included putting an ad in the local paper to describe the process and encourage people to be aware

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Morgan Smith: To solicit comments from the public to make sure folks know how they can send in written comments to contribute to the process.

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Morgan Smith: To have written comments appear in a council packet for Council in the community to see all of the comments that were made.

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Morgan Smith: To set up an active ongoing I'll call it social media site where people can post at any point and respond to one another.

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Morgan Smith: And to make a project web page, which would be a place for people to look for updates throughout the process. So going back to the top, an ad in the local paper is super easy to do. We do it all the time it takes a

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Leslie Schneider: Oh,

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Morgan Smith: The things I wouldn't

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Morgan Smith: Know are. Do you want a quarter page a half page a full page and who will you rely on to write the content. Is that something you'd like Rhonda develop Ron and myself, Ron. And the mayor Ron and more than that a subcommittee. How does that actually going to come out of the ground.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Can Can we just make this simple and have and have Ron work with the mayor wants to, but other Ron just work with

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Christian Drew and Morgan if she wants to just to do a simple announcement that we are starting a city manager search and looking for citizen input on what citizens want to contribute to what they would like to see in our next city manager.

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Morgan Smith: And happy to do that. I just want to be clear here at the outset, so that if the feedback is the ad was too big. The ad was too small.

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Morgan Smith: I have to kind of either provide direction and provide latitude so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Right, I think, a quarter page is enough. I think a half a page is the maximum

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Morgan Smith: The Ron and I will work to draft something and we'll have the mayor and Deputy Mayor look at it first before it's published. Does that seem comfortable. Alright, so that takes care of that one.

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Morgan Smith: In that ad and in other channels which is basically just our weekly newsletters, the thing that we have available to us. We can prompt people to

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Morgan Smith: Follow me up on this suggestion, send comments to the city clerk. To me, that's the lot, that's the approach that is most consistent with how we usually do.

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Morgan Smith: Things like this. So if that feels comfortable to you. We will include that in the ad and we'll call that out in other ways, too. So I'm going to keep moving through here.

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Morgan Smith: I guess Council can decide at a later date, but will expect that at some point, they'll be a council meeting where those comments will be packaged up and provided in the packet

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Morgan Smith: The things that are a little more challenging were the idea of an active ongoing social media site I have concerns about how we structure that it's not familiar to other work we do their public records considerations. So is that something councils interested in or no.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, I'm going to take that as a no.

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Morgan Smith: And then the last part is, and maybe I'm putting structure to just a concept that was expressed, I think it was. Councilmember car.

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Morgan Smith: We could, for sure, build up a project web page for this.

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Morgan Smith: That would be a place to frequently point people at whenever there's a need that would have the latest kind of updates. Next Steps decisions that have been made. I think that's a good idea. That feels like we could launch when there's a little more that's happened.

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Morgan Smith: So does that seem effective. Okay, I think that's what I need.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm the only the only tweak, I would ask that is that if we're going to put out the ad. It would be great to have the page.

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Morgan Smith: Oh, yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: Good. You know that they're making that connection right away and

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Leslie Schneider: And they know how to stay up to date. Great.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, Ron, thank you so very much for coming back and just

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Leslie Schneider: Remember,

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Morgan Smith: Just for the benefit of the Council, but mostly the community, the deliverable that Ron is driving towards is the production of a draft brochure.

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Morgan Smith: And so

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Morgan Smith: The next time we expect to come to counsel would be to organize your response to his draft brochure and eventually finalize that and have it ready for release, which is basically the equivalent of posting the position.

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Leslie Schneider: Right. Great.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Morgan Smith: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you all.

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Ron Holifield: I will Coos. Now y'all have a wonderful evening. Thanks so much.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you so much.

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Leslie Schneider: Have a good evening. Bye bye.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, we are moving on to item seven be monthly update on 2020 revenue and expenses forecasts.

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Leslie Schneider: And city managers this back to you.

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Leslie Schneider: Or Ellen, maybe this is Ellen.

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Ellen Schroer: Thank you. Sorry, I was just getting read promoted, um, thanks Council, I will. I am here for the monthly installment as on the 2020 financial update I will share my screen and walk through the presentation with you, happy to take any questions as we go through this

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Ellen Schroer: Alright. Does that look good to everyone.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes.

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Ellen Schroer: Thank you. Um, so this is our third monthly installment updating the revenue and expense.

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Ellen Schroer: FORECAST FOR 2020 we first came to you in May, with some revised revenue numbers, based on the economic changes we're experiencing in 2020

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Ellen Schroer: Tonight we'll talk about revenue forecasts that have been updated with data through the end of June. So halfway through the year, and also just remind

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Ellen Schroer: Remind you that we've implemented the expenditure recommendations, the reductions that we talked about, first in May and then reconfirm later in that month.

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Ellen Schroer: Back in May, when we first talked about this. We promised monthly updates, which we're coming back with Morgan did the last one on the 30th of

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Ellen Schroer: June and tonight. We have another 30 days. So another another month's worth of data to talk about. We'll be talking mostly about the tax supported or non utility funds as our utility revenues and expenditures remain large through, excuse me, largely unchanged this year.

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Ellen Schroer: And so we're focusing on those those ones that we, we need to pay attention to right now.

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Ellen Schroer: The first three months of 2020 seems like a long time ago. We're actually pretty close to the financial plan we had discussed with you in 2019

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Ellen Schroer: As we looked forward, we re estimated our revenues for the balance of the year. Our second quarter revenues. So, April, May and June.

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Ellen Schroer: came in a little bit better than we had re forecast. So we are still looking at a significant reduction to our original forecast, but the forecast has been moved up a little bit and we'll talk about that in a little bit more detail.

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Ellen Schroer: I do want to highlight that the expenditure reductions and deferrals that we talked about earlier in the year have been implemented and our continued to be in place.

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Ellen Schroer: When we first talked to you in May our estimate was for a reduction in our revenue of \$4.5 million or 17% overall we propose to address that by holding, they can positions.

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Ellen Schroer: Through the balance of the year for a savings of about \$1.3 million and to identify other spending reductions and deferrals of one point for the remaining gap of 1.8 we expected to address by using unallocated fund balance or right resources that we already have.

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Ellen Schroer: Based on the data that we have now through the end of June, we have changed our revenue forecast to reduce the reduction. So we're now looking at a reduction of about three and \$3.6 million dollars about \$900,000 less than we had originally anticipated.

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Ellen Schroer: We at this time recommend that we continue to hold the positions vacant and so are continuing to forecast that same cost savings for the vacant positions \$1.3 million

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Ellen Schroer: We are continuing to recommend that we defer or cease the work that we discussed before for that cost savings of \$1.4 million which and these two things taken together, reduce the gap or the anticipated use of fund balance.

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Ellen Schroer: From 1.8 2.9 million or \$900,000 I'll step through these in a little bit more detail.

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Ellen Schroer: These are our major revenue sources. And again, this is where we started in May, you can see

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Ellen Schroer: Our largest revenue sources, our property tax sales tax and return utility taxes and the tax supported funds and at that time we anticipated a reduction of roughly 17% or four and a half million dollars.

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Ellen Schroer: This column shows the same revenue sources with some new information. So I'll step through this chart a little bit for you.

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Ellen Schroer: And the same revenue sources are listed to the left with the updated revenue forecast that we prepared in May in the first column and then our revised revenue forecast in June in on as of June.

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Ellen Schroer: In the next column. So, last month when we came to you we hadn't moved any of those numbers because we only had one month's worth of revenue and we didn't feel that it warranted a change at that time.

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Ellen Schroer: We continue to watch this really carefully, but based on the two months of data we're recommending making some changes.

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Ellen Schroer: In particular, sales tax and read are coming in a little bit higher than we had anticipated. And so we've revised up our forecasts by roughly half a million dollars in each case.

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Ellen Schroer: On the other side we have some revenue sources that are performing less well than we had hoped or even more poorly in particular utility taxes and

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Ellen Schroer: Partial portions of the streets fund revenues have come in lower than we had read forecast in May. And so we've moved those down. Now, based on two months worth of data.

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Ellen Schroer: As we've discussed before, these revenue forecasts are like are are reflect transactions that happened 30 to 60 days ago. So we continue to watch this and will bring you more information as we know more about how our revenues are changing in 2020

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Ellen Schroer: This next slide just shows the remainder of the revenues rolled up before and you can see that

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Ellen Schroer: There are some where we're doing less well than we had forecast. We've moved our forecast down and others that have moved up just a little bit. And these net out and show sort of the put some calls where

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Ellen Schroer: Some things are doing a little better, others are doing a little worse than we had anticipated.

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Ellen Schroer: Will step through the charts. So you can have a see a picture of what we just talked about.

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Ellen Schroer: This is a monthly sales tax chart, the blue line that I'm pointing out with my cursor is the 2020 line. So you can see that it is lower than the revenue that we received in 2018 and 2019

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Ellen Schroer: I'm still showing some of the same seasonality, but we'll continue to build this out for you so you can see how the revenues are changing month over month

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Ellen Schroer: Our sales tax, and we is reported by sector. So we receive about two thirds of our sales tax from just to revenue sources construction, which is shown on this chart in purple and retail trade, which is shown in green.

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Ellen Schroer: This chart shows the first six months of the year in each of the year shown and we did this so that you could see sort of an apples to apples. A year over year comparison.

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Ellen Schroer: And you can see that the relative size of those sectors stays about the same in each year. And then in 2020 we saw a fall off of construction revenue as compared to prior years and that's that purple line that was on the top.

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Ellen Schroer: But interestingly, in the first half of the year we receive more sales tax. Then we had received in the first six months of

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Ellen Schroer: Real Estate excise taxes. Another significant revenue source for us, and one which is performing better than we had forecast we're seeing some typical seasonality in this blue line where

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Ellen Schroer: There was a lower

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Ellen Schroer: Purchases in the early half of the year and then stronger performance here in June and will continue to watch this, but this strong recovery after a milder recovery or the moving up in May was what led us to revise that revenue forecast up

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Ellen Schroer: And then property tax. This is our single largest revenue source. And as you can see follows really very typical patterns in terms of where the revenues coming in this blue line is a little bit higher.

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Ellen Schroer: In June, than it has been in past years because property tax payers were offered a one month deferral or the option to pay in May, instead of April, and then it just got recorded in June, because of the days of the week.

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Ellen Schroer: So this shows us that our property tax revenue is coming in very much on budget and we actually revised our revenue estimate up just a little bit based on our receipts.

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Ellen Schroer: Will be back next month.

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Ellen Schroer: At the end of the month with the next installment of this reporting and then as is typical for the finance department. They will come to you at the beginning of August.

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Ellen Schroer: With a more comprehensive mid year report that includes both revenue and expenditure performance information. So with that, I'm happy to take any questions.

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Joe Deets: Question.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Hi. Thank you, Alan. This is, this is very good.

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Joe Deets: Very good to hear that. Let's just say, how would we put it, things are a little bit less bad, then perhaps they were presented before. I'm just curious, said the sales tax.

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Joe Deets: Is a reflection of retail activity. And so I'm it's it's interesting that that isn't actually improved a bit and do you have any breakdown of the data of i'm just i'm curious where

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Joe Deets: Wow, where did we see improvements, because we have so many stores closed and

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Joe Deets: You know, any, any insight. So you can provide I'd be curious.

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Ellen Schroer: Well, um, we do receive retail sales tax for online purchases and that is a significant sector for us. We

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Ellen Schroer: aren't able to unfortunately break that out by percentage, which I know a lot of people would be interested in seeing, but for businesses which do report in retail sales, we are seeing an uptick

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Ellen Schroer: That is two months that data. It does lag by two months. So the June information rip represents things that happened in April. So we continue to watch that and we continue to see Bainbridge islanders deciding that they want to make retail purchases and that's what we see in our numbers.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So Ellen. Would that mean then that somebody who chooses to buy through Amazon versus going to silver Dale or something Bainbridge would actually see a little bit of improvement in our sales tax.

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Ellen Schroer: If you purchase something and it's delivered to your home on Bainbridge Island than that retail sales tax comes to the comes to the island.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember, sir.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, thank you, Alan for a lovely updated presentation. Um, yeah. My question is with regard to the vacancies that were, I understand that the city manager or executive department. The city is still have it has told me that the decision to hold those vacancies open

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Rasham Nassar: I, they can I don't recall what they were specifically. Were there a police officer positions.

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Rasham Nassar: That we're going to be filled. But then are being held vacant due to coven

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Ellen Schroer: LM

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Morgan Smith: And share your screen, please. And I'll answer here.

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Morgan Smith: Yes, there were the vacancies that we had in the police department worth at the time that we briefed you there were three vacancies in police three officer positions.

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Morgan Smith: And the Deputy Chief position and the recommendation that I made in May was that for a variety of reasons. I will restate here, but I can

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Morgan Smith: That I suggested for business reasons that we hire for two of those three officer positions but that we plan to hold the third officer position and the Deputy Chief position vacant for

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Morgan Smith: The duration of our planning period. So we have then moved ahead with those two officer positions and I wanted to make sure Council understood that at the time that we thought that was important to do so. So, and we've been successful. We've hired two great candidates who are on board.

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Morgan Smith: So, but we still have one officer vacancy for which we are not actively recruiting right now and we have the Deputy Chief position which we are not recruiting for right now.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. And I heard a chief Joe Clark in a meeting say that that our total number of officers on staff currently is 23. Does that include those two

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Rasham Nassar: Recently fill positions.

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Morgan Smith: We are 23 I'd have to, I don't want to say the wrong number. But I don't know if he was referring to positions or actual personnel.

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Well, I can ask for that up over email and then my next question is related to the I always say this wrong or backwards hydrogeologist that I get it right.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, my understanding is that we have all of that is that has been put on the relegated to the vacancy list do to Kobe right so we're not

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, but

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Morgan Smith: It also was on the shortlist that if we get to Q4, which is not far away, and we're feeling comfortable. I would recommend that we proceed with hiring. I think identified four positions.

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Morgan Smith: That I thought would be top priority. That was one of them. So we may be as close to 60 days away from some level of comfort that we can proceed with hiring for that position.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. And if we never get there to this level of comfort that you've just described. Well, I would still as a council member like an opportunity to advocate that we staff specifically for that position like no intense period, a period of

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Rasham Nassar: Economic strife, but the Council added ground water management plan almost unanimously to our 2018 budget.

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Rasham Nassar: And we're going on two years now and there's been absolutely no movement on on the islands development of a ground water management plan.

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Rasham Nassar: And I'm speaking to my colleagues. I'm also speaking to members of the public who have asked me where, where is that what's happening with that process. And so I appreciate your clarification city manager and

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Rasham Nassar: I trust, and I'm, what I'm hearing is that come September. We're going to be having this discussion.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I guess I'd like to clarify a couple of things. So my intent is that unless we have some outstanding and reliable news in August. I think that the right path forward with respect to our vacancies is to expect to lose as is through September.

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Morgan Smith: At that point we will be delivered the proposed budget to you, which will absolutely include a perspective on all of the vacancies and a plan, scheduled for hiring my

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Morgan Smith: Intent in talking in May, about what I expected to see at the front end of that was just to confirm the significance of that position and a couple others.

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Morgan Smith: That we would like to not wait on longer than we need to, none of the conversations we've had suggests that this holding these vacancies for the long term is sustainable, it's not in this case because there's an important project that is

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Morgan Smith: Can't go forward until we complete that hiring and in other cases because we can't. We simply can't do our basic service delivery with the with the staffing reduction that we have today.

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Morgan Smith: So my plan, just to be specific, is that we're likely I'm likely to recommend that we continue to hold vacancies.

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Morgan Smith: Open as they are now through September 30 on September 22 I'm bringing to you a proposed balanced budget for 21 and 22 and that budget will have assumptions about where we schedule in

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Morgan Smith: filling those vacancies across the board. Not all of them will be filled. On the same day at the same time.

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Morgan Smith: The reason to not move forward. Now, quite honestly, is that the shape of the recovery curve is not as certain as I think people thought it might be when we had discussions in May. April.

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Morgan Smith: People talked about, will it be a deep V or or a wide v. And what we find. Now is that the shape of the recovery is really unknown and if we can

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Morgan Smith: Show as much restraint, even though it's painful in the near term, we will give ourselves fiscal options for building the 2122 budget.

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Morgan Smith: And I think Council should care deeply about that. So I think we can tolerate especially because with closures. We've our businesses organized a little bit differently.

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Morgan Smith: I really encourage us to retain those vacancies for another 60 days again through September and allow me to provide a plan for filling the vacancies within the proposed budget that you'll receive on the 22nd of September.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: And I don't see any other hand, hands up, Ellen. Thank you. Very appreciate the update

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Yeah, thank you so much. Alright, we are moving on to item seven, see, and this is the update on the

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Leslie Schneider: And countywide planning policies. So what I want to just offer here is that this is a little bit of a preview of decisions to come. We are not being requested to make any decisions tonight so

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Leslie Schneider: Heather, please take it away.

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Heather Wright: Thank you so much for framing the conversation. I wanted to introduce Paul Ingram from the Puget Sound regional council. He is with us this evening as our conversation is being led by some of the efforts from PS RC. So Paul, thank you so much for joining us tonight.

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Heather Wright: And I've also put together a PowerPoint presentation because I recognize that there's quite a bit of information and the memos that I have prepared for this evening and I thought the PowerPoint presentation will be helpful. So I'm gonna load that up.

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Heather Wright: And you see that

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Leslie Schneider: No, not yet.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, we go

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Great.

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Heather Wright: A little bit more savvy on this. Okay. I wanted to start with this graphic because as a new director. I found this graphic very helpful in my understanding of how growth management.

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Heather Wright: X informs development across the state. Each layer provides guidance and context to frame planning at the state, county and local level and tonight we'll be touching on a few of these layers as we prepare for the update to our comprehensive plan.

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Heather Wright: Like me Council is familiar with their comprehensive plan, but you're not may not be aware

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Heather Wright: Of that are comprehensive plan update is informed by the external layers of the kids account planning policies PRC he has RCS vision 2050 and the growth management.

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Heather Wright: So I'm going to gently dip into these topics tonight to provide clarity on each of these subjects.

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Heather Wright: So Puget Sound regional councils vision 2050 requires kits ups know homeless peers in King County is to update their respective county wide planning policies by December 31 of 2021

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Heather Wright: A key component of the CPS is I will refer to them for the rest of the evening is designated centers for growth across the county

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Heather Wright: And August of last year, I'm forum council that vision 2050 was built on the assumptions that kits up snow much peers in King counties are anticipated to experience growth of 1.8 million people.

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Heather Wright: And 1.2 million jobs. The plan also identify the island is a high capacity transit community and that is defined as a community that is connected to existing or plans light rail community rally ferry street car and bus rapid transit facility.

