

MEETING TRANSCRIPT-BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING-6/30/2020

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: I am

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Leslie Schneider: Is there anything anybody need to say anything before I get started.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, let's do this.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so I called order this special city council meeting Tuesday, June 30 2020 and we are in a remote meeting on zoom and we have all council meetings here except for council member Pollock. He will be here. He has announced that he will be a few minutes late, and

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Leslie Schneider: So we also have the city manager and the city attorney.

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Leslie Schneider: The city clerk. Thank you all very much.

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Leslie Schneider: While we're while we're well I guess we're not technically waiting, but it would anybody would any council member like to do a quick check in.

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Leslie Schneider: And I need

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Leslie Schneider: All right, seems like we're good.

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Leslie Schneider: Counsel eats

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Joe Deets: You know, how can how can we not check in. Anyway, good. Good to see everybody very glad to be here tonight. We have some lot of important business some financial business.

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Joe Deets: That discussion on the cares funding Planning Commission appointment.

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Joe Deets: So welcome, everybody for attending and colleagues, I look forward to a productive meeting that ends before 11 O'Clock tonight. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes. Great. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: I just want to say, let's see everybody

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Kol Medina: I hope you have a good night. I hope you all had a good week before showing up here and I hope next week is great as well.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you for that.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so

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Leslie Schneider: As we move on. I just wanted. I just want to say that during the approval of the agenda. We are here at this special meeting because we have been sort of punting the business for that the that the city manager needs the feedback on on a lot of financial

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Leslie Schneider: Topics here and we need this for the budget, we need it for really moving forward on everything. And so, you know, we've been moving a lot of this stuff forward because we've had really big agendas.

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Leslie Schneider: That hasn't seemed to stop us from having meetings that go until 11 or later. But thank you city manager for doing that. And so as we move into this approval of the agenda, I would just like to request that we

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Leslie Schneider: don't suggest moving anything ahead of the financial items because they have been waiting patiently for our alert attention. So with that,

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Leslie Schneider: Would anybody like to make a motion to approve our agenda and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just want to put a strong vote in for really actually getting to the ethics today.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I won't ask to move anything up. But I just please conserve your energy for that. So we can do that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Um, I also just want to say, I think we've had some stuff that's been kind of going on over the last week as fallout from last week.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Some emails and so forth. I'm not going to add anything to the agenda, but I think we might want to have a conversation for the good of the order. So I don't think it requires any kind of amendment, and I'd be happy to move that we approve the agenda as published

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Leslie Schneider: Second from COUNCILMEMBER deeks

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Um. Any further comments, all those in favor please say aye.

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Kol Medina: Aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: We can move forward. That is unanimous.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. And now we are going to go to public comment. And so we have it.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry. Councilmember needs.

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Joe Deets: Conflict of interest.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much. So is there any. Does anyone have a conflict of interest, they would like to disclose.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, seeing none, we will now move on to item number three, public comment. And so all of the public comment that we're going to take this evening will happen in this particular period.

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Leslie Schneider: And so I think they're very artistic instructions attached to the agenda for how to make public comment. And as I see here in the attendees, we've got a number of hands raised. So if you would like to make public comment on

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Leslie Schneider: Either finding your zoom interface or check the

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Leslie Schneider: Orange, check the instructions for how to raise your hand and I will go down the list.

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Leslie Schneider: And I can only read what I see on my, on my attendees screen, so I apologize if that doesn't fully represent who you are. Maybe you could just state your name and

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Leslie Schneider: The street that you live on, and you have three minutes. And the way you can judge if you're getting close to your three minutes or over is check the chat column.

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Leslie Schneider: OUR CITY CLERK will be noting in the chat that you either have 30 seconds left, or a request to stop and I will be paying attention to that as well so that at the top of my list is Cynthia, you may unmute and go ahead with your public comment.

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Cynthia: Hi. Thanks, Leslie. So I'm of course going to talk about the Ashley Matthews issue. I'm going to speak to each one of you.

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Cynthia: You can hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry, yes. And could you just please state your full name.

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Cynthia: Cynthia Bellis

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you.

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Cynthia: So Cole. We're glad you're staying out of this one. I think you're too smart to vote against a person of color and we appreciate that.

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Cynthia: Leslie please educate yourself on plantation politics plantation politics is shorthand for an immoral concentration of resources exclusion and the arrogance of governments unchecked power.

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Cynthia: And for the love of all that is good to stop equating affordable housing with people of color. I don't know if you know how offensive that is

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Cynthia: Kirsten get back to your campaign promises. We've all been terribly let down by your inability to stick to them. Joe be the guy we know you can be

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Cynthia: Come through for equity and inclusion. Don't be scared off the task force don't cave issues of race or uncomfortable. And you can see through it. I believe in your leadership.

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Cynthia: Rochelle keep fighting and articulating, we are so sorry about the hostility and mistreatment. You've endured, and thank you for bringing Ashley to the mix for the planning commission

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Cynthia: Michael keep fighting and articulating standing strong for Ashley is a historic move for the city of Bainbridge Island.

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Cynthia: growth rings pain and power elites will never give up their stranglehold very easily Christie.

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Cynthia: We are wary of you so prove to us that you're the independent thinker. You were rumored to be and resist the urge to persuade

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Cynthia: White power politics and all of you should be happy. Someone like Ashley has come along and please stop the gravy train of personnel.

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Cynthia: From hostile Southern states to our progressive island cancel the contract with our little recruiter, the Southern own recruiter

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Cynthia: Who has continued to supply us with tone deaf community leaders, whose activities have brought corruption and Southern Cal colonizer values to our city hall and let's rain in the present criminal enterprise for the development elites. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, Cynthia. Thank you for your prepared comments, I'm Ashley Matthews, you're up next.

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Ashley Mathews: Hello.

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Ashley Mathews: Good evening city manager mayor Schneider Deputy Mayor council members and fellow islanders

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Ashley Mathews: I first wanted to say that I'm proud to volunteer to serve our community on the planning commission and I'm honored to be appointed with my friend Kim tonight as I try to fill max on syllable shoes.

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Ashley Mathews: I'm extremely qualified and have now gotten to address these several times, as well as had the pleasure of being interviewed by most of you when I applied for the South board seat that was speaking

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Ashley Mathews: After many recent events in this country. I came to a personal decision that I needed to get involved. And so I reached out. I want to be very clear about this. I reached out to counsel.

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Ashley Mathews: I know your decision last Tuesday was not an easy one. And you would not have made it except for these revolutionary times that we find ourselves in, and I commend you for your courage. So it seems this revolution will not be televised instead, it will be zoomed

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Ashley Mathews: I have been where I wanted, wasn't wanted before as one of the first black children. Many of my classmates had never seen in upstate New York.

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Ashley Mathews: I would often have things thrown at me, called the N word, you name it. So I've seen this before. What I haven't yet seen was this behavior played out through the lens of politics.

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Ashley Mathews: The good news is that when we all know better. We do better and we are on that path. Tonight we have learned a lot this week, imagine where will be three years from now, as I come to the end of my first term on the planning commission

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Ashley Mathews: The American Planning Association only published their first guide for planning for equity in 2019. This is new for all of us. And I know my voice will help

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Ashley Mathews: I spent this week mentally defending my blackness. Somebody said I was using being black. I'm sorry. This is not a costume.

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Ashley Mathews: The chair of the race equity Task Force even use the word reverse racism, how can we have an equity task force that believes equity is reverse racism.

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Ashley Mathews: In his defense, the issue was put on his agenda without his knowledge. So again, we all need to make sure that we're trained on this when we know better. We do better.

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Ashley Mathews: I volunteered as need with the skills I have to add, not only as some important diversity to the planning commission, but only at but also with my unique set of skills.

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Ashley Mathews: Unfortunately, I don't know everyone's motivation for being for or against this. I only know mine.

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Ashley Mathews: I heard Mr. Chester refer to a conversation he had with someone who referenced the other people of color and what they thought

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Ashley Mathews: Again, when we know better will do better. I look forward to working alongside Mr. Chester so that he can learn from this person of color.

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Ashley Mathews: I didn't volunteer as some black one. I volunteered as this strong black woman will be a dedicated and valued member of the Commission.

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Ashley Mathews: To all of those who can't move away from this being outside of the process. I hope that we can use this as a time to make the process better

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Ashley Mathews: Imagine if everyone who had applied to anything within the past few years was put into a CRM system and match to opportunities, based on their skill set.

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Ashley Mathews: Then they received a notification to apply or not all electronically.

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Ashley Mathews: Having me reapply at this point does no good. We've already been down this road. And we can do this together. I think I paid my dues here can be consistently engaged, and I know I'm the best person for this position.

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Ashley Mathews: I want to take a moment to think one of the true heroes here which is Sarah blossom without her so graciously stepping aside, this was not have been possible.

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Ashley Mathews: I hope that, in light of Mr domains recent resignation from the planning commission that maybe you all step outside of that box again and appoint her

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Ashley Mathews: To the seat. Anyhow, I see. I'm getting close to time. I just wanted to say I'm honored to be a trailblazer alongside of you.

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Ashley Mathews: And I just asked you to quiet the noise and appoint Kim and I this evening to the planning commission as I said last week. The time is now. So Mr. Chester Kim John Lisa and Joe make some room in that zoom. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Ashley. Next up is Scott Hamilton.

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Scott Hamilton: Good day. Thank you for taking my call.

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Scott Hamilton: My name is Scott Hamilton, I live on charisma circle in the south ward.

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Scott Hamilton: I am not an applicant for the planning commission. I don't have a dog in the hunt this year, but I wasn't applicant last year and I send an email around to the Council about three o'clock this afternoon.

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Scott Hamilton: I'm really concerned about the process that has been undertaken, not only this year. But last year. Last year there were seven I believe applicants for the Council or for the Commission.

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Scott Hamilton: We were told in the end that no one of us were necessary because the policy was over the decision was to reappoint

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Scott Hamilton: The incumbent, so there was no point in talking to us. Well, if that was the case. Why did we even waste our time. Now we go and come to this year.

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Scott Hamilton: And you have a similar process we're at their June 25 meeting to have the Commissioner said, and you can go back and look at the videotape.

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Scott Hamilton: That the policy is to reappoint the incumbents if they want to serve. Again, this, this takes it right to the point of why should people bother to apply.

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Scott Hamilton: If it's going to be not what you know. But who, you know, a third Commissioner said that there was a club mentality here in on the island.

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Scott Hamilton: Which it was clear to me that was the case. Last year, and it's so clear that this is the case, this year I have no quarrel with Sarah blossom, per se.

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Scott Hamilton: But her nomination for appointment. It's just screams of club mentality and status quo. You need new people, new ideas.

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Scott Hamilton: And I don't know, Ashley Matthews wouldn't know if I bumped into her on the street, but she did not apply in the in the timeframe.

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Scott Hamilton: That all the other seven applicants applied for they followed the rules here and this appears to be one of those cases where it's not what you know it's who you know again she's asking for an exception.

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Scott Hamilton: The deputy mayor is promoting her. I noticed that in May 5 she the Deputy Mayor didn't even vote for his Matthews.

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Scott Hamilton: Diversity is not a new issue it diversity did not start with George Floyd, you had the opportunity to appoint Ashley Matthews to the city council on May 12 you did not do so.

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Scott Hamilton: And I'm a little puzzled. Why all of a sudden now diversity is an issue. I understand the George Floyd thing and all of that. But you had the opportunity to do this on May 12

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Scott Hamilton: going outside the process and thumbing your nose at the Commission in the in the process of going outside the process.

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Scott Hamilton: Is an insult to your Commissioners, what makes you think that you're going to have good people applying for positions in the future when a commission is treated this way my email supplements my comments. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Appreciate your comments run Peltier you're up next. Thank you.

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Ron Peltier: Good evening council members Morgan and show Ron Peltier Valley Road, last week, and made the controversial decision to approve Ashley Matthews Proposition two on the city's Planning Commission.

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Ron Peltier: Like others, Washington. I'm interested in seeing if you'll stick by that decision. Either way, some thoughts about process and some of your comments from last Tuesday night.

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Ron Peltier: In regards to process. We've heard a lot about it since your decision to point in this Nathans mainly that you didn't follow it.

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Ron Peltier: I'm inclined to argue that you did follow the process. But in reality, it's not that simple. You did follow the legal process provided by state law city code and the governance manual

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Ron Peltier: The mayor appoints the City Council confirms Joe van told you how to accomplish that last week.

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Ron Peltier: That you needed mere Schneider to agree with a motion to approve to a point is Matthews for her partner Schneider obliged by saying

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Ron Peltier: I would be happy to make that recommendation, assuming this goes to the consent agenda. We're not making a one touch. So we give the public a chance to weigh in and understand what just happened here.

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Ron Peltier: So I think we can take my resistance off the table and quote

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Ron Peltier: In all fairness, though, there's more to the process and was legally required. There's always more process. So the point is that the see process, it's not written down anywhere.

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Ron Peltier: Last Tuesday, you did something different, consistent with the code, but like the usual process not written down anywhere.

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Ron Peltier: He said aside that process and did something different, something that folks. Some folks are comfortable with from last Tuesday night.

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Ron Peltier: We replied to the idea of reopening the appointment process and appointing this Nancy's counselor media had this to say

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Ron Peltier: I don't like the idea of reopening the process. I think it kind of makes it far submit

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Ron Peltier: I think we stick with the process and that process is landed us with Sarah, are we to say that these are unusual times extenuating circumstances.

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Ron Peltier: And we're going to do something different unusual and outside our process. And that's going to cause someone in fairness, over here, I think, pretending otherwise makes a mockery of the process, I think we just take a vote up or down. I would vote from this Matthews in this in the position.

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Ron Peltier: Cm car following. We had a process and we're considering something outside of that process at the moment I'm inclined to work outside of the process, which kind of goes against my planner person.

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Ron Peltier: Because I just think it's a good opportunity for the Council, I think it's a good opportunity for them is Matthew is to serve the city.

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Ron Peltier: I think that she was really a strong candidate for City Council position has continued to stay engaged and show interest. I'm sure she's qualified. That's where I am.

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Ron Peltier: comes over and needs follow. I think we're finding a way forward. Sorry, Sarah. I can go with Ashley. We did better as a candidate for Council, so it's not like we don't know her.

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Ron Peltier: This is extraordinary times I'm prepared to support Ashley and close

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Ron Peltier: In conclusion, I have a simple request tonight. Just do it, you know, to be right and maybe you'll tell us why you believe it to be right do that without

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Ron Peltier: Regard for who wins or loses. And you know what I'm talking about. Just take the position you know to be right and stand by it. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you, Ron. So next up, Savannah, if you could state your full name and the street you live on, you have three minutes. Thank you very much.

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Savanna: Hello. Can you guys hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, we can.

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Savanna: Hi, my name is Savannah, and I live off of Silk Road.

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Savanna: So I'm going to read something that I wrote wrote beforehand.

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Leslie Schneider: Savannah, could I interrupt you for just a sec. Please, if you could please just state your full name.

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Savanna: Savannah Ralston sorry

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Savanna: For the last 200 years, people of color have been told that they have to go through the correct process in order to gain a leg up in life.

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Savanna: follow the rules and you'll make it, but that's not how it works. White people have been using nepotism secret backdoor meetings to point people in government for longer than 200 years. This is how every government works.

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Savanna: We see we even see it happening in the White House. But when a person of color tries to appeal to their fellow community and asked to be put in a position that would make real change.

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Savanna: All of a sudden, it's about protocol and doing it by the book.

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Savanna: Now we have a chance to help someone of color, get their leg in the door and make a difference, someone who isn't tied to the island by who they know or what neighbors, they have

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Savanna: Someone who comes from outside our little box and wants to make a difference.

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Savanna: As a person of color. It makes me feel more confident that my voice in the voices of others will be heard. I don't know. Ashley Matthews personally

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Savanna: But I believe that because of where she comes from. She can bring something to this island that we desperately desperately need.

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Savanna: I've lived here since I was three years old. And to my knowledge, this would be the first time I would see a black woman sitting on the planning commission

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Savanna: I have watched this city grow over the past 27 years and this historic moment of appointing Ashley Matthews is something I would love to share with my children someday. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you, Savannah. Okay, next up, sell directly

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Sal DeRosalia: Hello, my name is Sal Drew is Olga and I live off of Madison Avenue.

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Sal DeRosalia: Can you hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, we can hear you. Thank you.

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Sal DeRosalia: Okay, perfect. Um, gosh, it is, it's, it's just interesting to hear all the prepared speeches tonight. So my speech is not prepared. So I'm just going to go off the cuff.

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Sal DeRosalia: I, I just don't agree with the appointment of somebody who didn't apply or go through any of the process.

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Sal DeRosalia: I could care less, that they applied for another position at another time because it wasn't the planning commission at this time. And that's the position we're talking about

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Sal DeRosalia: I have a really hard time listening to white person after white person guilt another white person after another white person about why they should just

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Sal DeRosalia: Walk the the the crony pic that they have through the front door. It's just if you if you

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Sal DeRosalia: Care to look back at the first meeting that we talked about the planning commission, nobody mentioned the race equity, people of color, Ashley Matthews or anything like that.

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Sal DeRosalia: This had 100% to do with getting Sarah blossom off that planning commission if we want to open up all the spots and redo them all again, I'm game for that.

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Sal DeRosalia: I just think we appoint it we opened up, but we can't just hand walk somebody in that may or may not represent the community that they say they may or may not represent

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Sal DeRosalia: I'll speak for me personally, Ashley doesn't represent me so so I don't

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Sal DeRosalia: So just by that she's not representing everyone. And I know we can all agree on people, but at the same time. That's why people go through a process that's why they apply. That's why they go through interviews.

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Sal DeRosalia: I agree with the gentleman who talked about, well, if we're not going to get interviewed for the spot because they're just going to appoint someone who was there before.

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Sal DeRosalia: Why are we doing this. There's a ton of stuff that's broken with the process all through the city.

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Sal DeRosalia: And every council member every person who works inside the city government should be ashamed to some degree that they've allowed this stuff to continue to happen. And because of that, we're here.

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Sal DeRosalia: But I just think it's going to be a shame if we start to use race equity and we start to use race or people of color or black lives matter or George Floyd and we take that message and we twist it so that we can get our friend into a position.

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Sal DeRosalia: So that, and then we can kind of propose that we are representing people of color. I just don't think that that's what's going on there. I hope that people can see through the the massive layers of what's going on here, just see the truth. And that's all I got tonight. So thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you so

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Leslie Schneider: Lisa meal you are up next. And I don't see any hands after that. So if those if there are any others who would like to

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Leslie Schneider: Have public comment tonight. Please find out how to get your hand raised. Thank you. And Lisa, Neil. Please go ahead.

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Lisa Neal: Lisa Neal. I'm on Fletcher landing, and I also have a comment regarding the procedure for pointing and confirming the planning, Commissioners, I listened to the last planning commission meeting and to the Commissioners express concern about process.

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Lisa Neal: And they questioned whether the Council.

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Lisa Neal: has followed the process this year and like another person who spoke already. Tonight I want to point out that the statutory statutorily mandated process has been followed by the mayor and the Council.

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Lisa Neal: I don't have any dispute about that. There's no requirement in the statute or any of the other codes or anything for interviews involvement by the liaison.

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Lisa Neal: There's no requirement that the planning commission share be involved. There's no requirement to ask the planning commission what they think about it.

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Lisa Neal: And last week, the Council made a decision and forwarded the appointment of Ashley Matthews, and I would urge you to follow through with what you're allowed to do. And I've already decided and appoint Ashley Matthews.

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Lisa Neal: Now, if you're going to go back and now again impose internal procedures or requirements or unwritten rules in order to exclude Ms. Matthews, I want to

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Lisa Neal: Make a mild complaint and tell you a little story about last year I applied last year for the planning commission

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Lisa Neal: And like others was told eventually that because the two people holding the seats that were up had reapplied that they would be reappointed and there would be no interviews.

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Lisa Neal: And I've already communicated with the mayor and with COUNCILMEMBER high topless about this.

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Lisa Neal: And I thought I had received an email that said, your, your application will remain on file. Now what I realized when I went to the website this morning.

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Lisa Neal: Was that on the website. When you apply for a city volunteer position, it says quote your. It says, your application will become, quote, part of the city's volunteer roster. Unquote.

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Lisa Neal: And that is where I got the opinion that once you're in there.

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Lisa Neal: Unless you're interviewed and rejected you're you're available to be interviewed and so I thought that when it came back around this year I would be interviewed

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Lisa Neal: When I wasn't called I again thought, well, they're probably reappointing the other people, you know, so it sort of goes around in a circle. But my point is that

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Lisa Neal: That that's an issue that is an unstated action and you've got people that think one way that they're going to be called and they don't. So if you're going to impose unwritten rules.

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Lisa Neal: On the fly to exclude a specific person. Now Ashley Matthews that's completely unfair. These rules are not clear. They are not followed all the time.

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Lisa Neal: I think you should follow the statute, which you've already done and move forward with your appointment.

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Lisa Neal: If you're not going to do that. I think you need to open the whole thing up and essentially start over and but I don't think that's necessary. You've already complied with a statute and you've already made a decision.

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Lisa Neal: And you forwarded it to. So you could take public comment as the mayor said last week. And finally, I want to mention that if you're going to consider appointing Sarah blossom at some point to some commission or some committee.

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Lisa Neal: I've already sent you. Okay, I've sent you folks several emails ethics complaints drafts and today is that you would draft lawsuit.

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Lisa Neal: You might have questions you might not agree with me, but

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Lisa Neal: You have an obligation to make informed not blind decisions. Thank you. Sorry.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you, Lisa.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to close the public comment. Now, I don't see any other hands raised.

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: Item for is the mayor's report for expediency. I'm going to

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Leslie Schneider: Skip on any comments, I might have there. I'll have more comments when we get to some of these other issues that might require some more background. So I'll

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Leslie Schneider: save you from that for the moment. And now we're on to item five for future Council agendas.

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Leslie Schneider: And city manager.

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Leslie Schneider: I think you can take the lead on this one.

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Right.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, good evening Council.

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Morgan Smith: I'm trying to be close enough volume.

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Leslie Schneider: Good. It's good. Yeah.

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Morgan Smith: I'm a couple things looking ahead to July 7 I wanted to mention one is that we still have time reserved

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Morgan Smith: That was placed your previously for a 30 minute update and discussion of next steps from the joint meeting with the planning commission and city council and as I

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Morgan Smith: Highlighted last week. I thought maybe we could touch base now and make sure that you still want to reserve that much time.

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Morgan Smith: I guess I'm jumping to the thing. I have a question about, but I just want to make sure other folks see you have a couple of significant presentations planned first

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Morgan Smith: One is a briefing from the race equity task force. The second is a briefing from the concept County Community Development Block Grant Program. They need to touch base with you as part of the update to their five year plan.

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Morgan Smith: Then we'll have our standing updates on the development moratorium and rebuilding and the only other items that will be on the agenda that night or the

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Morgan Smith: Council members DS asked to have time to look at selection of a city council liaison to the business community.

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Morgan Smith: Item that shows on your draft agenda is nine. A related to a potential text amendments at the site knows the triangle property is being put out to a later meeting to provide some additional background material.

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Morgan Smith: So I did that. And I'm more jumbled when I attended, but the the outstanding question I have about next week's agenda.

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Morgan Smith: Is about item that shown as a day, which is whether you still want to have a placeholder to report on the joint meeting you have, and if so, how much time you'd like to reserve for that.

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Leslie Schneider: And I can just jump in and say that I requested that a placeholder be held for that, but I have no

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Leslie Schneider: I have no interest in what that is, it's up to us. So if we choose to not use that time, then we can let that we can let that placeholder go away and

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor, you have your hand up.

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Rasham Nassar: I wasn't necessarily going to comment on that. I think COUNCILMEMBER head topless wanted to comment.

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Rasham Nassar: Right, so I'll go

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Councilmember I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yes, I think based on some some things that have happened over the last week, we definitely need to check in on the makeup of that committee. And it's worth going forward.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So it needs to be on next week's agenda.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Is there any other discussion on that. I think we're just kind of looking at this as if it was fresh, I wanted to keep the reminder there. But, um, are there other council members who would like to see that item remain on the agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: I did have a question. Has the mission selected three planning Commissioners to fill the slot subcommittee.

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Morgan Smith: Yes, to have

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Who are we, is that is that open for

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Rasham Nassar: comp compensation or is that just

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Morgan Smith: Isn't what did I need to remember who it is. I'm

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Morgan Smith: Commissioner power was one of the people, I'm sure.

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Morgan Smith: How some of our top was can help me here.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay. Well, I thought, where they were was they were going to be the chair bill Chester, it was going to be Kim Osmond, and then I thought there was. It was likely to be John

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Morgan Smith: And his mind.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, so that's part instead. So

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Morgan Smith: The next morning contacted myself and the department staff AND THE MAYOR AND or OR AT LEAST WE LET THE MAYOR know he had indicated that he preferred to not serve and that

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Morgan Smith: He convey that it was published her par that that's all I know about it. It may be that they need to have some additional discussion, but that's my senses, they've identified three members.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay and I'm sorry I frame my question poorly, but it was just that I was just checking in terms of process if it needed a council confirmation or if the way that we approved the formation that, the subcommittee was

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Rasham Nassar: That they would just select, that's all. And then my question was, do they have a meeting yet and are those subcommittee meetings going to be noticed to the public, or I just

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Rasham Nassar: That's a question.

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Leslie Schneider: I do not have an answer to that question. I am. It was my understanding that they would not be noticed to the public, but

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know city attorney. Do you have. Do you need to get back to us on that or is that an easy

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Leslie Schneider: Well, as is.

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Morgan Smith: That typically when you guys create when the Council creates either a task force or an ad hoc committee.

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Morgan Smith: If you prefer that it meet in a way that's noticed an open to the public, you indicate that at the time there wasn't any discussion on that. It doesn't mean you actively decided not to do it, but you didn't touch on that when you talked about forming it

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Morgan Smith: The complexity that in previous situations, what we've talked about is the balance between

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Morgan Smith: The transparency, it provides for people who want to see the work in progress, versus the opportunity. It gives to the members of the ad hoc or the task force to do their work in kind of a

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Morgan Smith: You know, more roll up your sleeves methods. So if that's a future discussion. You want to have, you should take it up.

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Morgan Smith: At this point, I did not hear anything that suggested we were going to structure it that way, and

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Morgan Smith: You should also keep in mind that we are on the brink of potentially some additional complexities around public meetings, given that the opium prohibition may expire. And so we're going to have to think about where and when to provide public access to meetings that are publicly available.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so COUNCILMEMBER Medina and Deputy Mayor. I'll come back to you for your other one but I'm assuming that COUNCILMEMBER Medina has a comment on this issue.

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Kol Medina: I was just gonna ask the question that I support keeping it on the agenda, even if it ends up being a short conversation that's fine.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Oh, is in general. Anybody is, is there anybody opposed to keeping it on the agenda. I mean, I'm happy to support it being on the agenda. Okay so city manager. I think that means yes we'll keep it.

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Morgan Smith: Great. And what we planning and this may have already happened for the clerk and council member nisar to connect on the materials that you might want to have in the packet for the race equities Task Force briefing.

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Morgan Smith: As the liaison. And if there are no materials in advance, that's fine too. We'll just wait to hear from you.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, moving on to the 14th, which is a study session. There's a briefing planned from the police chief on our current use of force policies and any recommendations. He has their

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Leslie Schneider: City Manager, could I could I interrupt you for just a sec. I'm getting married. Did you want to make a suggestion for the upcoming meeting or what is, what is your comment related to

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Rasham Nassar: Well, I do have a few proposed agenda items for future Council agendas. I don't, I'm not going to propose them for any specific meeting. So if it's more if it's better that the city manager finished running through

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Your Council agendas and you can circle back to me. I just want to make sure you know

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Leslie Schneider: I will, I will do that city manager. Sorry for the interruption.

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Morgan Smith: That's OK. So again, we're on the study session for the 14th. The police chief will be providing a briefing on use of force policies and that will be educational but also it's intended to highlight any recommendations, he has

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Morgan Smith: Or potential changes there. There's a public works concert just not study sessions a business meeting. There's a public works contract.

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Morgan Smith: Related to some additional cleaning and a grant opportunity. I'm not gonna run through each of these items. Many of them are transactional I will highlight 10 f

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Morgan Smith: Is the item that was differed from last month related to trying to finish the changes to chapter two and 18 the planning commission completed a while back.

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Morgan Smith: And also bringing forward the work that the planning commission has done 10 H on accessory dwelling units.

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Morgan Smith: And then 10 I NJ are some housekeeping items for your consideration. So that's the 14th.

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Morgan Smith: And then just looking ahead, we haven't fully scheduled out the last two meetings, but just to give you a preview for the second study session on the 21st

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Morgan Smith: We're planning to brief you on the periodic the SNP periodic update this is recapping a work plan that you've seen before, but it's been

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Morgan Smith: A while. So making sure that your understanding is fresh and that you have a chance to provide input on that. And also there's a meeting plan to continue your work on a sustainable transportation plan.

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Morgan Smith: And we'd like to talk to you about options for this upcoming cycle of Human Services funding given some of the challenges related to our closures earlier in the year.

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Morgan Smith: And our recruitment for that committee. So we've put that on a study session because it's more of a discussion topic right now. We'd like to bring forward a couple options for you to look out there.

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Morgan Smith: And then looking at the business meeting at the end of the month on the 28th. That is a time to continue your work on potential changes to self service storage facilities.

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Morgan Smith: We also have tentatively placed the third quarter public safety briefing, but it may be that after in the course of the conversation on the 14th you give some guidance or discussion on when you'd like to time that

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Morgan Smith: And then we'll be giving you the end of the month update on our current your forecasts. The first one of those tonight for May, and we have a placeholder for you to consider whether to provide a letter of support for grant

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Morgan Smith: Me the vapors island Land Trust is seeking

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Morgan Smith: So that's what we have for now.

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Leslie Schneider: Great. Alright, thank you. Good to hear. I think your time is up, is here now.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, um,

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Rasham Nassar: I saw and this is

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Rasham Nassar: The moment to start here because I just remembered about the letter that one of the race equity Task Force Members asked

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Rasham Nassar: The Council to sign to the mayor to sign and Leslie, I saw that you did respond to that communication was that requiring action this evening, or was that to be scheduled, the Council meeting, where have you handled that offline.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, I have

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Leslie Schneider: I've sent around. I actually, I was planning on bringing it up at for the good of the order just to ask it. And, but we could we could have head nods. Right now, if that

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Leslie Schneider: If that works. You know, it's just basically a letter that gives some support to the Bremerton city council to also form their own race equity task force. And this was a draft a letter.

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Leslie Schneider: Written by piggy Ericsson, I believe. And so I'm very happy to

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Leslie Schneider: Sign or cosine such a letter and

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Leslie Schneider: I can bring it up again it for the good of the order or we can all just do head nodding right now and I don't even know if it really requires Council support. It could be just a thumbs up from the mayor, you know, but certainly I would appreciate having my, my colleagues weigh in on it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I just didn't want to lose track of it. That's why I'm bringing it up. Now, during future Council agendas. If it was the case that it needed a future agenda slot.

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Rasham Nassar: City attorney if we were to bring that up during for good of the order does that constitute an action which is prohibited under the special meetings.

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Rasham Nassar: Definition of special meetings.

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Joe Levan: If it's action related to it and it's not on the agenda, then, then yes, but as the mayor indicated, if it's a matter of her saying that she was going to sign it and it just looking to see if there's any opposition to that.

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Joe Levan: You could, you could be approach it that way. And it would be fine.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Okay, so that. That sounds, that sounds appropriate okay and then for the future Council agenda topics that I'd like to propose.

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Rasham Nassar: The first one is related to our discussion on about special city council meetings and what they mean specifically when committee meetings are noticed, especially meetings of the city council.

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Rasham Nassar: There have been multiple questions raised to me related to this and I would just like for us to have a brief discussion with a city attorney providing some clarity around that that can be made available to the public.

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Rasham Nassar: Just need a second for that.

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Leslie Schneider: I'll second that.

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All right.

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Leslie Schneider: So are we putting it on the agenda, just to decide whether we want to spend time on it, or can I get a couple other supporters so that we can actually continue the discussion and and come to some conclusion on it.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, I see a thumbs up from COUNCILMEMBER Pollock county council member deeds. I'm assuming that was so we met case and

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Leslie Schneider: You can't remember I topless, did you have a comment on that or did you want to just show your support for that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I've been waiting and waiting in line.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, okay. Um, so I'm definitely Mary, if you could just maybe

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Leslie Schneider: Do a quick little write up about how much time you think it would take and and what support you would like and so forth. We. I don't think we need to deal with that right now but

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Leslie Schneider: As follow up if you could, if you could send that in so that we have that to to work with on getting it on to an agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great. And I did. I have. I did communicate this over the phone with the city manager your city manager did provide some clarification and in an email.

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Rasham Nassar: I think that the circumstances were unusual in the in the recent instant instance

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Rasham Nassar: Because it related to a task force meeting being noticed as a special city council meeting right really what I'm hoping for is just a legal some, you know, brief 10 minute

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Rasham Nassar: 10 minute briefing from legal department that would kind of help provide some clarification around

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Rasham Nassar: What it means for a city council meeting to be noticed a task force meeting or committee meeting to be noticed as a special City Council meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: And if there's a better way. Or if there are other opportunities available to jurisdictions for noticing meetings in which more than three council members are interested in attending

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Rasham Nassar: That don't also have all the added stuff that relates you know company by a special meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: Right. I agree. I think we need a little clarity there.

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Rasham Nassar: And I can follow up.

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Rasham Nassar: With an email just to put all of that in a more succinct writing

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Rasham Nassar: Um,

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Joe Levan: I'd appreciate that. So we can, we're on the same page about what information you're looking for.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Will you

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Rasham Nassar: And then. Okay. And so that was one of my second proposed item for future agendas is the process for adding items to committee or Task Force agendas.

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Rasham Nassar: I think you know we did real well too. And thank you, Mayor for writing graph taking all of that body, a process in session, putting it into a document for the Council, I think that we would do well to to provide the same for our committees.

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Rasham Nassar: So that that was the

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Leslie Schneider: In the top right. Is there a second for that in

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Leslie Schneider: And I saw another hand up. So is there any opposition to that we just go there.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright so Deputy Mayor. If you want to go ahead and also provide some details on that.

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Leslie Schneider: To the ad manager, that'd be great. Happy

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. And COUNCILMEMBER I topless.

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I have one I oh

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Rasham Nassar: This will be quick, hopefully.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. The last item. I'd like for Council to discuss and a future date is a discussion of the process for evaluating applicants consistent for consistency with the qualifications stipulated in the code number for specifically to the planning commission

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Rasham Nassar: So it's, it's not necessarily a discussion of the qualifications as we have written in our code, but more related to the process for how we evaluate applicants for consistency with those qualifications which are certified in the bay Magellan musical code.

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Rasham Nassar: I get Megan provided quick example that the put the qualifications for planning commission memberships are two right now in our code. One is that

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Rasham Nassar: The person is a resident of the island and the other is, is that the Commission shall reflect the diverse perspectives work experiences and backgrounds represented in the community. Well, those are two qualifications for planning commission that we have in our code that our law.

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Rasham Nassar: My

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Rasham Nassar: Desire for counsel discussion of that is related to in light of that, how do we operationalize that when evaluating candidates. So how do we take that apply it to applicants.

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Rasham Nassar: And to whatever process we decide if we're going to go down that road and to to ensure that we are being consistent with what our law requires us of us.

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Leslie Schneider: So with that, if I have a feeling that we're going to want to take that item and maybe go even a little broader with then then what you're suggesting in terms of overall process and maybe adding an equity lens and so forth. Are you willing to

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Leslie Schneider: Allow your item to sort of be a little bit more encompassing of the process for

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Leslie Schneider: Committee applicant applicants at

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Rasham Nassar: Absolutely. Yeah, absolutely. Um, council member had topless. Did you want to comment on

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That yeah I think they're too. I think they're too important a distinct things too. And that now that we have a new opening on the planning commission. I think we're going to want to get to the first part that Russia was talking about sooner rather than later.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I mean, I think we're also going to want to try to get as much of an equity lens going in our process as possible as soon as possible. We probably also want to have a longer process of doing it well.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'll on point one to point out is that well. First, I just want to read with her that I think this has been an issue as long as I was on council and now on Council previous

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Panel of interviewers. It's always my impression that our goal was to get people on the Commission, who had specific background related to code development planning.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, etc experience in those areas in our city.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That that was a sort of another layer, we're looking for. So we should have a conversation as a body before we send off a few people to interview.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What is that what is this larger body looking for what is the Council looking for honor Commission.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So that we are acting under the direction of the full council. So I would welcome both of those conversations and I just wanted to say we probably going to get started on some of that sooner rather than later with our upcoming process that will be starting

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Leslie Schneider: So do we have any opposition to that from from this group, or should we just go ahead and move that forward to plan for another

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Leslie Schneider: Discussion on an agenda to come soon.

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Rasham Nassar: I'll just add that if it fits on the seventh

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Rasham Nassar: I would prefer it.

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Rasham Nassar: Sooner rather than later.

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Rasham Nassar: So that's for you guys to

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'll, I'll put that one until we get to our agenda meeting if that's if that's okay. But I do agree there's some some urgency on on that. Um, OK, so moving on to COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Morgan Smith: Mayor before. Before we leave that one is that topic intended to be narrowed to just looking at planning commission. I just want to clarify that.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm not in my mind, I'm seeing it more broadly as

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Leslie Schneider: To all

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Leslie Schneider: Committee applicants.

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Morgan Smith: Okay. The reason I ask is because it was brought up in the context of planning commission and each committee has its own piece of code, and some of them speak more specifically

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Morgan Smith: To what is being sought than others. So it would be helpful to be on the same page about whether you want to look at how you. I think there's there's sort of two flavors. There's a generic

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Morgan Smith: Convert not generic there's a conversation across the board about what is the process to consider and evaluate applicants to bodies, but there is a more narrow version of that conversation that could relate to planning.

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Morgan Smith: Sessions. So it would be good for us to understand which one you intend to have

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Leslie Schneider: Um, well, I guess.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, so, can, can we maybe have this conversation offline because I mean I think that there is sort of an urgency for both. But maybe there's a higher urgency for the planning commission

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Morgan Smith: And have it offline. At the risk of getting it wrong. So that's why I'm

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Yeah.

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Morgan Smith: All right, we're talking about doing it next week.

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Morgan Smith: So if we were talking about doing it in two weeks, we can come back next week and say this is what we were thinking about so

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Leslie Schneider: So, Deputy Mayor. Do you have

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, weighing in on that.

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Rasham Nassar: I do. I just, I think if we start with the planning commission. I think we'll learn a lot. Just by discussing and that whatever we learn it sounds like it's going to be

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Rasham Nassar: It's going to be, it's going to put us in a better position to have this discussion on the seventh if we limited to the planning commission from what I'm hearing from city manager and

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Morgan Smith: It'll be more focused

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Rasham Nassar: It'll be more focused and I think I mean, my hope is that, that'll just spark discuss

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Rasham Nassar: The brought more broad discussion that will probably carry over into a future date related to our other committees, because we do look for more specific criteria credentials and qualifications for example the utility advisory committee.

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Rasham Nassar: But that equity lens, whatever we develop or commit to developing out of the planning commission discussion could very easily be attached unanimously across all our admissions committees and boards. So I would just say, let's start there gotta start somewhere. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Sounds good.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Let's go to COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: I'm sorry. It wasn't COUNCILMEMBER high topple is having me.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I don't know, not by the with the order of the hands being raised here so I'm

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Leslie Schneider: Going. OK.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I was because I then weighed in on Russia. I'm sorry, I'm and then I hung up.

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Leslie Schneider: I put my hand down

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Michael Pollock: And I hold on. I just want you to know.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Thank you very much. Yeah. No, I'd really quick, simple item which was just that I think like councilman COUNCILMEMBER Medina will not be here on the 21st

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So we've got you down to council members that day. So I just wanted to be sure that gets in the right on the radar and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I mean, personally, I'd like to talk about the sustainable transportation. The following meeting if possible. I'd like to be, I don't know about Cole.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I'm not, I'm not gonna fight for that. I didn't see anything that I would be that I just needed to fight to get off the agenda at this point.

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Morgan Smith: I'm sorry, I asked, and I neglected to say at the outset of this section that it now is not not too early to start thinking about council member absences and what s so that we don't schedule things and then have to sort of repurpose down the road so

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Morgan Smith: You do not have to absences on the 21st

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, I did. I did bring it up at an earlier agenda setting meeting that maybe we could consider either that one or the or the last one of the month, maybe canceling that meeting. Also, given the fact that we've had two extra meetings, you know, this month.

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Leslie Schneider: And I thought. Councilmember Medina was

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Leslie Schneider: Going to be absent for both. But I think if we have two

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Leslie Schneider: members that are absent on the 21st that would, that could add some weight to choosing to cancel that one.

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know how to how to other council members feel

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah. On that particular topic. I actually have a field season coming up. I do a lot of work. And fortunately, we're the zoom. Now I can communicate a little better from the field, but

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Michael Pollock: The 21st. You know, I have some flexibility and when I do that, but I do have to plan.

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Michael Pollock: And so if you wanna if there's two other Members on the 21st. I can either make a point of being here for that or I can make a point of not being here for that and and then it just

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Michael Pollock: There we just take that week off so I don't have a lot of time but I certainly have the flexibility. Right now I my preference would be

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Michael Pollock: For scheduling reasons to take that week to be out in the field and to be focused on my job and that that would be my preference, but I'm willing to do what the Council think is thinks is best now.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so that means that we have three council members, two of whom are for sure going to be absent one who could take that opportunity to get some work done away from council and

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Leslie Schneider: So maybe if that's good enough. We could, we could see how we move things around city manager and is there anybody who is sort of against the idea of having of potentially canceling that since we will be down to council members.

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Leslie Schneider: Were so that's a, that's a thumbs up on canceling it if we can can get away with it. All right.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Morgan Smith: I think for my purposes it's either you do or you don't. So we won't have a chance to talk again until July 7. And so let's just decide if it's Council supportive that you will not

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Morgan Smith: You're choosing to not hold a meeting on the 21st, and then we'll reorder our planning going forward with that assumption.

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Michael Pollock: Okay. That would be good for me as well. If I could know today. So is that is that we're counseling. It is that what I'm hearing

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Leslie Schneider: I think we're. I think that's what we're hearing now unless I see some opposition real soon. Okay, see you manager. I think we're canceling for the 21st

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, so, um,

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Leslie Schneider: If you bury your head is at the top of the pile. But I'm thinking that maybe

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Leslie Schneider: All right, Kevin Pollak you're up next.

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Michael Pollock: Longest have two small items.

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Michael Pollock: To consider for future agenda and and maybe it will get addressed with the race equity Task Force meeting, but the two real well, it's actually three

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Michael Pollock: Racial sensitivity training systemic racism and then what do we mean by the equity lens that we're talking about. So

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Michael Pollock: You know those things i. This has been a really a heck of a week for me.

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Michael Pollock: I've learned an awful lot about our community about people's reactions to race and race issues and and race sensitivity and it's been a real eye opener I learned things that I didn't know

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Michael Pollock: And so I feel it's important. I feel it's an urgent that we really address and particular the systemic racism issue and get a better handle on that.

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Michael Pollock: Sooner rather than later. So I don't know exactly what's going to be discussed on our joint meeting, but maybe we could see what happens there, and then go from there in terms of

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Michael Pollock: Where we need to go after that. But I just want to express my deep concern with those issues and that I just feel that we we do need to address them. And I know we've been talking about them.

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Michael Pollock: I know we've been saying they're important, but we keep seeing me putting them off for whatever reasons and I just would like them to rise to the top of the list of our to do list.

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Leslie Schneider: So just as a little bit of background, I believe that we were assuming that that would happen with with the gear funding that was approved last year and now that proposal is going to have to be

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Leslie Schneider: Looked at again because Gary's no longer gonna be able to perform on the on the description of the proposal as we had it so

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Leslie Schneider: It would be my preference to sort of put that under the category of what happens next with the race equity Task Force and what happens to the money that we had been

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Leslie Schneider: Are you willing to kind of postpone that and get mean it is something that is on our agenda that we need to we need to talk about

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Michael Pollock: Okay. Yeah. And I just wasn't clear of systemic racism was. It was on the was part of that are not so. So it's really three and so

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Michael Pollock: It sounds like you know people recognize in various ways. The, you know, with

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Michael Pollock: The issue the related and then more specifically the equity lens issue. I mean, we've talked about that. It's a great nice buzz worthy sounding thing and I don't know what that means.

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Michael Pollock: And we all seem to like it. It's like sustainable growth, I don't know what that means, either, but we all seem to like that and so I would like us to take some time to unpack that. What do we mean and again do that sooner rather than later. I don't know if that's something that

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Michael Pollock: Is appropriate to task out to the equity Task Force I, you know, put the process is helping me out here.

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Michael Pollock: But I want to path forward on that. And so I'd like to figure that out. So maybe what's the path forward would be the item.

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Leslie Schneider: So my understanding is the path forward is what I was hoping would be included in the conversation about our selection of

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Leslie Schneider: Committee members going forward. So I did state specifically that I would like to see some conversation about an equity lens added to that conversation. And that might be just the beginning of a longer conversation.

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Leslie Schneider: But I think that is our path forward.

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Michael Pollock: All right, and then just the last a minor, minor one. Maybe you talked about this but COUNCILMEMBER deep says decided to step down as the

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Michael Pollock: Race equity task force or a race equity Task Force liaison. He asked me if I would consider it and I

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Michael Pollock: Told him, I will consider it and I didn't say yes, but I'm certainly willing to go and attend meetings of the race equity Task Force and talk to members, see if it's a good fit and and come back. I don't know if anybody else is interested in it, but

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Michael Pollock: I just wanted to, I don't know. I guess that's kind of an announcement not, it's not really an agenda item, but I just wanted to know if anybody else wanted to be.

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Michael Pollock: A liaison. I'm interested. But I guess, like I said, I'd like to talk to raise equity Task Force members and determine if it is in fact a good fit. So

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Michael Pollock: Is anybody else interested, I guess.

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Leslie Schneider: So I don't think it's an agenda item topic. It seems like you going forth and talking with race equity members is a fine idea. I don't know that we need to put it on.

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Leslie Schneider: An agenda at this time. We do have one liaison to that committee and our that task force and you know it's fine if we want to add another one. So how about if you report back to us with whether you would like to do that or not.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, okay, that's fine.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: Are we city manager.

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Morgan Smith: All those just for completeness. I want to make sure that everybody hears including COUNCILMEMBER car that we're also tracking one more request from a previous discussion.

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Morgan Smith: Related to a staff briefing on agriculture. Councilmember car sent me some notes to clarify what she was looking for. On the one hand, those notes are helpful and then their hand, they do require some staff.

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Morgan Smith: Participation, so this Thursday the mayor of the Deputy Mayor and I can talk about that and come to some conclusion but so we should have some feedback on on where and how to place that or whether that requires additional discussion. So I just wanted to

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Morgan Smith: Make sure that everyone knows that that's that's in the mix as well.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: Kevin Pollak. Is your hand up on purpose.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes. Okay.

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Michael Pollock: It's not down on purpose.

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Michael Pollock: Um, the other one that

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Michael Pollock: I'm trying to think how to frame this but

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Michael Pollock: I think that we after last week's events and previous events. You've heard me say this before, but I think that we need to discuss our Rules of Procedure.

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Michael Pollock: Again, and come to some sort of agreement as to whether we're going to follow them or not and how we hold ourselves accountable when we don't

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Michael Pollock: America. I know that you and I have a kind of standing agreement to move forward on our governance manual. And so, maybe, maybe this is something that you and I can just work on and some of the rules that we talked about, but it just seems that we drift easily

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Michael Pollock: There was liaison issues this past week you know we have a lot of rules and I understand we're all human and we don't always follow them, but

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Michael Pollock: I just really feel that we, we need to have some sort of commitment and some sort of non arbitrary application of them. It's the consistency of application.

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Michael Pollock: Or inconsistency that bothers me. I mean, you know, it relates to things like we'll be talking about ethics later. But in terms of when we disclose.

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Michael Pollock: potential conflicts of interest when we recuse ourselves. That's another one.

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Michael Pollock: And, you know, again, the role of liaison we we just passed what the role of the liaison is and a number of events. I don't need to get into the now it's not appropriate, but

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Michael Pollock: We were not falling and so I'm looking as well. What do we do what, how do we correct this. And how do we do it in a constructive way, not a you're a bad person way but

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Michael Pollock: But how do we not have it happen because I'm getting pretty frustrated with what I'm seeing in terms of behavior and I'm I know others are

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Michael Pollock: Some of it from me and that's fine but I we we need to get a process in place where we have some agreement and some accountability for when people go astray and I want it to be positive. I don't want it to be punitive, but I do want us to have a methodology for following our rules.

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Leslie Schneider: So my suggestion is that you either if it's, if it's a general rule that you want us to talk about or a general set of rules that you bring us a proposal because I you know I, I can only guess at what you're referring to.

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Leslie Schneider: If it's about some specific behavior. I think we do need to address those as we go forward and for the good of the order could be a place to call that out.

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Leslie Schneider: Anyway, that's, that's my recommendation.

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Leslie Schneider: Was there someone who wanted to respond to this particular item.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I would. As as Leslie, I said, if there are any particular

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Events or actions that have happened recently. I hope you will bring them forward Michael at the good of the order. I'm certainly going to be bringing forward my concerns from the previous week

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This is the forum, we have all of us together.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: On a publicly aired meeting. And that's just the way it is. And the worst thing of all is for things to fester. So it may be uncomfortable, but we've got to talk about them. And if if those

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: specific instances give rise then to further conversations about changing policies and we could add that to a future agenda, but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I hope everybody will feel that they can bring forward that concerns when they feel that that people are departing from from procedure or expectations of each other.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And of course, we better watch out or restart to have this kind of conversation ahead of our hard work today after we promised you wouldn't do that. So I'd suggest, go to the way

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I guess, I guess I'm asking. I'm maybe there isn't a second. I understand that part of it, but that

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Michael Pollock: Amir I want to come back to what you're saying is, is you're you're suggesting is rather than put this on an agenda topic item for future agenda is simply to develop something

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Michael Pollock: And give you a proposal in writing. Is that, is that what I'm hearing. I'm just, again, looking for a path forward a constructive path forward.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I just would like to avoid having to sort of a free for all conversation that's not focused and in, you know, in the most reason example I kind of held on to a proposal.

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Leslie Schneider: For quite a while that that kept getting punted from our agendas.

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Leslie Schneider: But it gave council members specific items to respond to and to think about. So I think being as specific as possible is important so that we don't just go free range.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, that's great. I'll work on that. And if I could contact you and we can follow up. That would be greatly appreciated.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, sounds good.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, let's leave it at that then for

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. City energy

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Morgan Smith: Just to touch briefly because I believe COUNCILMEMBER Pollock restated something just now that caught my ear last week.

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Morgan Smith: Earlier this month, I counsel looked at the proposal you were just speaking about mayor and agreed to implement it.

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Morgan Smith: Am I understand understanding was that city staff, specifically the W city attorney were to take that then and draft it as edits revisions to the governance manual and bring that forward for Council to approve.

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Morgan Smith: But I almost her last week and again this week. I want to make sure there was some confusion about whether the mayor and council member Pollock. We're taking up that that actual writing exercise because it's my understanding that

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Morgan Smith: The deputy city attorney is going to be doing that and bringing it back for Council, is that correct

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Leslie Schneider: I thought there were additional things that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock wanted to

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Leslie Schneider: Address and that he and I could could do those together. That was my understanding.

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Michael Pollock: You know, so the answer to that is yes to both we agree, and I think it was, I was gonna say mera Medina sorry there you just have that may or a look to you so

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Michael Pollock: Is

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Michael Pollock: That you were going to do that that staff, we voted to instruct staff to write up and incorporate what the mayor has written into the governance manual and the mayor and myself, we're going to work on some additional items.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, there's parallel tasks happening. I just wanted to make sure we weren't at cross purposes. All right.

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Michael Pollock: I don't think we are

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Morgan Smith: Okay, thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: So I think that we are complete on our future Council agendas, we are about 25 minutes behind schedule.