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Heather Wright: To HTTPS and kits up county include Bainbridge Island, as I mentioned, Paul's vote in the political UGA Kingston Kingston HGA

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Heather Wright: The anticipated population growth for these communities is 34,000 and employment growth of 18,000 between 2017 and 2015 and all that remains to be seen coven may impact these things. But this is what it's being adopted and proposed envision 2015 which is not yet and adopted.

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Heather Wright: Falling and alongside the adoption of vision.

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Heather Wright: Then kits at County is also required to update their county wife many policies sees the CPP the CPP the framework for growth management in case of County.

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Heather Wright: I look I compare the CPP to our own comprehensive plan within their, their elements that are to be updated. Just like our comp plan.

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Heather Wright: And it includes transportation elements housing elements as well as the center's designation, which is our topic to be included this evening. This is required to be completed by the end of 2021

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Heather Wright: Centers are a new term that were added envision

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Heather Wright: They existed somewhat similar before they were referred to as town centres, which is what Winslow was designated in the last kicks up, keep up update

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Heather Wright: Centers are seen as the hallmark of the Puget Sound regional councils regional growth framework, the growth strategy identify centers as an integral feature for accommodating residential and employment.

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Heather Wright: He Src has adopted the framework topology policies in the criteria for center designations.

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Heather Wright: Criteria for a center designation includes a comprehensive plan identification within the comp plan is a town center which one. So currently is a sub area plan.

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Heather Wright: Infrastructure plan that there's compact mixed use development that's demonstrated through activity units, which I will go to in just a few moments, which was highlighted in the memo, and also that there's a planning for a mix of uses that include both residential components and employment.

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Heather Wright: And that there's capacity and planning for additional growth. And last but not least, there's a multimodal transportation elements.

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Heather Wright: That requires those areas to be compact and walkable to be a minimum square footage, which is up to 160 acres and up to half a mile of a transit walk shed or 500 acres. So in order to be a center.

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Heather Wright: It whichever area is proposed to me doesn't need it has to meet those criteria. And if you're shy on some of those criteria you could qualify as a candidate center.

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Heather Wright: And now I'm going to bring it home and talk about what this may mean for when flow. So, on April the planning directors put together.

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Heather Wright: analysis to see which of their population areas could qualify as a center. It was the first look at these areas, and they were proposed.

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Heather Wright: With Bremerton, and also the pits of County Hospital and Bainbridge, and the only area that qualifies as a center is when flow.

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Heather Wright: At its current size, the population and job density of one flow is below the minimum activity meant to be clear when I say added size and talking about the entire when flow study area and activity unit is a measure of the number of jobs and population in a geographic area.

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Heather Wright: To qualify as a countywide center center, you have to have a minimum of 10 activity units and candidate centers only have to have five and the entire Winslow area has eight activity units.

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Heather Wright: Bainbridge Island. Could she was just submit a narrow geographic boundary for the purposes of designated Winslow as a company wide center that would meet the 10 activity units per acre.

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Heather Wright: And that boundary does not need to be the same as a suburb area around the boundary. Although differences should be reasonable.

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Heather Wright: And without this revised boundary window would be identified as a candidate countywide center. And so you may ask yourself.

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Heather Wright: Why does this matter if we are designated as a countywide center or not. I imagine you're going to have questions, which is why I have Paul here.

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Heather Wright: But one of the reasons that it matters is the designation as a center may make Wenzel eligible for federal highway administration and Federal Transit Administration monies

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Heather Wright: An example of that has been seeing by the Council and 2020 yes RC administered and approved 270 million dollars in transportation from funding.

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Heather Wright: And some examples of projects that were funded include the sportsman club and new Brooklyn intersection improvements to Madison Avenue sidewalk improvements and the high school road safety improvements.

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Heather Wright: And we've also seen the found two Olympics trial which was also funded. I believe in 2015

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Heather Wright: And so I wanted to make sure that we understood the timeline. So, like many of our legislative item, the timing for completing this update has been impacted by copay

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Heather Wright: Additionally, the directors are interested in changing some of their criteria established by PS RC.

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Heather Wright: I don't want to get into the detail of that. But there was some concern about the minimum size requirement and a definition of walkability and so because of these two items Hoeven and some questioning about the criteria, the

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Heather Wright: The update is not anticipated to happen until sometime mid next year as far as the completion of what's going to be designated as a center or candidates center.

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Heather Wright: We only have two meetings for the directors that that will conclude this year, one of those meetings will be looking at the criteria and choosing a consultant that will hopefully and potentially assist with these efforts.

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Heather Wright: So again for tonight as mayor Snyder mentioned and we're not asking for you all to make any difficult decisions.

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Heather Wright: I am curious and hearing councils interest and designating one flow as a center.

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Heather Wright: And I'd like to know what information that you would like for me what questions you might have for Paul that help guide you in making that decision. And last but not least, I have prepared for you all as a map always helps. I think that the conversation. As I mentioned in the memo.

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Heather Wright: Or a study area which is in the dashed line does not meet the criteria for activity units, but the gray area, which includes our A in our 14 mixed use town center and high school road districts would meet activity units if Council chose to pursue that as a center.

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Heather Wright: And with that, I conclude, the first part of my presentation wanted to open it up for questions or comments.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much, Heather.

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Leslie Schneider: So we've got a couple of

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Leslie Schneider: Questions hands raised here on Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Heather. Well, you know, it's actually nice to have this map here because my question was really geographical, if you will, because it seemed like that. There was a question you were asking as to

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Joe Deets: Do we designate the Winslow master plan area as a candidate country wide center or do we

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Joe Deets: Do the more dense zoning districts as a end designate as a country wide center and Heather. Am I correct that looking at the map right here that we're visually looking at is, is the denser areas that would sort of

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Joe Deets: Outline didn't like red

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Heather Wright: Yes, that's correct, and white, red and gray. That's correct.

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Joe Deets: Okay, so my question to you, Heather is what difference I he gave the indication of why would be good to be a

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Joe Deets: Country wide center. But beyond that, that's clear. But so what if we, it's just listening to that sounds like it would be obvious to go with the denser

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Joe Deets: Geographic area. But what's the downside of doing that is my question.

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Heather Wright: Right. And I, I am not aware of a downside of US designating Winslow as a countywide center.

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Heather Wright: And that's

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Heather Wright: partially why I wanted to call here to be able to explain more of some of the pros and cons potentially have been designated a center the Paul, do you have anything you can add to COUNCILMEMBER deets question about any downside of being designated as a center.

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Paul Ingrham: Yeah. Hi, this is pulling from PSC. Glad to be with you tonight and I i think you're on the right track. I don't think there's really any significant downside to using

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Paul Ingrham: The more the the boundaries that focus more on the denser part of Winslow, I mean, hypothetically,

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Paul Ingrham: You know, there was a desire for some of the funding to support something at the very periphery of the study area. The criteria would be. Does the project support the center

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Paul Ingrham: And so if you had a project on the far periphery. You could have a project outside the center and still say it supports the center

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Paul Ingrham: So it doesn't have to be within the boundaries. But if he had something on the far periphery of the of that area.

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Paul Ingrham: That it might be harder to justify that it's actually supporting this center. So hypothetically, there could be some advantages to having a wider boundary, but I

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Paul Ingrham: Really, there's no it's it's a pretty minimal risk that you're going to have like some big transportation project way off on the east side of of that study area that you have

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Councilmember nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, thank you. Thank you, Director right for the presentation. Thank you, Paul, for being here with us tonight. I would just want to continue

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Rasham Nassar: From council member needs his line of inquiry.

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Rasham Nassar: If we wanted to be a countywide center.

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Rasham Nassar: And we designated the dense area outlined and read

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Rasham Nassar: And from what I heard. Paul say that would have would that have any just want to verify it. Would that have any implications as to the

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Rasham Nassar: The zoning of the island or density allocations population is this just a dream geographical area that we're drawing so that we can be more competitive for funding to satisfy some sort of

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Rasham Nassar: You know criteria.

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Rasham Nassar: That would have otherwise have no other implications in terms of capacity.

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Paul Ingrham: You want me to jump in, Heather.

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Heather Wright: Oh yes please.

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Paul Ingrham: Yeah, sure. I'm

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Paul Ingrham: Not directly. I mean, the purpose of a center isn't just to qualify for funding. It's as

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Paul Ingrham: As Heather talked about. It's a place for cities to plan for where housing and jobs and transit service and other services can all be located.

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Paul Ingrham: In proximity to each other so that there's that benefit of planning for making your investments in the places where people in jobs are going to be. So that's the broad intent, but the city already has dense zoning in this area that you've outlined.

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Paul Ingrham: So there's no direct say that, like if you're a center, then you must have higher zoning in fact that that the area that's been outlined here is zoning that meets the criteria for a center to be a center, as was mentioned.

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Paul Ingrham: Needs least that a minimum level of density that area that's outlined, as I understand, I'm trusting kind of that the data that it's Heather pulled up which from the ground that appears to be the dense part of the city. Right, so

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Paul Ingrham: It that meets that criteria so there wouldn't be like a requirement of further up Zona

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so, but from what I just heard you say though I'm and this is the question for the Council is if we were to submit for the entire window masterplan study area as the county wide center that would have implications with regard to future density and population allocations.

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Paul Ingrham: Well, it wouldn't have it wouldn't directly tied to those allocations, but it would only be a candidate center and to ever get to those that that overall density

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Paul Ingrham: To meet the criteria, then something would have to happen to get the overall density of such a big area. I think it's over 1000 acres to get that density up and you know how that occurred.

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Paul Ingrham: Would be up to you to be able to you know design through your comprehensive plan, what would be the

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Paul Ingrham: Zoning changes that would be appropriate to get that density of to ever make it to beyond a candidate center maybe wouldn't ever need or want to be beyond the candidate center. But if you did, then you would have to increase that density across the entire area.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, but we're talking about county wide center right and and currently that the area that is defined as the winsome masterplan study area does not currently

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Rasham Nassar: qualify as a countywide center, except that I think I heard you say that it does. So I guess I'm just, I'm struggling to understand what the, I mean, without really knowing what the implications are to future

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Rasham Nassar: Zoning decisions and growth and population allocations, which I think the city council's planning to have with regard to number one of our affordable housing.

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Rasham Nassar: Legislation proposals, as well as the Winslow masterplan study area discussions that I think are happening next year. It's hard for me to, I guess I'm just struggling to understand the relevance and the implications behind the decision that we're being kind of asked to make

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Paul Ingrham: Just to clarify, so that area with the red outline the gray shaded area that does meet the criteria, the full study area in the dashed black line does not meet the criteria meets the criteria for candidate but not to be a full countywide center.

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Rasham Nassar: And to meet the criteria for a full countywide center, we would have to opt zone and an entire area.

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Paul Ingrham: Not the entire area, but you would need to do something within your, your comprehensive plan to have zone. Some, some portion of it so that the overall density was increased

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Paul Ingrham: But there are many ways that you can do that as well. But, I mean, I think that's really getting into a hypothetical as to, you know, why you would want to do that, you have an area of your city that meets that criteria.

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Paul Ingrham: There's very little downside for going with that smaller geographic area than having a larger area.

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Paul Ingrham: You already have the zoning in place that supports it.

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Paul Ingrham: So,

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Paul Ingrham: I mean, it's up to the city of course but you have an area within Winslow that meets the criteria for a countywide center.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, if we're not talking about expanding that red area to include the entire Winslow masterplan study area, then I'm inclined to support that dense area that we're seeing.

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Rasham Nassar: Because i don't i from my understanding is that there are no implications it qualifies as such, and hence it would just be retitled as such.

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Rasham Nassar: But

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Rasham Nassar: I'll

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Rasham Nassar: Yep.

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Rasham Nassar: Go ahead, Heather. Sorry.

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Heather Wright: Interrupt excuse me, and I just, I don't think I explained very well the county wide candidate center and what how that would play out.

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Heather Wright: And so I want to just briefly touch that. So if we decided to do the hatch area as a candidate countywide center and

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Heather Wright: Then when we updated our comprehensive plan, we could choose as Paul was saying, we could choose to increase the density outside in certain areas to meet the activity units or we could not

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Heather Wright: But what I understand is that in order for us to become a center in the future, we would have to be designated as a candidate countywide center.

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Heather Wright: So I'm just, I'm just presenting that and that would again be for the full hatched area if that was something that the Council wanted to entertain and as described to do to grey and red outlined area we currently meet the criteria to be a center.

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Leslie Schneider: And maybe if I could jump in a little bit. It sounds like if we had some major planning in place that where we wanted sort of the larger Winslow masterplan study area to be considered in the future because we had planning that was outside the

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Leslie Schneider: The gray. The outlined area.

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Leslie Schneider: To to basically we might want to go for the bigger section because we would have more area, then that would apply to this potential grant funding, but it seems like in our case, there's kind of low likelihood that that's that that outweighs the benefit of just going with a much smaller.

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Leslie Schneider: designated area.

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Heather Wright: Very well, said, Man Yes. That's how I understand it.

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Leslie Schneider: Could we move to another hand up. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Not 100% I'm tracking, but I want to go back. I think probably the Paul and asked whether I understood him to say that we had minimal risk.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Of something like a large project winding up within this zone. I guess my concern was once we start

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: calling ourselves, allowing our any area to be designated a countywide planning area for any purpose, are we are we giving permission for any other jurisdiction or entity to be able to to place anything in our

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, within that area. I'm just, I'm asking to try to ask a very broad question. I'm wondering whether we're starting to hear anything. Are we opening ourselves up to any other jurisdiction to have any authority to say that something can be regionally planned here.

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Paul Ingrham: No, and by projects I was talking about, like, if the city wanted to seek funding for transportation project on and so trying to envision like what types of projects.

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Paul Ingrham: You know, might be applied for in the future and would they support the center. So that's really kind of the key criteria that that PRC uses is, do those projects, support the center

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Paul Ingrham: Now the county also distributes countywide funds not not kids up county as but k RCC distributes countywide funds and they use a similar type of criteria, but it could also be somewhat different. Sorry for getting all this complexity of different layers of government.

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Paul Ingrham: But no, it's, it would not imply that somebody else is going to come in and do a project within your center.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I guess so. Just for Council, you know, I mean, I'm not. I'm not. And we're hearing. Everything is always going to be very reticent to start down any path. It's going to start to roll us into having any

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Higher level position in regional planning as far as, of course, population allocation. I feel very defensive of our position our rural position. We've tried to establish

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Regionally, and so I'm, I'm not ready to jump on the bandwagon yet so I know we're hearing reassurance. This isn't going to bring us any more automatic population allocation, but I'm feeling a little bit wary so

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I have a few questions summer general and then I think I have one sort of complicated one. But it's also general

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Christy Carr: Anyway, is the city required to designate Winslow as either a center or a candidate center.

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Heather Wright: And so that is a good question and I, when I was going through the exercise Winslow was like I mentioned in the

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Heather Wright: It's a county wide planning policies was designated as a town center and that was under vision 2040 and I don't know if that does require us and Paul, do you know if it would require us to choose one or the other because of our previous standing of a town center under vision 2014

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Paul Ingrham: As I understand it, and as I've been tracking the kind of the work on the county wide planning policies to date and of course they're evolving as they get get updated. But no, there's, there's no requirement. The city could

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Paul Ingrham: Ask to have its Town Center designation removed could not apply could decide not to apply to be a countywide center, it would have an impact on its ability to apply for some of those transportation

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Christy Carr: Thank you. And okay so related. It sounded like from what I heard. The only advantage, if you will, for doing that because if the purpose of designating a center is to

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Christy Carr: A place to plan for housing jobs and transportation, we already do that and Winslow, that's what Winslow's all about. So if the

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Christy Carr: The only other reason to designate a center is to be eligible for federal funding. I have two questions. One, I think it was in the staff memo and was said specifically that

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Christy Carr: That that may make Winslow eligible or the city eligible. So I wanted clarification on what that meant by May. And then also, and Paul, you might know this because of your familiarity with

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Christy Carr: Federal funding allocated through PS RC do other funding opportunities become available when you aren't eligible for federal funding.

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Heather Wright: I can respond to them a question. Councilmember card that was if we were a candidate countywide center versus a center.

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Heather Wright: And I had reached out to Mr Ingram specifically to ask that question, and I think that would depend on how many people applied.

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Heather Wright: For the funding and if it would could potentially make us less competitive as a candidate county like center versus being center in Paul, you can correct me on that.

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Paul Ingrham: Well, I think that the question there is, right now that criteria that K RCC uses refers to the town centres. So until the new center designations are updated and then the funding criteria is updated.

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Paul Ingrham: No one can tell you exactly how that funding allocation is going to address the different types of centers that are designated

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Paul Ingrham: So that's why it's a may it's it's a to be determined, as you all as part of care CC rights those policies.

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Christy Carr: Thanks in, did you have any insight at all on potential other opportunities for funding when jurisdictions are sent when centers aren't eligible for federal funding.

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Paul Ingrham: Federal funding is divided up into a number of different kind of primary buckets, there's both the regional allocation and a countywide allocation.

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Paul Ingrham: If it's not supporting

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Paul Ingrham: And most of that funding does

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Paul Ingrham: Go towards projects that support centers. There are some other types, including some of the direct funding towards transit operators and then potentially

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Paul Ingrham: Some of the pedestrian and bicycle type funding. There are some set aside allocations for those in those cases, there tends to also be a priority for those places that are serving designated centers. So again, it gets to kind of what that criteria ends up being

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Paul Ingrham: It. So if it's a designated center. It may score more points as opposed to

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Paul Ingrham: Necessarily being available or not available.

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Christy Carr: Okay.

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Christy Carr: And if you'll just one more question, and hopefully it's not too convoluted, but it's something that's I've always been curious about, and it is somewhat in the context of deciding whether or not Windsor should be a center.

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Christy Carr: In our comp plan. We had a population demand showing that we have a capacity. We had a capacity under current zoning of

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Christy Carr: Just over 1100 residents and then the build of a lands analysis showed that the majority of our are 70%

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Christy Carr: Of our capacity was outside of Winslow, and in our conservation areas. So does that sort of flip flop of where we want our growth and where we have capacity for growth.

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Christy Carr: Should that factor into our decision of whether or not to either designate Winslow as a center at all, or have the larger area as a candidate center or just in general, maybe if either of you have thoughts about that sort of what I've called very technically a flip flop.

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Heather Wright: I don't have Mexican to that I can think more about an immediate answer. Yeah.

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Paul Ingrham: It council member. I guess I would just say, I think you reflected Winslow really it already has a concentration of jobs and housing and services. It functions as a center and so

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Paul Ingrham: What the county wide planning policies are trying to do is to recognize the places that are that way.

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Paul Ingrham: As opposed to trying to impose something on the city is trying to recognize that Winslow has these things it has this density to

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Paul Ingrham: Act as a center and people in your community, treat it as a center people come to it they receive services there. So it's a way of recognizing that these are the centers within our different communities across the kids up County.