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Leslie Schneider: So let's move into the primary content for tonight. Item six, A is the monthly update on 2020 revenue and expenses forecast.

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Morgan Smith: I'll be doing this item. I can make it relatively quick because

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Morgan Smith: There isn't very much new information to share just to place this conversation Council, we agreed to provide you with monthly updates for the remainder of this year, while we're so

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Morgan Smith: carefully monitoring the impacts from closures and other economic trends as a result of the coronavirus i'm going to share my screen now I have a very short presentation, and then I'd be happy to answer any questions. Are you ready for me to do that.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you. Okay.

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Morgan Smith: How's that look

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Leslie Schneider: No, I don't see it yet.

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Leslie Schneider: No.

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Morgan Smith: I'll try again.

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Leslie Schneider: Uh huh. Now we're in business.

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Morgan Smith: Well, so much for going quickly. Okay, I'm gonna spin on from here.

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Morgan Smith: So again, this is the first of the month of the updates will be providing you if we have a need, we can update you more frequently.

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Morgan Smith: What we are writing tonight is a revenue with data through the end of May, when we worked with you in mid May we were basically had the benefit only of data through the end of April. So we've added in another four weeks or of information.

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Morgan Smith: And we just want to confirm that we moved ahead with implementing the plan. The spending and revenue plan that we talked about back then.

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Morgan Smith: So you're may 12 and then we spoke again on the 19th of financial presentations in the middle of that month promised these updates.

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Morgan Smith: And as, as was the case, then we're focusing primarily on tax supported non utility funds at this time, we don't see anything significant to change our starting position that the utility spending plans can remain largely unchanged, because their revenues have every made at plan.

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Morgan Smith: So speaking about the tax supportive funds. Right now the Q1 actually are very close to plan that was already the case when we work together in May, because we already understood those actual amounts

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Morgan Smith: And then Q2 today through May is also very close to what we forecast with you so not not not implying it's close to revenue but it's close to the forecasts that we built.

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Morgan Smith: And we went ahead and implemented the expenditure reductions and holds that we identified together in May.

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Morgan Smith: That remains a forecast for revenue loss. This year of \$4.5 million, we propose to address that by holding our vacancies open

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Morgan Smith: Which we anticipate will generate a cost savings at \$1.3 million

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Morgan Smith: And we identified other spending decisions, some of which are work that that will will not happen. Some which is work or projects that will potentially be delayed.

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Morgan Smith: And that accumulated another 1.5 \$1.4 million of current your savings and potentially that would leave a remaining gap of \$1.8 million, which we anticipate using fund balance to resolve.

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Morgan Smith: So this is the revenue forecast and this first column is our budget, the second column. And again, this presentation tonight does not really

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Morgan Smith: To the punch line does not really give us any meaningful alterations to what we talked about in May, but we're building a format that will be bringing forward. So if you see something that you'd like to

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Morgan Smith: Have a different presentation or have questions about that's helpful to know the second column is the forecast that was presented in May. That was our

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Morgan Smith: closest approximation of what we thought the year's performance would actually be in this. And the third column is the change that represented and the percent change.

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Morgan Smith: This is our update to that as of June.

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Morgan Smith: So the third column here is our original anticipated Q2 change. And the last column is the Q2 change that we now.

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Morgan Smith: Expect based on the additional few weeks of data and what you can basically see there is an it's an order to some degree of magnitude which is helpful property tax we still expect to be nearly entirely

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Morgan Smith: Complete in our anticipated collections sales tax. There's really not nothing in the data that came in, in the last month to change our forecast in a meaningful way.

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Morgan Smith: The reek collections were a little less reduced than we anticipated so down 50% would be our Q2 forecast today, as opposed to down 65%

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Morgan Smith: I think you can see that anecdotally, and the fact that the housing market has held up. We don't know if that will stay the case.

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Morgan Smith: But then you can see us you get into some of the smaller items utility taxes. We've seen a larger decrease than we forecast so

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Morgan Smith: Basically this is a list of puts and calls that together net to be about in the same place that we anticipated four weeks ago. So the upside of that is that we believe our revenue forecast for 2020 overall remains as it was presented in May.

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Morgan Smith: What we're going to start to see is that we're able to populate these Trent these charts in a more interesting way. So the sales tax, one is the one where one of the ones we're looking at most closely. If you can see my cursor this thicker.

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Morgan Smith: turquoise and Mike colors line is our current year. And so you can see that whereas historically we have gone up every year year over year. We're now falling back into

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Morgan Smith: A level of revenue that is lower than prior years and the question is, how low. Will that actually go the fact that the shapes in every year.

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Morgan Smith: Are similar to one another, has to do with the seasonality of our collections in a typical year again, we're not going to see that this year because our summer season is going to be hitting our retail sales are likely to behave very differently.

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Morgan Smith: Here's the repeat revenue. As you can see, significantly under our prior years and we anticipated that as you remember we forecast. A really extensive decrease there and we'll see how that plays out going forward.

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Morgan Smith: Property tax revenue you would expect this to look exactly as it does if our forecast holds that we anticipate receiving

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Morgan Smith: The full amount of our forecast revenues there. So, so far, we're tracking with that forecast successfully, which is important, since it's our single largest revenue source.

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Morgan Smith: And that's basically it for the information we wanted to bring to you tonight. Our next update is scheduled for the last business meeting in July and going forward from there.

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Morgan Smith: Be happy to answer any questions. Great.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much. Sure. Appreciate that. And it's great to see that we're sort of that we have that ability to look forward and that we're so far we're tracking with that.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, and I don't want to. I don't want to put too much.

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Morgan Smith: Comfort in that it's it's simply four weeks more information. And as you'll recall from our previous discussions, some of our revenue trends have a significant lag. So those of us who

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Morgan Smith: Are really in the in the details in our finance department and I count myself and Ellen in this are really kind of waiting for another 30 to 60 days to pass to see how that some of those timing legs play through

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Leslie Schneider: Right. Great. Well, thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: I don't see any hands.

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Leslie Schneider: Raised for questions. So with that, I think we can move on to item six be set right or so this is ordinance number 2020 dash 14 related to 20 21st quarter budget and updated capital improvement plans plan amendments.

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DeWayne Pitts: Good evening Council doin pits finance director, the agenda item in your packet this evening is a revised first quarter budget amendment that was already discussed with you on June 9

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DeWayne Pitts: There's a total of eight items for your consideration tolan a little under 1.7 million in adjustments all these items were approved in previous council meetings and recovered in the June 9 meeting, the only outstanding issue.

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DeWayne Pitts: On June 9 was the additional or final decision on how to proceed with the eagle harbor to project, which was decided last week on June 23 without I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you doing

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor. You have a question.

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Rasham Nassar: I was going to put the motion on the

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to Florida for approval of the consent agenda on July 14 2020 ordinance number 2020 14 and the accompanying exhibit a amending the city 2020 modified budget and the related 2019 to 2024 update to the capital improvement plan.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. We have a second from

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Leslie Schneider: Is there any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. All those in favor please say

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Doing that passes unanimously, okay.

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DeWayne Pitts: See you later.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, we are going on to item six, see this is cost allocation methodology overview for budget preparation.

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Leslie Schneider: And again with finance welcome Kim.

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Kim Dunscombe: Hi, thank you. Good evening, Council Kim done scum budget manager. I'm going to go ahead and share my screen. Everyone's ready for that.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay. Can everyone see my screen. Yes.

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Leslie Schneider: We can. Thank you.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay, great. So tonight I'm here to discuss our cost allocation methodology for our next biennium budget.

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Kim Dunscombe: First, I'm going to talk about our overall budget calendar and then I'm just going to dive straight into defining cost allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then talk for a couple minutes about what types of expenses we allocate here at the city and then

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Kim Dunscombe: I'll lead us through a couple of personnel examples because that is the largest expense that we allocate I'll touch on shared services and then the most exciting parts will compare our preliminary 2021 allocations to our current allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: So please feel free to stop me along the way. Or you can wait until the end up to you.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay, so our CP discussions have already started with a public works director Chris was Vicki on tonight we are here, focusing on our cost allocation plan and financial policies.

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Kim Dunscombe: And both of these items are pivotal to our budget development and they require your acceptance.

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Kim Dunscombe: Through the summer stuff is going to work hard at building a balanced budget and then on sep tember 22nd will present the proposed budget to Council.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then over the next couple of months, October and November, we'll see each other a lot. And we'll continue our budget discussions and conduct all required hearings.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then finally we'll adopt a budget, we usually target for the city council meeting before Thanksgiving break, which is November 24 this year.

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Leslie Schneider: Excuse me, Kim for just a second.

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor. You've, you've got your hand up and I wasn't sure if you had a question that you wanted to have answered. Now, or if that was just a remnant. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. Kim. Please proceed.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay, so what is cost allocation cost allocation is simply defined as the fair and equitable distribution of shared expenses across funds departments projects, whatever is applicable to your entity.

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Kim Dunscombe: So at the end of the plan, what I want to achieve is to identify shared costs. Analyze the cost drivers and find quantitative data that supports the distribution of those costs across the funds.

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Kim Dunscombe: These are policy choices and we follow best management practices.

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Kim Dunscombe: By seeking quantitative data, whenever we can, and we look at each position or shared service costs separately and we determine the most appropriate basis for that allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: We apply this concept, the same manner across all of our city funds we update it often. And we have it very well documented.

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Kim Dunscombe: So what do we allocate here at the city we mainly allocate salaries and benefits. We do have allocations for Inner fund rent and insurance and to a much lesser extent, we have a handful of shared operating expenses.

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Kim Dunscombe: So talking about salary and benefit allocations. It's easier to start this conversation if I kind of separate the positions into department.

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Kim Dunscombe: And that's not necessarily because we work in silos, but because the cost drivers of the work are relatively the same

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Kim Dunscombe: So for our planning and community development and our public works department. They have a mix of direct charging two projects and also using their derived allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: The planning department labor is merely a function of our building and Development Services fund.

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Kim Dunscombe: Their allocations are based on types of permits issued field inspections and development permits, just to name a few. The allocations in this department.

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Kim Dunscombe: Are provided to us in a memo that comes from our building official and our planning manager and they are reviewed and approved by our

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Kim Dunscombe: Planning and Community Development Director. So in our public works department. They also have a mix of direct charging to projects and using their derived allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: operations and maintenance and direct charge their time through our work order system. The work orders are created for like a specific activity or a task.

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Kim Dunscombe: Like filling potholes or working out at the de Kamp facility or our wastewater treatment plant, but they also do us from time to time. Some of their derived allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: The Public Works admin and engineering department or divisions direct charge, most of their time to an operating project or capital project, but they also have overhead type administrative work where they will charge to their allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: Executive finance and it personnel are your typical overhead departments and they mainly just use their derived allocations and then city council Municipal Court and public safety direct charge 100% of their salaries and benefits to the general fund.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay, so to get into our first example I always choose our accounts payable position because I have a feeling that everybody kind of already understands what this work really entails.

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Kim Dunscombe: So what we do is we sit down with the employee and their supervisor and we quantify their time on a weekly, monthly, and or yearly basis. So for this particular position, it was determined that 72% of this employees time was spent booking AP

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Kim Dunscombe: So what that means is that 72% of their salaries and benefits will be allocated by fund according to a three year average count of AP vouchers by fund.

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Kim Dunscombe: So this position also is the backup to the front desk, which opens up their allocation to cash receiving as well as the general customer service allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then also the employee that currently fills this position is really smart and talented.

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Kim Dunscombe: And so they also spend some of their time on an annual basis booking all the journal entries and completing schedule nine which is a debt service report that accompanies that cap so 3% of their salaries and benefits is according to an average of debt service.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Kim Dunscombe: So one of the other examples that I like to choose is from our engineering department these allocations are a little bit more of an art, but we still do have lots of history and allocation bases to count.

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Kim Dunscombe: I will also note here though that these are supplementary. That's the IP is not 100% done for this biennium budget yet. So, these might move as the capital plan changes.

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Kim Dunscombe: Again will consult with the employee and their supervisor. And for this particular position the current and the currency IP. It was determined that the employee would work 40% of their time on capital projects.

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Kim Dunscombe: So 15% goes to the tax supported projects and 25% to see what projects. The remaining 60%

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Kim Dunscombe: Is going to be allocated according to their history of required administrative work as well as operating projects and the current work biennium as well as the work plan for the next biennium.

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Kim Dunscombe: So these are how the allocations work for engineering department now and for the next biennium. However, there is one little twist to add for that next.

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Kim Dunscombe: biennium that Christmas Vicki or public works director touched on in one of his last tip briefings.

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Kim Dunscombe: So in this next plan for capital projects for budgeting, the salary and benefit allocations right down to the capital project level.

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Kim Dunscombe: And those capital salaries and benefits will be included in the total project cost and shown in the CFP currently that those salaries and budgets.

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Kim Dunscombe: Are salary and benefits, excuse me expenses are budgeted in the correct corresponding fund, but not necessarily down to the project level.

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Kim Dunscombe: And this will be a little bit more apparent in the next slide or two when I show you a comparison of the 2021 allocations compared to our current allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay. Shared Services interface rent and insurance. So for rent. Here we're allocating the depreciation of our shared facilities.

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Kim Dunscombe: The calculation is based on two factors percent of total square footage occupied by each department in our shared facilities and how those fit within the department are allocated by fund.

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Kim Dunscombe: For insurance. We have a few other allocations Washington State Auditor's Office states that leading practice factors to use for insurance allocations.

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Kim Dunscombe: Are number of f t claims or loss history square footage property values of items insured and other risk factors. And so we use the majority of all those when we calculate our allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: So how did all of this turned out for this year.

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Kim Dunscombe: So looking at the preliminary results, how the 2122 cost allocation plan compared to this years here are our biggest takeaways.

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Kim Dunscombe: The overhead departments. Their allocations are steady and stable across funds. The shift that we see here towards the general fund is due to the planning department focusing on long range topics such as affordable housing.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then, of course, new for this year. This is where we'll see that difference of the capital projects at the capital project level instead of just the fund. So you can see that additional three f
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Kim Dunscombe: And these are for tax supported projects, the capital F T for the utility funds are already mixed in with the operating f t of the other notable shift here is

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Kim Dunscombe: A slight move in our own em department towards the stormwater fund. So over the past couple of years, we've had a few retirements in the OEM division.

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Kim Dunscombe: Specifically in our water crew. So we've had to do some succession planning there. So our swim crew was backfield for our water crew.

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Kim Dunscombe: And now our swim crew was able to move back to their normal, regular operations. And we also just kind of have a grilling swim infrastructure development impacts our stormwater fund and we have increased regulatory requirements to meet

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Kim Dunscombe: This. These are just my talking points. Sorry.

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Kim Dunscombe: Okay, so here's the inner fund rent distribution.

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Kim Dunscombe: As you can see, there's just a small move towards our tax supported funds and the corresponding decrease in our utility funds not much of a change here.

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Kim Dunscombe: And as we expect not much of a change in our insurance distribution, either.

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Kim Dunscombe: This allocation is primarily due to liability and 80% of it is based on f t and 20% is based on loss. So unless we see a real major swing and our f t you won't see a real big swing and our insurance distribution is either

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Kim Dunscombe: And I also just kind of want you to keep in mind that this is the budgeted allocation for the insurance premium payment.

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Kim Dunscombe: I am using the exact same data to that I booked the 2020 insurance payment in January to build my budget, but then when January 21 comes along, I will use all updated pertinent information. So this may change when it comes to book the actual

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Kim Dunscombe: Um, so here we are just reviewed the overall cost allocation plan and methodology.

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Kim Dunscombe: Right now we are since it is the last day of June, we are using this preliminary data to start building our biennium budget tonight. We're here to

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Kim Dunscombe: Have your review and answer any of your questions and take any of your guidance and hopefully approve the cost allocation manual so that the staff can continue to move forward and build our budget.

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Leslie Schneider: That's all I have. All right. Thank you very much.

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Leslie Schneider: I am looking to see if there's any hands up for questions.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deeds.

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Joe Deets: Hi. Sorry, let me get move things around. Hi, Kim. It sounds like the main thing that I'm gathering this change and methodology, because there has been a cost methodology beforehand.

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Joe Deets: Is that this is more detailed, like you said, Actually, it's getting down to him to the budget or the project level.

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Joe Deets: So it's just it's just more of a maybe you guys have learned how to do this and better, and now you're just dialing it in even more which so no there's greater accuracy, accuracy, which sounds like a really good thing. Yep.

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Kim Dunscombe: You've got it. That's exactly right. We've been meaning to do this capital.

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Kim Dunscombe: Allocation at the project level for some time now, and now we just have a really great staff on hand that's able to do that.

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Kim Dunscombe: And we've had some history built up that is allowing us to be able to see the history and what we can actually allocate for different projects. So it's definitely a win. And it definitely takes a little bit more effort, but I think we're there.

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Morgan Smith: And Kim, if you don't mind. This is Morgan. If you could maybe share your screen at this point.

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Morgan Smith: And COUNCILMEMBER deets. I just want to you've been on the Council for a couple of years, and we're with us in the last budget cycle.

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Morgan Smith: So I for other folks, though, I want to play some context, it's, it's our good fortune that our city invest a lot of energy in our cost allocation methodology. It's very technical. It's very detailed

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Morgan Smith: If you're not into it, it can be a little mundane, but what the value of Kim's presentation is that it gives people some insight into the fact

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Morgan Smith: That we really do get down to a level of precision that most small cities don't

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Morgan Smith: In determining these calculations and and allocating some of our shared personnel facilities and other costs across the different funds and so it's useful to remind

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Morgan Smith: Council members who are new to the process and also the general community about how that actually happens. And it's not just a wave or a guesstimate it's actually pretty methodical, so thank you for touching on that.

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Leslie Schneider: Council member Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you. Thanks, Kim thanks presentation.

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Kol Medina: I've been very impressed with our cost allocation methodology. I think we do a great job. I know city puts a lot of time and effort into it.

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Kol Medina: I had one question about your presentation.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, absolutely. A little bit of a tangent. It's not really about the allocation methodology itself, but you had this slide following and benefit allocations budgeted f t by fun for 2021 2022

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Kim Dunscombe: Yeah.

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Kol Medina: One of the columns is actual FDA 2020 and it says 135 50 and then preliminary 2021 FDA is the same number hundred 35

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Kol Medina: I said 50 135.5 yes I'm our actual FC for 2020 won't be 135.5 right because we're not feeling a bunch of positions.

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Kim Dunscombe: Yeah. This is, um, so that's an important thing for me to to call up so I appreciate your question. These are budgeted f t, so it doesn't actually reflect the number of people. We actually have on staff this these are just the allocations that we're going to build into our budget.

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Kim Dunscombe: Right. And so for right now, we're just going to assume

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Kim Dunscombe: That the same number of f t that we have in 20 we're going to carry over into

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Kim Dunscombe: As you know, that could totally change.

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Kol Medina: Well, that's where I was going with this. And again, it's not a cost allocation question but

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Kol Medina: It's just it looked like we were carrying forward the the base for current draft of the budget that you guys are working on is assuming, we'd have the same number of personnel and 2021 that we were supposed to have in 2020 but actually couldn't afford

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Kol Medina: At least as well as now.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, and

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Kol Medina: You expect that will change.

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Morgan Smith: I guess a different way to express what's shown on that slide is how would the allocation across funds for each of these positions be different in 2021 based on current data. So you're always forward looking

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Morgan Smith: The allocations to be used in the budget for 2020 were calculated in the past what Kim and her team are doing now is coming up with how to how to split that position.

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Morgan Smith: Going forward, and so it's based on the positions that are on the books, but which positions will be included in the budget and at what level of f t overall and each department is a question to be determined as we move forward. So

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Morgan Smith: Her cost allocations are a level of precision down here versus what you're referencing again is, how many people can we afford to have

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Thanks, Morgan.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Thanks, Kim great presentation. I know you love the budget.

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Christy Carr: I just have a couple of questions out of

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Christy Carr: Curiosity really and I think you said it for my first question that staff doesn't work in silos.

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Christy Carr: And so could you just say it again. I guess that the way that the cost allocation is developed by staff and their supervisors that that doesn't it has enough flexibility built in that they don't work in silos, so that there can be some flexibility for collaboration among

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Christy Carr: Or between departments, say for an engineer to help write code or for a planner to help work on a non motorized project is that is that built in enough flexibility.

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Kim Dunscombe: Yeah, so I think you bring up an appointment, an important part that I've never really figured out how to

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Kim Dunscombe: Work that into this conversation because usually when I'm talking about cost allocation. I'm

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Kim Dunscombe: Usually talking about it from the budget perspective and not necessarily how people actually charge their time throughout the year.

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Kim Dunscombe: So no matter what the accounting side of the house is going to rule on this. If you're charging your time and you're doing a task. I'm going to have you in actual time in the payroll system charge your time appropriately. If the budget or the

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Kim Dunscombe: The allocation that I have for that for that particular position isn't correct. I will fix that at the end of the year.

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Kim Dunscombe: So on a day to day basis, everyone is always going to charge their time in this flexible manner. So, like you mentioned a lot of the engineers. Sometimes we'll go over and help our planning department.

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Kim Dunscombe: And there's a code for that. If that is not part of their allocation. I will fix that at the end of the year.

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Kim Dunscombe: But endure in real time, we will always direct charge their time to the code that is appropriate.

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Kim Dunscombe: Because it does have to be flexible and the accounting side of the house is going to rule over budget on this.

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Kim Dunscombe: So I'm, I'm not sure if that helps answer your question, but I just know that at the end of the year. I do this surcharge and rebate entry.

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Kim Dunscombe: Where I look at your time and how you actually charged it over the year I'll compare it to your allocation that we, you know, derive through this budget process.

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Kim Dunscombe: If there's more than a 3% variance one way or the other. I'll do a journal entry to fix the allocation part of your time and make it reflect your actual charging over the year

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Christy Carr: Great, thanks. Yeah, I did see that rebate part. So that's where that gets handled. That's right. I just have one more question. Out of curiosity, in terms of

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Christy Carr: You mentioned that public works. Some of their staff, they do direct charge part of their time. And I'm wondering

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Christy Carr: From an accounting perspective, if there's any advantages or disadvantages of having planning staff who work on permits direct charge to say A permit number to have if you if the city's ever thought about that.

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Kim Dunscombe: I think about it all the time. I would love for the planning department to participate more indirect charging because then it becomes more

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Kim Dunscombe: Of an allocation with a quantitative basis as opposed to more of an art where you kind of reflect on the things that you have done over a year.

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Kim Dunscombe: So I know we have a couple of projects that are ongoing right now in the planning department where people are charging a lot more of their time. This is something that we're

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Kim Dunscombe: Kind of implementing a little bit more slowly in that department. For example, we have a hearing examiner project, which is specific and is funded by

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Kim Dunscombe: Fund 407 the building and Development Services Fund, as you know, we have two projects, projects 324 and 325 for our Strawberry Hill work. And so we have

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Kim Dunscombe: An employee. Now, who is charging to those projects on a direct basis as opposed to letting it go through their allocation.

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Kim Dunscombe: And then of course there was the comp plan, a couple years ago that most people used in direct charge their time to that one, I would like to see that on a more regular basis and our planning department. And I think we're working on that.

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Morgan Smith: I'm going to jump into Kim, because I think one thing. Councilmember car may have been referring to is into

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Morgan Smith: Digital permits and the Council is going to have a briefing on the work on the fee study that's working its way to completion and that may be

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Morgan Smith: That may be a time and a place to discuss about the concept of direct charging to end up for individual permits as well. So depending on the level complexity or the

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Morgan Smith: Significance of the project. So

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Kim Dunscombe: Yeah, that'll be great. I'll love to see that.

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Christy Carr: Thank you both.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, thank you. So I remember a couple years ago, getting

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Leslie Schneider: And this has been sort of a definitely a

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Leslie Schneider: So I really do appreciate it so

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Leslie Schneider: I see. Councilmember deets his hand up. And then if someone in the once their questions are taken care of. We could get emotion on the floor. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: That's just what I was going to do.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Mayor I moved forward for approval with the July 14 2020 consent agenda. The cost allocation methodology, as described in the cost allocation manual as provided with this agenda item.

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Christy Carr: Second,

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Leslie Schneider: Council member card seconded. Any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: Great.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm all those in favor

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Leslie Schneider: please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously. Thank you so much. Kim really appreciate it.

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Kim Dunscombe: Thank you enjoy your evening.

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Leslie Schneider: YouTube

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so we are moving on to item 60. This is resolution number 2020 dash oh eight updating city financial and budget policies.

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DeWayne Pitts: Again, everybody.

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DeWayne Pitts: I'm going to go ahead and share my screen if that's okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you.

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DeWayne Pitts: Good. Just give me a minute, please.

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DeWayne Pitts: Couple of little technical difficulties here. Hold on, please.

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Leslie Schneider: We do see your screen. So you might be success.

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DeWayne Pitts: Great. It's gonna get Mars others.

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DeWayne Pitts: technical challenges here but

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DeWayne Pitts: All right, hold on just a minute, please. I'm gonna see if I can get a little technical assistance here. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: No problem.

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DeWayne Pitts: Alright, apologize about that.

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Leslie Schneider: It was fun seeing your technical support disappearing to that back wall.

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DeWayne Pitts: Still seem to be having some challenges here. So I'm just gonna have to go

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DeWayne Pitts: Alternative be

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Morgan Smith: Dwayne one thing. This is Morgan. One thing we could do that usually works better is to show the slides. If you're going to share screen in PDF format so we could maybe

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Morgan Smith: We could maybe skip on to a different topic and then come back and that would could give you time to put this into a PDF format.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, let me try one more quick thing here. If this doesn't work out, by all means.

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DeWayne Pitts: All right, yeah. Yeah, I would agree with that. So I need to move forward. So I apologize for holding everybody up here.

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Morgan Smith: It's okay. So if you can share your screen. Maybe I can work with the mayor to pick a topic to move to

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay city manager. Sounds like you have a recommendation for something to move forward to

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Morgan Smith: Well, we've got a number of finance topics. After this, or if doin is going to be working on fixing his presentation. We need to skip ahead a good bit. So I would suggest that we go on with the city council discussion, even though this was the exact outcome. I was hoping to avoid

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Morgan Smith: The best laid plans.