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Paul Ingrham: That there's more capacity outside of Winslow, that certainly a broader city planning. Question for you all to contemplate as you update your conference of plan.

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Paul Ingrham: And certainly if the city wanted to go to an approach of kind of essentially

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Paul Ingrham: Reducing density in Winslow and trying to spread growth across the entire island. I mean, that would be hypothetically a way of saying no, we don't really want a center. We want growth to be just kind of peanut butter it across the city.

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Paul Ingrham: So, I mean, if the city wanted to go in a completely different direction than you. Certainly, maybe it wouldn't need to be a center.

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Paul Ingrham: But I'm just reflecting on the work that you've done today as really emphasize Winslow being in a very livable walkable center of services and people in jobs.

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Christy Carr: Yeah. And please, I don't want my question to

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Christy Carr: For anyone to think that I want to start dispersing our growth across the island. I'm very much in favor of centers and our and our land use strategy that's articulated in the Comprehensive Plan by

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Paul Ingrham: My apologies for

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Paul Ingrham: Creating a distorted perception like that.

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Leslie Schneider: Heather did

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Leslie Schneider: You were giving us a pause, and we really took that and ran with it. Did you have more that you needed us to go through, or is this sort of at the end.

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Heather Wright: Um, so this is the end of the center's and then I was just going to give a brief update on what we've done with a PRS RC vision 2020 plan and just present the OFM numbers that we've received the population projections on the island.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. So just as a time check folks for any comments that you might have for Heather after this, we're probably about 45 minutes behind right now. Okay.

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Heather Wright: I can be really quick. If you'd like me to proceed to the next part. Okay, thank you. Um, so as I mentioned in this is the, the other memo included in your packet

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Heather Wright: I first came to you all. In August of last year and introduced vision 2050 and then in November. You all received or some of you received not our new Council members.

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Heather Wright: The exercise that was held by our elected that the key RCC retreat. And that was the first exercise that that had happened on between the high capacity transit communities that I spoke of earlier as far as what the population projection

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Heather Wright: And how much population that Bainbridge Island may absorb and at that time there was some consensus that was formed. And I just wanted to let you know that we haven't had any further conversations

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Heather Wright: As a group, but to remind you, it was generally accepted that out of that 34,000 that Bainbridge Island may absorb potentially 4500

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Heather Wright: And so I provided you all a memo and I just wanted to update the memo that I'd given to you all. Before that slightly changed because we have some new numbers we received

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Heather Wright: Excuse me, that the 2017 our backup. The 2017 comprehensive plan projects of population growth of 28,616 by 2034 2034 excuse me, and that equates to about 4780 year resonance and I just wanted to inform council that

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Heather Wright: We received from the state, but the actual growth that we've experienced in the city, maybe 20 years of 2015 and 2020 is 1630 residents. So if we were

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Heather Wright: To subtract that from the 4500 year anticipated to absorb

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Heather Wright: From the amount that we are now are up to date by OFM and the amount that we may have to plan for and our next comp plan update. It's actually

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Heather Wright: Smaller than the memo that I provided you all in November, it's closer to 280 resident. So, it's a smaller amount. And just to remind you, you all have asked for these updates.

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Heather Wright: As I said in the earlier slides that the the directors are going to be meeting in September, November.

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Heather Wright: There may they may be starting some of those conversations again and I'm committed to providing you all updates as they occur. And we won't be doing any further decisions, of course, until we do our comp plan after you in 2024

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Heather Wright: And that concludes my presentation this evening. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much header. My juicy. A couple hands up. So COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, so how about some awareness are

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Rasham Nassar: You. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: And thank you again planning director right

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Rasham Nassar: I'm going back to that figure that's really that's interesting to hear because I think I was running off a figure that was closer to 680 or so on top of the 2036 number so it's it's interesting, interesting to see that it's actually fewer than that.

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Rasham Nassar: It would be helpful, along with with these materials, if in the future. And when we talk about any potential or any land use policy.

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Rasham Nassar: Decision that maybe before the Council specifically related to changes in zoning that we have that number on hand. I know sometimes these figures get lost and agenda materials and I usually go back and have to hunt for them or I'll Thumbtack it to my wall.

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Rasham Nassar: But I think it's important to keep that number in mind when we're talking about Bainbridge Island capacity and the requirement in terms of the population from the, from the state that we are

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Rasham Nassar: Expected to meet in order to be consistent or compliant with the breath Management Act. And then on top of that.

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Rasham Nassar: And I I've asked this question. So many times, but I'm going to ask it again and ask for your confirmation

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Rasham Nassar: That number two at at when we say that we may have to accommodate for that, um, to what extent do we need to accommodate for that. In other words, to what extent do the

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Rasham Nassar: Density the policies that we have on the books that allow for density increases over underlying zoning contribute to that, for example, at us. I understand or not a factor of consideration.

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Rasham Nassar: In the, what is it, the report that you're talking about.

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Rasham Nassar: About the the buildable LAND. LAND plan from the county. Right. So when we're talking about zoning. We don't add in all of the layers of density programs and policies that exist on the books so so it could be the case that

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Rasham Nassar: We don't have to change our zoning. Correct. It could be the case that we accommodate those 280 residents through an eight a robust edu program or through our

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Rasham Nassar: What are we talking about the bonus far as density incentive programs specifically for affordable housing.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm system, making a whole bunch of assumptions here and I would like your clarification on that. And then I would like and hopefully my colleagues would agree.

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Rasham Nassar: That when we discuss these figures that we have that clarification also attached great

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Heather Wright: Thank you for asking. And I will. I just want to pull up this graphic again to kind of help frame it because this has been really helpful for me. So if vision.

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Heather Wright: Is requiring that high capacity transit communities to absorb a certain amount of projected growth and then we will be planning for that growth.

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Heather Wright: What we're seeing right now is that we can accomplish that with our current zoning and that to meet the

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Heather Wright: Vision that are 2036 comprehensive plan is only shy of less than 300 of a population. So, um,

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Heather Wright: I want to also say that vision 2050 is updated every 10 years. So what we may be needing to do and the next comprehensive plan update after the

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Heather Wright: 2024 to meet the next comp plan and we may be informed by that which could require a change because things are always changing with population and how much that you are asked to anticipate

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Heather Wright: But I will say that the numbers that we have right now support from my understanding that we are not going to me to increase our density to

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Heather Wright: Demonstrate that we can support the growth that we're honored to have by 2058 if we are designated as an HTTP I

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Heather Wright: That appears to be clear to me because the number that we're finding to figure right now. This is relatively low

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Heather Wright: And this is my first time going through this process. So I will admit to this council that I'm also very new and I'm learning along the way. And we do have

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Heather Wright: Our staff Jennifer Sutton is very experienced and has been through this process and understand the intricacies of how we have to meet the PS RC requirements.

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Heather Wright: And the kids up County Planning policy requirements for the path that we're on right now indicates all points to me that we will not have to increase our capacity of zoning to meet the growth allocations.

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Leslie Schneider: Great. Thank you, Heather. I'm helping my car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Christy Carr: Director I. Thanks for that clarification, I would tend to agree with you. And I think it could be helpful to

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Christy Carr: Can refer back to that table in our current comprehensive plan where it does show our 2036 forecast.

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Christy Carr: Where we had a surplus essentially of capacity of nearly 1200 residents. And so if we're looking at what we now need to achieve to

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Christy Carr: It may be that we've already planned where our current zoning because that surplus is based on our current zoning.

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Christy Carr: So it may be helpful to bring back those figures to us so that we can see it in the context of we can already absorb even that 280 and I don't know the exact math, but it seems that

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Christy Carr: Even with our recent population growth in the last five years, we're still our current zoning still allows for the capacity that we would be required to allocate or plan for through

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Christy Carr: So I found that table really helpful and if we can return to it with these new applications that might be helpful for the rest of the Council as well.

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Heather Wright: Great. I will bring those in the next time I present to the Council, thank you. Thanks. You're welcome.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, Heather. Thank you so very much.

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Leslie Schneider: I personally had a little break through on my understanding of this. So I appreciate it.

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Leslie Schneider: I think we

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Leslie Schneider: We can move on. Now I want to do a quick check in on whether we want a five minute break now or after the next session. Looks like there's at least one vote for right now.

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Leslie Schneider: Um,

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Leslie Schneider: No, we don't want to vote, we don't want to break

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Leslie Schneider: Alright. So, looks like we've got more people wanting to just kind of keep rolling here.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER in this. Are you okay with that or

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, well, maybe you're taking your money.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, we will we will move on to item seven d and this is resolution number 2020 dash 13 updating the city's Code of Conduct and Ethics program.

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Leslie Schneider: So we had asked previously to have the, the resolution. Come back to us with the with the changes that we've already

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Leslie Schneider: Talked about, and so what I'm hoping that we can get through this in about 10 minutes which is what's on paper here.

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Leslie Schneider: So that we can start to get back on track, because we are we are getting a little bit late in our program.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright so COUNCILMEMBER high topless. Are you going to lead us off on this one.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Hopefully there's not much to do. We've, we've discussed this. I think we were just hoping for a clean copy come back.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We, I think we all have acknowledged, we've done our best here to to get us in the best shape we can and acknowledge that we need to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To do some work on revising the code of conduct and probably the process associated with it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the future, but what we've accomplished here is pulling the is pulling Article one, the Code of Conduct away from the ethics complaint and clarifying that a code of conduct complaint is not an ethics complaint.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And creating two distinct processes, even though we remain in the same program, so to speak, and hopefully we have a clean program. It's a cleaned up version in front of us, that we can approve tonight.

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Leslie Schneider: Awesome. And Robbie, I see you now. And is there anything that you would like to add

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Robbie Sepler: The only thing that I would add to COUNCILMEMBER hypothesis description is just to reiterate, what's in the cover page already

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Robbie Sepler: Is that the only additional change to it. In addition, beyond just changing the number page numbers and cross references.

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Robbie Sepler: Is based on the last Council discussion, the sunset provision was changed to instead provide for an annual review by the city council.

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Robbie Sepler: Following receipt of the annual report from the ethics board. That's the only new language, the Council hasn't reviewed and so just calling attention to that. But otherwise, happy to answer any questions, the Council may have

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you very much on Deputy Mayor deets. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: I moved forward resolution 20 2013 for approval with the August 11 2020 consent agenda.

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Leslie Schneider: I'll give that one to COUNCILMEMBER high topless. The second

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Leslie Schneider: Any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously, I think we'd be better than 10 minutes

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Leslie Schneider: And Robbie. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car, did you want to

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Christy Carr: I just had a question about follow up steps in terms of where we are with the ethics board. And what this means in terms of having

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Christy Carr: An ethics board and people able to submit ethics complaints. Now, I think we had a comment in terms of the they can submit them, but they didn't go anywhere, but do we have a timeframe. Now that we've completed this work to when will have an operational ethics Gordian

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Leslie Schneider: Right, so we have

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Leslie Schneider: A whole bunch of a whole slew of advisory committee applications and that application timeframe is closing in on July 31

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Leslie Schneider: And so we are right now looking to schedule interviews and there's just a whole ton of them so

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Leslie Schneider: But in any case, my understanding is that we're going to work hard to make sure that they have had a to touch by the end of August, and therefore they would be able to start as a working

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Leslie Schneider: Committee in September. If there's any difference in my understanding of that city manager or anyone please please jump in.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Um, so let's move on to item seven, he. This is recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Economic recovery and my name is first there. But that's misleading because Deputy Mayor deets is going to lead us off on that and then COUNCILMEMBER Medina, who is not here also contributed

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Leslie Schneider: But

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deets. I believe this is basically your proposal.

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Joe Deets: Well, not just mine thank THANK YOU MAYOR AND Thank you colleagues for listening to this. Well, in recognition of the extreme hardship incurred by local businesses do the covered and 19 pandemic.

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Joe Deets: Us on Council created an ad hoc committee to develop an economic recovery plan for Bainbridge Island.

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Joe Deets: Ad Hoc Committee members were myself mayor Snyder and COUNCILMEMBER medium Medina speaking for myself I how I went about this is I did a lot of research dusted off my MBA, if you will.

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Joe Deets: Tend to a lot of webinars spoke to a lot of folks on the island off island and together with my colleagues, we came up with a set of action items, you could say, kind of a

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Joe Deets: If you look at the plan. It's kind of a top 10 list of actions that the city can take that would help stem the immediate crisis and also instill the degree of needed resiliency in the local economy.

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Joe Deets: A couple things I'd like you to keep in mind when you're looking at this and discussing this is first and foremost, it is a living document.

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Joe Deets: But that I mean if there's nothing else that we've learned about Kevin is that issues relating to medical economic and behavioral issues are continually evolving, if not on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

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Joe Deets: We're just going to see continual change, we've learned so much so far and no doubt that's going to continue. So having so it's what you see is kind of a snapshot in time.

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Joe Deets: As of July 28 today. Having said that, there are some particular action items that I'd like you to seriously consider adopting because there's I've seen a consistent pattern of

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Joe Deets: Activities that seem to work, such as digitalization and e commerce businesses that have those capacities have fared better by and large.

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Joe Deets: Let's see. Other things to keep in mind funding is very limited limited. This is unfortunately a zero sum game. We do not have a lot of money.

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Joe Deets: So it is the view of the ad hoc committee that we try and support as many businesses as possible.

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Joe Deets: And then also we. It is very much the opinion to the ad hoc committee that we have, wherever possible, an equity lens that his

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Joe Deets: Decisions made if there's any kind of scoring process that an additional scoring goes to businesses owned by historically marginalized people

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Joe Deets: And lastly, because I want to hear from you is that I have a number of motions put together. I'll just say there's a lot of them is kind of a shotgun approach.

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Joe Deets: Let's just say for tonight's conversation if there's some things that you would say, Yes, I'm ready to vote up and down on tonight.

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Joe Deets: There's some things that I, I'd like us to have a more depth conversation down the road and maybe there's some things you say, well, we're just not really

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Joe Deets: All that interested. So with that, I think I'm within my three minutes. I didn't see I was getting timed. So I look forward to the discussion in any questions. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much. Okay, let's

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Leslie Schneider: Dig in. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So first, first of all, I think we should definitely be clear that when someone's giving a presentation leading leading a discussion like this, we should be easy on the three minutes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so, but I want to ask a couple questions. So one question is going to be just sort of like

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So who participated in the if you could help me understand who participated in the, the committee, like maybe they came and went, who helped make these decisions. And that's something that I'm going to want to know.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that's just my initial question and I really wanted to chime right in. When you cut yourself off and say, Please help. I want a lot of information to help understand the recommendation, so please don't cut yourself off as the leader in this case with a three minutes.

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Joe Deets: All right, I'm happy to talk. Believe me, I this is this is probably one of the most important things. I think I've done on Council so

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Joe Deets: Let's just say we are in a crisis and the house is on fire, lot of businesses are severely struggling businesses that you would say all my god I'd hate to see that business go under. Well, there's a lot of them at risk. So

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Joe Deets: I think this is absolutely essential work, in my opinion, so

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Joe Deets: Counselor hot topless you're asking, Who did we talk to. Well, a lot of it. Okay, I did talk to the Chamber, I did talk to the downtown Association. I did talk to sell daily Rosa.

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Joe Deets: Despite what he said he was very much involved. He got a copy of the plan, the same time council members did so, as did Bonnie mcbrine

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Joe Deets: So there was full transparency, full disclosure, I asked folks. Please give me feedback and I'm still asking for that. We got some of that tonight.

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Joe Deets: We had there was a zoom meeting that was put on by the chamber and downtown association that had I think about 25 businesses just sort of not so much talking about the plan because my mind, you know, and really saw the plan until it got issued. I mean, I mean, there was some drafts, but

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Joe Deets: It was this is the time to look at it, talk about it. Well, why is this in there. What was your criteria. So if you're asking, Who did I talked to, um,

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Joe Deets: I did a lot of research. I mean, I'm off island tons of zoom meetings, what what what is working, what is not working as far as economic recovery. I'm not trying to avoid the question, but I'm just trying to make sure I'm answering it.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Um, how about we move to COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Christy Carr: Thanks to COUNCILMEMBER Dietz, and others who worked on this I share your sense of importance and urgency on this issue.

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Christy Carr: COUNCILMEMBER deets asked that I read this carefully and so I did. So I have a number of questions and comments and I'll just run through them and you don't have to answer them all and perhaps they'll come up with other people's questions or comments.

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Christy Carr: I think just

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Christy Carr: A couple of two main points is that I think that in terms of the recommendations. They could be simplified. I think that it is a min. It is a small amount of money.

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Christy Carr: And so maybe fewer larger pots would make more sense because I have some concern about administration and implementation of this and I'm not sure who owns this plan or who is implementing it. If it's us if it's the ad hoc committee if its staff.

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Christy Carr: So that those are my two sort of broad comments.

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Christy Carr: I am also, I like to save our stores campaign, but I, I have a little bit of a challenge when we prescriptive Lee encourage people to spend a certain amount of money.

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Christy Carr: \$100 of non non grocery money a month for a household could be out of reach for many people, and I wouldn't want the otherwise go local by local campaign to get caught up in that kind of pressure peer pressure, if you will.

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Christy Carr: I think that business needs survey, it's not it's not timely, it's not urgent. It's not going to get done. I don't know who would create it. Who decides what to do with the information

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Christy Carr: And

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Christy Carr: Regulatory relief is too broad. I don't want to have a discussion at Council just talking about all the business folks proudly accurate problems with regulations. I think parking or sidewalk use is something that we could focus on that is a regulation or a place where the city could

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Christy Carr: Make some decisions for business owners that could help them, but I know that there's not concurrence in the business community about that.

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Christy Carr: The code and management program.

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Christy Carr: I don't know consultants who have expertise in coven management and I don't know how quickly we could get someone on board to do that. I think there are a lot of existing guidelines, you could summon your packet from the stale and I and the retail Association plan.

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Christy Carr: I might be more inclined just to offer funding to businesses for hard costs for managing the code response.

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Christy Carr: And I don't actually understand the digital digitization and e commerce support. I kind of got lost. But I saw that it was a request from I think Vita, and perhaps the chamber. So, I presume, there's value there.

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Christy Carr: But, uh, so those are just my

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Christy Carr: My overall comments. I would agree with the \$5,000 kind of reimbursement of Vitas hard costs to date.

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Christy Carr: And then another question I had was there's \$30,000 left if your math adds up. And we had talked about potentially allocating some funds to parks and I think your ad hoc committee was going to report back on to

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Christy Carr: Whether or not they needed it wanted it or how much was would give them. So thanks. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. I'm happy to dive into that all good comments and and let me just say this is I'm really looking forward to this conversation. And thank you, Christy for looking at this very closely.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. So as far as implementation. You know, I think we could break it down and and look at, let's say like digitalization

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Joe Deets: That that is a consistent theme that I I have found that nationally and locally businesses that had a stronger digitalization. Now what is that that is

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Joe Deets: Online Sales. That is just a more structured, you can go on line and and see the business that they're very active on their branding. The fact is that businesses that have this have fared better under covered and

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Joe Deets: I think the purpose of what we're trying to do. I I begged to my colleagues to consider is not just, let's just get through this immediate crisis and, you know, the SOS campaign. I'm totally in favor of but we need to set ourselves up for long term survival.

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Joe Deets: Business, if you talk to businesses, a lot of them. Not sure if they're going to last the year and I'm just saying there is

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Joe Deets: An avenue that shows consistent success for at least for a large swath of businesses. So how that can work out. Let me just say I because there's a number of items if if you are interested, say, Joe.

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Joe Deets: Tell me more. Come back with a more concrete proposal, I will do that. And, but what I want to just emphasize that this is something that digitalization has been shown to be effective.

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Joe Deets: And let's just say it is a long term trend. But even if I covered it was here. If you read my paper. This is, this is something that was happening anyway. So it's just been accelerated due to cover. So let me see.

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Joe Deets: Yes. See, so. So you like. I like the SOS

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Joe Deets: In \$100 issue. You know, we don't have to do that but it but my new Lisa sometimes be placeholders of things that maybe we can implement down the road.

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Joe Deets: Business needs survey. Why do we need a business seed survey is because our art to exactly the question that COUNCILMEMBER hi topless. Who did we talked to, we talked to maybe

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Joe Deets: vocally I don't know 20 people, how many businesses are there on Bainbridge hundreds. How many people live on Bainbridge thousands. Wouldn't it be nice to hear what all these folks.

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Joe Deets: Have to say, wouldn't it be nice that we listened to some folks who just don't come forward, unless we make make it convenient to have them, give them a voice.

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Joe Deets: I think the business survey would be very, very helpful if nothing you could say, confirming what we already know, but

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Joe Deets: How you know so often folks we listen to the same voices and I'm, what I'm saying is it's time I mean even Saudi a roasted said don't rubber stamp this

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Joe Deets: Don't talk to the same people want. This is exactly that response is, let's not listen to the same people, if you will. Let's broaden the the conversation.

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Joe Deets: I think this was very worthwhile of the information I have gotten that was most valuable was high quality data that on a national level. So I see this is exceptionally valuable, but that's just my voice.

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Joe Deets: Regulatory really really thought we already have some ideas about that. And if you look at what postponed is doing and what Seattle is doing.

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Joe Deets: Again, this comes out in the business needs survey, are there things that we are not aware of that. The city is getting in the way off.

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Joe Deets: I don't know. Let's find out. I mean, sometimes doing nothing or getting out of the way, is a good solution again the business seat survey can can find that out.

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Joe Deets: Parking yes I think we need to start cracking that parking that because if we're just going to start opening up Winslow away in any way with regulatory relief.

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Joe Deets: Like letting businesses starting using parking spaces, then it's on us the city council to find some parking solution. So I certainly agree with that. Um, I don't know my missing. I think probably

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Leslie Schneider: Well, maybe we can. I'm thinking that maybe I could let the city manager jump in. Jump in line to offer some suggestions and then come COUNCILMEMBER head topless. You okay with that or would you like to throw something out there that the city manager might also want to respond to

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Leslie Schneider: Okay city manager.

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Morgan Smith: I just heard a couple of concepts in the remarks about implementation and administration and

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Morgan Smith: I just wanted to add sort of some perspective from my end to maybe make sure that this conversation moves forward in a way that we can track what our next steps might be

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Morgan Smith: For starters, I kind of took the eight recommendations that COUNCILMEMBER deets put on the table for counseled respond to you specifically tonight into two buckets.

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Morgan Smith: Number 134 or five and eight are basically five different what I would say are somewhat tactical spending suggestions. One of those is pretty specific. And that's to provide reimbursement to buy it for \$5,000 worth of hard costs, but the other four are essentially new program development.

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Morgan Smith: And one point I want to make is that Council may be setting up an unsolvable scenario by portraying to ourselves in this discussion or to the community that the source of that should be cares funding.

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Morgan Smith: Because I don't know that any of these would actually be cares eligible number one.

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Morgan Smith: And number two, in order to be cares eligible the funds would have to be expanded in 60 days and I just think that if we if the city is going to have any role in that.

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Morgan Smith: And or do any sort of due diligence and new program development across four different projects that's just not a realistic target.

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Morgan Smith: So a different suggestion I would have is that council. Look at this package as a first discussion or

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Morgan Smith: However you want to frame it about some economic development support and activities that you want to take on

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Morgan Smith: And that you think of that as being a new general fund expenditure that you're beginning to think around and that it then not be tied to cares funding and so you remove yourself from the constraint about that eligibility.

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Morgan Smith: And it's also they're not tied to a 60 day timing requirement and instead the city.

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Morgan Smith: Which has an excess of eligible expenses would go ahead and in the next 60 days file. The remainder all of the eligible expenses we have

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Morgan Smith: In order to clear the allocation and receive the full 730 \$6,000

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Morgan Smith: So the net impact on the budget would remain the same, but I just know that because the emotions are written as if these would be cares funding activities that I just think that

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Morgan Smith: You are setting up a level complexity and a timing expectation that is unnecessary and perhaps a realistic. So that's just like a technical observation, but I think it's an important one.

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Morgan Smith: Especially because the motions are written that way. And also, so the community can more clearly understand whether these will be

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Morgan Smith: The underlying support will be cares funds or not. The second thing I wanted to address is there was a request for some clarification on what the Park District's

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Morgan Smith: eligible expenses might be they've provided a first estimate to me and I share that with council member needs.

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Morgan Smith: And right now, they're all parking that by September 30 which is the timeframe. They estimate they may have something on the order of \$90,000 worth of eligible expenses.

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Morgan Smith: If the Council wanted to consider those my recommendation for process would be that they come and formally present that request to the city council and you formally either accepted or rejected so that there's some clarity around that.

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Morgan Smith: And we can either schedule that or not. But that's, I think, how that would move forward if you are so inclined.

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Morgan Smith: And then just my last kind of, I guess.

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Morgan Smith: Process observation is again and I think COUNCILMEMBER car referred to this, the idea of

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Morgan Smith: Of developing and building and implementing you know these four new programs will have a certain amount of overhead. If the expectation is that we're going to somehow do that in house at the city.

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Morgan Smith: Versus if we can identify a partner out in the world who does this work and is available and we feel comfortable providing

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Morgan Smith: Public funds towards so we don't. This isn't work that we have relationship existing relationships with vendors for

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Morgan Smith: So I think we need to again be mindful of what the startup might look like. And the trade off between finding someone who does this work already. And the time it takes to do that versus trying to build new programs in house and problem solve for that way.

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Morgan Smith: So that's five of the eight. The other three are really policy questions that are policy discussions that have been proposed, the one around regulatory relief. The one around or improved Internet access and the one around downtown parking

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Morgan Smith: For at least two of those Internet access and downtown parking. There's been previous work and discussion.

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Morgan Smith: And if Council wanted to pick up those projects. Again, I would want you to have the benefit of some previous you know background on the previous work that's been done.

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Morgan Smith: For regulatory relief. I think it might be beneficial to hear a little more explicitly what's envisioned by that because I think if it's something very specific like sidewalk use. We can have a targeted discussion around that.

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Morgan Smith: Council can express clearly what it is you're interested in moving towards and the community can clearly respond to that. So those are my comments.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much. Councilmember I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Before I can make my comments. I just need clarity on two things. So Morgan, just to understand. Are you saying these funds have to be spent in 60 days from now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yes. And just to be clear.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I guess you or Joe or any maybe more can answer this direct grants to business owners are possible.

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Morgan Smith: They're possible. I'll let Joe and his detail, but just the programs that are up and running it Keita at the county level.

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Morgan Smith: Are available for people to apply to now, but even in those cases, it's not just the application that has to be completed in this timeframe.

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Morgan Smith: It has to be used for expenses you can demonstrate in that time frame. So you can't just finish your application by September 30, you have to be applying for uses that fall within that timeframe.

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Morgan Smith: Well, so again, it's really important to kind of take ourselves outside of that constraint, because we have the bad news. Good news is we have a surfeit of eligible expenses that we can submit floor, but to not try to fit this into that box.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, so what my comments would be, and there's we're really in a box. Right. I mean, so what I wanted to say was that in an ideal world, I would like us to to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'd like us to get money in the hands of businesses, I'd like us to ask the businesses what they could use I'd like us to use professionals to the extent we can to understand this we have very little time.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I like the idea of the survey. I don't know that we have time to use a survey or do much of anything. So with what we have left to do.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I you know I can support the idea of getting the word out to encourage people to shop to spend as much discretionary spending locally as possible. I actually don't mind a target.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm not too worried about if people can't spend it. They won't spend it. I don't, I don't have a problem with the target but you know that's minor. And I think it's okay just to throw the money at that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, if we can pull off a decent professional survey as to what we can do to help our the our local businesses here in the US, that's broadly defined during this crisis.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: During and expand that during this 60 days and get that done.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We as Morgan alluded earlier. We don't know what this is going to look like and how much longer. This is going to go. So that may be something that we can actually use

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the coming year or beyond so maybe that could be tailored in a way that it could be used in the coming year or beyond. And if that could be done.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then maybe we're going to need to go ahead and use it. We're going to have. I was going to say no, I don't want to give the 90,002 parks, because I'd rather get the money somehow in the hands and helping our businesses.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because parks is a big publicly funded entity that can get through this easier. But if we've got to get this money out and get it working for our community and they can and we wind up

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, we can help them because they can produce the invoices, or the spending or whatever, then maybe that needs to be in our back pocket. So we get this money out working for the community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But those are my thoughts. I'm trying to think if there were any I'm looking at like three minutes because now I'm trying to get done like a public a member of the public.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I have to say I just really and we don't have time anyway in the 60 days, but I really didn't want it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I didn't want to hire the consultants. I'm sorry for the for the getting us getting businesses online and doing the the code related management that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I was just seeing a lot of money going out at about 170,000, you know, adding up to \$170,000 that I just really wanted to see us somehow getting more directly in the pockets of the businesses.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I think that that's a really tried to take a good look at this, Joe, I hope I got you some decent

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Feedback.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I'm really drawn by the 60 days.

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Joe Deets: Oh, okay. That's it. Okay. Um, I don't see any other hands up.

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Morgan Smith: Again, just make sure this is clear. If we take the approach. I'm suggesting you wouldn't be hamstrung by 60 days we would use the city's eligible expenses to acquire

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Morgan Smith: An additional 200,000 more than we were anticipating of claiming for the city and all of these projects that you're discussing now could go forward on any timeline, because they will be funded stuff in a different way.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay. Well, I mean,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So then I just, I guess my comments remain the same about I don't feel that we should be involved in that. I don't support the coven and the coven manager.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or the getting businesses online. What I would then say I do like the idea of us moving forward and figure out what do businesses want from us.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I hope that we are taking a very broad approach the definition of businesses. It's not just our retail establishment. Now I'm a small business owner

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, where a lot of us are, you know, all across the island and not in a brick and mortar store downstairs, a downtown. I mean, I do have an office downtown, but I'm not a store.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, you know, we're all across the island and and and I just hope that we're going to do brought outreach and figure out what businesses across the island need

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I hope my feedback was helpful and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I guess that's it and hope more of us have something to say.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, thank you. Joey okay if I jump in for

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Joe Deets: A second Oh, go ahead. No, please.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so I wanted to comment on the on the Save Our stores SOS campaign, there's a sort of there's in that second paragraph, there's reference to

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Leslie Schneider: To for donations to benefit the the businesses in need and where that's coming from is this idea of, I don't know if you're familiar with Patreon. COM. It's a way of sort of supporting primarily artists and and performers and

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Leslie Schneider: You know, a lot of online people you kind of leave them tips and you can create recurring donations and so forth. So, it occurred to me that

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Leslie Schneider: In addition to just asking residents to spend \$100 downtown on a regular basis. There are some residents on Bainbridge Island, who could probably afford to just set up recurring donations

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Leslie Schneider: Small recurring donations of maybe for businesses at \$25 a month or something like that. And then that would be

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Leslie Schneider: That would be actual

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Leslie Schneider: Grant, so to speak, and if you know if 100 people gave \$25 to any given store, you know, that could potentially cover rent on an ongoing basis. And we thought that we might have

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Leslie Schneider: So in the listening session that that that counts the Deputy Mayor Dixon, I participated in probably the big moment was

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Leslie Schneider: More ice cream OWNER. ON A who's just saying, you know, look, we might not make it, you know, six months down the line. We might not be here and we just don't want you to feel sad. Six months later and wish that you could have done something so that's why we're saying something now.

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Leslie Schneider: And so, you know, you could probably help more of by buying gift certificates, you could help more by

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Leslie Schneider: Going online, they have an e commerce site, and you could order ice cream and send it to your cousins in New York or or whatever.

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Leslie Schneider: But there might be you know 50 or 100 people who would be willing to, you know, give

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Leslie Schneider: A recurring donation. And so, you know, I just wanted to throw out the idea that it's almost like I

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Leslie Schneider: Wouldn't I'm not proposing technically a matching fund but engaging this marketing campaign to save our stores to really promote the concept that I'm that you too can help these businesses and, you know, not this not just by buying a gift certificate here there. So thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: I see.

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Leslie Schneider: More hands up.

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Joe Deets: If you don't mind, I'm sorry, Russia and I'll just let because there was some things that I wanted to respond to and I do want to, I want to hear you. And I want to hear from Michael So you guys aren't getting out of here without speaking. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Very quickly I like Morgan's idea to

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Joe Deets: Just say bias some time because some of these yeah I threw a lot at you guys. So I get that and and so I'm I really appreciate the, the critical comments.

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Joe Deets: Trust me, so I think

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Joe Deets: Using some of the city's needs for funds for cares and then freeing up some general funds can essentially by have some time and and basically some things that I i think that just very quickly.

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Joe Deets: On the fly here that we could say, hey, that sounds good that we could do would be the SOS campaign. The saver stores campaign.

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Joe Deets: A survey, let's get going on that because there's no sense of saying we're going to do a survey someday. Okay, I think we need to say to the start thinking about the seriously.

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Joe Deets: My need to repay the downtown Association for expenses, they incurred hard costs things about regulatory relief well in some ways we've already started that with

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Joe Deets: An application and maybe I can let the city manager discuss that. And also the covered management plan.

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Joe Deets: There's a lot of details. I haven't given you guys. Um. There's an organization called impact Washington that

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Joe Deets: directly supports manufacturers in Washington state and who's a manufacturer, it's it's any company any business that does any value added to a product

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Joe Deets: You know, it could be a restaurant that sells their own pasta sauce. You're a manufacturer and it's it's it's an amazing organization and they do some very good cover

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Joe Deets: Management advice. And it just so happens there's two organizations wanting more up the other being pack Westie. I don't think they might be mentioned in this that there as we speak in direct conversations with

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Joe Deets: Impact Washington for covered relief. So I'm just saying this is something that just is just come up so

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Joe Deets: We can, I think, work with impact Washington for at least those businesses that have their sort of a value added part where they can be considered a manufacturer

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Joe Deets: The long term policy issues. The Internet access and the parking. I'm just asking. Let's bring that back to the table. Both of these

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Joe Deets: These are identified as real issues. And let's not just say is too difficult. I mean this, if we want resiliency in our community. We want resilience and

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Joe Deets: Why do we want to internet access. It's not just for businesses to work from home is so kids can take online lessons which by the way the school district has announced today. There's no going back to school in the fall. So

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Joe Deets: Internet access. I'm just saying is a high priority, in my view, so

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Joe Deets: I'll leave that at that and I answer any more questions. Oh, and COUNCILMEMBER as hard. You had your hand was up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, thanks. Um, first of all, I just want to thank you and Mayor Snyder and counselor Medina, though he's not here for putting this together.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm just reading it through. I can tell the amount of time and effort and energy that you put into this

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Rasham Nassar: And quite frankly, even though there. There are a number of items. So the funding is pretty widely dispersed. I'm grateful that you presented sort of what appears to be a shopping list.

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Rasham Nassar: Of all the different ways that the city could potentially allocate funding towards specific or different types of needs or services or programs that would

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Rasham Nassar: provide assistance.

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Rasham Nassar: To our local business community, and I

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Rasham Nassar: quickly run through my list. I, I support the save our stores campaign.

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Rasham Nassar: I think that I mean in so much as a city should be involved in that.

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Rasham Nassar: I would not be comfortable with \$100 a month.

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Rasham Nassar: Notion

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Rasham Nassar: And I agree with COUNCILMEMBER cars comments on that.

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Rasham Nassar: I just think it it's, it could be off putting two members in our community that just simply cannot afford to spend that and I wouldn't want the city to be behind a message.

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Rasham Nassar: That could appear to be discriminatory or insensitive to those that are also significantly suffering financially or struggling to maintain their housing or had that have lost their employment.

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Rasham Nassar: Again, I think just to keep in mind that this is far reaching and has impact to every member of our community that we ought to just remove that if the city is going to be putting some money towards that marketing campaign.

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Rasham Nassar: I, the Council mayor Snyder's idea about the donations. I think that I would just be happy to let the businesses leave that up to the businesses. I think that if a city were to just put in funding behind this and allow the businesses, the flexibility to kind of

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Rasham Nassar: You know, contribute their thoughts and ideas to the Chamber of Commerce and downtown association as to what the messaging could be I'm uncomfortable with that and

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Rasham Nassar: I am. I'm not quite sold on the business needs survey. One of the things that I wanted to ask of COUNCILMEMBER deeds or mayor Snyder, though, is relates to how far

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Rasham Nassar: The how far the impacts of providing funding to our local business community.

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Rasham Nassar: Have the potential to be meaning if this if a survey would help answer that question, the question in my mind, which is if we were to front funding to local businesses at this point in time knowing now that the

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Rasham Nassar: The consequences of the pandemic are likely going to exist in well into the future, six months in the least perhaps beyond

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Rasham Nassar: What, you know what, how do we kind of adapt and modify this plan is you previously stated council member D needs to make sure that

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Rasham Nassar: Every level every dollar out of the city awards the local business is really going to ensure that that business indoors, not just the next month or the month after that but that it receives a long term benefit not just a short term.

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Rasham Nassar: Benefits. So if, if the business needs survey could kind of address that more broader question, I might be inclined to support it, it would help answer questions. Anyways,

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Rasham Nassar: That relate to, you know, where really are we heading and how feasible is it to support local businesses. At this time if by November, if that funding runs out by November, they have to close their doors.