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Morgan Smith: And then I'll ask him to let us know when he's ready and if you don't mind. Once we complete whatever topic, Ron, if we can return back to finish off the staff items. I think that would be helpful, but that way we can conserve our time and keep keep moving forward work.

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Leslie Schneider: Sounds good. So we are skipping. Skipping forward to items seven eight feedback on governor's order related to face coverings.

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Leslie Schneider: Council members I topless.

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Leslie Schneider: Pollock and car.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, I'm going to start to try to speak on the behalf of the three of us, but I think it's going to be each of us weighing a little bit because we didn't pull together and have a

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Conversation about this yet, so I will give you my impressions. There were a couple emails exchange with our individual pressures, we didn't put anything together.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: My impression was that we, none of us had seen any concerns anything concerning and the content of the governor's order. It's actually in fact an order by the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: State Health Officer us chief health officer much with that. This position is called but it comes to help order.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That would, that would cause us to want to create an ordinance. At this time I do personally have some concerns over the fact that the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It does not preclude facemasks with one way valves which basically allow people to just Excel their breath on everyone else while they are protected.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'd like to monitor that and hope that that gets picked up by the governor's order. But otherwise, I think that it it covered a lot of what we were wanting to cover

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And enforcement wise. My impression is that this is an issue that is in flux right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Between the state and the county between between the different law enforcement agencies, the governor's office.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And we're kind of watching a struggle happen as to whether and how it will be enforced and that our best bet. Maybe to kind of sit back right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Maybe ask. I do I talk to the city attorney. He may have something to weigh in on with this, but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Maybe ask our police chief to come back. Come see us next week and give his impressions of local enforcement. But for now, just to kind of take a wait and see. So that's my impression. I'm sorry that we didn't coordinate, but hopefully my fellow committee members can give their two cents.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, that sounds good. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Yeah, thank you. Councilmember head topless. Those are basically my same two cents. So I don't really have anything to add. I think that we're really in a wait and see. And I would agree that

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Christy Carr: There really isn't other than your one point about the one way masks. There wasn't anything that I saw that really

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Christy Carr: Well, that we needed to have our own ordinance at this time. So we'll just wait and see. In terms of enforcement how other jurisdictions and how the state and county move forward.

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Christy Carr: At this point and and I did. I talked with the city attorney and the police chief as well and

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Christy Carr: Notice red flags were were raised there.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. Councilmember Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I think that the one way valves issue is, is important. I think that this is a good time to really I view this whole thing as a training exercise.

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Michael Pollock: And I think it's a good time to figure out how to get people to wear masks, how to have people stay six feet apart I driven around watch. There's still people that aren't wearing masks out there and

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Michael Pollock: You know, we're not going to get 100% compliance. That's okay. But I also didn't see a lot of signage in downtown Winslow, and you know a lot of stores don't have things that say her six feet apart, you know, and

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Michael Pollock: Just not seeing a lot out there to remind people, I think that there's Simon I'm being patient so

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Michael Pollock: But I would like to see us move forward with constant, I call it education and call it training, training ourselves and training others. So it's moving in the right direction, but I just want to

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Michael Pollock: Emphasize that that's where I think that there needs to be more effort. And then the second one kind of tongue in cheek is are we going to build a governor for writing his or nuts for him since he adopted ours. I just, I'm just throwing it out there. If we can do that.

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Michael Pollock: I'm happy to go donation to the

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Michael Pollock: City Council so

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Michael Pollock: That was rhetorical

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Councilmember deeds.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Thank you, Mayor well. Thank you colleagues for your critique and in catching that valve issue. I didn't catch that hopefully the governor will or his

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Joe Deets: Health chief will will catch that and fix that. Just a couple of questions. I really want to express my official concerns about enforcement.

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Joe Deets: I do not believe we should be using law enforcement for non criminal behavior. So this is really taking a philosophy from the different police

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Joe Deets: Philosophy, that we do not use law enforcement for non criminal behavior. And so if that comes to us. I'm done. I mean, right now it's the governor's rule, but I'm just gonna say any action on this Council, I will not agree to that.

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Joe Deets: Second, I do want to emphasize the the messaging, the signage. I just took a trip yesterday to port towns and then drove through polls bow.

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Joe Deets: No consistent messaging. There's no consistent messaging on Bainbridge Poulsbo port Townsend anywhere in the state.

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Joe Deets: I brought this up with Congressman Kilmer who was going to talk to the governor about this. It makes a ton of sense that cross the state. We have a consistent message when we have

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Joe Deets: A single mandate outside of Yakima County. So I totally endorse that. And it kind of goes into an issue that I brought up earlier.

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Joe Deets: Might be last meeting that we'd be a bit more aggressive, if you will, on our education. I had brought up having some volunteers certified credentialed

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Joe Deets: With good training on how to provide education. So I know that wasn't didn't seem to go anywhere. But I'm going to bring that back folks because we are in a pandemic. We are in a

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Joe Deets: teetering and a depression, we need to take that extra step enforcement with law enforcement is not the answer. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just wanted to throw out there that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I have actually asked call as a representative on the at the health district to please raise the issue of valves valve masks to see if we get any action at the county level. So if, if you remember to bring that up. That would be great, it would it would help pick it up our shoulders.

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Leslie Schneider: And kind of speaking to that.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Medina, we are receiving these talking points. And I'm just wondering

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Leslie Schneider: those talking points are not directly related to the governor's order or but I'm just, I don't know if you've noticed anything in those talking points that we could use

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Leslie Schneider: But I kind of agree that it would be great to have some common

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Leslie Schneider: You know, common signage common messaging from the governor's office.

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Leslie Schneider: And your hand is up next. So you don't have to comment on what I just said. You can find your own agenda.

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Kol Medina: And well, I don't, I intend to ask that question at the health board meeting next week would be great if our county health district or health officer could just use your authority to prohibit the use of these one way valve mass

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Kol Medina: So I tend to bring that up. I don't have an answer to your question about the messaging that messaging actually comes out of a division of the EEOC if you're thinking about the same messaging, not the health districts. So, and I don't know.

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Kol Medina: What I wanted to say was

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Kol Medina: I just wanted to remind folks listening to this that

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Kol Medina: The governor's order does provide exemptions from having to wear masks. So for people who are deaf and

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Kol Medina: can't communicate, if you're wearing a mask and for people who suffer from medical issues that given the way of them wearing a mask.

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Kol Medina: And and I fight this in myself, you know, I go, and I'm a human being I'm doing the right thing. I'm wearing my mask and go into a store.

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Kol Medina: And I'll see that person not wearing a mask and all like feeling rotation at them, or feel kind of self, self righteous and then I have to remind myself. Whoa, hold on.

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Kol Medina: They might very well have a very good reason to not be wearing a mask. And so I gotta like check myself on this. And I'm just wondering, my people out in the community. And I just saw sad thing today.

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Kol Medina: That was in the store this morning.

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Kol Medina: And a guy came up to get in line to check out

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Kol Medina: And one of the clerks, they're kind of

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Kol Medina: Got his attention and kind of YELL OVER TO HIM. I don't mean yelled but kind of spoke loudly to him, Hey, you got to have a mask on in here.

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Kol Medina: And the guy said, I can't have a medical condition and I mean you can hear it in his voice. I'm sure he might have had COPD or something like yeah I mean I could

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Kol Medina: It seemed kind of obvious that he have a hard time we had a mask on and the store said no exceptions. If you don't put on a mask, you have to leave and you know he

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Kol Medina: He felt whatever negative emotions. He felt and display it and left and a half.

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Kol Medina: And that store. I saw the actually had a piece of paper there that said no exceptions. Everyone else wear a mask period and you know they can do that if they want to.

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Kol Medina: But it just seems sad to me that someone who like clearly had a health issue was put in that position. And I just wanted to relate that people

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Leslie Schneider: Appreciate that. And I have seen some of the messaging saying that

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Leslie Schneider: You know,

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Leslie Schneider: Because of that for us not to sort of go overboard on making our own suggestions about other people wearing masks council member policy.

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Michael Pollock: Cask is a mere Medina. Former member demon

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Michael Pollock: That's a really good point. And, you know, we are evolving.

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Michael Pollock: And how to deal with this and you know there's things like paths that we do that we identify pets that have a special needs person that has a seeing eye dog or such

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Michael Pollock: So I think that there's ways to do that. And so that it can be clear that it's the person has an exception. So that's something that we need to evolve our thinking on what I wanted to speak to. There was

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Michael Pollock: No. So we passed this mouse ordinance or well the government. I guess we don't. And the issue has come up talking to a number of people in the retail industry they're worried about are we going to get shut down again, and they're sort of in fear and stuff. And so in terms of the economic

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Michael Pollock: Angle of this. I feel like we really haven't touched that we've touched the health concerns and I am trying to think about how to develop the messaging that that it's not just that wearing masks creates a healthy

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Michael Pollock: Citizenry but it creates a healthy economy as well and that if people feel like they can go downtown or, you know, to any place and and be safe and we have

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Michael Pollock: Rules societal rules that we have agreed to. And people are following them. I think it's going to be good for the economy and if we can demonstrate, even if

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Michael Pollock: This viral expansion occurs, which is predicted to do in the fall that you know that. Keep in mind this is not the flu season right now.

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Michael Pollock: If we can demonstrate that we are wearing masks and we're doing all the things and we're keeping it from spreading and being violent

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Michael Pollock: I think that's going to be a big boon for our economy because we're going to be able to argue that we

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Michael Pollock: Are dealing with this in a responsible way. And then our businesses should stay and and and kind of have that that in mind. And so I would like us to focus on that messaging.

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Michael Pollock: And to do that and figure out how to do that. Somewhere in here and that wasn't part of our ordinance that was something that we talked about. But then move forward.

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Michael Pollock: And then the second thing is is just, you know, in terms of ideas and how to get our economy going in this the mask economy. I don't know the covert economy.

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Michael Pollock: And other places are shutting down their main streets in during the weekend. And so that's been proposed by some constituents as well. Can we shut down Winslow and and

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Michael Pollock: Close. Close it to cars and have people go around so that we can bring people out on the street. So there's that space in restaurants and places for people to enjoy.

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Michael Pollock: And a safe distance and kind of make it more of a

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Michael Pollock: safe and fun environment. So they've done that in San Diego granted the climates. A little warmer there, but they've done it and I've had great success.

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Michael Pollock: And it's something we have to accept that idea, but that we need to be thinking about ways to adjust our economy so that we can prosper in this

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Michael Pollock: Covert economy. So I don't know how we move forward with that, like I said, that wasn't part of the ordinance. I would love to hear from COUNCILMEMBER deeps if he's willing to talk about that.

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Leslie Schneider: So I just want us to be aware of that. We're way over our 10 minutes right now and

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Leslie Schneider: And just to follow up. Councilmember Pollock that your idea is, it is one that has come up and COUNCILMEMBER deeds has brought it up and they're at this time is a huge push back from the business community itself. So I would prefer that we don't discuss that in this particular topic.

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Michael Pollock: Oh, can I, can I just clarify that. I guess I'm wondering is,

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Michael Pollock: What is the next step in terms of the economic integration or robustness and that's that's all I'm asking. So I'm sorry about the wind up but that's what i or let's put it on the agenda for another time. But

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Well, I think it's not part of this agenda item council member Hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Two quick things. One is, don't forget about and I'm not sure if if this qualifies under the under the current order, but there are face shields as an alternative for people who can't restrict their breathing so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Perhaps if that's at least that's a second best. I'm going to COUNCILMEMBER Medina's point

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And also, I just wanted to point out that, as far as where we stand, somebody was saying, You know what, we're going to blow up in the fall.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We have now exceeded as our as our seven year average. If you look at our curve and the state we have now exceeded our peak our original peak as far as new cases per day. So we are soundly in bad straits in the state. So, it will be sure everybody's tracking that the

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Michael Pollock: Average, not seven year

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Sorry about that. Yes. Seven Day average. We're now past our original peak from

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Months ago

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember deeds, you have your hand up.

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Leslie Schneider: And I can draw this to a close.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I, I don't want to. I have a lot to say on the subjects. I just wanted to say we're going to talk about cares funding and and and business development is a whole ball of wax so COUNCILMEMBER holic thank you for bringing this up. Trust me.

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Joe Deets: I want to have a full agenda on this, but this was a 10 minute chat about the governor's order. So maybe we'll do do this another time.

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Leslie Schneider: Sounds good. I'm city manager.

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Morgan Smith: I just wanted to

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Morgan Smith: Remind Council, I believe you have formed an ad hoc committee to work on economic response. And so maybe that is is where this discussion can find some footing and shape for the full Council to respond to and take up

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you. And we did meet this earlier this week we met yesterday morning.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so great. I see that there are no hands raised right now and I'm not looking. But I don't think we have any action to take. This was just sort of a quick update. Is that right, okay. So how about city manager is doing good, and

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Leslie Schneider: Ready to go. Okay, so we

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Morgan Smith: Understanding is we're ready go back to six d

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, sounds good. Resolution number

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Leslie Schneider: 2020 dash eight updating city financial and budget.

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Leslie Schneider: Policies Dwayne, thanks.

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DeWayne Pitts: Alright, let's try that again. Let me go ahead and share my screen.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, are we seeing everything now.

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Leslie Schneider: Looking good.

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Great.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay hello again Council tonight we're going to spend some time discuss

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DeWayne Pitts: Discussing financial policies going to be using the term financial policies, but the discussion really encompasses both finance and budget policies. So please consider them together. For the purposes of this discussion.

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DeWayne Pitts: This item, along with the next two agenda items 60 which references debt policy and six f which references the equipment rental and revolving fund are being presented together in this presentation tonight, but with three separate resolutions for consideration.

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DeWayne Pitts: The goal of tonight's presentation is to provide background on why financial port policies are important.

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DeWayne Pitts: Discuss some recommended changes to our existing policies and if you agree approved the three separate resolutions that will incorporate the changes into the revised policies.

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DeWayne Pitts: Oops.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, before we get to the heart of the presentation in the next two slides I have attached a slightly different look to the budget calendar calendar than can presented earlier.

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DeWayne Pitts: Since Kim already covered this, there's no real reason to cover this. Again, it does provide a slightly different look to the calendar which some of you in our listening audience may find helpful.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay. To start the discussion. I want to cover three main reasons, excuse me to cover the main reasons why we bring financial policies for your review at the start of every two year budget cycle.

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DeWayne Pitts: And summary financial policies which are adopted by Council provide the written guidance envision how the Council and staff approach discuss issues. I think of them.

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DeWayne Pitts: As our north star or compass that guides decisions for both Council and staff and provides the stability and continuity over the years as staff and elected officials turnover and move on to other things. Among the many benefits.

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DeWayne Pitts: They outline the vision for how we're going to manage our city resources they promote long term and strategic thinking they manage and reduce the risk to our fiscal health

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DeWayne Pitts: And they help the city comply with established business best practices identified by search organizations as a state auditor's office and and by the Government Finance Officers Association.

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DeWayne Pitts: And finally they support good bond ratings and reduce the cost of borrowing.

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DeWayne Pitts: In fact, in our most recent Moody's rating increase to AAA and November, they listed a strong fiscal profile diverse revenue streams and low debt liabilities as the prominent reasons for the upgrade also specifically mentioning our 10 year forecasting tool and minimum fund balance policies.

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DeWayne Pitts: In this slide, I provided some examples of financial policies that are covered in various resolutions attached to your packet. We won't be discussing all of these tonight that only the specific changes to some of these which will be covered in the next slide.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, here are the other specific changes we're recommending allow me to go through each of these in detail and please keep in mind that all these changes.

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DeWayne Pitts: Have been included in the attached exhibit A's included with the three resolutions in your packet. The first item is to eliminate the priority based budgeting approach to generating the budget.

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DeWayne Pitts: This approach started in 2014 as a method to translate the budget into prioritized programs. It's my understanding that Council asked to revisit this

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DeWayne Pitts: During the last budget cycle as council and staff found the approach, time consuming complicated and not as helpful as hoped this recommendation.

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DeWayne Pitts: Eliminates priority based budgeting language from the policy and staff will instead use the Council identified goals from the Council retreat back in March and they were just reaffirmed earlier this month.

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DeWayne Pitts: The second change is to modify the language in the 25% general fund reserve policy.

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DeWayne Pitts: The way the policy currently reason is that the that the city general fund must maintain a 25% fund balance of ongoing revenues.

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DeWayne Pitts: As mentioned earlier, our date our debt rating agency mentioned our strong reserve policies is one of the considerations for a rate increase

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DeWayne Pitts: Or whatever the existing general policy doesn't take into consideration, any unforeseen catastrophic events or need should our balance ever fall below 25%

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DeWayne Pitts: Of the 25% requirement in my discussion with our city financial advisor, as well as with the State Auditor's Office.

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DeWayne Pitts: If we were to ever to be in a situation with required us to dip our reserves below the 25% bounce. We would then be violating our own policy and potentially risk audit findings as well as a decrease bond rating. Instead, we suggest retaining the 25% minimum threshold, but modify the language.

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DeWayne Pitts: In the policy to allow flexibility, if the if the need arises.

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DeWayne Pitts: We have added however mitigation language, such that if we did fall below the minimum fund balance and it was not a temporary situation, a plan to restore the balance would be included in the next adopted budget cycle.

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DeWayne Pitts: The third item establishes a written policy for equipment rental and revolving fund Equipment Rental and revolving fund is a requirement of all cities with a population over 8000

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DeWayne Pitts: For operating street departments and are usually expanded to include other departments, we set up a fund three years ago in 2017

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DeWayne Pitts: And this change provides written guidance of how the fund is to be governed the fourth item modifies a very obsolete debt policy which hasn't been updated since 2008

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DeWayne Pitts: The new policy utilizes a best practice format suggested by the Washington Treasurers Association and gets rid of obsolete language, which includes references to a strong mayor and a finance committee. It also incorporates up to date RC W references that legal helped us modify

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DeWayne Pitts: And the last item requires the Council to approve all grants over \$50,000

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DeWayne Pitts: This requirements already in place as part of the recent procurement policy changes and updates that public works, brought to you last November.

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DeWayne Pitts: The only meaningful additional requirement is the stipulation that the \$50,000 threshold needs to consider this the city's in kind labor and calculating the \$50,000 amount

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DeWayne Pitts: Are there any questions so far.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay.

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DeWayne Pitts: Here are the examples of policies which are attached by reference to your packet tonight and other than the debt policy just discuss, we won't be discussing or updating them, excuse me at this time.

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DeWayne Pitts: If you're okay with the President of the suggestions as presented the next step would be to approve each of the three motions included in your packet and item 66 he and six out. And with that, I'm happy to answer any more questions you might have.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you very much for that.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER high top let's

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Leslie Schneider: Continue.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So a couple questions in case I may have missed this, but who who asked for the change to the 25% minimum fund balance, was that just discovered by talking to the auditor. Did you say, or we requested that

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DeWayne Pitts: It was actually something that we in finance had looked at and when we were going through our bond rating. Last year we were going through our policies with our financial advisor.

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DeWayne Pitts: And he had made the suggestion that we consider looking at that is something in case we ever were in a situation

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DeWayne Pitts: You know, like now where we are in there is a potential of something where we could fall below the bounce.

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DeWayne Pitts: So this was something that was actually suggested by our advisor and

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DeWayne Pitts: I had considered and listen to it and I thought it was a good idea.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay. And I just say I'm wary, having come in and the Council that came into the financial mess in 2010 very wary about messing with our very strong financial policies.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So thank you for that. And then the medication was just I'm trying to stand so with it. It looked like there was no policy for grant approval over 50,000 and now it would be council and what what are we doing right now if there's not a policy with regards to the grants over 50,000

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DeWayne Pitts: Morgan, did you want to answer that.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah. One of the reasons, we'd like to codify this is that we have a lot of institutional practice around how we communicate with counsel about grants.

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Morgan Smith: But we have discovered that we don't have that practice captured anywhere. And so one of the things we're trying to do is build some structure around how grants are handled so everyone can have

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Morgan Smith: Their expectations. So the \$50,000 threshold is intended to match the city manager signing authority.

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Morgan Smith: And we're also trying to respond to some feedback not maybe right in this moment. But over the years from council of looking

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Morgan Smith: For ways to reduce the number of business items that come to council. So right now, our practices to come to see council approval for every grant that's applied for

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Morgan Smith: And that can range from small grants that the HTC identifies the store. Planning Committee Preservation Commission.

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Morgan Smith: Or it can be a storm water grants that we get, year after year that's, you know, maybe \$20,000 it's just understood that we're going to seek that grant and so staff is just looking for a baseline.

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Morgan Smith: All that can be codified, so that right now. What we're operating under is that every grant comes to council. The council approved every grant. And this idea would be to set a threshold. It's similar to the thresholds that exists for other expenditure items.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, so I guess I'll just express that my concern and just try to imagine all kinds of who knows what outcomes would be

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What what fight obviously with a grant that's under 50,000 what financial a direct or indirect financial obligations arena entering into in a particular situation based on that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To accepting that 50,000 and of course also what policy potential policy decisions or particular specific decisions to the project level we're agreeing to we accept that those funds that we might not be happy to find out about later.

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Morgan Smith: And I guess I'll speak openly and my experience on Council is that the challenge we have works the other direction. Is that Council will hear about or roll out self identify grants and say, let's go, let's go out for these grants.

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Morgan Smith: And that staff actually is often very alert to the fact that well that's different than what we're currently working on or that's going to involve

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Morgan Smith: A setting aside work or reporting requirements or or what have you. And we often don't have a good answer for why, why not to go after this grant funds. So I think there's checks and balances that work both ways on that.

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Morgan Smith: But the, the goal here is to clarify something because right now we have a lot of very

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Morgan Smith: In our mind as sort of zero tolerance practices where we bring every grant to counsel for acceptance ahead of time exactly to

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Morgan Smith: Answer Council direction from before I got here that was please don't let our work and our resources chase grant opportunities.

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Morgan Smith: But I think all the finest Robin is seeking is some kind of threshold, because we also have feedback from council that says please reduce the number of items transactional to come here.

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Morgan Smith: I think one thing we were hoping to capture and I'm not sure if it came across in the presentation so Dwayne, I'm going to say it in words. And if it's not right, you're good. I'm going to rely on you to correct me was that we might be looking for a rule that if the grant.

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Morgan Smith: Expectation had been approved by Council saying something like this tip that would then up to \$50,000 reflect councils.

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Morgan Smith: Approval that we would be grant seeking around that project. And so if you think about how we now format the tip so that projects have a column that says grant eligible and what the anticipated amount is

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Morgan Smith: That by virtue of Council having adopted and improve that tip that then that would

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Morgan Smith: Reduce the requirement for staff to then come again to counsel individually and say, now we are submitting for this grant, is that OK with you, counsel.

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Morgan Smith: So that would be one way to kind of strike a balance between wanting to have a rule in some transparency, but also to save transactional time at Council meetings so

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Morgan Smith: We can certainly keep things the way they are. It's just that we're sort of silent on it.

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Morgan Smith: But we, we, who are here and not all of us will be here for much longer have this institutional awareness that count at one time councils expectation and request was that we come for every single grant. And I don't know that that expectation is, is still the same.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, I'm

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deeds.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. I just want to echo quickly, my colleagues comments regarding the modifying the general fund minimum balance policy. I of course I totally understand it, of the circumstances where why we may want some

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Joe Deets: Flexibility under the current circumstances, but are the city's finances are good, excellent shape and it was hard one as as certainly the city manager can attest. It was hard one. And we don't want to give up those games.

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Joe Deets: So I just want to echo that, that, that just, I don't want to say raise a flag with me, but it's just ever so discarding just just concerning to see that sort of creep in. So I just want to flag that I'm sure you guys are right there ahead of us. And so that's it.

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Leslie Schneider: Can

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Morgan Smith: I just to make sure that everybody hears this correctly because it is a sensitive and important topic. This was a recommendation that was developed and

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Morgan Smith: Crafted independent of the current situation and so number one I'd like to finance director to

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Morgan Smith: Confirm that it's not being generated because of any current conditions. And number two, Dwayne, do you have any expectation in terms of the cash flow projections, you have today that we will have trouble maintaining a 25% fund balance in the next 18 months.

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DeWayne Pitts: Not at all. The main thing I was trying to address here is when we went through our

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DeWayne Pitts: Our bond rating last year. One of the things, and as a former State Auditor myself it's better to have a policy that

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DeWayne Pitts: You always maintain and how has a little bit of flex language. Should you ever get into a situation, a catastrophic event, I don't know, an earthquake or something like that.

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DeWayne Pitts: Where we might need to get into dipping into that balance. And if you're violating your own policy, it puts you more at risk.

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DeWayne Pitts: And just to clarify, a part of the policy change is that if we ever for any reason whatsoever.

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DeWayne Pitts: And as the finance director and a very conservative fiscally conservative person myself if we ever were to get below that it actually requires us to have a plan to get that balance back to where it's supposed to be.

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DeWayne Pitts: So,

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DeWayne Pitts: You know, we took it. The, what it says is, right now it says shall maintain a balance of 25%

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DeWayne Pitts: And it's just being changed the suggestion is shall strive to maintain a balance of 25% and, in the event, it falls below that balance there needs to be a plan. If it's not something other than temporary there would need to be a plan in place to get that balance back up to the 25%

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: I raise my hand a comment on the same thing.

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Kol Medina: I don't like the strive to language. And I don't think the two bits of so anyone wants to follow along on page 100 of our packet it's highlighted in yellow understand correctly, all the language in yellow is new language, the new suggested language.

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That's correct, yeah.

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Kol Medina: I like the the part of the bottom in the event. The city's general fund balance falls below the minimum fund balance due to unforeseen changes to revenues or expenses.

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Kol Medina: Blah, blah, blah. I will make a plan to get it back. And those two things don't quite mirror each other.

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Kol Medina: Like the second one is if there are unforeseen circumstances that caused it to fall below 25% then we'll get it back. That's referring to unforeseen circumstances.

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Kol Medina: The first change isn't referring to unforeseen circumstances. It's just saying generally will just strive to do this.

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Kol Medina: So it's no longer a requirement. I mean, you read that language if we put strive to in there, it is no longer a requirement. It just means we're striving to manage lots of various levels of striving so that those two don't quite match, I'd be more comfortable with something like

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Kol Medina: Except for in an emergency situation, the city shall maintain a minimum fund balance and then those to kind of match, right, I mean, so that would feel better to me. So that's my suggestion.

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Leslie Schneider: And Dwayne, I don't know if if this would make sense, but

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Leslie Schneider: You might have in mind some examples of that, aside from an emerging. You know, like an earthquake type of an emergency.

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Leslie Schneider: Would you be able to give us any examples of the cases where really we would want to make use of that type of flexibility and wouldn't want to sort of dig ourselves, for our own policies, do you have anything like that that you could share with us.

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DeWayne Pitts: Well, what I was thinking is at the time when I was considering changing this was a situation like an earthquake or something catastrophic that would require us potentially dip into our resources with very few alternatives to get the revenues back in a timely manner.

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DeWayne Pitts: So that's what I was thinking of at the time when I consider rewriting this back in January or February, I'm

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Morgan Smith: Good. I'm going to jump in and suggest that we're living out a great stress test of our requirements and

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Morgan Smith: We have a policy that has worked for us for a while and it's working for us. In these conditions, and I think this is good feedback and the sense that I get from council is that if it isn't broken

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Morgan Smith: Don't fix it. I've, I think I've mangled that but I appreciate the suggestion and I know why our financial advisor brought it forward.

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Morgan Smith: But it's not one size fits all. And if this is language. This works for us and that and that continues to work for us and we don't

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Morgan Smith: Want to at all conveyed. There's something about our current situation that's driving this change. I think it's something that we can just move past and take up the rest of the recommendations as presented and appreciate the feedback from council so

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DeWayne Pitts: We're good. I'm happy to do that.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so in our packet. It looks like we just have one sort of motion to move forward. And I thought you had mentioned a bunch of them. So, um, is are we moving forward all of them, maybe in half to an amended that to

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Leslie Schneider: No longer include this particular one.

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DeWayne Pitts: Yeah, I think what we would have to do is we could move forward with items six E and six f and 60 would have to be rewritten and presented and brought to you at another point in time soon.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I just, I don't. I'm sorry I don't have it pulled up is the motion to move it to you to approve it tonight or to move it to a future consent agenda.

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DeWayne Pitts: It was to move it to a future consent agenda.

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Morgan Smith: Well, why don't we just suggest moving it to a future unfinished business. And you can make the edits. Then, and that way it can be it can be accomplished on the same timeline.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. So moved.

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Morgan Smith: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: If somebody would like to

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Leslie Schneider: Read second knew that

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Leslie Schneider: Are moving too fast.

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Kol Medina: Make the motion if you want

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Kol Medina: I moved to for for approval.

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Kol Medina: I sorry I moved forward to unfinished business. On July 14 2020 resolution number 2025 08 million and updating the city's financial investment policies.

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Leslie Schneider: Council member deed seconded.

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Leslie Schneider: Any further discussion. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, and

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Leslie Schneider: Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously. Thank you, during the event and then

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Leslie Schneider: So the these others are all so 60 and six effort included in the presentation that you just made. So we're covering all of them at the same time.

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DeWayne Pitts: That's correct.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so it looks like we could get another motion on the floor for 64 items 60

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DeWayne Pitts: Did we intend to bring all these back together at one time or

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Morgan Smith: If there's no questions about the way they're written, they could just go to consent as planned. Correct.

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DeWayne Pitts: Yeah 60 and six F. Correct. So

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Morgan Smith: We're just waiting for council members to make the motions and and direct

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Leslie Schneider: Right, so we moved on to six he we've already been given the presentation on the updating the seas debt policy.

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Leslie Schneider: And so there is emotion in the pocket.

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Rasham Nassar: I moved forward. Resolution number 2020 dash 09 for approval with the July 14 2020 consent agenda.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Any further comments, concerns, all those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye. Any opposed passes unanimously and we're moving on to item six f is

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Leslie Schneider: Resolution number 2020 dash 11 establishing Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund policy. Did we include this in

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DeWayne Pitts: Yes.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so

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Leslie Schneider: There is a recommended motion in the packet

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor, did you want to try that one to

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Rasham Nassar: Divorce for approval with the consent agenda on July 14 2020 resolution number 2020 dash 11 establishing the city's Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund policy, as presented

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Leslie Schneider: That good that's been seconded by COUNCILMEMBER

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Leslie Schneider: Medina. Any further comment.

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Leslie Schneider: All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye. Any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright.

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Leslie Schneider: So we are now on to

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Leslie Schneider: Item six g, which is the

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Leslie Schneider: Federal coronavirus aid relief and economic security, otherwise known as the cares act a grant briefing and grant accepted again with finance.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, let's going to try and share our screen again here.

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DeWayne Pitts: We're gonna move

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DeWayne Pitts: Everybody can see that

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay, tonight we're going to spend some time discussing the cares act provide some background and history.

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DeWayne Pitts: And give an estimate of eligible city expenses and discussing potential other eligible non city costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: Will also be asking at the end of this presentation for you to make a motion accepting the cares Award from the state. And lastly, will be will offer a recommendation for the use of the funds and consider steps for follow up.

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DeWayne Pitts: The coronavirus aid relief and Economic Security Act or cares as part of a \$2.2 trillion federal aid package that was passed and signed into law march 27 2020

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DeWayne Pitts: It is intended to address the economic fallout of the October covert 19 pandemic. This slide gives a high level breakdown of how the monies are allocated.

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DeWayne Pitts: As you can see from the slide. There are a variety of pots of money. I've only highlighted the highest dollar amounts in the package. So this list is not a complete breakdown of the Assistance Plan.

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DeWayne Pitts: The amount underlying of the hundred and \$50 billion is the amount allotted for all state and local governments and the amount that we're going to be talking about tonight.

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DeWayne Pitts: Slide prevents shows the stage share of the hundred and \$50 billion shown on the previous slide, and gives a further breakdown of how the funds are distributed amongst cities and counties.

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DeWayne Pitts: There will be two organizations that will be administering the monies one federal in one state.

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DeWayne Pitts: On the federal side, the US Department of Treasury is accounting for the funds writing the rules around how the funds are to be spent.

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DeWayne Pitts: And administering awards to the state as well as the largest cities and counties with populations over 500,000

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DeWayne Pitts: On the state side Washington State Department of Commerce will administer the amounts, the state received from the feds and the funds and award to smaller cities and counties, such as kits out County and Bainbridge Island.

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DeWayne Pitts: The city of Seattle, as well as the large counties and populations over 500,000 were directly awarded from the feds about 785 million or 27%

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DeWayne Pitts: Of the total \$3 billion. This leaves about 2.2 billion for the state. The state, then a lot of 300 million of this amount to cities and counties with populations, less than 500,000 with the remaining 63% or 1.9 billion of the 3 billion remaining with a state.

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DeWayne Pitts: And interesting side note is that the Federal language guidelines actually recommends the state share 45% of the state monies with local governments have less than 500,000 population.

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DeWayne Pitts: The distribution amount showed above however came out prior to this guidance.

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DeWayne Pitts: Being released from the federal government, there's been no word from the state if it will reconsider the distribution amount. It seems unlikely at this point as the grant period only runs through October 31 of this year.

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DeWayne Pitts: Pain beer, excuse me Bainbridge will be receiving hit share from 300 million pot of money, we just spoke about the timeline on this grant is tight.

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DeWayne Pitts: Eligible monies must be claimed for eligible cost between March 1 and October 31 of this year and other words our last claim to the state can be sent no later than October 31 for costs already incurred.

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DeWayne Pitts: These funds are subject to audit and includes any funds, the city might distribute to any other entities. If money is shared with other entities, the responsibilities of ensuring compliance with the state audit row, excuse me with state audit standards rest with the city.

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DeWayne Pitts: City of Bainbridge Island will receive 730 \$5,600 and small counties less than 500,000 population received about \$55 per capita cities were awarded \$30 per capita.

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DeWayne Pitts: This is a reimbursement grant, which means that Bainbridge will only receive funds after it sends claim expenses to the state for eligible reimbursements the monies are not given up front in a lump sum.

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DeWayne Pitts: As an FYI kits app COUNTY WILL RECEIVE \$14.8 million and cares funds. It's my understanding that about 1.3 million of this amount is planned to be shared with the kids out health district, which I believe covers their share of the estimated eligible costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: The State Department of Commerce came up with five criteria that will be applied to all the expenses claimed against the grant award for the funds those criteria are the expenses connected with a coven 19 emergency

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DeWayne Pitts: Expenses necessary expenses not filling a shortfall and government revenues and expenses not funded through another budget line item allotment or allocation AS OF MARCH 27 2020 and lastly expense wouldn't exist without

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DeWayne Pitts: Or would be for a substantially different purpose. The first two tests are pretty straightforward. The last three or a little more nuance.

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DeWayne Pitts: It will be discussing more in detail. The next section on eligible costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: But to clarify on number four. Number five federal guidance says that a cost was not accounted for the most recent approved budget.

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DeWayne Pitts: If the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds before coven 19

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DeWayne Pitts: Commerce has made it very clear that each jurisdiction has a responsibility to define what substantially different means giving the city considerable more authority and flexibility than normal grant programs.

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay. Now that we've covered the background and introduction, we're going to spend some time discussing the types of eligible costs and how we might consider spending the award.

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DeWayne Pitts: The next few slides will cover the types of costs that are eligible for him or reimbursement. We took the liberty of breaking them into buckets in order to make it a little easier to track.

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DeWayne Pitts: From there we will summarize the estimated costs and recommended recommended distribution of eligible costs. This slide shows the type of facility improvements equipment, supplies and cleaning costs that are eligible eligible

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DeWayne Pitts: So includes telework infrastructure and equipment facility improvements such as plexiglass partitioning and repairs and the acquisition of personal protective equipment such as mask love sanitizers yields, etc.

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DeWayne Pitts: Note that the telework and infrastructure costs as well as the facility improvements in the first two bullet points are intended to deal with the compliance with state orders to protect employees from the public and the, excuse me, and the public from virus transmission

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DeWayne Pitts: This slide, the next discusses the types of personnel and service costs that are eligible, the cost shown include the new code health specialists.

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DeWayne Pitts: Police over time and the maintenance labor on building and other improvements as well as the treatment plant operator. We hired out of retirement to ensure the plant was covered in the event. Someone gets sick.

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DeWayne Pitts: Additional deep cleaning costs for our billing custodial work is also something that we can claim.

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DeWayne Pitts: City staff time for the emergency operations center is also eligible the salary and benefit costs are for employees who worked in the OC that were budgeted. However, since they were diverted for a substantially different functions they become a cost that is eligible

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DeWayne Pitts: Up to now, we've been discussing city eligible costs. Now we will turn our attention to economics assistance for the Community and the Government and governmental partners.

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DeWayne Pitts: The economic assistance to support community members, such as the program. The city has been placed with the helpline house is an eligible expense.

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DeWayne Pitts: The good news about using this available program is that we already have a contract and the system administering these funds in place would be easy to move forward with claiming these costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: Some other eligible costs include assistance to other local governments who would otherwise not receive funds. We're going to talk a little bit about some of the specifics on this a little bit later.

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DeWayne Pitts: The expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the cost of business interruption caused by closures is also eligible

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DeWayne Pitts: Note that governments have latitude to discern what is eligible for small business grants money spent on this should meet the spirit of the grant intent which is to reimburse businesses for expenses incurred due to the shutdown not revenue lost

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DeWayne Pitts: Okay. So this slide in the next few are going to summarize our estimate of city costs through October that we believe qualify for reimbursement

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DeWayne Pitts: We have sorted them into one cost that we're not in our budget as of March 27 into those that are in the budget. Well, but we're diverted to the covid pandemic and does qualify for reimbursement

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DeWayne Pitts: amount shown in this slide summarizes all the unbudgeted facility improvements supplies and equipment costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: 120 \$4,000 amount breaks out the code salary and benefit response costs that were not part of our budget. It includes the wastewater treatment plant backup position police overtime and the Caribbean safety officer position.

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DeWayne Pitts: The \$60,000 amount shown here is the contract is for the contract revision to help line House approved by Council in April of this year for economic assistance due to cove it

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DeWayne Pitts: And next, here are the costs that we've already included in the wages and benefits line of our budget, but have been diverted to a substantially different use for coven. This includes the EEOC and public works facility work.

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DeWayne Pitts: Finally, we summarize the estimate of our city eligible unbudgeted and budgeted costs.

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DeWayne Pitts: The first two lines provide for the unbudgeted costs that are not accounted for anywhere in our budget.

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DeWayne Pitts: And the third line of 260 8000 shows the amount that was included in our budget, but was diverted to respond to respond to coven 19 and as you can see that there are more costs that are eligible than, than the 730 \$5,000 grant award can cover.

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DeWayne Pitts: There's some other considerations of the separate local governments on Bainbridge the parks department, the parks department is the only one that I'm aware of that will not receive cares monies through one of the other parts of available of money available. Excuse me.

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DeWayne Pitts: I've reached out to the fire department and the school district and they are pursuing separate avenues of the cares act.

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DeWayne Pitts: That are applicable to direct responders and education that really leaves parks, as the major local government entity which, to my knowledge has no direct funding from cares

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DeWayne Pitts: Most cities receiving funds would include parks as part, excuse me, Parks and Recreation as a part of their reimbursement requests.

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DeWayne Pitts: For our recommendation staff would like to apply 480 6000 of the 730 \$5,000 allocation to support the city's planned and unbudgeted expenses related to the impacts of coven 19

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DeWayne Pitts: This equates to about 66% of the total award are about \$19 and 82 cents of the \$30 per capita Ruiz, we received and about 60% of our eligible \$814,000 city eligible expenses.

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DeWayne Pitts: The remaining mount staff is recommending that we share 240 9000 of the 730 \$5,000 grant through collaboration with local government.

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DeWayne Pitts: And other partners and or small businesses who are not otherwise eligible for grant funding is equates to over 34% of the total award or about \$10 and 15 CENTS PER CAPITA.

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DeWayne Pitts: To sum it all up, we're recommending 480 \$6,000 to be allotted for city costs while the remaining portion of 240 9000 be considered for community partners.

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DeWayne Pitts: The 240 \$9,000 recommendation for the for the local community partners includes the \$60,000 amount for the helpline House Council approved in April.

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DeWayne Pitts: So tonight, the next steps would be to approve the motion in your packet accepting the grant cares grant and to get your feedback on our recommendations and I'm very happy to answer any questions you might have at this point.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much tween on getting married. You've got your hand up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you for that presentation presentation finance director pits and a lot of us have been looking forward to this. And I'm glad we're finally having this conversation tonight. Um, my question is related to the

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Rasham Nassar: Really funding for small businesses.

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Rasham Nassar: Is that has that amount has not been carved out yet. Correct. Is that something that we're we're kind of looking for feedback on tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes. Okay. I you mentioned that there would be some criteria attached to what businesses would would be eligible for the funding. And you mentioned the spirit of the cares funding act in itself to kind of guide that the distribution of those

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Rasham Nassar: Support funds. I'm just wondering if you if if there's any

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know, thought or consideration or, or, you know, as to how to approach that

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Rasham Nassar: In an equitable manner. I don't necessarily want to use that that blanket term I'm, what I'm trying to suggest is that there are businesses that might need it more than others.

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Rasham Nassar: And might need more than others. And how do we make sure that the funding is going to the businesses that actually need them the most businesses that are serving as the sole means or livelihood for a family.

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Rasham Nassar: You know, if you kind of catch, catch my drift. That's been a concern, that's been raised to me by a small business owner in Winslow, and I thought I would just pass the inquiry along

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Morgan Smith: So I'm going to jump in. I think this is a really important implementation issue. So I doubt if we decide to Ali if Council prefers to allocate some of this money towards a grant program that will be able to problem solve the specifics of that tonight.

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Morgan Smith: Because there are a lot of questions like that and we would be building a grant program that does not exist today.

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Morgan Smith: One way to shortcut. Some of that decision making, would be to join some of the other kids at municipalities, who are who are putting together a program to have a shared approach.

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Morgan Smith: But to do that, we'd have to be willing to kind of join in with their perspective on on how to

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Morgan Smith: Prioritize the use of the funds, but I think those are those are really good and important questions.

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Morgan Smith: But there are questions that we can't answer right now because that's a program that doesn't exist. So we would be taking this money to build a new program and make decisions about who who would receive the funds and under what circumstances.

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Leslie Schneider: Right. And the, the task force for the economic development or economic recovery is approaching that a little bit, we are reaching out to mayor Becky Erickson to find out how her grant program is

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Leslie Schneider: Is proceeding. And I know from listening into some other conversations that port orchard has a good set of criteria. So we can learn from these other jurisdictions and then sort of craft our own uniquely Bainbridge approach.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER deets. Would you like to

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Sure. Thank you. And thank you, the way, and this is I, I've been looking forward to this presentation. Ever since I heard about the cares act.

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Joe Deets: Out a few weeks ago. So, well, I think, as we can see 730 5000 only go so far. And so, in most of that I don't have a problem with the general allocation.

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Joe Deets: You know i i trust city eligible costs and of course how planning house. I would agree that we need to help parks. So when you boil it down. We're talking about not 735,000 provided

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Joe Deets: My colleagues agree with me, but more of \$189,000 how's that going to be allocated between parks and business so suddenly we're not talking about a whole lot of money, frankly, so

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Joe Deets: I've been thinking a lot about this and I'll just say I happen to be somewhat aware about the grant program statewide and

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Joe Deets: I could just say it's very problematic from administrative side and from an equity side. So I just want to say that I don't want to get into a debate on this right now, but just tell you

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Joe Deets: My I have really strong reservations about going down that path. Meanwhile, there are some things that we can do spend money that is very equitable, that helps.

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Joe Deets: All businesses and frankly, everyone in the community. And so this is something that

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Joe Deets: Myself, the mayor and and COUNCILMEMBER Medina have been working with as well as members of the business community, so

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Joe Deets: This isn't the time to enter into that presentation, but I'm really looking forward to having that conversation because there's some things that we can do that actually don't.

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Joe Deets: Cost a whole lot of money that have immense value. So I'm happy to go into more details. I'm not trying to be mysterious, but I'm not sure if that's what we

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Joe Deets: Want to do that tonight. What I would recommend folks is that we approve this and then we set aside an agenda topic of really how to

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Joe Deets: Probably would be the time for us to give a presentation of the work we've been doing and what would be a way forward, and I would recommend we do this as soon as possible. Because really, time is of the essence, as all things covered related

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. I'm Deputy Mayor

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Rasham Nassar: So I thank you. Councilmember deeds and for your comments. I appreciate that clarification and also it's good to be reminded that you, as well as mayor Schneider and counselor Medina are on a subcommittee. Is that a formal subcommittee that the Council formed. I'm wondering if

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Rasham Nassar: In terms of next steps we approve this tonight. Is it appropriate for that subcommittee to to take a deep dive into this as such that the next time it comes back to counsel, there's some recommendations attached

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Rasham Nassar: I would be supportive of that. I don't know how others feel

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Leslie Schneider: I mean it sounds good to me. I agree. I think that's kind of been our intention. So COUNCILMEMBER Dietz has is maintaining a long list that we've been discussing and updating so

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Leslie Schneider: It will be ready with that presentation.

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Rasham Nassar: Well, that's great. And I'm really, I just want to reiterate my thanks to all of you for, you know, for staying focused on this and keeping this on your radar. It's really important. It's really important to a lot of folks in the community. So thank you for pulling this way.

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Leslie Schneider: You're definitely welcome COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you.

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Kol Medina: I agree. As a consumer, dude said about four x, we're being asked to do tonight and I'm

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Kol Medina: I feel okay with the breakdown has been presented to us by city staff and I'm happy to approve. Move forward with that, which I think is the primary question tonight and but then the secondary question out of

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Kol Medina: The out of the insane. A question in my mind is out of the hundred 89,000 how much of that might we want to apply to some sort of small business relief or program or whatever that looks like.

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Kol Medina: And it makes sense to me to ask the three of us on this little task force to bring back recommendations around how we use that money.

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Kol Medina: But I would look to the Council first to have a discussion about how much of that money would be going towards business stuff and how much of it would be going to the parks district.

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Kol Medina: So I don't think that I don't know how to make that decision. I don't think the three of us can make that decision. I think the Council needs to weigh in on that decision.

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Leslie Schneider: Right, and I think the city manager.

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Leslie Schneider: Had an idea. I mean, I

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Leslie Schneider: It sounds like you have some sort of thought about how much would the parks department might need.

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Leslie Schneider: And would be the impression that I know the answer to that question because I

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Morgan Smith: Definitely more than \$189,000. I just want to back up a little bit here.

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Morgan Smith: The we don't always bring forward to staff recommendation I wanted to do that in this case to sort of help shape the conversation because I think we have a shared understanding

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Morgan Smith: After our presentations in May, that we have a pretty significant fiscal challenge ahead of us as a city.

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Morgan Smith: And so I thought it was appropriate to make a recommendation that started by explaining that we could demonstrate city expenses north of the allocation and just submit for those and retain that money to help offset our revenue loss.

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Morgan Smith: But what felt more in alignment with the goals that Council is expressed to try and provide some community mitigation was to

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Morgan Smith: Recommend

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Morgan Smith: That we take the portion of the funding that match our own budget and expenses, because if we don't do that. We just make our own hole bigger

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Morgan Smith: But to not seek that we would keep the funds that we could apply for

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Morgan Smith: For budgeted personnel costs. Just because those people got spent used in different ways. So I think you guys understand that. I just want to make that explicit. So our recommendation is just that it's a recommendation.

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Morgan Smith: If Council follows the recommendation that does leave to to a third of the funds to support the community \$60,000 of which we've already pushed forward to help line house in an important way.

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Morgan Smith: And then there's this hundred and \$89,000 left. I don't have a particular guidance for you that if you were to split that 199 writing and half just as a exercise, then you'd be giving parks about \$4 per resident as a frame of reference. I think in some ways that gesture is more

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Morgan Smith: More to represent the partnership between the agencies than it is going to change their fiscal outcomes.

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Morgan Smith: But I do think it matters to acknowledge that our city is structured in a way that most Washington cities aren't

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Morgan Smith: Most Washington cities have parks and recreation within their city structure.

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Morgan Smith: And so the losses from those programs and those user fees, which are significant would be somewhat offset because they be housed in a city, so I thought it it mattered to us as a community to introduce that idea.

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Morgan Smith: And again, if you split it 5050 that'd be one approach, but there's any, any other options on that continuum.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. Councilmember I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was going to ask it to the extent

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That you can ascertain what their what their need is what their what their reimburse double

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: losses are maybe that would help you this, the committee determine that. And then, I don't know, it's, it's much bigger hole in the business community, but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I guess my question would be if if does this apply also to government entities, this idea that it's not for lost revenue, it's lost its for expenses due to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Closure so for example for parks, it's not going to be all of their last fees for summer programs and children's programs and all that. It's going to be the cost. They've incurred to meet the

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Morgan Smith: Equipment and

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Morgan Smith: Facilities retrofits and things like that. Yeah.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, to develop a ballpark on that if they have that and provide that as as input to councils thinking

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DeWayne Pitts: And I actually reached out to parks.

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DeWayne Pitts: On that topic to find out what they felt that they're eligible city eligible costs were thus far. I don't know what their projections are for the rest of the year. But what they come up with so far is at least \$20,000 that they feel is eligible and that's through the end of May.

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DeWayne Pitts: You know, I can tell them

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Morgan Smith: I would just, I would just stop the speculation there because that represents a period where they were basically entirely closed so I'd rather just ask them to. I think it's a great question and important one. I'd rather ask them the question and let them answer so

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Sorry, I apologize. Um,

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I'd be interested to see more data. But if it, if anything,

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Joe Deets: But I would expect to see is the need far exceeds available supply of funds will be my expectation. So in issues like this when we have to

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Joe Deets: Mom, very good competing choices, if you will. I fall back to split the difference that seems to be fair, if you will, but I would be interested in hearing what parks has to say. But assuming it's a substantial amount. My suggestion would be that we just split that one that 189

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Joe Deets: between business and parks.

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Joe Deets: And everyone and and I might do as far as the business. My philosophy is going to be the spread the band benefits is wider net as possible.

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Joe Deets: As opposed to maybe some discrete businesses because I just want to tell you it's having some inside knowledge on the state side it's extremely difficult to allocate funds and do it in a cost effective manner.

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Joe Deets: It's just is and i i actually honestly prefer that we don't go down that path. But there are monies that ways we can spend the money that would be an immense value to the businesses, I, I can tell you that

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Leslie Schneider: All right, so I'm COUNCILMEMBER Medina, you are asking, sort of, for some guidance from council with regards to how to split it and

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Dietz has certainly chimed in on that. I don't see any other hands up. Do you feel comfortable for our group moving forward to sort of make a proposal and city manager would you like

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Morgan Smith: If I could just make a simplifying assumption to that we don't

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Morgan Smith: kill ourselves with math exercises. I think the

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Morgan Smith: Point of there's a universe of costs. I think for the 735. Why don't we just assume that what we're talking about is an allocation of 530 \$5,000 towards the city's direct expenses.

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Morgan Smith: And the remaining \$200,000 for this community support of which 60s. Our sorry 260 of which 60 has already been spent.

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Morgan Smith: So that would leave \$200,000 for to be determined. I think rather than dealing with a 189 number where it's just not worth the complication if what you're doing is you're building new programs so

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Kol Medina: I was about to start talking about \$94,500

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Morgan Smith: And I don't want that.

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Kol Medina: So back to what you were asking, I think, asking me

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Kol Medina: There. I think that's probably the best we can get at this moment, we're not going to get a decision.

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Kol Medina: I assume the rest of council would feel the same way I did that we wouldn't make a final decision on how to split that until we do get some information from Parks if for no other reason, then, like, if that 20,000 were accurate. And I'm not saying it is

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Kol Medina: Maybe they couldn't actually justify 100,000 and we couldn't give them 100,000. So I think, I think we need to get that number before we make our decision.

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Kol Medina: But I think the three of us can proceed with making some recommendations, kind of on the basis of what we know now and be flexible as we move forward.

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Leslie Schneider: That's great. So there is a recommended motion in the pocket.

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Joe Deets: Happy to make the machine.