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Rasham Nassar: I absolutely agree that we should reimburse Vida for the amount of money they put into coven 19 to date. So I would be happy to make that motion. Tonight, pass it.

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Rasham Nassar: And then my, my favorite part about your proposal actually was the regulatory relief and I'll say why it's not just related to code that we've heard cries or calls. I'll call them from the community to make our downtown area more non motorized friendly.

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Rasham Nassar: We've had people suggest to us and other communities have done in related to code and some not that we should close limit, some of the

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Rasham Nassar: Street street ways are three ways in our downtown areas on our local neighborhood streets like Winslow away and maybe not totally eliminate the parking but reduce the parking slightly to expand areas for more pedestrian

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Rasham Nassar: Activity more non motorized activity and thereby making it more safe.

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Rasham Nassar: Also accommodating for businesses that would like to expand outdoors to conduct their business, making it more attractive and desirable place to visit for island residents, as well as visitors to the island.

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Rasham Nassar: But really the element of safety is something I picked up on. I'm not sure if any one of you is noticed but a trend that I'm beginning to notice as as Pete, people are starting to really get

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Rasham Nassar: They are committed to, I should say, maintaining six feet of distance when they're passing one another on the sidewalk.

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Rasham Nassar: It's occurred occurring to me that our sidewalks just simply aren't big enough when you have people that are actually stepping out into the street. Sometimes stopping oncoming traffic to make room for people that are walking the other direction.

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Rasham Nassar: And that was a concern that was raised to me by a citizen and it was raised to me in relation to Winslow way specifically so

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Rasham Nassar: I think that we have a lot to do with regard to looking at how we can offer regulatory relief I get the sense that it wouldn't really cost us much unless the Council just elected to hire a consultant to identify where in our policies.

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Rasham Nassar: We can make those kinds of changes my feeling is that we could probably work with Chris public works director Christmas, Becky.

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Rasham Nassar: Talk about how we might be able to change or transition. Some of the modes of travels in that specifically the downtown core area to make it more covert pedestrian and business friendly. So I'm completely on board with that.

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Rasham Nassar: The time click talker things as five minutes. It's really distracting. Um, I guess I'll stop my comments there.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm I'll just finish up by saying, I'm happy to give the other elements of your proposal some more thought. For example, the Internet.

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Rasham Nassar: You know, discussion, I think is an important one that we should consider. I know that the UFC has talked about Internet access broadband, I believe, at one point, and it could still be an item on their work plan city management probably knows a lot more more about that than I do.

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Rasham Nassar: And then the small business grants again I i'm I'm behind this where I would want to be involved, I think, is when we developed a criteria for how businesses.

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Rasham Nassar: Not only apply what criteria, they're required to meet to be eligible to receive the grant and also factoring in the employees into that discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: As Citizens. Citizen raised to my attention the fact that at least one business local business on the island has elected to

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Rasham Nassar: Let go. Their all their employees like relieve them so they're off the payroll and then we hire them again at the current minimum wage on Bainbridge just was like \$12 an hour.

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Rasham Nassar: So that element of discussion related to small business recovery is is missing from this. I'm not sure. Maybe you heard it during some of your workshops and such. But that is concerning to me and I'm sure there's more to the story than that but

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Rasham Nassar: Anyways, otherwise, good job. Those are my comments. So thank you again really very much

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Councilmember desire.

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Leslie Schneider: Counts over hi topless. Did you want to go again.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I just wanted to say that now that we have this. And thank you again city manager for opening up this possibility of more time.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Looking at it with more time and to do this right, I would actually like to think about us looking at hiring a professional who does this for a profession to come in a consultant to look at if such a person exists to give us an who could come in and help

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With this longer term question that council members are just pointed out about planning for

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Economic recovery for a bit for our business community. I don't know if this exists. And if this is a benefit that we could provide and and maybe this would be before we would do the survey the survey could be in conjunction with this, but basically bringing in a professional

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't know where we would start with that, but rather than us trying to do this ourselves.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Anyway, if we're talking about the amount of money that we're talking about, or if we're thinking about doing things like an \$80,000 professional services contract and another \$50,000 service contract for what what you're bringing forward so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If we could bring somebody in it's something that we could think about and I also would be interested in exploring the possibility of

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Opening up sidewalks and so forth. I understand there's some resistance by downtown businesses, but since we are trying to allow businesses to operate in the open air, it would be a conversation worth having.

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Leslie Schneider: A city manager.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I think what we have fallen into maybe to go to good effect is a moment to acknowledge that the city for a long time has really done

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Morgan Smith: Nothing essentially on economic development, it's an area of work that has been left to the side.

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Morgan Smith: And so now you have an opportunity to an end, a real interesting compelling need to provide some attention and perhaps some direct funding and support to that. And I think the combination of an interest in doing what will be needed for the next chapter in some ways.

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Morgan Smith: Is more comprehensive and more strategic but it works against the goal of wanting to do something tangible that can be seen and appreciated and and felt and deliver results in the moment.

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Morgan Smith: But I know in some of our other funding cycles and partnerships we think about and maybe this is useful for this. We think about what can the city dollars do that other dollars can't do

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Morgan Smith: And one of the things you can do is you can contribute to a really comprehensive needs assessment. So all of these ideas will probably if you can tolerate the

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Morgan Smith: Timing trade off will probably result in a better, more effective long run impact than just trying to do invent something new quickly and get it out on the street but but it is a trade off.

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Morgan Smith: But absolutely, there are people who do this work and you could task them with here are a dozen or a half dozen or 24 items that were thinking about which of these hang together and how

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, I was actually, I was hoping as well that the the business needs survey could actually give us data.

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Leslie Schneider: Which would help us, you know, sort of make make choices here okay a deputy mayor, would you like to jump back in

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Joe Deets: I'm sure. Well, that's why I think we could we can, yes, we can. A lot of this is hiring professionals like say the digitalization idea was not to have the city do that in any way, shape, or form.

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Joe Deets: So definitely, but there. There's a lot of hot very skilled people in the kits app area that can help us but

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Joe Deets: Let me just say our colleague customer Pollock. I'd love to hear from you. I'll just say I frankly put a lot of work into this, I'd like to hear what your thoughts are

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Michael Pollock: Thanks Thompson and reduce. I thought you did a lot of work and not really. Thank you. I know that there were three of the on the committee, I suspect that you had

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Michael Pollock: A lot to do with it and you know i i trust your judgment and I was ready. I'll half hour ago to go ahead and move forward on all of this. So I again appreciate the hard work and I really

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Michael Pollock: I'm going to move forward on it on with the recommendation for you that time. So,

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Michael Pollock: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Maybe just thinking in the interest of time.

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Joe Deets: Maybe we could go ahead and vote on a few things.

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Joe Deets: It looks like the SOS campaign because the the chamber and the downtown Association have already started that they're not waiting. So I think it would be very good for us to say we're right there with you we go ahead and approve funding for the save our stores campaign.

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Joe Deets: The reimbursement to the downtown Association.

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Joe Deets: Least those those seem to have I want sorry curse cursing you waving hands.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm wondering if we want to make, make a motion to to do what Morgan suggested about shifting the funding to the city so we can then free up the funding.

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Joe Deets: We could do that too.

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Joe Deets: Or do we know Morgan. What do you think

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Leslie Schneider: The manager. Yeah.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I think that is important to clarify. I just, but we can decide which to do first. It doesn't really matter.

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Morgan Smith: But for both the save our stores and the beta. Well, I think it's a little different for the sake of our stores. I think the direction I would be looking for us for Council to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement.

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Morgan Smith: With beta and or the Chamber of Commerce to support the say there save our stores program. And that's the instrument we need and we don't need to specify the source of funding in the case of Vita. I'll have to look I suspect that the fund the

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Morgan Smith: The expenses, they've submitted would be eligible. And so the direction would be I authorize the city manager to plan to allocate \$5,000 towards eligible expenses.

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Morgan Smith: To be reimbursed to Vita. And then I think the third piece is to clarify that, in recognition of the timing issues, I support the city's plan to

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Morgan Smith: Submit city eligible to submit eligible city expenses to meet the full amount of the cares funding allocation.

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Morgan Smith: And that way, what we'll do is we'll work towards submitting as many expenses as we can to pull down the whole 736 and knowing that that's \$200,000 more than we anticipated.

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Morgan Smith: That will provide you know essentially the opportunity for you to plan for an additional \$200,000 to spend, of which you've, you've just allocated 25 so you'd have 170 5000 remaining to plan with

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Morgan Smith: It was that clear as mud.

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Leslie Schneider: So I heard the sort of three, three different levels of of motion there.

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Leslie Schneider: So does anyone want to start with one of those

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Joe Deets: City Manager, would you like to

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Morgan Smith: Start from the top and try and work back down. I think I went into reverse order, conceptually,

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Joe Deets: Right idea.

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Morgan Smith: The first first motion would be to

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Morgan Smith: Plan for the city to submit eligibility expenses incurred by the city itself.

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Morgan Smith: Up to the full amount of the cares funding allocation currently plan for roughly 730 \$6,000

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Joe Deets: Okay. So moved.

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Rasham Nassar: Again,

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry, who was the second. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER nisar Second to that. Um. Any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye. Any opposed, that passes unanimously.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, on to the next one.

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Morgan Smith: The next one I heard you wanting to consider is, I propose that you move to direct the city manager to enter into a professional services agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and or vita to support their save our stores program.

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Morgan Smith: In an amount, not to exceed \$20,000 yeah

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Joe Deets: So moved. Yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm COUNCILMEMBER nisar gets the second on that one. And any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed, that passes unanimously.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Number three.

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Morgan Smith: Or three I direct the city manager to

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Morgan Smith: Consider reimbursement to bite us for cares eligible expenses in an amount, not to exceed \$5,000

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Joe Deets: So move

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Councilmember pilot gets the second on that one.

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Leslie Schneider: Any

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Leslie Schneider: discussion. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any of

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously.

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Morgan Smith: Okay. So just a couple things to wrap up. First, I want to make sure everyone in the community understands

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Morgan Smith: What just happened, but also where we are on the map. We started building a couple of weeks ago with you so of our 730 \$6,000

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Morgan Smith: We had identified spending roughly a third of it 264 community partner activities 60 of that has already been approved to be directed towards

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Morgan Smith: rental assistance and help line house and the other \$200,000 was up for discussion, some of which happened tonight.

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Morgan Smith: What we decided to do tonight and then the remaining one third, which is about 476 was going to be used by the city to offset its own expenses.

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Morgan Smith: What we've decided to do tonight is increase that city amount by \$200,000 to 670 \$6,000

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Morgan Smith: Understanding that the net budget impact will be that we are anticipating new funding from the general new expenditure from the general fund of \$200,000 for community partner programs to be determined later.

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Morgan Smith: So I just wanted to kind of clearly state that for folks. And then the last thing i think i wanted to return to, if you don't mind for just a minute is

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Morgan Smith: A part of the earlier conversation. But then I didn't sense, a lot of support for tonight was whether to consider.

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Morgan Smith: reimbursing the park district for some of their cares eligible expenses and I will just say to make it kind of open

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Morgan Smith: I think it would not be constructive to have them come and present a request to you that you're not inclined to support. So maybe we can just frame it as a positive tonight.

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Morgan Smith: And try and determine if a majority of Council is interested in receiving and considering that proposal. And if you're not, then we won't do that. But if you are interested in receiving and considering that proposal, let me know and I can work with them to schedule.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Um, I personally am in favor of that I see.

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Leslie Schneider: There are

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Leslie Schneider: Three of us. So that's not quite a majority for

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Morgan Smith: Okay, I just didn't want us to go through the exercise of receiving something from them that we already understood wasn't likely to move forward. But if there's sufficient Council interest. I'll work to have them present their request to you and you can consider that

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember hi topless. You look a little worried. Did you want to

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Leslie Schneider: Know, okay.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, and then COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I just wanted to. I think I heard

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Christy Carr: An offer by the city manager to provide previous Council discussion or staff work on both internet service and parking. I don't know if the full Council would like that information, but I would, if you could provide that I would really appreciate it.

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Morgan Smith: There's a lot. I guess I didn't make it lately. I was trying to convey that if you if, for example, Council mayor Schneider was a liaison to the last iteration of a community group.

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Morgan Smith: Tasked with this. So there's a wealth of information that was created for that group.

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Morgan Smith: And a project page that's defined there was a parking study and some other discussion. So, in both cases I guess what I what I should have said.

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Morgan Smith: Is. Those are pretty there have been pretty robust past discussions, if you wanted to pick up that work, I'd want a little bit of a lead time so that somebody could properly freshen and I locate and provide you with where each of those conversations has left off previously.

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Christy Carr: Okay, so I i am i'm not that I'm disinterested in parking and some of council member nisar his comments on use of space and Winslow, but I am the South word I'm interested in internet service. So if you do have the time to dust off that pile. I'd appreciate it.

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Morgan Smith: I think in the case that helps that you've narrowed it there. I have recently come to in conjunction with the fire department and our kids have 911 provider. We have just recently come to kind of a

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Morgan Smith: checkpoint. I guess a milestone of about 18 months of conversation of attempting to get at AMP T to work with us on that exact issue. So I'd be happy to.

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Morgan Smith: Provide a report out on what we heard and learned as the result of that series of conversations I think it'd be useful for the community and the Council to know that.

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Morgan Smith: It hasn't led to necessarily anything specific yet, but there is some information we can share and it may give a sense of what's to come ahead.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Morgan Smith: I can schedule that sometime in the next few weeks.

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Thanks.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'm Deputy Mayor deets are

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Leslie Schneider: Are we good for right now and will be revisiting some of these policies.

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Joe Deets: You know this is a lot to chew on and Thank you colleagues for taking this on. I really appreciate this.

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Joe Deets: There's, there's other things for us to discuss, but I know it's getting late.

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Joe Deets: Let me just say let's run with what we got. But I do want to continue the discussion on digitalization and I mean even the parking issue.

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Joe Deets: Really the whole suite of actions. Let's just say, I mean if we want. We're in a new world here. And if we want to build a more resilient community.

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Joe Deets: These, in my view, these are the steps we need to take. So it's not you know how much work is it for us. It's what do we need to do to save our businesses create resiliency.

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Joe Deets: It's where we have to do folks. And that's why it's in there. So, so I'm just gonna say let's. I hope you agree to continue the conversation. This isn't a one time deal on these things. So with that, thank you so much.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Well, thank you for all your hard work on that. And it's been it's been a pleasure working with you on it.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we're

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Leslie Schneider: We are an hour behind

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Leslie Schneider: A little bit more.

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Leslie Schneider: This next this next item seven, f is the race equity Task Force work plan item related to recommendation for the formation of a standing advisory committee and I just want to state that I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Not a member nisar is going to speak to this. But basically we're just

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Leslie Schneider: Affirming right we're just affirming that we would be interested in hearing from the race equity task force on a proposal and so go ahead. Councilmember nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, exactly. Thanks for the the opening a mayor Snyder. This is just a process check

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Rasham Nassar: Coming out of the last meeting where the task force SAP before the Council and presented their proposed work plan and kind of discuss some items that were not on their work plan.

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Rasham Nassar: One of which was there a proposal to become a standing Advisory Committee, the Council requested that they returned to the Council, with a very clear and comprehensive

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Rasham Nassar: Work Plan that list of the items that were not included in the materials that were provided in the agenda materials for the Council at that July 7 meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: The Task Force intends to come back to the Council with a revised 2020 work plan, at which point the Council will discuss and hopefully take up approval of the formal approval of their 2020 work plan as follow up from the July 7 meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: Meanwhile, one of the items that was discussed by the task force and

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Rasham Nassar: Informally agreed to by the Council was this item for the task force to begin working on the charter to become a standing advisory committee at the city.

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Rasham Nassar: Because there was no formal approval by the Council on that specific point. And because they're planning to come to the Council august 11 for formal approval of the entirety of the work plan.

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Rasham Nassar: And because some task force members are currently working to develop a charter to become a standing advisory committee.

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Rasham Nassar: It was my recommendation that just to make sure that they had clear authorization and authority from the Council to work on developing

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Rasham Nassar: A charter to become a standing advisory committee that they first received the Council's formal direction directed through a motion to do so.

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Rasham Nassar: So that's what this is, this is just a formal step to affirm what Council agreed to on July 7 and what we will again be formally approving on the 11th.

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Rasham Nassar: to authorize the task force to begin their work to develop a proposal for Council consideration on the formation of a standing advisory committee.

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Rasham Nassar: It doesn't mean that we're voting to make them a standing Advisory Committee. It just means that we are voting to authorize them to come back with a proposal for a standing advisory committee.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, that sounds clear and

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor de

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Joe Deets: I moved to approve the race equity task force to work to develop a proposal for Council consideration on the formation of a standing advisory committee as part of their 2020 work plan.