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Joe Deets: I moved to accepted ratify the federal coronavirus aid relief and economic security.

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Joe Deets: At grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$735,600 as executed by the acting city manager on June 2 2020

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you Mary second did that. Thank you very much. Any further

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Medina. Did you

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Leslie Schneider: Have more comments.

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Kol Medina: I just want to say one quick thing I wanted to thank our city manager for the recommendation. She brought forward. I'm sure if I were in her shoes, there would have been a strong part of me that wanted to keep all that money for the city.

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Kol Medina: Because the city can justify it. The city is out more than that because of this crisis, but

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Kol Medina: That's how our process works. And we've been talking about this for a few months.

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Kol Medina: In little baby steps and I think she's listened to the things that we as Counselors have been saying about we'd like to have some of that money used for the business community and some for other purposes.

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Kol Medina: And she's incorporated that into a recommendation. And so I just

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Kol Medina: Whatever purpose. I want to say just kind of a moment of trust that like this shows that our city staff is listening to us and they brought forward something that they felt

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Kol Medina: complied with our wishes, as we've kind of nebulously talked about them, while also helping the city. So thank you for that.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, thank you for staying that I absolutely agree. Alright, so you have

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Morgan Smith: To interrupt that those nice comments but part of it falls from our very clear.

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Morgan Smith: Priority in part of our emergency response plan to support and mitigate the economic effects of this emergency so

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Morgan Smith: Your impulses and preferences in that direction are exactly aligned with what the work of the city and its emergency response role is doing so.

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Morgan Smith: It would be great if the public health aspects became lesser and we only had the economics to worry about. Right now, we're still in a situation where both are very critical. So

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we have a motion and a second. Is there any further. Any further discussion.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. All those in favor please say

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Kol Medina: All right, all right.

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Leslie Schneider: And any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: That passes unanimously. Thank you very much. Thank you. I'm Dwayne, thank you so much for that presentation and city manager.

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Leslie Schneider: And really appreciate the deep preparation that went into all of these

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Leslie Schneider: Finance issues that are now now get to go forward in the in the budgeting process.

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Morgan Smith: And so I'll work with Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, we only now have three July meetings, but I'm going to assume that at one of either the second or third meeting, you're going to want to provide time for the ad hoc to report back on this.

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Morgan Smith: Is that. Thank you. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, I want to chicken. It is now nine o'clock, and we've been at this for three hours. Do we want to take a five minute break.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, so at 905 let's be back. Thank you all very much.

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Leslie Schneider: So let's see.

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor and council member Pollock. If you're back. There we go.

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Leslie Schneider: So we have where we are in our agenda here is

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Leslie Schneider: We have two more items seven be and seven. See, and we already know that there's going to be some for the good of the order

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Leslie Schneider: And we are at 905 and our government is supposed to be at 905 so I would guess that we are probably more than an hour out from what is on on this agenda.

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Leslie Schneider: So, let us move on to item seven be consideration of revisions to the city's Code of Conduct and Ethics program and COUNCILMEMBER hi toplless. I appreciate all the work that you've put into this and and also being willing to get this sort of bumped

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Leslie Schneider: Because we've had really long agendas in the past. So thank you for both of those. And let's let's get this done.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, great. Well, I'm going to try to balance being as thorough as possible for just for the sake of the community. If nothing else, but also being succinct since everybody I know would like this to be sustained.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I thought what I would probably do is just kind of run over overview of what I was trying to accomplish here. I sure hope you've all read it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that you're ready with any questions. Any questions clarifications, you need

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But bottom line is, I would say I approached this and I think probably many of us would have if we tried to undertake another revision yet another revision of this program. It's been revised many times over the years.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With a desire to completely remove Article one code of conduct complaints, create a new code of conduct a more robust code of conduct somewhere.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A better process that was more appropriate for code of conduct and just have an ethics program for the ethics committee.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Since that's something that would have been just far too much for me to undertake by myself and we do not have that capacity right now as an as a as a as a council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What I've tried to do is I've tried to do a couple of things. I've tried. I've tried to address what I saw as the, the remaining concerns from last year's revision.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I that I believe most or all of you agree with most or all of these. And those were

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The continued confusion between ethics and conduct complaints. So the way that we are just about to launch at the beginning of this year, the, the newly revised program.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Continue to call caught code of conduct complaints ethics complaints, which I think was just an oversight and drafting and really needed to be addressed.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It also the program continue to run both types of complaints code of conduct and code of ethics Article one article two

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Through the same process, in a sense, they were it would they were contained within the same series of

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Paragraphs describing the process and of course different outcomes would happen, depending

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But they were really still integrated and for again with the goal of trying to get this clarity that there's code of conduct which is behavioral type stuff.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, you know, behavior on fit and be fitting a council person, perhaps, or committee member. And then there's ethics, which is which is which is kind of a serious outcome at the other end. And it's really illegal.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Illegal issue. And so I've attempted to separate the two of those as much as possible, get clarity with that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I also attempted to address the fact that would have come out of the last revision was a funneling of all code of conduct complaints to mediation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think in part and with over the concern that you know getting these opinions about behavior that is behavior that's just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, Article one conduct behavior versus ethics complaints and having a publish on the city website potentially a public end

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: under the rubric of ethics was a real concern, how do we how do we handle these more. How do we handle these differently and what last year's Council came up with was was mediation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And one problem is is that some of these complaints aren't really mediate double so if and so I've tried to make that distinction

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If I come forward and I complain that council member, a has said something to me in an email or in a public forum or something and offended me has done something that is fronted me has caused me distress.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's mediated because that that's a situation where I can, I can go with council member, a to have a mediation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But if I come forward and I say that the Council member has made the decision or a couple of council members have done something

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That I think is harmful to the process to the integrity of the city you to this higher could have higher general general public situation as opposed to a clear object me or subject, you know, directed at me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: How's that mediator. So that was kind of a problem in the process, there wouldn't be parties to mediate, am I going to go and reportedly represent all the people in the community and mediate

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So what what my proposed revisions have done has left in mediation as the assumption for that sort of interpersonal stuff.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But then provided an another option for that more general type of complaint, which is also what the original program already where the richer program already funneled in code of conduct complaints where someone refuse to participate mediation, they already went to an advisory opinion.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To be determined by the the ethics board and they were to be advisor opinions for educational purposes only. So another clarification, I made is that when an advisory opinion is is issued by the ethics board because it's for

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Solely for educational purposes that this would be published without the complaint and without the response on the city website.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And without names of the complainant or the subject of the complaint. So this truly is a

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Our opinion is that if a council member does these things then we think that is a, you know, to a citizen in this circumstance we think that is a violation of the code of conduct. That's what it would look like, um,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Let me see here.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Another thing that I clarified was what happens when the program already assumed that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That when a complaint comes in of either type. The there's a preliminary determination by the ethics board as to whether there really isn't anything here at all for them to do is this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Do they not find the facts to be credible, does this just on its fate is it's already been addressed somewhere else.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Anyway, there's a number of circumstances which they would simply dismiss. So what other changes I've made tried to clarify what a dismissal looks like.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And have called for the ethics board to to co create probably with the assistant city attorney, the city attorney some sort of dismissal form that would explain why these things why something was dismissed under which of the bases. It was dismissed.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think another change that it's somewhat minor and it cold call call that last time since I left the question in the comments.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was that there was a place. There was a reference to referring if the ethics board feels that something might be actually illegal that they're reviewing that they refer it to the appropriate authorities and we've clarified that that would be the city attorney in the circumstance.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah.

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Rasham Nassar: Just a quick question. Sorry to interrupt, but

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Rasham Nassar: The Attorney. Did you mean deputy city attorney or

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Oh, the if somebody if the ethics board thought that something that was being reported, was it was a crime, for example, or something illegal activity, they would report it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To the city attorney who would then decide whether there was something action when I if Joe wanted to speak to that. I'm not sure if that's important.

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Rasham Nassar: Article to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Anything so anytime the reviewing any kind of fact pattern if they got it in their head that, you know, wow, this sounds like this is actually a crime or something.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What what the code set or with the program said, as they would report it to the appropriate authorities, which to me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Made me concerned they would think they should go out and contact the police or, you know, the ag and instead what's appropriate would be to contact the city attorney to make a determination as to whether there needs to be a referral. There's a decision point. Yeah.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, that one is on

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Kol Medina: Page 260 of the packet

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Rasham Nassar: Of the program.

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Kol Medina: Of the packet and page 21 of the actual thanks

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Yeah.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay. And then I think I mean aside from a number of clarifications, which I tried to describe with comments. So if you looked at the red line version that should help you see all the changes and understand why.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Then the other important changes and either they turn the see attorney or deputy attorney can please fill in, if I if I when I complete I've missed something.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I did, I did change the section regarding the seeking of advisory opinions by someone sitting on Council on a commission about their own behavior or about the behavior of another Council person or another member of the committee member to to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To state that those advisory opinions when they're sought voluntarily like that would not be published would be published without the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Names of the subject and the requesting party unless those unless they both agreed. The idea there is to try to encourage people to ask questions and not worry about the consequences if I asked.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Hey, did council member so and so and like I as a COUNCILMEMBER council or so. So you haven't created ethics, you don't have an ethics violation here. And the answer is no.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, am I going to be, am I going to hesitate to do that because I wouldn't want to be accusing somebody if that makes sense. So

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think that's it, other than the final question that I left open to Council as to whether or not we want when we want to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Review this because it was set to expire, which sends a very bad message to the ethics board who that was, that was previously seated.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I would prefer it not simply expire. But I'd also prefer that we assume that this is so flawed, probably, and we might want to have a scheduled check in to say, is this working, what are we getting out of this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And. And again, I'd love to hear from the city. The city attorney or deputy city attorney if you thought that I've met. I did not highlight something significant

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Joe Levan: We go first. Robbie, then you can add a couple points if you'd like. Just to make clear to the Council and I'm

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Joe Levan: Going to spend a lot of time in this right now, but so that comes from right topless spent a lot of time scrubbing through the the program.

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Joe Levan: And offering recommendations and revisions then then Robbie. And I worked with with her were there were questions.

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Joe Levan: And where we had questions just to provide clarification. So the change of the revisions or changes with our

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Joe Levan: Consultation in terms of trying to address any issues that were unclear. So we think the way it's written is clear and captures the intensive County. Councilmember hi topless. One thing to make clear is that

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Joe Levan: In terms of the issue that came up previously about publication of

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Joe Levan: Opinions or otherwise and names not being publicized being part of that, of course, on a under a public records request, people can make requests for records, but this was this was about what it would be published.

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Joe Levan: On the ethics program website, basically. So that was kind of a distinction that was made to not have some of this posted on the website.

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Joe Levan: Because the idea was to have it be more educational I think is what customer I topless was was after. Another thing to note is that, and then one of them, the mediation option there in terms of the advisory opinions, there is an option for mediation.

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Joe Levan: And where if there's a if that that option is taken and customer her topless, you can correct me if I did not describing this based on your intent.

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Joe Levan: But if that if, if the parties do go to mediation than mediation occurs, not in the process then stops at that point, there's no further process. There's no appeal or it doesn't go any further than that. I think that was part of it to encourage mediation and to resolve it through mediation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It declared right that's not a change that was that was passed by Council as of last year as well, just for the public sake.

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Yeah.

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Joe Levan: So, so those are kind of points I wanted to highlight probably did you have anything else to highlight

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Robbie Sepler: The only thing to highlight goes to the last question raised by COUNCILMEMBER high topless about

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Robbie Sepler: An annual review of the Code of Conduct and Ethics program right now, the draft doesn't participate that they're being an annual report from the ethics board.

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Robbie Sepler: And and that would include any recommendations, they have for changes to the program. So that's already one thing that's included in one avenue for annual review of the program. Otherwise, I think I was topless and the city attorney summarize the proposed changes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And of course,

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Joe Levan: He's just one other note is that to counsel them. And as far as question to the way that we've kind of worked through this over the last few years.

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Joe Levan: Is that the deputy city attorney's is the resource for and yet the attorney for the ethics board itself.

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Joe Levan: And then I'm city attorney on the city attorney for the city as an entity, but also to the to the resource for the Council.

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Joe Levan: Related to questions to come in about the ethics program itself so that there's some some separation there so that the and Robbie works directly with the ethics board.

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Joe Levan: When it exists here right now we only have one of these ethics board member but when it, when it exists to provide to go to their meetings as necessary to assist them and to

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Joe Levan: Part of what's going to happen with this to would be some some new forms will have to be created and work left to be done to implement what's being recommended which will will work with the export to do

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Leslie Schneider: I just asked for a quick clarification, Robbie. I think I heard you say that what's in

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Leslie Schneider: In this proposal right now is that on a yearly basis. The ethics board themselves would come forward with any suggested changes. And so, therefore, that constitutes

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Leslie Schneider: Sort of a yearly review and we don't need to bake in anything more than that. I mean, we could, if we come up with it. But that's what you're saying.

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Robbie Sepler: I apologize for any confusion. What I'm saying is that in the ethics board that's currently ethics program that's currently in effect.

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Robbie Sepler: There is already the avenue for an annual report from the ethics board which will include any recommendations, they have for changes to the Code of Conduct and Ethics program.

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Robbie Sepler: And I was mentioning that just in terms of the question. Last question raised that counts number high top list, which is whether or not to still include an expiration date on the Code of Conduct and Ethics program which is set to expire expire in February.

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Robbie Sepler: But if that is not needed. I was just raising that there is already one of these one way for an annual review contemplated under the program that as it currently exists.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So for further clarification. I did not make any revisions to that section. So that's intact and just a couple more comments before we, before

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We talk amongst ourselves that I wanted to be clear for the public because I just didn't bother hitting some of the stuff that's also in there already.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that is that when there really is an ethics violation. When the ethics board feels that there's an article to ethics violation that will still go to the Harry exam or for full process and and there will be very public action from that point on.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so, you know, again, it's a very clear that there's no attempt here to not publish that sort of behavior.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And also, again, to reiterate what what Joe is hitting out which i think that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It'd be interesting to hear from everybody else but I'm on Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I think our goal and not publishing isn't to avoid the transparency that we have the Public Records Act. People can

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: People are curious can just constantly do public records request and find out all about what's happening on the it with the ethics board.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But we're just not participating in the publication. I think the worst case scenario of complaints that aren't founded on on facts or are alleging and actual violation and participating and publishing that on our city website.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, great. Thank you. Councilmember geeks.

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Leslie Schneider: You're on mute. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Sorry, this all these other hands up. And, okay, well, I'll be brief. First off, Kirsten, thank you so much for this. This was a ton of work to do and

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Joe Deets: We did a lot of work on the ethics program last year and I won't editorialize why we did, but we tried our best and

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Joe Deets: And that's what we got. And so I really appreciate you diving in. I just want to tell you that very much ethics has been very important. I was on. I was at the sports chair for two years before I came here. So I do have

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Joe Deets: I think you answered my question about the the anonymous issue. I just had some concerns about that but

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Joe Deets: I think you've answered that. And plus the Plan Review. I don't mind having something explicit because

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Joe Deets: You know how things can just sort of slide, no matter what we have is a program and

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Joe Deets: And frankly, that was why the expiration date. It wasn't to expire the ethics program. It was to force us to do something about it. So just to be clear.

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Joe Deets: That was. It was really kind of a poison pill to counsel to get as button gear and and do something about the ethics program after this quote new program has been around. So, but any case the work you've done, I would be very happy to

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Joe Deets: Take the expiration putting the Plan Review, but I would like it kind of enforced on us as a council member that council members that we need to review this not just pass it to

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Joe Deets: The ethics board just just my suggestion. And just one other thing kind of funny English tweak. I read this a couple times, it just

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Joe Deets: kind of bothered me a little bit, it's it's us under the article one section see principles obligation obligation to the public, just bear with me for a second. I'll read this.

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Joe Deets: Following the highest standards of public service council members and members of city committees and Commissions Act to promote the public good and preserve the public's trust.

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Joe Deets: So far so good this in practice this principle look like transparency and honesty in all public statements and written communications. It's the statement this principle looks like.

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Joe Deets: I sounds really weird and almost, you know, it doesn't look like it, it needs to be. So just a very clarification, could we instead of, say, look, this principle looks like transparency, maybe does maybe it's not, you know, but if we just say this something along the lines of principle embraces

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Joe Deets: transparency and honesty, just to be very forthright there so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What I'd say Joe is, I didn't even try to touch the wording of the code of conduct, because I think it's pretty awful.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would suggest that we put out there, regardless of where this goes. At some point, we should be. We should be rewriting that we should also be removing it. But somebody pointed out to me that there's nothing talk about no you know

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: racial equity lens. There's nothing. There's no direct language. I don't believe there's anything direct in the code of conduct with regards to any sort of discriminatory behavior or language.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or or treatment of any particular class of people. I don't think so. I mean, it's a pretty it's devoid of clarity, it's kind of, I'm sorry because somebody wrote it and I don't know if they're in the room.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I have to say, I think it's a it's an adequate and so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It needs to be revamped and I didn't touch it, I just worked on the process now.

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Joe Deets: It's not, it's not a big issue, but it just, it struck me as odd and and if I was a public and I was reading this, I would say that's a weird way of putting it.

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Joe Deets: So, but I agree there's there's more to it than that. Otherwise, so anyway, thank you very much again.

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Joe Levan: And to that point.

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Joe Levan: Real quick, I think part of this is a that that language has been that way for several years. I think it was a maybe potentially a what it was was drafted before my time.

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Joe Levan: as kind of a more of a conversational tone or something. I mean, it's but it's certainly something that could be revised, for sure. I mean, if it's a base of what you're comfortable with.

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: And put my hand up before Casper indeed spoke, but I think basically I just wanted to say what he said. I appreciate all the work here answer my topless and I've said a prayer meetings and this came up that I agree with all the changes, I'd be happy to have us in front of us and

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Kol Medina: vote yes on a motion to approve it, as amended.

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Kol Medina: And we can just do that. And then that question of, you know, how to, how do we come back to this. Do we force ourselves to come back in 12 months or we need to have explored or whatever that question was still be out there.

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Kol Medina: And we can then try to answer that question. But in the meantime, I'd be happy to do is to approve it with the amendments you made. So thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, thank you for the work. Councilmember hotel pillows and we've talked about this offline and

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Michael Pollock: I think there's some good progress. I do have concerns about it.

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Michael Pollock: I'm not really comfortable with it in its current form, I, I think my specific concerns are. I think some I shared with you is that that

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Michael Pollock: There's a lot of qualitative language in there, and particularly around Article one, but also just in general about it and

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Michael Pollock: I find it problematic because I'm looking at it from an applicant or somebody that wants to follow these rules, right. I want to follow them. I want to know when I'm on the right side of the wrong side and and

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Michael Pollock: It's, it's, we use only defined terms are vague language. It really makes it challenging to know where that is. And so things like like what was just quoted honesty and transparency. Well, yeah, I know who's, who's, who's not for that. But it doesn't really say what that looks like.

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Michael Pollock: I mean, honestly, as somebody joke to me. They said that she said honesty seriously you guys are politicians, so you know that's um yeah let's kind of

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Michael Pollock: tongue in cheek. But what does that mean, what is honest evening, and we're going to get a complaint file because we weren't honest, you're going to

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Michael Pollock: Get a complaint filed because they're not transparent. I mean, it's fine, as long as we define those terms and a reasonable person can

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Michael Pollock: Could look at it and say, Yeah, I'm on this side of the line or I'm on the other side of the line. So, um,

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Michael Pollock: You know there's going to be some gray. But there's a lot of gray and what's written right now. So that's one. The second one is, is that

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Michael Pollock: The whole process. I mean, I appreciate that you put the work in and and I think we're making progress, but

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Michael Pollock: I'm looking for something that there's at least somebody out there somewhere else is done and we talked about the Seattle ethics program. There's the

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Michael Pollock: City ethics.org is an organization they put out a model ethics program. And so there's really language. There's people that have thought about it and I am

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Michael Pollock: I would like to put language or make the language that we have consistent with something else out there, or at least compare it to to that and make sure that we're kind of

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Michael Pollock: We have a program that functions.

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Michael Pollock: So that's just to two comments.

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Michael Pollock: And I, and then the third is really about the more fundamental one which is

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Michael Pollock: Really relates to the way we have a conversation about these issues and how to address these

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Michael Pollock: Before they become ethics complaint, because as you pointed out, when it becomes an ethics complaint. It's a public record.

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Michael Pollock: And it's, it's something that's there and it can be weaponized I think we're all aware that it can be weaponized and we talked before about an arm bud and somebody or some sort of mediator, where if there's an issue we can we can

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Michael Pollock: Go to that person and discuss it. And I say that because there's as I mentioned earlier, there's a number of things that happened this past week there's been things that have happened between us between us council members, and I would like an opportunity to

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Michael Pollock: And I think it would be beneficial for not just council members, but for

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Michael Pollock: Members of the public to be able to talk to someone in a mediated situation before it gets to that we're going to file an ethics complaint I have to file an ethics complaint to get your attention.

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Michael Pollock: I don't want to do that. I would really like to have that mediation opportunity in there. And to me that's either we get an ethics officer or we get an arm or both, both, you know, all of the above.

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Michael Pollock: So I would really like to get that in there.

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Michael Pollock: You know and I and I mean these are difficult things I want to, I want to give you an example of one, you know, earlier counseling topless. He said, Yeah. These are difficult. We have to have these conversations so

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Michael Pollock: As an example, you know, and bear with me. And this might be hard to hear. For some of you, but bear with me. So last. This is pertains to last year before I was on the Council.

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Michael Pollock: My opponent during the race. Use the city not city managers, take the Colby connects and they had a little 250 page or word

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Michael Pollock: Little discussion of a campaign issue, and they had their face on on it, the little picture of them on it and it went out on the Friday before the election.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, so we looked at that, you know, I was running a campaign, then I was like, you know, they seem kind of like BS seemed like it was the city helping out the the my my opponent.

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Michael Pollock: Who was an incumbent. And, you know, people were pretty ticked off about it and and it, it didn't turn out to matter. Obviously I prevailed, you know, and did quite well. But there was an issue there. And so I'm looking at that and and I'm thinking, well, the way I would you know among

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Michael Pollock: Friends are among people you know that when I saw resolve the issue is, I would go and talk to the city manager who, you know, arguably, that was a use of public resources and supportive of a specific persons campaign.

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Michael Pollock: It's arguably in violation of public disclosure campaign rules. So, you know, I don't really know who's responsible for that, but it's an issue.

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Michael Pollock: And I would like you know it's been filed and it's all I'm saying this now because it's all in your emails. There's been an email and we've all received it that there's been a PTC complaint file and and I'm looking at this, how do we how do we resolve that the person that filed it

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Michael Pollock: felt like they had no other recourse. There was no way to communicate. And so that's where it is. I would really prefer that we have some way to communicate in this case with the city manager and with the with the once. Now, a former council member

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Michael Pollock: To to discuss this offline and to avoid it becoming a public record that's available to everybody. It's essentially, you know, an ethics complaint of a sword, and then and then that same count or former council member. Now today we got an A mailbox a

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Michael Pollock: Lawsuit

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Worker.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With we're going to create a warder

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Michael Pollock: No, no, let me let me finish. So the point is is that these things are going on because people feel like they don't have a way to communicate with them offline.

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Michael Pollock: And and and that there's no recourse. And then with the lack of an ethics program right now and the lack of an ethics board.

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Michael Pollock: They are even more frustrated. So yes, this is hard to hear. Councilmember hi topless. But these are the facts and and we have created. I think just an awful awkward situation. So I'm really advocating

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Michael Pollock: That we develop some way to avoid those sorts of situations and allow people to communicate in a way that doesn't involve a big public conversation about it to see if we can

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Michael Pollock: nip it in the bud. So, you know, the arm but seems like the way to go. We know we could call it the nip it in the bud men or something. I don't care. But something so that we can have

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Michael Pollock: A communication dispute resolution of some sort. In our efforts program before we get to the stage where it has to be go public in the public record so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would like to request that we were able to stay on the subject of the passage of this program and not get into the what really is the next item.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know,

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Michael Pollock: Nothing, nothing. I'm just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Managed to get into

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: gabs again awesome in this topic and we're talking about this program. Okay. And so, as you know,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I

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Michael Pollock: Hear your stable of the kind of thing.

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Leslie Schneider: Remember Pollock, you were on for more than five minutes.

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Leslie Schneider: And and i started typing a long ways into it.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to say the same thing that COUNCILMEMBER hi topless is is which we need to stay on this topic and I didn't hear in what you were saying a specific amendment to the proposal that we could vote on tonight.

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Michael Pollock: And clarify them.

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Leslie Schneider: And and COUNCILMEMBER high topless already said that you know she is her

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Leslie Schneider: Her proposal here, this, this, the work that she's done on this is not fixing all the problems in it. It's just fixing some high level problems that were sort of fit.

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Leslie Schneider: That could get us on a track to where we could try this program out so

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Leslie Schneider: We have other people on the list with hands raised. Now, including the city manager. So I would like to move on to Deputy Mayor and bizarre and then the city manager.

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Rasham Nassar: I would love is any manager to respond at this point in time. I think it's relevant to a counselor politics.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Oh, is that a no.

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Rasham Nassar: Duty manager.

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Morgan Smith: I'm sorry I hit the wrong button I'm

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Morgan Smith: Not sure what my responses. I'm greatly troubled by that. What I heard is some allegations about some things in terms of the situation you described, and how you described it.

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Morgan Smith: What I think you're not privy to because you weren't on the Council and what now the community is not privy to is that we actually had a written list.

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Morgan Smith: Rotating the council members that would do that introductory 200 word thing that was established eight months ahead of time and in hindsight, I guess we could have said that if you are up for election that year that you should not have had your

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Morgan Smith: Return in the fall and going forward. I think the Council didn't decide how many months ahead of time. They want to cut that out.

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Morgan Smith: But there were certainly no intent to use it as a as a platform for a council member who was running and I really object to characterizing it like that, at length, without giving me or other staff and opportunity to explain the circumstance.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay so we are

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Leslie Schneider: We're 35 minutes into this 20 minute item and we're

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Leslie Schneider: Going to be going as late as we need to go to get through our other agenda item as well. So COUNCILMEMBER nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Hi there. Thank you. I just want to call our collective attention to what just happened here. This is exactly why.

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Rasham Nassar: These kinds of complaints, the program that we currently have the structure that we currently have in the process that we currently have does not work.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock was just relaying communications that we were received by the full Council.

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Rasham Nassar: As an example, in support for amendments of the ethics program that we are considering. And we're considering it as we consider passage of the amendments that Council right topless has presented in her draft tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: The question is for the Council is do we do we want to proceed with these amendments to the ethics program at this time, or do we want to

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Rasham Nassar: Put move this along to a different another discussion in favor of radical proposing more radical changes or Amendment. So the ethics program.

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Rasham Nassar: One of the proposals that I heard in counselor Pollux comments was to develop and I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Not going to say it right and ombudsman program in lieu of having a I believe that Article one complaint process.

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Rasham Nassar: being handled through the ethics board through an ethics board at all is to establish a place where citizens could come ere their complaints council members can air the complaints and concerns.

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Rasham Nassar: And then it would be productively and professionally handled so as to avoid what has what we have

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Rasham Nassar: In front in front of us today, which is our gaps and communication, where we have citizens that have complaints concerns over whatever level of ethics violations. They may be

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Rasham Nassar: And they don't necessarily have a way to air those concerns. Nor do we, I mean, we're talking about discussing complaints or concerns related to one another's conduct during for good at the order at a meeting that is now.

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Rasham Nassar: Going to, you know, trend well past 10 o'clock at night. So I hope that we stay focused on that because it's absolutely relevant to this discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: Now, personally, I would. I would. I want to ask. I want to see what appetite. This Council has for radically amending the ethics program.

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Rasham Nassar: To cut Article one entirely in favor of instituting an ombudsman at the city that could serve as a resource a general resource remembers the public, I believe staff as well and council members and then the ethics board would

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Rasham Nassar: Their function would be preserved in terms of handling the article to complaints and that process for the hearing examiner would be maintained.

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Rasham Nassar: And that's my preferred path forward. And if there is, majority of Council that would like to head in that direction.

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Rasham Nassar: I would suggest that since we have, I believe we have the ethics board member number appointments pending through July 31

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Rasham Nassar: And then interviews in August and then see that it's September 1 IS RIGHT. IS THAT ISN'T THAT THE TIMELINE FOR THE for all other committees and commissions ahead not helpful generally that we we have time, I think, to conduct those changes, at least, at least to

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Rasham Nassar: Melbourne institute the on buds program. But there's enough time for us to pick up this discussion if that is the direction that Council wants to head and then we can just postpone making these changes to me.

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Leslie Schneider: So I want to share that I remembering that we have is one of our council priorities and ombudsman that I just for we didn't discuss it recently, but it is on that list. So I don't think that these are mutually exclusive conversations

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Leslie Schneider: Anyway, let me go on to COUNCILMEMBER deets. And if we all could consider that we do need to come to it. We need to call the question. And if we don't end up with a majority of this moving forward.

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Leslie Schneider: You know, we can postpone it, but I also don't see that we have on our work plan, the ability to spend a lot of time working on adding something adding something new. So COUNCILMEMBER deets. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: I think America. Well, the perfect is the enemy of the good folks.

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Joe Deets: What our colleague has done is taken a program that probably none of us likes that we passed last year.

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Joe Deets: And she made it better, but I have issues with it as well. But I also have even greater issues if we delay implementing this anymore. Folks, we cannot

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Joe Deets: I think if you want to talk about a stain on Council if we continue to delay that for a perfect program which ain't gonna happen. Let's I want to move forward with this now but continue to revise this

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Joe Deets: Really seriously if we delay this anymore. We have a lot to answer to. I am in favor of at least certainly considering an admin for odd. Sorry, I had the same problem pronouncing it is my colleague

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Joe Deets: So I'm in favor of moving forward with this with the understanding that, you know, this isn't perfect. It certainly is not perfect. Nice. But let's get something going on this now because it needs to be done as soon as possible.

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Leslie Schneider: Right, thank you. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, earlier I was trying to respond to Michael's comments about Ombudsman, etc. And you know that's that's what I do for a living. I'm a mediator and I absolutely understand and Michael you and I've talked about this multiple times the past and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We did start to talk about this as a as a as a full body at a retreat and we started talking about getting about finding an ombudsman or some sort of have a coordinator facilitator.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think that we probably most or all of us agree that the perfect program would be to remove the again like I said, the beginning. Remove Article one

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Create a good solid, you know, valid code of conduct funnel that through an alternative dispute resolution process that actually makes it people feel heard,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But also doesn't isn't weaponized able to the extent that we can do that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that's, that's our longer term goal, but we're balancing that right now against the fact that we have been without an ethics board for months.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I absolutely agree with Joe, I mean, and we've had. We've had people throwing out allegations over the last week or two about filing ethics complaints left and right.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So we need to give people the ability to do that because right now there's nothing there.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So for better for worse, and we'll find out how it works, which is why I would also absolutely say I don't want to an expiration date.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I do think what a proactive work plan item to review it ourselves. So it doesn't look like a year from now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We don't like the program because we need it because it's working or something. And we don't like the effect of it. We just need to check in on it because it is imperfect. Right. And then in the coming year. We're going to have to prioritize

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And it's going to take a year from now, or whether we can actually get to it. It's going to take a lot of work from all of us to do.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A code of conduct that we can buy into. It's not something that I think you're going to want one council member to bring a revision back on, or maybe even even a

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Subcommittee, and I and Michael to go to your point, I wasn't finding codes of conduct all over in different municipalities, I was funny ethics codes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just like what we were told by last year's Council was told by the experts that came in.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The vast majority VAST MAJORITY OF WASHINGTON municipalities don't have a code of conduct. They have hardcore ethics code. So we're trying to do something special, as usual.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And if we're going to do it. Well, we're going to have to spend the time on it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I hope we can move on and adopt this. This is a hopefully better than what we were about to do in February.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To get us through the point where we can do it even better. And the last thing I would throw in is just that I did just so you know, I did run this this by our remaining or ethics board member

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Who said she didn't see any problems with it. And so I did give her too much, you know, I did give to her that respect to to present this to her and asked for her input.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So anyway, I'm hoping we can move this forward. And I guess that I would move that we do that, that we that we asked us, that we direct I move that we direct the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: City Attorney city deputy attorney to come back with the final version of what you've been presented with today with the remaining minor

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Formatting etc needs to be done.

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Kol Medina: I second that.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I'm COUNCILMEMBER Medina, I'll give you the second and then you also have your hand up.

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Kol Medina: I was just going to make the motion, I agree with everything that COUNCILMEMBER dates and I thought it was said and to your question. Cancer Awareness are no I don't have an interest in not moving forward with this, and instead

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Kol Medina: launching into another full fledged redesign of the whole ethics code. We did that last year. Majority of the Council.

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Kol Medina: voted on it last year.

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Kol Medina: And I'm not open that box again least not right now.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. We have a motion and a second. So I'm going to it. Any further discussion and Deputy Mayor, you've got your hand up.

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Rasham Nassar: For question. And so this is on page 15 and this is a question for counsel overhead tablets and relating the article one

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Rasham Nassar: If the ethics. It's the ethics board determines that the complaint is reasonably credible at the facts, a sort of the complaint if true,

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Rasham Nassar: would constitute a violation of the code of conduct and then it goes on. I don't see any insertion there of allowing or providing for the person individual being accused to provide a response. During that stage prior to the ethics board.

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Rasham Nassar: Making a determination as to whether it the complaint constitutes a violation of the code of conduct or not.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Um, I think, and I don't know because I actually didn't change any of that timing and lesson. And certainly, so I don't know if the deputy city attorney can help out with that. I think that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Might I think part of the reason maybe because the media because that was a mediation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It was originally the program. I'm the refining or revising always went to mediation and so I don't think there was a response. Am I correct. And do you know the answer that Robbie

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Robbie Sepler: I do know the answer.

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Robbie Sepler: Right under the current version of the program that's in effect there isn't the opportunity to provide a response. During the threshold analysis before record reconciliation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But there is, am I right. And if I may need help finding it. If this if the in the revisions if now that there is either mediation, which is the end of the process or their it heads towards advisory opinion there is the opportunity for better response at that point. Am I correct

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Robbie Sepler: Correct. And that was also that's also the case under our current program as well. That hasn't changed. If the article one complaint gets to an advisory opinion issued by the ethics board there will be the opportunity to provide a response.

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Rasham Nassar: We're talking about mediation here. So if, if the, let's say the PERT the individual being accused neglects to show for the mediation or refuses to

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Rasham Nassar: And

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Rasham Nassar: Then does as the program is written, does it then. Is it, are they then effectively excluded from providing a defense.

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Rasham Nassar: From the moment they are charged until because it could because enter authorizes the ethics board to just issue the

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Rasham Nassar: advisory opinion, but at what point does the ethics board required to are obligated to consult with the person

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Rasham Nassar: Against him the complaint has been filed if if they take if they make a decision that they're not going to participate in the mediation. Now, this came up. This was something that we discussed at length. Last year, the year before.

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Rasham Nassar: Related to due process Robbie. If you remember, and we have a long discussion about due process and we were. We actually had a discussion on due process scheduled

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Rasham Nassar: For a council meeting and I think we just kept postponing it and then it fell off the list of things to talk about. So, so I'm coming.

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Robbie Sepler: So it can swim or I'm sorry, it's on page 20 of the red line version. It's, um, towards the top of that page whenever it does get to the ethics board for an advisory opinion.

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Robbie Sepler: That the ethics port provides the respondent with a reasonable period of time to provide that response. So in this scenario, scenario that you're describing, if the

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Robbie Sepler: respondent didn't agree to do reconciliation under the current program, it would go to an advisory opinion and the maturity ethics board would elicit a response from the responded and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Actually, it's on it. That's actually the same provision for Article one Article two of the top of 16

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And it's it. That's what an article to I think Russia was asking about article to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Write an

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Rasham Nassar: Article one specifically

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Oh, OK. Sorry. Yeah. Okay. Sorry.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, um. Councilmember Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: So again I want to thank you for the hard work on it. I can support somewhat reluctantly moving this forward.

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Michael Pollock: It is an improvement as as COUNCILMEMBER deed, said let's not let perfect be the enemy of the whatever that thing is. Okay, perfect be the enemy of the good enough, but I do just want to stress that

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Michael Pollock: Sense of urgency that we do need to come up with a mechanism for for something that allows us. I'm just going to call it the arm but approach or ethics officer and or

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Michael Pollock: So I do feel like we have more work to do and we shouldn't be putting it off until February.

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Michael Pollock: So I just felt like there's sort of a pent up frustration with with local elected officials and appointed officials, so I'm just, just to be mindful of that. And then, and then

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Michael Pollock: I would be interested. Councilmember had habilis, in terms of the ethics board that one alone remaining Member because the reason that the ethics board resigned was because they felt like they were being gatekeepers.

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Michael Pollock: And so I'm wondering, you know,

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Michael Pollock: I looked at. And I thought, you know, it is kind of weird relative to other ethics boards. I mean ethics boards are really actually kind of more empowered, like in Seattle's case and stuff. So it seems like ours is a little weird.

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Michael Pollock: In that regard, but I just, I just wanted you know if you have some thoughts on that or what the ethics board member thought about that in terms of the relatively minor role that the ethics board house now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, you know. So first of all, I did not sit down, talk to Jennifer about this and details. I just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: checked in and make sure she didn't feel like we need to sit down, talk about it. So I don't want any words in her mouth, but she had a very simple one line.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's something along the lines of, it looks pretty good to me. I didn't, I didn't have any problems with it so it's okay. We haven't met that's about approximate. She said so.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Remember, I have not changed that if we're talking about Article one ethics complaints, which, again, that's the that's apples and apples for other programs across the state.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We haven't changed at all from what it was passed last year which was that, yes, that this, this group of citizens from various backgrounds are able to that they kind of get that first kind of pass and preliminary determination, but by

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: By then, requiring it to go if they believe they see an ethics violation requiring it to go. The hearing examiner then gives everybody involved a full hearing with some actual, you know,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Some input some actual investigation beyond the response, as I understand it, and of course due process and the ability to call witnesses and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I when I was on Council before and we struggled with this as a way to empowering that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The ethics board to do what, what is the process that they're doing. How much due process is that is there if there's the potential at the other end a published

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Finding of an ethics violation. So I believe this council that, you know, those of you who came on from continued from last year. We're looking to create a really full some proper process for a true article to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Ethics complaint complaint, so that there because we take it really seriously if what comes out the other end is an allegation of an ethics violation. So, yeah.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, and I'm thinking when you say article to I mean on the sort of more standard lexicon. That would be a conflict of interest complaint, generally. Those are our preferred to Nick and, you know,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Others others, and I don't. I mean, we could or could not go into it with either the

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Michael Pollock: Trailer don't have to. I know.

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Michael Pollock: The hours.

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Joe Deets: All the

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Joe Deets: All the question.

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Michael Pollock: The hour the hours late. I just want to

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Michael Pollock: Say yes yes that we do move forward. Um, I guess I will, I will offer some amendments, I guess to it and and the

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Michael Pollock: And the next iteration and we can decide whether we want to include those now or include those later. But mostly around language clarification. I mean, I, we were having a discussion now. And so I'll do that. And yeah, we can move on.

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Leslie Schneider: So we have a motion and a second on the floor and

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Leslie Schneider: I would like to go ahead and call the question. All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye, sir.

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Leslie Schneider: And I'm going to look carefully, any opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, I didn't. Seeing none that passes unanimously and

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much. Councilmember high topless for this.

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Leslie Schneider: What we all admit is incremental improvement and we do need to come back to this.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, Counselor policy.

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Leslie Schneider: Coming back with specific amendments would be a good thing. And in the meantime, you know, I think we can continue to look towards the, the idea of an Ombudsman.

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Leslie Schneider: City attorney. You've got your hand up.

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Joe Levan: It is based on the Council's motion that just passed. So what probably what we'll do. We'll put together the resolution that will adopt the program.

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Joe Levan: As amended.

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Joe Levan: And that'll be in a future agenda packet. Then if other customers want to make suggested revisions. It'll happen to that discussion, you know, we're not gonna incorporate those in a draft that will have to happen to the future meeting where it's offered and then voted on at a future meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, I have to admit that I did not follow all that because I was switching my headset out. But I think that we're, we're good to move on to the next agenda items that right. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: So item seven, see is

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Leslie Schneider: A carryover from from last week. And what I'm going to do is go through there. There were some

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Leslie Schneider: There's a lot that I think we need to clarify about what we did last week. And so I'm going to take some time to go through some prepared remarks here and this is to provide background and clarity.

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Leslie Schneider: So this is the agenda items seven see a appointments to the planning commission and

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm going to say first of all that

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Leslie Schneider: Sarah has not stepped aside, this was something that was mentioned earlier in public comment. So

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Leslie Schneider: Just wanted to clarify that. And so starting last week and public comment athlete mash Matthews, a former Council candidate in the 2019 election before pulling out and then in filling the vacancy.

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Leslie Schneider: When Matt chairman resigned suggested that she could feel the planning commission vacancy.

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Leslie Schneider: At the approval of the agenda the appointments of Kimberly McCormick Osmond and Sarah blossom were pulled from the consent agenda.

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Leslie Schneider: To be discussed and voted on by Council at 11pm when we got to this item for discussion. The idea for appointing Ashley Matthews was brought up in the context of a discussion of providing a person of color voice on the committee.

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Leslie Schneider: Actually Matthews had not applied for the for the period had not applied for the position in the period open for applications. And this was not among those considered for appointment.

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Leslie Schneider: During this discussion various council members who had voted previously to confirm appointment of Sarah blossom change their minds and stated they would be willing to vote for Ashley Matthews, and

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Leslie Schneider: This created a bit of a confusing referendum on the process, but we were admitting that we were going outside of our, our process of tradition. So I went back and looked at the Council video and I talked to the city attorney, a number of times. And so I

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to start here at about four hours and 42 minutes into the meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: I stated that this had come up very suddenly and quote we would be making a one touch decision without any chance for the public to weigh in.

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Leslie Schneider: We haven't reached out to the race equity Task Force, I feel that this would be a much stronger decision if we do move forward with Ashley Matthews, if we did have some public comment.

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Leslie Schneider: And did have some perspective from the task force. And if we didn't do it all in a flash in one meeting and spring this on the Community.

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Leslie Schneider: Then the city attorney says the mayor makes the appointment confirmation by the Council if the mayor were to not vote in favor of it. That would create an interesting situation.

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Leslie Schneider: Then I said I would be happy to make that recommendation, assuming that this goes to a consent agenda and that we're not making a one touch right now and to give the public a chance to weigh in. We can take my resistance off the table.

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Leslie Schneider: The city attorney said if there was a friendly amendment to the motion. It can come back to the consent agenda. The city manager said there is no consent agenda for next week. And then I said,

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Leslie Schneider: Something to the effect that my notes are a little unclear here that

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Leslie Schneider: In the motion. I would like the friendly amendment to include in the motion that we're making an exception to our standard process. It needs to be super clear what we did and why we did it.

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Leslie Schneider: And then we will find out in a couple weeks. Whether we have the support from the race equity Task Force and then I continued. What if I were to work with the city manager. The city attorney.

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Leslie Schneider: What if this is the Deputy Mayor. What if this is not going to consent agenda but discussed again we need to take public comment. This could come up as a regular agenda item and the city attorney said

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Leslie Schneider: You could forward it to the meeting of the 30th for final action. The only change would be instead of the motion to approve it would be changed to forwarded for approval and the deputy mayor who accepts the friendly amendment to the motion on the floor.

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Leslie Schneider: So moving forward, um, I do have an announcement that I think most of you are familiar with, but for the for general knowledge and for the public.

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Leslie Schneider: This provide there is an opportunity here that provides us for a win win. So unrelated to events of last week, last Friday, a planning, Commissioner, Don dome and resigned.

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Leslie Schneider: To my knowledge, this was entirely a personal decision. Therefore, we now have a new they can see on the planning commission and we will move forward with an application period.

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Leslie Schneider: That allows anyone, including Ashley Matthews to apply for the position.

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Leslie Schneider: Additionally, Council now has time to work with the race equity Task Force and request that they make a recommendation for how to add a race equity wins on all of our advisory committee selections, not just for the planning commission and we talked about that earlier today as well.

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Leslie Schneider: So now, with that in mind, and because it's necessary for the mayor to make the appointment I will put emotion on the floor and then we can comment before voting.

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Leslie Schneider: So I moved to reappoint Kim McCormick Osmond to a new term for position. One of the planning commission and for the Council to confirm that appointment and this is language that was suggested was suggested to me by the city attorney.

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Leslie Schneider: So I am putting that motion out onto the floor.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember Medina has a second. And so we can all

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Leslie Schneider: Take our turns that commenting on this or not. And then I will call the question so COUNCILMEMBER nisar

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Rasham Nassar: So help me out here you removed, you're separating the appointments in in your motion. So at this point, we're just debating the appointment of Kim McCormick Osmond

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, and we are um I confirmed with the city manager, a number of times. And I think this went out.

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Leslie Schneider: That we are not held to anything that we said last time we were forwarding this for discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: So I'm I'm aware that was it, Commissioner pearls term expires today.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, so this will be final action.

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Rasham Nassar: For position one.

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Rasham Nassar: For for well Kim's position. So we're appoint reappointing Kim to her position, which is expiring, I'm talking about position to I'm as

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Leslie Schneider: We're on position or I'm this is my motion on the floor is for position one.

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Rasham Nassar: I understand that. And I guess what I'm asking is can you provide some just give us a little insight here as to what you said. If you're preparing. Are you planned emotion for position to

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I have

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Rasham Nassar: I will hold my comments at this moment in time, since we're now just debating position one.

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Leslie Schneider: Kelsey. Remember, hey topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Same I'm gonna hold my comments to

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Councilmember Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Hometown or what what point, I really, there's a couple things. First of all, is, is what we're what's on the agenda is not what you just discussed.

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Michael Pollock: So there's a recommended motion on the agenda package.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, but I'm I am making a different motion.

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Michael Pollock: Okay well from, from the perspective of this is a special meeting and we have a specific topic at hand. So it seems like we if we're deviating from that.

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Michael Pollock: We need to move that forward to another.

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Michael Pollock: Meeting and we can discuss it now, but we're not, we can't take action on something that's not on the agenda.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, this action is on the agenda for discussion city attorney.

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Joe Levan: Yeah. So, on that point Council certainly can take action on this item because it's the item is the appointments to the planning commission, so that's that's the item.

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Joe Levan: Just because there's a suggested motion doesn't mean you can't take up a different motion and just in terms of the

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Joe Levan: The motions going forward and kind of past practice. But how would you go going forward. Anytime you have an emotion.

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Joe Levan: In terms of an appointment. My recommendation is to separate it out if you have different individuals because they're different individuals.

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Joe Levan: So, so the vote shouldn't be about more than one person, because if you like. You want one person out the other. That's not fair. That's, you know that's that's not an appropriate vote. So the vote should always be in any case.

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Joe Levan: For one person. And then for the other and so on. Because again, then you lumping two votes into one and that's not fair to anybody.

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Joe Levan: So that's, that's a think there's been some past practice that maybe hasn't been as it should be on that front. But going forward. I'd certainly recommend that that you always do these As and break them into separate motions.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we

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Leslie Schneider: There are three hands up. But my council Deputy Mayor nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Know if you I'm waiting for this. We're going to take a vote on position one.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: My hand is raised to speak first on once that vote is taken.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay and customer I topless. The same for you.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so I'm going to

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Leslie Schneider: Call the question then.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER pilot, did you want to say something. First of all,

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. So, all those in favor of reappointing Kim McCormick Osmond to a new term for position. One of the planning commission and for the Council to confirm that appointment, please say aye.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: And is there anyone opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you, that passes.

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Leslie Schneider: Unanimously

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Leslie Schneider: And now, because I will not make an appointment that I feel necessary to vote against. I'm going to put another motion on the floor and

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Leslie Schneider: Then we can all take our turn discussing it I moved to appoint Sarah blossom to position to have the planning commission and for the Council to confirm that appointment.

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Leslie Schneider: Council hi topless. Second to that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So,

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Leslie Schneider: I'm sure we're all going to want to weigh in on this. So I'd like it. I'd like to be able to visit everyone once

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Leslie Schneider: Before we have any any back and forth. And then I would also like us to

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Leslie Schneider: restrict ourselves to speaking, no more than twice, and I would be more grateful than ever. If we could keep our comments to three minutes or less.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, um,

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Rasham Nassar: Wow, this week has certainly been a difficult one. I think for all of us were planning Commissioners and especially for risk equity Task Force members, the majority of whom feel very mishandled and very and appropriately treated

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Rasham Nassar: I have, I have some comments. I'd like to make related to process.

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Rasham Nassar: But I do want to point something out.

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Rasham Nassar: It's something that's been pointed out to me. I don't really even need to feel feel the need to say that it's been pointed out by people of color in our community.

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Rasham Nassar: But it has been and it relates to the fact that the appointment of Miss Matthews, the Council felt necessary to run by the race equity task force.

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Rasham Nassar: And here we have the mayor recommending and appointment of a person that is not of color and that appointment that no one on the Council or the mayor, I should say, does not feel as if that is appropriate to run by the race equity task force.

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Rasham Nassar: This discussion has definitely definitely been difficult, because it's touched on a very sensitive topic and that is a topic of racial systemic racism and institutionalized racism.

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Rasham Nassar: And on July 7 we're going to get a very heavy dose of that when the race equity task force comes in sits with the Council and discusses their work plan and the work that they hope and intend to do with gear. There's the Council previously approved.

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Rasham Nassar: That said, I want to call your attention to the qualifications in our code for planning commission members.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm sure all of you have referenced this and especially you, Mayor and making your appointment of Miss blossom.

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Rasham Nassar: The written laws which guide the appointment process for city Commissioners require appointments of members that represented diversity of viewpoints. It's in the bay Magellan municipal code chapter entitled to chapter 14

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Rasham Nassar: There are only two qualifications for members to serve on the planning Commission's that council members must consider one, is it there resident and the other is at the Commission shell reflect the diverse perspectives.

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Rasham Nassar: Work experiences and backgrounds represented in the community period, the use of the word shell means that this is a statutory requirement that we have an obligation to follow.

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Rasham Nassar: That is the most, single most critical criteria that council members must use when considering a potential appointment to the planning commission

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Rasham Nassar: When considering competing candidates as we are in this case it is incumbent upon us as council members, it's our job to confirm the mayor's recommendation.

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Rasham Nassar: To determine which candidate best meets this criterion, such that we will act in a manner that is most consistent with the city's code.

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Rasham Nassar: It's not just a good idea, an equity lens developing a process sometime down the road. This one I just stated, it's the law. It's in our books.

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Rasham Nassar: One of the reasons I emphasize this, is that there is a rumor going around that Miss Matthews has been selected only by virtue of the color of her skin.

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Rasham Nassar: It's just simply not true her professional experience background her work history her personal history which all have been reviewed by the Council.

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Rasham Nassar: Are uniquely beneficial to and consistent with the required qualifications for the planning commission. And I would argue, more so than any of the other applicants.

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Rasham Nassar: So that, that's the end of my comments for now.

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Leslie Schneider: Great. I appreciate it. That was about three and a half minutes so I

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Leslie Schneider: Appreciate that.

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COUNCILMEMBER high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, um, I was really, really happy to hear about this twist of fate that has occurred by this basically unrelated.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Resignation by a counselor by a planning, Commissioner, because I really do believe that this allows us to address all of the above, including some of the issues that were sham just raised

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This allows us what what was what we were doing is we were giving up one one fairness issue in argument that this was going to create fairness and another arena.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And this that what this allows us to do is to maintain the fairness to the planning commission, those who have those who applied during the process that we

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Completed and that resulted in the appointments under the process that we use as long as I've paid attention to counsel.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: For right or wrong. That's the process. We've used, and we went through it and people applied and the public gets this. This is what I'm hearing from most people I'm hearing from

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is that regardless of qualifications race or anything. There was a process. People went through it and we came up with an outcome.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But we have these other issues that have only become clearer through the conversations that have come out of what's happened last week.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Which is how much work we have to do on that process. And I think I've discovered all sorts of problems with the process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Some having absolutely nothing to do with race equity that we've talked about like what was sham has raised the issue of, let's talk about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: How we've been has, it has it been not appropriate to be focusing so much on people with certain expertise for this or that committee, we need to talk about that particular Planning Commission.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But this what's presented to us right now is the option in rapid succession.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We're not asking Ashley or anybody else. And we've heard from other people say, Hey, I didn't realize it had closed already anybody who felt that they

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: lost out on this particular interview process will be able to immediately enter into another process when we could recruit however we choose to do that. And the way we think is a better way to do it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We can involve the raise equity task force if they want to be involved to help us do this better.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And we can move quickly forward with another another appointment. It's not gonna be two years from now or something. So I think that this what's great about this is it respects everybody involved. And it doesn't it doesn't preclude

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Us. It doesn't force us into choosing between which of our values, we're going to uphold in this process.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much. That was a little over two minutes I'm COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, sorry too many screens and buttons here.