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Leslie Schneider: That was seconded by COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. And is there any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed, that passes unanimously, thanks for bringing that back for clarity of process. I appreciate that.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Um, we are now moving into our new business section and

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Leslie Schneider: I'll offer another five minute break. I'm okay proceeding as usual. Looks like we've got one request. So how about if we

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Leslie Schneider: Come back at

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Leslie Schneider: 945

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Leslie Schneider: That. Did I do my math right

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Leslie Schneider: Yes.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, looks like we

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Leslie Schneider: Have most everyone back. There we go.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so

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Leslie Schneider: We're back from a quick break and we are in our city council regular business meeting Tuesday, July 28 2020 and we are currently

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Leslie Schneider: On Item number eight of new business. I'm Adam a is the level avenues sewer beach mains project professional services agreement and director Christopher's Vicki. Welcome to the meeting.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me okay

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay, I'm going to share my screen with you so I can show you my presentation.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Let's see.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Alright everyone see that

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So I know you're a little behind schedule. So I don't want to spend too much time on this, but we are going to be asking you for a fairly significant expenditure for design of this project, which is the largest

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Chris Wierzbicki: Sewer project in the capital improvement plan. So I'll give you some background and then happy to answer any questions about the contract, you had before you

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Chris Wierzbicki: So this project is called the level Ave Avenue beach means Replacement Project. Let's start the beginning to the end there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: I'm going to tell you a little bit about the project goals. So this is a beach main that exists on

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Chris Wierzbicki: A Superman that exists on the beach and I'ma show you a map of where this is a minute and the goals are to basically replace this aging.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Structure that is currently on the beach with an upland system so that we no longer have facilities, how it in the shoreline.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And by doing so will be significantly reducing the maintenance and operating costs of this system that's been in place for about 50 years and has reached the end of its useful life.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The system itself is here for the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Dashed or circle dotted line there you see the yellow line that is the two segments and beach mean that will be

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Chris Wierzbicki: Decommissioning for reference purposes. You can see the harbor public house over here on the kind of the middle right hand side.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So it's a fairly large segment of beach man that's been in the ground for several decades and serves all of this, what we call the lower level area of the Winslow super shed. So we will be certainly improving the environment by removing this or taking this offline and preventing any

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Chris Wierzbicki: You know, corrosion and other leaks that could potentially happen from the system.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So there's definitely will be an environmental improvement here in the long term will also be, as I said, reducing our maintenance and increasing the efficiency of the system.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That we can right now only access at low tide. We have to go out there and do frequent cleanings, because the pipe is sagging and breaking and sitting on unstable soils.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So it makes a lot of sense to try to replace this system with something different.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We went through a significant pre Design, Report with a design engineer that looked at a couple different alternatives for potentially rehabilitating or replacing this system, we determined that it doesn't make a lot of sense to try and

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Chris Wierzbicki: You could spend several million dollars trying to rebuild this system. And at the end of the day, you still have a sewer line on the beach in the shoreline.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That's difficult to access and that will have a limited lifespan. So it makes a lot more sense to like I said relocate the system to the upland areas of the lower level neighborhood.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Their recommendations were said to replace these rehabilitate upland and install the new facilities. These

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Chris Wierzbicki: These recommendations are all included in the city's general sewer plan which looks at all of the improvements for the sewer system.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So there's a number of different types of work that will eventually be performed here when it gets to construction will be rehabilitating some of the city's pump stations in this area.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Installing a new pump station constructing Sue remains in the residential streets there and connecting the individual homes with new side servers.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Just a little bit of detail on each of those types of work. This is an example of one of our pump stations. This is the existing lower level station. It was built in the 1970s, it needs significant upgrades, which will be

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Chris Wierzbicki: Will be designing and implementing as part of this project. Most of the facility exist below the ground where there's a wet well and pumps in the ground when you see above ground here is an emergency generator

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Chris Wierzbicki: As I mentioned, will be needing to construct a new pump station at the end of wood Avenue at the intersection with Stetson

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Chris Wierzbicki: Generally in this location if you've walked at the end of one street. You'll, you'll know where this exists. This will be a new pump station that will we send all the rerouted flows from this neighborhood to the wastewater treatment plan.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Of course, will be having to install mains in the streets down in this neighborhood as well on steps in place, as well as in would Avenue.

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Chris Wierzbicki: You can see the red lines there are new still remains that will be using to reconnect all the existing homes in this particular area.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Will also be rebuilding residential side sewers. You can see those little red lines with the arrows pointing to the, to the right. In this diagram, indicating that

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Chris Wierzbicki: Sewage and waste water flows from these residences will now be pumped up to level Avenue. Currently, all of those sewer flows are directed to the left towards the shoreline down onto that beach main that exists along the shoreline right now.

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So that's the condition that

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Chris Wierzbicki: reconfiguring has a part of this project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: In the big picture here, you can see kind of the whole neighborhood.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The stars that you see around the outside edge of the shoreline represent all of the seas pump stations.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Starting on the right hand side that's old treatment plant pump station would avenue that will be the new station level and Sunday cove on the top left.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The purple lines represent the new sewer mains that will be installing force mains and gravity mains and connecting to the existing sewers in that

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Chris Wierzbicki: in that neighborhood and of course that orange dotted line on the shoreline is the two sections of beach main that will be decommissioning as part of this project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: In terms of schedule we selected skillings Connelly to help us with this project. It involves a lot of different types of work everything from

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Chris Wierzbicki: On the ground work surveying and identifying easements for all of the new facilities doing site assessments of the properties and how they'll be impacted bike reconnecting these new sewers and the design of the full system, including the upgrades to the pump.

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Chris Wierzbicki: stations in the news station.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And of course, looking at and applying for the permits that will be required.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The CFP that we discussed a couple of weeks back, and that you'll be seeing again as a part of the budget process in the fall identifies this project going to construction in about 2022 is a several year project that will be done in phases that right now stretches out to 2026

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Chris Wierzbicki: The overall project costs of including construction and design is right now, estimated to be about \$5.3 million. So it's a fairly sizable project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That project cost is currently included in the sewer rates as they exist today.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Those funds, where you're marked in the Capital Improvement Plan for the design and construction of these facilities and the rates were set

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Chris Wierzbicki: Recognizing that this would be something that that would happen in this in the next few years. So, right now there is no additional impacts the customers or property owners in terms of cost for this project, the city.

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Chris Wierzbicki: fund balance would be picking up the cost of this entire project we did have a good

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Chris Wierzbicki: Outreach zoom webinar with the community, a couple of weeks back, and gave them the opportunity to see this information and a little bit even more detail.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We had about 10 households or so attend that meeting, and that information if folks are interested in in seeing more detail on this project. You can see on the projects cities project webpage and where you can see that entire webinar.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So, tonight's decision is twofold. First is to prove that consultant contract with skillings Connelly to get this project design off the ground. As I mentioned, it is a sizable contract value at 870 \$2,000

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Chris Wierzbicki: But as I mentioned, there's a lot of different parts to this project, and it is quite significant.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Additionally, we're asking for to budget amendments to get this project off the ground. One is to authorize

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Chris Wierzbicki: \$45,000 additional funding for the lower level pump station portion of this project. There's currently 120 5000 in the budget.

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Chris Wierzbicki: When you and other 45 to get the portion of this portion of the design completed. So that's part one.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Part two is to move funding for this Sunday cove gravity sewer portion of the work which is currently situated in this tip in the year 2022 to move that money forward to 2020 so that we can package it up with all the design work there is included in this contract.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So I think that is all I have for you on that. But of course, I'm happy to answer any questions you have.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Kept COUNCILMEMBER car. I saw your hand first.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Thanks. Director for that presentation and I actually did go on the web page. The city project website. So that was helpful for some background information. So thanks for having that up there and up to date. I have a few questions and then one request.

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Christy Carr: I'm wondering if because the scope includes private property restoration

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Christy Carr: Described as landscaping and other features. I'm wondering if there's an opportunity to ask residents, if they're interested in Shoreline restoration like

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Christy Carr: Native Plants are their habitat features as part of the project, possibly to work with the shore friendly program or with current PCT staff who has experienced in that area and then also around the level pump station where there's an opportunity to improve from existing conditions.

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Christy Carr: And then my other question is just really

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Christy Carr: About the scope talks about a shrine substantial development permit or exemption. But in the cost computation that notes that Sep will be required.

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Christy Carr: And those are somewhat significantly different. So I just wanted to. I was wondering if it matters if they're articulated differently in those two places.

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Christy Carr: And then I'm wondering if the city requests any detail on hours when looking at

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Christy Carr: Those costs because like you said, it's fairly significant and some of those environmental documentation hours seem redundant because

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Christy Carr: It's the same project, essentially, in the same project location and through pre design. It seems like you'd already have gathered a lot of existing

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Christy Carr: This line conditions and so it seems like paying for three super checklists for the same project is excessive and like I said redundant.

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Christy Carr: And then just a pretty simple request. I'm curious in Exhibit D one, the cost computation. It's titled as man hours. And I'm just wondering if as a practice. You could ask that consultants use person hours or staff hours.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Thank you for that. I can, I can respond briefly to that in terms of native vegetation

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Chris Wierzbicki: On the individual properties. Most of the disturbance for this work on individual properties will likely happen upland of the residences themselves between between the residences and the street.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Not necessarily in the shoreline. There could be opportunities for native planting in that section as well. It's not quite the same as doing on the shoreline side.

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Chris Wierzbicki: But we can certainly keep that in mind. And I think where the pump stations work happens that may be a place as well where they're closer to the shoreline and that may make some sense so

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Chris Wierzbicki: Yeah, happy to keep that in mind. On the permitting, I believe that the I'm not totally sure of that about this, but I think that the COPD see up portion might be for the new pump station construction. So there may be

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Chris Wierzbicki: Substantial development work that's associated with some of the rehab and other portions of the project, depending on where their relationship is to the shoreline. But I think to see up maybe for the construction of the new station, but I'm happy to follow up with you on that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: In terms of redundant fees. One thing I didn't mention in the presentation is that we packaged together. One other project that is very similar to the other work in this in this package of work.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That is not in this location. It's actually the Wink rehabilitating the wing point pump station which is over in the hall, a cove neighborhood of your part of Eagle harbor.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So there's actually two areas where we're needing to do kind of environmental assessment work which may partially

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Chris Wierzbicki: Relate to why that it looks like there may be redundant fees. We have a separate spreadsheet that the staff keeps of how each of the hours relate to each of the individual projects.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So we have. It's not included in your package, but we have an assessment of how all those hours breakout across each project. So, and we have evaluated that. And then lastly, happy to

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Chris Wierzbicki: Use person hours from from this point forward, good suggestion. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, great questions.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, I don't. Let's see. Councilmember nisar

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to Florida level Avenue sewer beach means design professional services agreement to the August 11 2020 consent agenda and to authorize the city manager to bring forward a second quarter budget amendment.

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Rasham Nassar: A \$45,000 from us who are fun for the level lower level pump station project as well as move \$200,000 in super funds for the Sunday cove gravity sewers project currently program in 2022 to the current year.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless gets the second on that one. All right. Any further discussion. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Counsel, leaving

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Leslie Schneider: All right, you're at, you're done, then, huh. Yep.

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Leslie Schneider: You so okay

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Leslie Schneider: Right away.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you so much. All right. Item eight, be is Comcast cable TV franchise renewal overview of public process and Robbie. I think you're back with us for this one, right.

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Robbie Sepler: I am indeed mer Schneider. And so just for the benefit the public, I am Robbie settler the deputy city attorney and the goal for tonight's discussion is to

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Robbie Sepler: Introduce the Comcast cable TV franchise renewal and give an overview of the public process at the city law undertake with respect to the renewal.

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Robbie Sepler: So let's start just quite simply with what is a franchise agreement.

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Robbie Sepler: franchise agreement is agreement between the city and the utility provider or a telecom provider to have access to the cities right away to offer services in the case of Comcast it's it's cable TV service.

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Robbie Sepler: And the franchise agreement typically addresses a number of different considerations, most notably about use of the right of way what insurance, what to do with the right of way, and how to put it back.

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Robbie Sepler: The way it was. If they do any work in the right of way. A key consideration here for the Comcast cable TV franchise is the scope of what the franchise can cover.

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Robbie Sepler: So in the materials provided I provided a number of frequently asked questions, one of which is whether or not the franchise agreement can address internet service.

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Robbie Sepler: And under federal law where an incumbent cable operator provides internet service through its cable system.

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Robbie Sepler: The franchise agreement with the local jurisdiction can't address internet service.

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Robbie Sepler: So as many of you know, and many of the community know Comcast offers internet service here on Bainbridge Island, but it's through its cable system. So the only subject matter that this franchise agreement can address is its cable TV service.

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Robbie Sepler: So that being said, we have a current franchise agreement with Comcast. It was executed in June 2016 and expires in June 2021

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Robbie Sepler: And the public process that will be going through is summarized in the materials, but in brief summary, the city's created a project website where members of the community can go to keep up to date on key dates.

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Robbie Sepler: There is a notified me sign up as well to be informed of any changes to the website or to the project schedule. There's also frequently asked questions as well as the current cities franchise agreement with Comcast.

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Robbie Sepler: The city will also be undertaking a web survey of residents to gain feedback on the performance of Comcast in the community and providing cable TV service.

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Robbie Sepler: The survey will go live on Friday and will be pushed out through a number of different city communication channels such as the city managers report the city's website as well as perhaps some other other different avenues.

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Robbie Sepler: Then finally, there will be a number of town hall meetings. We've contracted with the consultant River Oaks communication, who was the

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Robbie Sepler: consultants that helped the city, five years ago and negotiate the current franchise agreement will facilitate one to two

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Robbie Sepler: town hall meetings at this point, they can be we're unsure if they'll be held in person or virtually given the ongoing effects of the public health emergency, but our consultants able to do either.

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Robbie Sepler: And then finally, there'll be at least two touches before Council before any franchise agreement is renewed or executed. So that's the general process through which the franchise renewal is envisioned and I'd be happy to answer any specific questions that Council may have

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER into, sir.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. Thank you. Robbie. I'm the Council just received an email from a citizen, who's engaged in this discussion. And his question relates to

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Rasham Nassar: The opportunity to use the franchise agreement or franchise renewal.

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Rasham Nassar: Discussions are process to broaden the extent to which other service providers can participate and specifically can participate when

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Rasham Nassar: The city has granted easements or right of way to Comcast goes out and start digging transit trenches when at that point in time that trend has been dug other service providers could also come in and lay down their wires and cables and such.

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Robbie Sepler: Certainly, so that is generally something that can be addressed in a franchise agreement generally through some sort of notice of work is to be gone and done and an opportunity to coordinate, where possible, in terms of

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Robbie Sepler: Extent to which is our current franchise. I'll definitely noted as something to to review and explore their consultant Moby redraft the franchise.

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Rasham Nassar: I would appreciate that. And I don't know if you were included on that email but I'm happy to forward it to

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Rasham Nassar: It seemed to make sense. I mean, if you have a trench open and Doug for one service provider. I don't know if they're if they're paying for that actual hands on work.

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Rasham Nassar: Or how that could be factored, or how that would be factored into the equation from the city side, but it would make sense to extend the opportunity for other service providers to also lay cables to expand their networks to those areas of the island.

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Rasham Nassar: I think that that makes sense from my perspective, I don't understand all of the legal ramifications, as well as you do. But if it could be explored, I would appreciate that.

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Robbie Sepler: So we know that such a requirement is typical and other situations and I'll be happy to explore it here. I don't believe I want CC on that then email. So welcome to forward it to me and I can follow up.

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Rasham Nassar: I will definitely do that. Thank you. And then my second question is, has the utility advisory committee at all been involved in these discussions and no, they just recently met I unfortunately wasn't able to attend because I had, I was booked in other meetings.

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Rasham Nassar: Do you have an answer for that they

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Robbie Sepler: They have not, not, to date, under the city code the utility Advisory Commission is their purview is city operated utilities and this would be a telecom are, I guess you could call it a telecoms provider Comcast and so it's not clearly in their purview and haven't been involved today.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, well, that's great. And the reason I ask is because they, I think it was part of their prior year's work plan. You said a manager Smith can help me out here that they were

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Rasham Nassar: They were receiving updates on this aspect of utility provisions related to Internet access specifically not cable, but

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Rasham Nassar: Internet service. And if there's a way to like related to the question that I asked before.

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Rasham Nassar: Do you know kill two birds with one stone and we're going out there and laying these new connections, the link that in

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Rasham Nassar: There might be some benefit to involving the UFC since they've been involved in those discussions in the past but say manager, you might have more perspective to offer on that then

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Morgan Smith: I just want to clarify a we can certainly make sure they're aware and I know that some of them have a personal interest in our monitoring this project, but the reality of the way the city's code is written, is that their purview as the Deputy city attorney said is

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Morgan Smith: Is clearly identified a city utilities, of which this isn't one. So that's why we haven't formally included them as part of the word plan.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy city attorney. I wanted to thank you for the the web page. I just pulled it up and you know I think that's just really great for folks to know that they can come here and kind of figure out where they are where we are in the process, and also to sign up for alerts.

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Leslie Schneider: So thank you for that. Um,

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Leslie Schneider: So, um, let's see, we've got COUNCILMEMBER our Deputy Mayor de is next.

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Joe Deets: Up. I could I see the city attorney has his hand.

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Leslie Schneider: Up so. Alright, well, we'll let him jump in.

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Leslie Schneider: City attorney.

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Joe Levan: Robbie. I think it'd be good to address that this is

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Joe Levan: A renewal and it's it's all a bunch of work went into the actual franchise in 2016 and that original franchise includes

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Joe Levan: Different renewals after certain periods of time. So that's part of the thinking here in the timing with the with the effort that's gone into this so far as to to proceed to this one with a renewal and not a whole new franchise.

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Robbie Sepler: Or right from, from the perspective so far, and this, this could change based on community feedback, of course.

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Robbie Sepler: But from the perspective so far as we have a pretty well built franchise agreement and there will be some updating it with respect to some changes in federal law, but certainly would get review any any and all of the public feedback we get throughout the process.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright.

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Leslie Schneider: On Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: Yeah, hi, I think.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Robbie. Good to see you again. I'm just, I was reading the FAQs, and the

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Joe Deets: Agenda materials and it talked about query as far as Internet Broadband sorry my cat.

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Joe Deets: Going crazy

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Joe Deets: Sorry, folks.

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Joe Deets: I lost my train of thought that there's a relating to the Internet access and my do during our last discussion we, I think it was broadly recognize that this is important.

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Joe Deets: But it was stated that federal regulations federal law and FCC regulations prohibit the city from regulating non cable services provided by Comcast.

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Joe Deets: Through its cable system, including broadband internet access. So, you know, sort of, like, end of story. But I guess what I want to bring up because this is so very important now.

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Joe Deets: In relation to coven in relation to people working from home in relation to kids learning online, which will say, this is not going to go away for quite some time.

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Joe Deets: That perhaps as a strategic value. The city may consider enlisting our congressional representatives to try and change federal law.

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Joe Deets: Rather than just saying, throw our hands up the say this is a targeted item. It's worth the city getting behind and asking a congressional representatives to create legislation to change this.

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Robbie Sepler: It's certain certainly is an option available to the Council, much, much as the Council took action with other FCC regulations with respect to small wireless facilities they could choose to do so here as well.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, so I just want to throw that out, folks.

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Leslie Schneider: Are alright

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Leslie Schneider: Well thank you so I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Robbie. Are you looking for anything from us.

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Robbie Sepler: Nothing, nothing more. This was to introduce the process and will be proceeding and updating the website accordingly.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, that's great. I appreciate it very much. And is there an easy way for. So what I did was I just did a search for Comcast and the web page came up. Is that how you would recommend people find that

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Leslie Schneider: That web page.

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Robbie Sepler: That would be the easiest way of finding it. It also will be publicized through the city managers report and through some other city communications.

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Robbie Sepler: In the coming weeks, so they can stay tuned for members of the public and stay tuned for that as well.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Excellent. Thank you very much. Alright, we are

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Leslie Schneider: Going to move on now to item eight, see ordinance number 2020 dash 18 providing flexibility for remote meetings of certain city advisory groups.

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Robbie Sepler: Their center that is those me again.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, I was hoping there we go.

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Robbie Sepler: Okay, so this this ordinance is related to the coven 19 public health emergency and the goal of it is to continue to provide flexibility to the city to avoid in person interaction.

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Robbie Sepler: That might otherwise be required under the OPM a entity practices.

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Robbie Sepler: So by way of backstory here as, as you know and as a reminder to members of the public. The governor has issued an emergency proclamation proclamation 20 dash 28

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Robbie Sepler: Back in March and it was extended seven times and is set to expire in August. First, but that proclamation limited all public bodies that are subject to the open public meetings act for meeting in person in order to avoid or minimize the risk of transmitting coven

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Robbie Sepler: And so that's like I said that proclamation has been extended seven times it is set to expire on August 1. However, in the most recent extensions

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Robbie Sepler: They have come at the last minute due to some reluctance from the progression from the legislative leadership in order to continue to grant these exceptions are these waivers of those requirements of the open public meetings act.

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Robbie Sepler: And so what this ordinance would do is that it would waive the requirements under the open public meetings act that will necessitate in person contact for

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Robbie Sepler: purely advisory city advisory groups. And so what that would mean is that if an act of this ordinance would clarify and the current city practice that all city advisory groups are required to comply with the open public meetings act.

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Robbie Sepler: But for those groups, they're surely advisory, they have no defect or actual decision making authority.

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Robbie Sepler: They would be able to not follow the requirements that necessitate in person interaction.

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Robbie Sepler: And those requirements, specifically, are the requirements have a physical location where a member of the public can come in person to watch the meeting take place.

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Robbie Sepler: And so if you look at the ordinance, the specific language of the open public meetings act.

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Robbie Sepler: That these committees would have the flexibility to not follow in the interest of public safety is set out in Section six of the ordinance and mere

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Robbie Sepler: The requirements that were in the or the waivers that were in the governor's emergency order.

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Robbie Sepler: And so, and they and that this ordinance, if adopted, would remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency

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Robbie Sepler: And what I mean by that is the city manager back and Matt and march issued a proclamation of emergency, which the City Council then affirmed.

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Robbie Sepler: And so as long as that proclamation emergency remains in effect this ordinance or may remain in effect, and when the emergency is terminated this ordinance would no longer be in effect.

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Robbie Sepler: So in summary, if adopted this ordinance would

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Robbie Sepler: Restate the city's current practice that all city advisory groups comply with the open public meetings act, but would provide flexibility for those city advisor groups that are purely advisory to avoid in person interaction in order to minimize the chance of transmitting code in 19

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Robbie Sepler: And so I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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Leslie Schneider: City Manager, did you want to

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I just Robbie did a nice job of laying out the technical details. I just maybe a little bit more conversationally. I want to say a couple things clearly for the benefit of the Council on the Community.

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Morgan Smith: This is designed to provide relief for the city in one very specific way.

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Morgan Smith: It is not intended to step away from our commitment that we have a higher expectation than many other cities that are purely advisory groups will still function as if they are subject to the PMA

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Morgan Smith: That's why we restate it in this ordinance. So it's clear to everyone that we're maintaining that commitment.

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Morgan Smith: But because of the logistics of how these this particular order from the Governor has been operating we have for the past two months.

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Morgan Smith: Then up to the wire to these midnight. Will it won't get extended in in a scenario where we are not our facility is not an open to the public. If we don't create this carve out for ourselves.

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Morgan Smith: We worry that we will face a scenario where while we are closed for public health reasons.

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Morgan Smith: If this exemption expires will be required to provide a space. And the reason won't be required to provide it.

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Morgan Smith: Is because we've set this higher bar for ourselves as a city than most other communities do

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Morgan Smith: So again, I just want to make sure everyone understands we're we're want everybody to appreciate that we are fully committed to maintaining that higher standard for our advisory groups, but we don't want to get into this

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Morgan Smith: Strange corner that we anticipate as possible, where we would have to also provide a physical place for viewing the meeting.

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Morgan Smith: So there are there are groups like the planning commission statutory groups that are required to follow the PMA and if we get into that scenario we of course will follow it, but this is designed to create a little bit of latitude around a particular set of conditions.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much. Councilmember Huizar

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Rasham Nassar: Any attorney, Joe, you have your hand up.

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Joe Levan: It just one quick note is this is set up as an emergency ordinance is the idea is that the Council likely want this effective immediately and to have that pass as an emergency ordinance and needs five votes, just so you all know that before the vote.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to approve ordinance number 2020 dash 18

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor de second says seconds is there.

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Leslie Schneider: Any more discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed passes unanimously with six votes.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Robbie and

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Leslie Schneider: We are now moving on to item, add a letter of support for Bainbridge Island land trust property acquisition

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Morgan Smith: Council these next two items are brought forward at the request of the community, with the support of the mayor and the Deputy Mayor for your consideration.

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Morgan Smith: They are both request from public or not public, but community agencies that are going to be submitting different projects, but to the same grant cycle at

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Morgan Smith: At the state. And so, in each case the request is for the city's you consider providing a letter of support for the projects. The first one is from

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Morgan Smith: Project proposed for property acquisition from the land trust and the second is a project from the Bay Bridge island metropolitan Park District for work that they propose at hidden cove Park.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember into sorry your hand is up.

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to approve having mayor Schneider sign the proposed little letter of support for the Bainbridge Island land Trust's application for grant funds from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation office. I got

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Leslie Schneider: Second place seconded by Deputy Mayor deeps council member car you're okay you, you're good.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, is there any discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All those in favor please say aye.

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Christy Carr: Aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed, that passes unanimously.

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: Did we just do both of them at the same time. No. Okay, so we're on to the next one letter of support for Bainbridge Island metropolitan Park and recreation districts grant application for hidden cove park to

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Leslie Schneider: And we don't need any further discussion from the city manager. Right. We all we got that already. So someone would like to make a motion.

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for the park districts grant application for hidden code park to

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car seconded. Any further conversation. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed, that passes unanimously. Thank you very much. Alright, and we are now on to Council discussion. Item nine A options for a council discussion on conduct and process and council member Hi topless. You're going to lead us off on this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's late.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Um,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And to be fair, I've spent I've spent some time thinking about this a few things have evolved since we last spoke so we last discuss this two weeks ago, when we last met

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: At the time I had brought forward the idea of bringing in a mediator, to have a discussion I proposed a few ideas, who were local

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: One in particular, we started talking about a couple of local options.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm at the time I was hopeful that mediation was an option. After that I had heard from

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: COUNCILMEMBER nisar who expressed a very reasonable concern that we not work with somebody who I or any of us knew and we had learned that a few of us knew

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: At least one or more of the people we were talking about and that it's essential that anybody, we were with

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Everybody would feel comfortable with and neutrality was critical, so that those people were potentially off the table.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I was starting to be concerned as it was that mediation might not be appropriate. We heard some comments. Some, some of us I, in particular, had comments from the community expressions that maybe mediation didn't make sense for us as a group.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That maybe you know just our particular issues wouldn't be amenable to mediation and some of the events that that have occurred over the last week have just kind of strengthen my concerns about that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This is again what I do for a living. And what I tell people all the time when they come into my office is that you don't have to like each other.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You can actually really dislike each other. But what you have to bring the table is good faith and I just don't feel that we're having right now is good faith.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: When I do hope we're going to talk in a minute about the letter Michael that you put in the paper. The op ed piece and I just don't feel right now that we're going to bring good faith, all of us to the table.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't feel a big good use of our time or the city's money. So I don't want to proceed with mediation right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I, I'd like to go back to the drawing board and maybe come back with another proposal, but I don't want to proceed with this conversation right now with mediation as an option. So that's my position at the moment with mediation.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Well, thank you very much. And I know you put a fair amount of work into this and in sourcing potential mediators and and

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Leslie Schneider: You know, do appreciate bringing your professional experience on this.

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Leslie Schneider: So we will

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Leslie Schneider: Figure out what comes next.

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Leslie Schneider: But not tonight. That's, that's your that's what you're suggesting right

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, and should, that's my opinion if anybody wants to discuss it for, that's fine. I don't. I'm guessing we don't want to. I don't want to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: give everybody an ultimatum but but that's my opinion and I'm happy to bring forth maybe another recommendation. But that's all I have to say at this point.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Then we have arrived at item 10 the consent agenda. Is there a motion to approve.

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Leslie Schneider: The consent agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor de Second to that.

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Leslie Schneider: Is there any discussion. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed, that passes unanimously and

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Leslie Schneider: I didn't print out my last page. Do we have a committee reports in here and my. Oh, let me see. I've got an online. Hang on just a second.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, so we do have a section for committee reports.

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Leslie Schneider: Is there anybody that would like to offer one

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Leslie Schneider: In that case was that, yes.

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Rasham Nassar: Their hand. I'll let COUNCILMEMBER card. Go ahead and me.

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Leslie Schneider: See, sorry. The Flipping my have covered up Maya my panelists.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thanks. I

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Christy Carr: Wanted to give

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Christy Carr: AN UPDATE ON THE CITY COUNCIL Planning Commission joint subcommittee.

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Christy Carr: And is there something with my audio.

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Christy Carr: Oh my three minutes. Sorry.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Mine. We're going to need. She's gonna be more than three minutes. We really should have asked for an additional agenda item on the subcommittee. The, the joint subcommittee is reporting back on what we were at we were tasked with coming back.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With a recommendation for the for the filling of the the planning commission vacancy and we dropped the ball and asking to add the item, item to the agenda.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I'm just kind of, I'd like to put a plug in for her having a little bit more than three minutes to report on the status of the subcommittee and a report out on the recommendations so sorry for budding in Christie, but I wanted to kind of to ask to stop the timer.

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Leslie Schneider: Door. No problem. Great. Thank you. Okay.

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Okay.

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Christy Carr: Over so we met on Monday we had our first meeting. And just to if others didn't know who I think the city manager may have shared with the full Council that the planning commission members are bill Chester Kim Osmond and Lisa marchio

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Christy Carr: Kirsten and Carson and I met as well. Councilmember Pollock did not attend the first meeting. We spent a lot of time with the structure of our committee, essentially, thinking about administration.

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Christy Carr: Set a standing meeting will be meeting twice a month on Mondays.

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Christy Carr: We selected initially me as a facilitator or chair, we do intend to report out to the Council.

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Christy Carr: A regular regularly and the planning commission intensive report out to the planning commission on our work so that both of bodies know what our work is and

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Christy Carr: And so that that's an opportunity as well for the community here about what our work is and its status, we developed a draft list of what I think we've all

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Christy Carr: Talked about in terms of land use code fixes or our short term or triage work. So we have a draft or initial list of what those specific items or work items will be. We talked really briefly about what our larger scope of work is in terms of that suite of

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Christy Carr: land use planning affordable housing programs or initiatives and that's essentially the two pieces of work we so far. Here we have been

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Christy Carr: Assigned or charged with both that short term and long term. And then the third piece was that request to bring back some recommendations for the filling of the current Planning Commission vacancy.

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Christy Carr: And I can go over those briefly and

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Christy Carr: Kirsten if you, you want to

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Christy Carr: Jump in, or further explain. I'm just going to be brief, since it is late, but these are the recommendations that have come from the subcommittee for moving forward on this current vacancy.

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Christy Carr: And they are adding one additional planning, Commissioner, and one additional council member to the interview panel for the planning commission candidates.

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Christy Carr: The second is to have a separate announcement or advertisement for the planning commission and that's really because currently there's just one generic

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Christy Carr: Application for all committees and commissions and because the planning commission is unique. Other relative to these other groups in terms of its legality and it's establishment person to state statute.

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Christy Carr: And playing a mandatory role and legal processes we felt that it was an important that the advertisement is specific and provides detail related to the role of the planning commission and the nature of its work.

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Christy Carr: The city's municipal code about the Planning Commission provides adequate language. We don't have to make up anything new. And that is what we recommend be included in a separate more detailed announcement for the planning commission vacancy.

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Christy Carr: We also recommend that extending an invitation to the chair of the risk equity task force or their designee

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Christy Carr: To were chosen by the DAP task force to participate in the personal interviews of the planning commission candidates. We also felt that we should schedule longer interviews 10 to 15 minutes back to back.

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Christy Carr: It wasn't seem seem to inadequate and then also expanding the outreach or distribution of the announcement and advertisement outside of normal city channels and have some specific recommendations for that. So, that is how the subcommittee discussed moving forward.

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Christy Carr: With that planning commission vacancy and our work today on other work plan items.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much. Councilmember into sorry have your hand up.

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Rasham Nassar: Well, I was gonna provide an update on a separate committee report.

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Rasham Nassar: Are you are council members current and habilis looking for feedback from the Council right now tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: Are you looking for approval of your recommendation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, could I speak.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I mean I if we if we're willing to give more time to this since we we kind of dropped the ball and not adding it, which was our intention.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We could add this to the next agenda and discuss give it more proper feed more proper discussion. I think we should. You've heard kind of the initial we have this right up we can distribute it and discuss it. Does that make sense. I'd rather

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Rasham Nassar: I would prefer that approach, especially since one of your recommendations involves members of another committee, I think that they ought to have the benefit of weighing in their feedback.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Right, absolutely, to be very clear. We tried to rate to we tried to to draft that again as a as a as a as an invitation to absolutely impose no obligation of any sort. So absolutely. We'd love to hear what they have to say about that. But we are no way

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Creating a role for them that they are not interested in taking. But yeah, so be great to get their feedback if they're interested in giving that in the interim

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'd love to flesh it out more to she took a very high level approach, since we're late at night. So let's send out what we've written up and let's discuss it. If the Council's open to that.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so city manager. We just need to make sure that that goes on the, the next agenda set right

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Morgan Smith: Would you like it on the fourth, which is a study session or would you like it on the 11th, or what would you prefer.

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Leslie Schneider: This would work, is that all right.

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Rasham Nassar: Well, can I just add that the race equity Task Force meets on August six, and they will be coming to the Council again on the 11th.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, we're not going to make a final decision right so this would be for us as a Council decide do you like this and if they want to weigh in on whether they're interested in or not, again, this was to extend an invitation to. I mean, so this is not

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Leslie Schneider: So in other words, we can vote on extending an invitation. And then the race every task force would have the option now and in the future to decline is that

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Rasham Nassar: Like

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Rasham Nassar: I just don't think that's fair at all because, number one, the race equity Task Force has not received the benefit of knowing what the planning commission is or does

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Rasham Nassar: So they'd have to be brought up to speed on that. And number two, one of the concerns that they've raised and repeatedly raised

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Rasham Nassar: Is that it's unfair for the Council to just assume that by virtue of their participation in the process they are they somehow, are they satisfy the requisite that the Council seeking to apply some sort of an equity lens.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, that's

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Exactly. Our point we don't we don't purport to believe that they do. I mean, that's

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Rasham Nassar: It. I'm sorry I had the floor. Okay. And so it makes sense from from be in all fairness to either have that discussion scheduled on the 11th so that they can receive the benefit of witnessing the Council's discussion or to have it well would have to be on the 11th.

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Rasham Nassar: Or to forward them your written proposal so that they can discuss it as a committee at their committee meeting on the sixth, which I think I would

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Rasham Nassar: Prefer and I think they would prefer so that they were prepared to issue. Wait way their comments and feedback on the item at the meeting on the 11th.

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That would be fun.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we're looking at adding it to the agenda on the 11th right

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Morgan Smith: Um. Can I just clarify. So in a sense, we're just so everyone's on the same page. We're planning to do both things to develop

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Morgan Smith: A written document that captures the actual suggestions and plan to have a council discussion on the 11th or you also providing that to the risk type of every task force now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We already have a written document that captures the suggestions, so we can we can forward that draft to the race equity Task Force and they can they can give us feedback on it and we can then discuss it on the 11th.

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: So for instance, if

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Leslie Schneider: The if

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Leslie Schneider: They would

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Leslie Schneider: I think what you're saying, then, is that if the race equity Task Force meets ahead of that August 11 meeting. And if they say no, no, no, we don't want to that. That's not for us, then we would be not discussing that on the 11th, we would just be deleting that from the proposal.

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Leslie Schneider: Right, okay.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To be very clear. That's why it was written as to invite them at their discretion to be involved if they felt there was any value in being involved because we absolutely felt that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If they didn't feel there was value and be involved. We were not going to presuppose that there would be valuable.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay and see manager, since I jumped on

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Morgan Smith: SIMPLE REQUEST. When you have that document ready. I know it's understands in draft form, but it would be helpful if you could share it with me. So it says, there'll be some administrative stuff. I want us to be prepared to know what may or may not change.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car is also has her hand up and now I'll come back to you. Customer nisar

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Christy Carr: Thanks.

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Christy Carr: Mayor I all of the recommendations had a few sentences, at least, about the thinking that went behind them. So I probably should have shared that for all them in equal measure.

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Christy Carr: But I will provide that draft to the city manager and then also to council member in a SARS point, kind of in terms of timing. If the race equity task force.

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Christy Carr: Meets on the six. I think what I heard her say was that they don't currently potentially understand the role or responsibilities of the planning commission. So I'm wondering if somebody either from the planning commission or potentially the city council Planning Commission liaison.

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Christy Carr: May ask to be invited to that meeting to provide any background that may be helpful to their discussion in considering their potential future role or if that's a conversation. They want to have on their own.

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Leslie Schneider: Counselor and so yeah

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so I I want to try and clear and clarify. I think what I see as being the issue.

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Rasham Nassar: And doing it as respectfully as possible.

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Rasham Nassar: As force has identified and what the Council has identified is that in order to kind of approach the problem of plying

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Rasham Nassar: An equity lens to our committee members selection process. We all have to receive the benefit of racial sensitivity training.

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Rasham Nassar: And systemic and institutionalized racism training on equity, including members of the race equity task force to suggest that simply by having a person of color in the room satisfies the element of equity.

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Rasham Nassar: Is offensive to members of the race equity Task Force and offensive to people of color in the community. They've said that they've said that at the race equity Task Force meeting and some of them have made that statement in public comment to this council. So I'm just a little

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Rasham Nassar: Frustrated that that point doesn't seem to be getting across um

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Rasham Nassar: I think the best path forward is to forward your proposal to the race equity Task Force members and have them discuss it. Now, whether or not

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Rasham Nassar: Getting them up to speed on what the planning commission is and all the background and process that relates to the work of the planning commission is appropriate to download upon them.

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Rasham Nassar: at their meeting on the six I'm inclined to think not that that is also inappropriate to assume that race equity Task Force members can arrive at the same level of knowledge and understanding of planning commission process.

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Rasham Nassar: In a single meeting and not to make an informed decision on the 11th what they've asked for is a commitment from the Council to proceed with the trainings and workshops

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Rasham Nassar: That we are currently now scheduled or working towards scheduling, with the help of the city manager through Gare they add their last meeting they discussed the fact that

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Rasham Nassar: Applying an equity lens to as as we so freely say it on the Council is not as simple as just having a person of color in the room.

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Rasham Nassar: We need to develop a lens. First, the task force is not in a position to develop that without the assistance of a qualified professional

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Rasham Nassar: That was their request. They said so much when they came before the Council on July 7 and that's what they're working towards

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Rasham Nassar: So that's where, that's where that piece of this will begin. They also recognize that they are going to miss the boat on being likely on being involved in the committee member selection processes or I should say, having an equity lens.

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Rasham Nassar: Applied to this round of committee members selection processes. But my understanding of the outcome of their last meeting was that they were

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Rasham Nassar: That was okay because they would rather approach this from the appropriate

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Rasham Nassar: Perspective and have the benefit of receiving professional training first before they just work something together and said, here's an equity lens council does this make you happy.

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Rasham Nassar: And it just doesn't work that way. It's going to take months of training commitment from council members to deep dive with the raise equity Task Force members to have difficult and complicated discussions and we're on that path.

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Rasham Nassar: But we're not going to get there by the 11th and still I don't speak for the task force the task force speaks for themselves.

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Rasham Nassar: So I would, at this point in time just request that those council members please submit your proposal to the task force, let them talk about it.

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Rasham Nassar: See how they feel, they'll come up with their recommendation or propose thoughts on that subject, and they can deliver that themselves to the Council, when they're with us on the

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Leslie Schneider: Council my pride topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I couldn't agree with you more.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This include. To me, the inclusion of this is an attempt to to accomplish what I'm hearing from this Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And attempt to to try to, uh, to to in the interim, apply a racial equity lens. When we have no idea how to do that in the absence of training.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I would happily exercise that piece, while we wait to actually receive training. So I would you know i mean i'm happy to go back this up committee and say this is a, in a, in a, you know,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A flawed accommodation that doesn't work. So rather than get into further difficulties and awkward situations with a race equity task force. So, believe me, it's, I don't think it. I don't think it makes any sense either

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Rasham Nassar: Well, again, I don't I'm I'm submitting these as my comments and my understanding of the race equity Task Force position on the recent Council discussions related to the planning commission right

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Rasham Nassar: Um but i'm not i'm not attempting to speak for them. So I would still encourage you to submit the proposal, as you've drafted it

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Rasham Nassar: either one or both of you are all of the committee members thought it was a good idea. It's made it itself into a document that exists. So let's send it let's let them have the dialogue.

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Rasham Nassar: We might not like what they say, that's okay. That's part of the nature of the work that we're doing around systemic racism. So let's not just pull back.

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Rasham Nassar: So quickly in a reactionary manner. Let's just send it to them and see what they say and then they're going to be with us on the 11th and we'll hear

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's my view, and it is again it is actually written as as as a proposal to come and watch the process and potentially

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, see what what they think about process. But again, I don't. I certainly don't want to go as far as to presume that we're going to come in and talk about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The planning commission. I certainly that that's starting to feel like where we were going before we're starting to add things to their agenda and that sort of thing.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So yes, we, I guess we keep it where it is right now, which I feel we wrote it as an open door to if there's interest in being part of this process that's fine, but it's an open door is in no way looking to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: For rubber stamp or for any way to make any sort of an assumption that we are creating an equity lens, which we are completely incapable of doing and which I fully acknowledge. Anyway, that's my thought.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Councilmember car. Did you want to add anything

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Christy Carr: Yeah, I guess just real quickly. I think I agree with council members ours comments for sure. And then also just to try to x. We did not anticipate that that recommendation would in any way satisfy

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Christy Carr: Any sort of equity goals or equity lens that wasn't the intent. It was seen as potentially an opportunity to introduce them to the committee.

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Christy Carr: And Commission process that they may or may not choose to have a role in in the future, but it wasn't, it wasn't intended as anything other than that. So I'm happy to send it along and see what their comments are, but I think it was, it was

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Christy Carr: Probably like COUNCILMEMBER head topless set up a flawed construct to start the

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Christy Carr: Start the process of engaging them as

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Christy Carr: As they

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Christy Carr: Start to be more engaged. So I'll leave it there.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. Alright, so on still on committee reports are there. Yes.
Councilmember into sorry

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Rasham Nassar: I JUST WANTED, AND I WAS HOPING THAT CITY MANAGER Smith could chime into and just share the good news about the city's recent interactions with gear and that they've been successful and we're moving towards the direction

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Rasham Nassar: The city has joined become a member of care in my

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Morgan Smith: I have applied and I have received emails that suggests that that is happening. I have not yet got the welcome your membership number is XYZ but i i'm hopeful.

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Rasham Nassar: I just wanted to acknowledge that and I wanted to thank the city manager for making special time to meet with the chairman co Chair of the race equity Task Force almost on a weekly basis.

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Rasham Nassar: To guarantee and ensure that progress on matters of race and equity or forward moving and happening quickly. So I just want to extend my gratitude to you. Same Andrew Smith and to let the public know that

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Rasham Nassar: We are in the process. So it's been a long time coming, but I'm very excited for what the future holds.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I'm hoping we have some momentum now and then when the

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Morgan Smith: When the task force comes to council in August, as is planned that there can be some real progress and updates to provide. So let's, I don't want to jinx it though. But I feel good about the discussions we've had the last couple weeks for sure. And I'm looking forward to that August touch.

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Leslie Schneider: That's great news. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, Deputy

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Leslie Schneider: Mayor deets. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Yeah, I just couldn't help a chime in as a former liaison to the task force how how great it is to hear July 28 we found out

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Joe Deets: Well, maybe not officially we're all but a member of care. So that's great and and then now membership is only so much. Now, it's okay.

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Joe Deets: As Rasha me know well is what are the programs. We're going to initiate so that's going to be. I'm looking forward to hearing on that. So I thank you. That's great news. I'm really glad to hear that.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Is that where is that in on that committee reports.

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Leslie Schneider: Um,

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so we are now on to for the good of the order. And I guess I could jump in with a really quick one here.

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Leslie Schneider: So as I mentioned in the

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Leslie Schneider: In the mayor's report that the deadline for committee applications is coming fast and furious. We've got just a few more days. And at that point, we are working

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Leslie Schneider: Roz is working with me to schedule interviews. There's just so many interviews. So many committees, we're just, we're not going to be able to do all of them in the timeframe that we would like. So I just wanted to throw out there that

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Leslie Schneider: We're going to try to do two if not three committees next week. That's cramming them in. That's going to be a lot of commitment by a lot of people to make that happen. And that would allow us to put allow us to get a recommendation into the packet for the, the next business meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: But then, so the, the only thing I want to put out there is that, then if we proceed. The next week to have more

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Leslie Schneider: Though that would have to come up at a study session just want to sort of make sure that that's OK with everyone and then

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Leslie Schneider: And then the to touch process would mean that at the business meeting on the, on August 25 we would then be able to move forward with final committee assignments and then they would be able to start on the, on September, you know, the beginning of September.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm there are so many of them. I'm not even sure we're going to get that far. But we'll do the best we can with as many as we can. But I just wanted you to know that that those were starting to be planned.

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Leslie Schneider: So that's it for my little piece. And if there's any problem with that coming up at a study session, you could let me know.

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Leslie Schneider: Offline

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: Hello. Remember high topless. Did you have

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Leslie Schneider: I can bring it up and

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Rasham Nassar: I have. Can I, can I mentioned something I had my hand up.

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Sure.

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Rasham Nassar: As it relates to a

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Rasham Nassar: Different topic or we're going to the order. Correct. Yeah. Okay. Um so city manager Smith, I have received two calls related to road ends.

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Rasham Nassar: On the island. I think it's a summer occurrence and the citizens were calling to relay their concerns around parking and trash at

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Rasham Nassar: Various road ends across the island. There were two that were called out specifically one was at the end of the Akina

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Rasham Nassar: And I can't remember the location of the other one I have to go back and look at my notes.

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Rasham Nassar: I just wondering now that we don't have the marine access committee, what is the process for, like, well, how, where do what to whom do I direct complaints or concerns regarding road ends. Is that something I should just refer to Chris

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Morgan Smith: No, I appreciate the chance to remind folks that even when we have the committee, we really want that it's a city's Public Works responsibility to maintain those sites.

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Morgan Smith: There's a couple things that go on. One is that in the summer with the longer days and the interest in water access

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Morgan Smith: We often get a heightened level of use in some of these sites are very neighborhood oriented and and it's very noticeable when more people make use of them.

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Morgan Smith: So in some places where that's kind of

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Morgan Smith: Problem. We anticipate the police actually do enforcement patrol emphasis patrol. So they just drive by regularly to some of the sort of the known problem areas to make sure folks are leaving at dusk, which is the legal requirement if there's issues with

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Morgan Smith: Damage to signs or benches, or trash that needs attention or vegetation. That's a great candidate to use our see click fix tool.

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Morgan Smith: And the reason we prefer to direct people towards that when they have these types of concerns.

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Morgan Smith: Is because it creates a lot of first of all other folks can see that the concern has been logged which may not be as relevant for Rodin as it is for like a downed tree.

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Morgan Smith: But the other thing is it gives us some accountability, we can make sure that there's been follow up and that it was timely.

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Morgan Smith: And so that's just our standard way if you have a public works concern like that. So please, you see, click fix

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Morgan Smith: And then we can identify both geographically and make sure the right people get out to follow up.

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Morgan Smith: Most of our rodents don't have a trash receptacle. So if people are leaving their litter that's unfortunate, but of course we want to know about it, if there's a problem that needs to be cleaned up.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Morgan Smith: It well

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Before I before I, you know, make the factual corrections that I want to make regarding the regarding the op ed piece in the Islander. I just want to, you know, kind of go back to what was Aaron Phillips comments at the beginning of the meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know when I said at the beginning of the meeting. I wanted to wait till the good of the order, rather than then make a place on our agenda, we've been kind of blowing up meetings this year to deal with issues that come up and D railing our process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And you know just basically taking the wind of our sales and make it difficult for us to get business done because we have to deal with these these

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Whatever these issues are these conduct issues. These whatever these issues are, you know, and right now. I mean, I'm tired. This is hard to do. This is draining.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This is just a bummer.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But you know, it's really actually a it's actually a pretty significant issue when when misrepresentations about our about our council members, our city. The way our city does business.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, is published in a local paper that goes into every mailbox in our, in our city.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To the people 99% of whom don't watch our city council meetings and can't don't know for themselves what happens and accusations like you made, Michael.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: against our city council members and how we did business on that meeting. A few weeks ago.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's important that we respond to those. And so I'm going to respond to a few of these. And what I'm going to go back to what what Aaron said about the fact that people are are

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Now more than ever, are suffering they have real problems they have fears and concerns. There's business that we need to take care of on a regular basis.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Where there's affordable housing, whether it's an employment, whether it's whatever it is they look to us. We're supposed to be. We're supposed to be strong.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Leaders decision makers behaving like adults, we make. We make mistakes all the time. And we're going to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We're going to sometimes treat each other badly. We're going to some we're going to not always do things well. And the last thing we need to be doing is, is making up basically

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Stories about what happens on council, especially things that are that are they represent each other as racists and bad people. And that present our, our processes as unfair and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Unjust actually quite horrifying to our community. So I'm just going to read a couple of statements from this op ed piece that are absolutely incorrect because

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I have a right as a city council person and an obligation to set them straight. So a couple statements that are absolutely not true.

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Rasham Nassar: I would like I would like clarification from the city attorney as to what, on what grounds does do council members have to bring in a written statement by a council member that was

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Leslie Schneider: No.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry, but I'm not understanding why you're interrupting.

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Leslie Schneider: I mean,

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Rasham Nassar: I find it to be a violation of our code of conduct our Rules of Procedure and I would just like some clarification on that.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so I'm going to overrule that and we'll figure out what happens next.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, so in this in this in this op ed piece. There's a statement that says that the black candidate followed what is I'm going to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm going to actually all read the whole so that nobody accuses me of cutting any words out the black candidate didn't know anyone in political power but followed what is written in terms of the appointment process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's actually not true because the appointment process involves submitting an application and then being interviewed

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In contrast, the white and in this case the Black Hand It came forward after the process and closed and asked to be appointed. In contrast, the white candidate.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A well connected and longtime council member who was rejected by voters in the last election followed the Council's unwritten rules in fact that candidate.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Applied as the rest of the applicants did, and was interviewed as the rest of the applicants did

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The white candidates application process included submit will have just a brief paragraph and a private unrecorded interview with former Council colleagues who determine she was the most qualified and then quickly moved

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Her moved to close off consideration of other candidates. In fact, she was interviewed by two council members and the planning the planning.

1956

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Commission chair like all of the other applicants and then she was who are all interviewed and then two candidates were chosen Sarah blossom and Kim. Kim McCormick Osman

1957

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: No candidates who had applied for the formal process where then overlooked. All of them were interviewed and two were chosen

1958

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Then later in this piece. It is said that after the Council voted on June 1 to move forward the black candidates nomination for approval. The next meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What followed was a bitter smear campaign against her replete with charges and reverse racism that she was cutting to the front of the line or unqualified

1960

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the zoom bombing of a meeting with images of burning crosses the N word and pornographic material.

1961

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Now, first of all, it appears to me that it's suggested that those quotes were made by Council members which they certainly weren't

1962

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: There was public comment about cutting to the front of the line by a by a member of the public know council members and anything like that.

1963

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But more importantly, there was no zoom bombing of any council meeting that we have had any zoom meeting meeting with any images of any kind, let alone. These images.

1964

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We have on Monday morning after the publication of this piece I checked with a city manager, she can speak to this. She's checked with staff. We have never had any zoom bombing of any public meeting.

1965

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I don't know where this came from. But the danger is that any citizen who is not seen our meetings.

1966

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Has no reason to believe otherwise. And so this is the story that has been told to our public. The members of our

1967

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Bainbridge Island public about how we do business. And I think that that is a terrible thing to do to our public so I hope other other members of this Council will speak their minds about how they feel about this. Thank you.

1968

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER nisar

1969

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Rasham Nassar: Well, first of all I have to correct the record and correct COUNCILMEMBER high top Alyssa is a comments that seemed to insinuate that what

1970

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock wrote related to the zoom bombing happened at a council meeting. It didn't happen at a council meeting. You're right. And that, but that's not what the letter said, I believe it said that it happened to miss Matthews in a work meeting.

1971

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Rasham Nassar: So,

1972

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Rasham Nassar: You're shaking your head like you don't believe me, but I don't know that you've talked to miss Matthews sense

1973

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Rasham Nassar: The sense that the whole Planning Commission appointment process discussions have gone on at City Council but yacht, too, because that's where that piece of information came from so

1974

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Rasham Nassar: There's that

1975

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Rasham Nassar: I'll let council member deets speak first. But I would like to circle back and make some comments because what when I attempted to call a point of order.

1976

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Rasham Nassar: And with regard to the fact that these types of comments that we have become habitual have which

1977

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Rasham Nassar: Have ritualized to that had become a normal part of how the Council conducts business are incredibly problematic and a cursory review of our governance manual

1978

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Rasham Nassar: Our code of conduct in our ethics program and rules of parliamentary procedure will reveal that this these types of tactics that we engage and where we

1979

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Rasham Nassar: Focus on one council members conduct and then proceed to criticize that council members conduct towards the end of a meeting are inconsistent with all of the policies and practices and code of conduct that we have on the books.

1980

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I will call point of order, if we have more than one comment per council member at the order

1981

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER high topless was setting the record straight on very misleading statements. I'm sorry, but like, at what point do we get to do that. If not now,

1982

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor dates.

1983

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. Well,

1984

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I read the article, too. And it was, it was very painful to read

1985

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Joe Deets: And honestly, Michael, I'm looking at you. I really thought we were on a point of healing.

1986

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Joe Deets: With our with the Council, I really did. And, and then you wrote that article. And I just, I don't understand why you wrote that article. What

1987

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Joe Deets: What were you trying to, I'm asking you a question. Why did you write this article, knowing you know the facts and you know we were on a process of healing.

1988

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Joe Deets: And this is not this is a big setback writing that article. You have to have known that.

1989

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Joe Deets: So I'm asking you why did you write this article. What was, what were you hoping to accomplish other you know we were on a process of healing the Council, and then you wrote this article.

1990

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Joe Deets: So I'm asking you.

1991

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Michael Pollock: I don't know what to say there. Councilmember deeds. Um, I've heard a number of different things said about what we're doing here. Um, I think that if council members, I guess, I guess, first of all,

1992

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Michael Pollock: race and racism is a very difficult issue and the reactions that I'm seeing from not just council members that other Members are fairly predictable and to be expected. Not everybody

1993

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Michael Pollock: Deals with such issues very well and they are very, very challenging. So I'm especially challenging and 11 o'clock at night, but I felt that

1994

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Michael Pollock: It was important to hear my perspective and then speak out on it and and to me. What I said was 100% accurate. So, you know, there's disagreement.

1995

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Michael Pollock: I didn't want to actually spend time at a council meeting and I just think we're wasting our time right now. Frankly, I think that if somebody disagrees with what I said they're more than welcome to write an editorial so

1996

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Michael Pollock: It's a free country we have First Amendment rights and, you know, there can be disagreement. Reasonable minds can disagree. I would prefer the if

1997

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Michael Pollock: Anybody has disagreement about this that they that write a letter to the editor and set the record straight in their mind.

1998

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Michael Pollock: But I think it's important that we have a discussion about racism, especially in the context of the Black Lives Matter.

1999

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Michael Pollock: I understand that it's going to be difficult. I understand. People are going to have emotional reactions and that's has unfolded numerous places across

2000

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Michael Pollock: The nation. And recently, the whole nation right now is having a discussion about systemic racism and it's a structure of power and it's about how how people of color are excluded from power because of the system that is set up.

2001

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Michael Pollock: And so this isn't about racism like you've committed a felony or you've committed an act of racism. It's about racism that's structural in nature. And that's been around for a long, long time.

2002

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Michael Pollock: So this is like a little tiny, tiny attempt to move that conversation forward and recognizing that it's a 400 year problem. The first slaves came over in 1692 to the United States.

2003

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Michael Pollock: We're not going to resolve it. Now, I'm not gonna, we're not going to resolve it in our lifetimes. But what we can do is begin to have this difficult conversation and to move the ball forward. So it's, it's an attempt to do it, it's imperfect.

2004

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Michael Pollock: But it's absolutely been shown again and again and again that

2005

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Michael Pollock: Is white people struggle to deal with racism and there's often emotional and defensive reactions. There's a whole suite. You can read about it. I'm happy to share information, anybody that wants to. But what's going on right now is entirely predictable and

2006

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Michael Pollock: You know, that doesn't mean we're not going to continue to have it. It doesn't mean it's not going to be painful. We're going to have a conversation about systemic racism and

2007

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Michael Pollock: It's going to be imperfect. And I think people are going to be struggling as as they have been elsewhere. And as they have in the past and as they will continue in the future so

2008

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Leslie Schneider: So we're going to, we're going to conclude now my name was brought up in the very first sentence of that article. And the concern here has nothing to do with difficult conversations about racism that has to do with

2009

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Leslie Schneider: misleading the public with just misrepresentation effects. So I don't see any of your hands up with that cheery note, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.