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Kol Medina: I want to echo Castro topless his comments. I was really pleased when this opportunity arose with the planning commission member resigning

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Kol Medina: I still believe the statements I made it our last meeting and that really echo. What can someone had topless just said that at the last meeting we are faced with certain options that pit in different

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Kol Medina: Different equities against each other. And a lot of the paths forward available at that meeting. I think I made the right decision.

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Kol Medina: However, we have we have different options. Now we can pass in a different path forward has opened up and I prefer this other path forward for all the reasons that counselor hot chocolate said

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Kol Medina: And I want to enlarge on that a little bit about what I hope the password will be. But I also want to respond to a few comments that

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Kol Medina: Were made in public comment. I just want to say that I strongly disagree that any statements, indicating that failure to appoint Ashley is some sort of racism, I

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Kol Medina: I was stated at least one comment or that if we if we fail to appoint Miss Matthews, then that's on the basis, some sort of racism, I strongly disagree with that.

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Kol Medina: I also strongly disagree with any statements, indicating that there is some sort of secret cronyism going on here, some sort of club mentality.

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Kol Medina: Three people interviewed the applicants and they decided that Sarah was the most qualified and

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Kol Medina: One of the commenters said, well, it's you know it's who she knows not what she knows, but actually it's quite the opposite, and she's most qualified, quite literally, because of what she knows

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Kol Medina: I think it's obvious that she's the most qualified you you might be people in the public who don't like her. You don't like some decisions, she's made but she's clearly qualified

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Kol Medina: I also strongly disagree statements that the current processes unclear. It's very clear. It's the same process we followed for years and years and it's published widely and it's clear.

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Kol Medina: Pointing out a couple of deficiencies in the process doesn't mean that there is no process or that we should pretend we didn't follow a process. I'm glad this is brought the lights and problems. Last year, the planning commission if I remember correctly. So usually when there are

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Kol Medina: openings on a committee or commission and there are current members who have an opportunity to apply for a second term.

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Kol Medina: If they say they want to remain on and have a second term, we don't even open it and take applications. And when I think what happened with the planet Commission last year is that

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Kol Medina: We didn't know at the time that we had to open applications. If I think it was to be wrong on that. And both of the people who's who could be up for a second term wanted to do that or not. So we're, we're in a position where we had to take applications because we didn't know

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Kol Medina: That was unfortunate. I hope that doesn't happen again. And this volunteer bank thing.

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Kol Medina: If there's language on our website that says once you put your application in then. We'll contact you at any time in the future if something comes up that might

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Kol Medina: Fit you if that's up on the website. I think we need to take that down because I've never seen that happen that needs to be fixed.

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Kol Medina: I'm really happy the counselor and a star has pointed out the criteria for the position and pointed out, Miss Matthews qualifications for that. I think that's great. So let's take that into

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Kol Medina: A search for someone to fill the new position and Miss Matthews can apply with anyone else. And she's well qualified then she'll get the position and

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Kol Medina: As we go into a process. If this is how it goes and searching for we open the position we open the process for the new position.

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Kol Medina: I would like the Council to decide if it's legal for us to do it right now that that position must be filled by a person of color. I don't know if that's legal

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Kol Medina: But I would support that. If it is, and I would like to ask our race equity task force if they would

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Kol Medina: Have one of their members sit on the planning commission interview panel. It's their decision if they want to do that or not, but I think it'd be really important to have their perspective in the interview panel.

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Kol Medina: And then I'd like to see some very specific outreach to communities of color on the island.

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Kol Medina: So I hope with our new process will be different because we've learned from this. And I think that's where all of my comments and I'm sorry, I'm sure one over three minutes.

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, you did about four and a half minutes.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you very much and COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I'm going to support this motion to appoint Sarah to the planning commission and I'm also thankful for the opportunity that we can move forward with the process on another vacancy with the planning commission

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Christy Carr: And I, and I echo. A lot of what council members high top listen Medina said about moving forward with that process and I look forward to working with the race equity task force to see how they would like to be involved in that process. So,

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Christy Carr: That's, that's it.

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Leslie Schneider: About 30 minutes 30 seconds.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deets. I want to check in with you. Your hand is not up, but I did say I was wanting to get to everybody. Before I went to any sort of second round. So if

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Leslie Schneider: Are you interested in chiming in. Or shall I go ahead and

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Leslie Schneider: Do a second round with folks.

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Leslie Schneider: And you're on.

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Joe Deets: Call the company from a republic a chance to reply, because I think this is an issue, he's expressed quite a bit.

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Joe Deets: I'd like to hear from him.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm Kelsey

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Michael Pollock: Remember, do you have your hand up, um,

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Joe Deets: I'll defer to you, Michael.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, well my internet connections, a little unstable right now.

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Michael Pollock: So, can you hear me okay

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Leslie Schneider: Yes again.

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Michael Pollock: Well,

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Michael Pollock: Gosh.

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Michael Pollock: I don't know what to say exactly I'm, I'm a little bit stunned. I felt like we had a

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Michael Pollock: An historic moment on our hands, for we were you know the the city in my time and I've been here. And as mentioned by Savannah.

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Michael Pollock: We haven't really had a person of color and any appointed to really anything

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Michael Pollock: We, we have just had white people were 90 we were 93% plight in 2000 now we're down to 90 90% like we're a very quiet.

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Michael Pollock: City and we're not very friendly from that perspective to to people of color.

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Michael Pollock: I've heard a lot this week about how people of color are even afraid to come out and speak because they simply don't

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Michael Pollock: Afraid of getting targeted there's they're willing to come out and mass for a rally and they're willing to step up in that sense when there's a safety in numbers, but there's there's fear out there.

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Michael Pollock: And I think when we have a white community and everybody in power is quite that it sends a message and and that's really problematic to me. So I feel like

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Michael Pollock: You know, here we are. I mentioned systemic racism and, you know, to me, what this feels like an example of systemic racism. It's not overt intentional racism on the part of any individuals here, but we have a system.

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Michael Pollock: And the application of that system that discriminates against people of color. So we have here an opportunity. This is a great example. We have an opportunity like we have a point person and a black person that we're considering. And we're waiting with you.

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Michael Pollock: And we have fallen apparently I'm favorite white person. So the black person wants you know they don't they don't know our rules and and

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Michael Pollock: A lot of people don't know the rules, myself included, we have a process for appointing people it's written down. I looked at what's written down. And what we did and what we follow we did

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Michael Pollock: What we have in terms of our process that's written down. And what we did that everybody that COUNCILMEMBER Medina said, oh, everybody knows about this. Well, everybody doesn't know about it.

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Michael Pollock: And, and I certainly didn't know about it and I, you know, I'm not an uninformed person.

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Michael Pollock: But the way we did it. The fact that we used a liaison a council liaison. The fact that we use the committee chair, those things aren't written down. So we have this very irregular process.

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Michael Pollock: We also have the problem of the people that apply. And we're expecting to to

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Michael Pollock: Be part of the next round. They applied last year, they were expecting to be part of the next round. And they weren't included so they didn't even get an interview. So it wasn't particularly fair for them.

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Michael Pollock: And so, I hear you guys I hear your big words I've seen deeds and I've seen Schneider at rallies and Yay, we care about.

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Michael Pollock: Black Lives Matter and all of that, that then here's an opportunity to actually do something to put a person of color in power and you back off from that and you put it

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Michael Pollock: Put the white person I have. So that's what I see, I see it. I see it as a systemic racism and inaction. A case study, and I am not at all pleased to see when the chips are down that this is for you guys go so

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Michael Pollock: You know, I think you know that I do have concerns about your on just put it out there that you're quite candidate I've mentioned them.

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Michael Pollock: There's been concerns about her ethics and these are in the public record. These are not allegations as high topless would say COUNCILMEMBER high top list.

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Michael Pollock: These are further in the public records. There's a lawsuit now filed on her behavior. There's a public disclosure

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Michael Pollock: Commission complaint filed about her behavior that I just went over. There's ethics complaints in waiting and they can't be filed because of our ethics code hasn't been

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Michael Pollock: hasn't been updated and we don't have any ethics code number or ethics board numbers. So there's problems with the white candidate. There's certainly

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Michael Pollock: every reason in the world to accept the, the black candidate and yet here we are using process to exclude that person.

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Michael Pollock: And so it's once again in my view that the black person has to go to the back of the line has to apply. We could just as easily approve her and

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Michael Pollock: And ask the height candidate to go and reapply but we're not doing that. Are we so I really see some problems.

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Michael Pollock: In the approach here you know i again i hear I hear the words I hear the pretty words about how we care about racism, how we care about these things. But here's a moment, I'm actually in a moment of truth and

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Michael Pollock: You know it's white people putting the fight Kennedy ahead of the black person.

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Michael Pollock: And I'm really, really troubled by this I mean absolutely trouble. I'm also troubled that you waited till the end of this, I mean we have Ashley Matthews.

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Michael Pollock: Expected she's sitting there and she's expecting the vote the what's on the agenda is to approve Ashley Matthews, and now you switched it out and move forward on that.

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Michael Pollock: I think that's, I just think it's dirty. I think it's disgusting, quite honestly.

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Michael Pollock: To see this kind of behavior. I think it's actually shameful. So I'm quite disappointed with the behavior here and I just, I think it's not consistent with our values, we've got plenty. It's already been mentioned about the role of

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Michael Pollock: You know required by law to do we have statements in the in the comprehensive plan about diversity, you know, we have we have statements in there. We have the law and

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Michael Pollock: All points towards between these two candidates, it points towards Ashley Matthews not Sarah blossom yet here we are. So I am not going to support this. I

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Michael Pollock: Hope we can stop and reconsider Ashley Matthews, if people think it's unfair.

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Michael Pollock: I think the. Another option is to simply make the process fair give the people that thought they were going to be able to apply a chance to move forward with their application and put both of these

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Michael Pollock: Forward before we we appoint anybody at the very least, that's what we can feel we all recognize there's a problem here. And I think that the fair thing if nothing else is to is to simply

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Michael Pollock: Put these put these forward the both the one that's going to come up and this whatever position number two and get the process straight, get the process, fair and then move forward. So that's where I'm out.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, seven minutes, and we're close to 45 seconds.

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Leslie Schneider: Council member dates.

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Joe Deets: Well, I'll try and be less than that. This is a very charged atmosphere.

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Joe Deets: Anyone who's attended a race equity Task Force experiences this as I have

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Joe Deets: And I just want to, first off, come straight out because there's been talk about an agenda item that was presented at the race equity Task Force last week by me and I'll own up to it.

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Joe Deets: To have a discussion about adding an equity lens to committees city advisory committee appointments. I want to be very clear. For the record, this had nothing to do with Ashley Matthews had everything to do with moving forward.

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Joe Deets: To have because the task force made it clear they did not want to take part in the athlete Matthews several blossom issue.

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Joe Deets: What I heard last Thursday, was that was our problem which we're not we're discussing here. So I just want to say I made an apology to the group that there was a misunderstanding.

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Joe Deets: But that's what it was a misunderstanding. I believe the race equity task force is in a position to actually move forward a very significant.

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Joe Deets: Issue of advancing equity and equity lands to city advisory committee appointments and I look forward to that conversation. Next week, which, by the way, will be my chance to chair for the first time.

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Joe Deets: But a listening to my colleague cups member Pollock. I think he talked about moving people color to the back of the line.

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Joe Deets: I'm going to ask bring us something a little unusual and please bear with me because I think this is obstructive we had a vote on May 5 for when we appointed Christie car and Christine if you're listening. Can you pull up the ballots.

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Joe Deets: The PDF, the balance of how the Council members voted for all those candidates.

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Joe Deets: Let's see if she's there.

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Joe Deets: The reason I want to bring this up.

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Christine Brown: Hopefully she will because I think

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Joe Deets: Okay, this is gonna be very instructive in in. Think of what we just heard from our colleague COUNCILMEMBER Pollock, and then look at how the voting actually occurred for Ashley Matthews. On May 5 and you will get find out who put Ashley Matthews in the back of the line.

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Joe Deets: Who was it that did that.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deeds. Do you think that maybe you

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Leslie Schneider: Understand that

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Joe Deets: I think this will be instructive. I want not just us to see it, but I want the whole public to see this.

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Joe Deets: After what we just witness tonight we need to see how this vote came out to this needs to be part of the record.

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Joe Deets: I need to see. I like to see people take screenshots of how this tank turned out, put it on Facebook. Let's get this out. This is real information. This is data of how people voted.

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Joe Deets: I want I want this to get out.

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Michael Pollock: COUNCILMEMBER do such. This is not something that I

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Joe Deets: Had Michael

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Joe Deets: Now so folks what we're seeing here. Bear with us. This is the boats is broken down, per the candidates for City Council last May and how each of us council members voted.

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Joe Deets: The number five is the top choice we each of us council members were given number one choice number two choice number three choice.

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Joe Deets: The number one twice got five points. So what you'll see is Christy car got five points across the board. She was the number one choice of every single one of us, the white woman.

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Joe Deets: Ashley Matthews got the number two choice from two council members myself and my colleague Chris Hi topless. I want to point out, folks, for the record.

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Joe Deets: Who voted did not vote for Ashley Matthews, and either number one number two or number three.

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Joe Deets: You can see for yourselves.

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Joe Deets: So they tell us who's putting a person of color in the back of the line we there's a demonstration of it right there.

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Joe Deets: And I'm really, I want to move forward with this. I want to have a conversation with the race equity Task Force as they see fit, next week.

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Joe Deets: I very much regret not being on there. Um, and I want to hear how they feel. But this issue we need to do with in house. This is our responsibility was put it to a vote.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Councilmember deets. And for the record, with the pauses of waiting for

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Leslie Schneider: It was

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Leslie Schneider: About five minutes.

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Joe Deets: Oh wait.

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Leslie Schneider: All right.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so

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Leslie Schneider: I'm just going to ask that if you're speaking for the second time now that you make this your final comments because we can go ahead and and have a vote so COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah i wanted to i wanted to first correct the record on what Michael said about Sarah blossom having a lawsuit filed against her. And I think that we need to be really careful about slander from from the Dyess here.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: My understanding is, we have been presented with a draft complaint by a citizen who is saying that she is going to file this

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And this is just another example of the bullying that we're experiencing right now that we've been experiencing amongst council members in particular, over the last week.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That I find unbelievably offensive. Yeah, we were just told that we were those of us from moving this forward are dirty disgusting and shameful. We've been accused of being racists. We've had we've had epics complaints.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Threatened against us.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think what I find

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Truly disgusting and shameful is using race to try to accomplish what couldn't be accomplished the week before

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In a smear campaign against the end gets the candidate for this position that you don't want seated on the Commission, and I think that the public sees this and the public is talking about this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And don't think that they don't draw the line between the meeting from two weeks ago where there wasn't one mention of race or any particular outside candidate.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This was about trying to destroy Sarah blossoms reputation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And when that didn't work. And there was a five to vote going forward. This became an issue and that is disingenuous and the use of this to beat us over the head to to harass the chair of our planning commission

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is just beyond the pale, and I think that as a body and in already getting into, and I'll stop now because we've got good of the order, but as a body, we have to put a stop to this bling.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. That was one minute and 37 seconds.

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor to start

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, and I have some closing comments and I just

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Rasham Nassar: First, I have to respond to something. Councilmember head topless said because my motive my motives were impugned in some of the comments that she made I believe they were directed towards COUNCILMEMBER Pollock, but

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Rasham Nassar: The insinuation that this was some that Ashley Matthews was somehow related to smear campaign against a former council member, it's just, it's just fundamentally wrong.

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Rasham Nassar: And I would, I would ask how you you know how any council member who hold held that belief could pretend to know what the Genesis

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Rasham Nassar: If there was, if that if that were true, or what proof, you would have to deliver to back up those allegations, because if you're making an alligator. If you're, if in your remarks against an allegation, you are making allegations, we're not getting anywhere.

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Rasham Nassar: Now I stated on the record went last week when I made the motion to appoint Ashley Matthews, and which the Council approved that Miss Matthews called me.

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Rasham Nassar: She said it again on the record tonight. She said it last week, I believe, or at the race equity task force when she made her comments.

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Rasham Nassar: She called, she called and she said she wanted the position would I bring it up with the Council and I did. So I don't know what more folks, you know, need to hear. Beyond that, but that's the truth.

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Rasham Nassar: And then I just want to say something else. And that is, I think, I began my comments by saying how difficult discussions on race are

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Rasham Nassar: And we've essentially through that point since since I brought forward the motion and the Council approved the motion to appointments Matthews.

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Rasham Nassar: The discussion has only gotten more tangled more difficult more heated more emotionally involved. That is the nature of discussions on on racism and on racial equity.

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Rasham Nassar: Not always, but they can be. And I think we're experiencing a grappling with a difficulties inherit and having those kinds of conversations right now tonight. And what I want us. What I want to caution us against. So what I want us to be aware of.

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Rasham Nassar: You know, acknowledging that they're difficult and having flexibility and understanding and respect for one another as we all juggle and struggle to navigate our way through this

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Rasham Nassar: Is that first and foremost.

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Rasham Nassar: What a journey into systemic racism and institutionalized racism asks of us is to first and foremost self reflect

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Rasham Nassar: look towards yourself reflect reflect upon our own behavior and to do otherwise I feel is to escape accountability, accountability for our role in perpetuating systems of systemic and institutionalized racism.

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Rasham Nassar: By consequences of having these discussions. What we effectively accomplish is creating or instigating more of a culture of fear.

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Rasham Nassar: And you heard councilman republican his comment state that he's reached out to some people of color in the community that actually said they were going to be here tonight and speak but ultimately decided against it because they were afraid.

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Rasham Nassar: If someone expressing a minority opinion bears witness to the consequences as we are experiencing here tonight, the consequences of speaking their truth. They will remain silent. To avoid punishment.

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Rasham Nassar: And we just demonstrated that right now.

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Rasham Nassar: This conversation is nothing but a call to leadership. I'm glad we're having it. I'm grateful to miss Matthews for stepping forward for OF ALL THE PEOPLE SITTING HERE TONIGHT AND THOSE WATCHING. I think this discussion has probably been the most difficult for her.

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Rasham Nassar: Our job as the leadership body is to demonstrate careful respectful and mature handling of this debate to demonstrate to the public that every voice has a right to be heard, whether we take issue with it, whether we agree with it or not.

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Rasham Nassar: So that's all

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you. That three minutes and 45 seconds.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Thank you.

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Michael Pollock: I will repeat my extreme disappointment with those who were planning to vote in favor, especially when a week ago we had

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Michael Pollock: Voted six one. And now, some votes and mysteriously switched. And there's a number of a number of conversations number of attempts

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Michael Pollock: To undermine this, I believe it was led by the mayor and council member Hi topless and there was a number of things that went on that. I think we're

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Michael Pollock: Certainly unethical behind the scenes moves in terms of the mayor moving forward to try to co op the race equity Task Force meeting calling it a city council meeting I raised those issues with the

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Michael Pollock: With the city attorney and tried to get that stopped and I think we were successful, to a certain extent.

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Michael Pollock: But I mean, people are saying, Oh, it's you know when when all this stuff and but there was a concerted effort by people

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Michael Pollock: That were not of color to undermine the forward movement of Ashley Matthews.

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Michael Pollock: A person of color. And make no mistake for those in the audience that this is what happened. There was a lot of behind the scenes maneuvering.

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Michael Pollock: And there was a blatant attempt to get the race equity task force to weigh in and they may and to weigh in and cause division among the people of color and they were successful.

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Michael Pollock: But it was really drag them in and use that as a pre tax for not moving. Ashley Matthews forward.

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Michael Pollock: It's interesting to note that that was the person brought forward.

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Michael Pollock: The person of color has to be the one that goes to the race equity Task Force. Well, there was a fight woman as well that we just approved.

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Michael Pollock: There was no discussion and moving that person forward so that the whole and people saying it wasn't about Ashley Matthews, bring it to the refectory Task Force for the equity lands.

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Michael Pollock: You know, that was about a bunch of garbage. It was an attempt to get it so that Ashley Matthews, there was a seeds of doubt on on put her

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Michael Pollock: Qualifications were in terms of support for the race equity Task Force and the mayor and particularly disappointed in

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Michael Pollock: You know you came out and said, you know, resistance to this was was minimal last time and you work overtime to undermine it. So I, you know, shame on you just shame on you, you, you, you reach that you called an emergency meeting.

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Michael Pollock: Essentially with 24 hours notice you use your authority to call out a meeting of the City Council and the ticket over and yes you did and

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Michael Pollock: You're just like, What's the emergency that a black person might get appointed to the planning commission that we might actually empower a black person instead of just talking about it and making feel good speeches.

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Michael Pollock: I mean, it's just garbage. I'm sorry, then you know it's just so hypocritical. So there are some issues about your behavior in particular and and what's going on that, really, I think we need to address.

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Michael Pollock: So, you know, there were there were comments about the club. The club and that there's people that are in the club. They're the ones that know the club rules. They're the unwritten rules and

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Michael Pollock: You know, I'm not in the club. I'll tell you I you know I guess I'm the

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Michael Pollock: frickin turd in the punchbowl at the clubhouse. You know, I'm sorry, I guess. Somebody's got to be that role, but

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Michael Pollock: You guys are a club. You've got your unwritten rules and the people that are in our in and the people that are out or out

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Michael Pollock: And by having unwritten rules, having bagels, you just have this concentration of power and what we've done here is essentially kept the people out of the club.

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Michael Pollock: How you have to know somebody to get in. You have to be sponsored to get in. So, you know, I see two things about our little club here. One is

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Michael Pollock: You have to be white and two is you have to have a sponsor to give in Ashley Matthews didn't have that she didn't have either those and she's not even

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Michael Pollock: Sarah blossom has a lot of political connections. She had all of you as

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Michael Pollock: Colleagues know in one way or another. That was one of the important that the man who spoke was exactly right. It's not what you know it's who you know.

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Michael Pollock: She sees she applied she put in a paragraph. She didn't even apply a resume. There's no LinkedIn information about her. There's nothing about her.

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Michael Pollock: It's just, she went in there. Once you do sit with her three of her old colleagues and shoot the breeze for an hour. That's the process you went through. I'm sorry. You know, it's just this is just so disappointing. So, you know, it's clear where people are going to go and I want you to know.

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Michael Pollock: You know, this is not over your, your approach to governance, your, your club. I'm sorry. You know, we need to kick it down. We need to make it available to all people, not just people of color, the people that are not

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Michael Pollock: Just people that you happen to know personally and make it available to everyone. So I really hope we can develop some objective standards that aren't

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Michael Pollock: The objective criteria for how we move forward and and get rid of this little game that we're playing of, you know, we have

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Michael Pollock: Rules that we apply arbitrarily we have rules that aren't written down. Those are the rules we follow and the rules that are written down. Those are what we follow. So I hope I'm making you uncomfortable. You should be uncomfortable. So I have more to say about it, and the interest of time.

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Michael Pollock: And knowing that

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Michael Pollock: where this is going. I'm done here, but we're going to have to continue this discussion about systemic racism, we're going to have to continue the discussion about your behavior and

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04:42:29.910 --> 04:42:33.210

Michael Pollock: Shame on you. That's all I'm gonna say, shame on you.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, in the interest of time, your comments for six minutes and 20 seconds and you made some misstatements. I'm not going to address them at this time because we already have them on an agenda discuss it. Other time and you're right. This is not over.

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Leslie Schneider: Ashley Matthews. For one, we haven't taken a vote yet. And number two, anyone, including Ashley Matthews could have the possibility of applying for this position. So COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, thanks.

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Kol Medina: I wish I knew what to say to you after that kind of summer Pollock. You just, you just spend this yarn, full of just so, so much false information and then you endo I

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Kol Medina: Don't even know what to say, and you just totally disparaged everyone else sitting on this council with you.

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Kol Medina: For really incorrect reasons i'm not i'm just I don't even. I'm not even going to go into it. I have my hand up to the ask our city attorney and city attorney if this is something that you can't answer on the fly. I completely understand that.

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Kol Medina: But I just want to ask. And if your answer is, hey I need time to think about it. Great. Say that, please.

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Kol Medina: I was very serious about my proposal that we decide that the open seat on the Planning Commission must be filled by a person of color.

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Kol Medina: That accomplishes all goals, everyone's been talking about here.

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Kol Medina: I don't know if council would want to do that or not. I like the idea. I wonder if that is something that would be illegal in some fashion.

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Joe Levan: I don't think it's a good idea to talk about legality or illegality at this

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Joe Levan: Point in time. If it's something that a majority of the Council like to look into. Then I can do that for you.

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Joe Levan: I will just note the comments that have been made. There's been a lot of discussion about diverse perspectives and otherwise. So there's there.

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Joe Levan: It seems there's been a lot of talk about opening one's minds to other possibilities and doing things differently.

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Joe Levan: So the goal that may. Some of you are trying to achieve, there's ways to do that without being explicit about specific using races a criteria.

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Joe Levan: I guess my, my recommendation would be to not be explicit about using anyone's race has a specific criteria.

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Joe Levan: For appointment, but to think. I think the Council's made clear that that's it should be an important consideration, along with other factors related to the Steve. They can see that now has been created and the appointment. So that, that's it. That's all I want to say about that tonight.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay Council everybody

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. You know, when I'm in these meetings. I'm writing notes and I got garbage and hypocrite and you guys are part of the club. I kind of ran out of descriptions there Michael I

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Joe Deets: I, I think you got your point across. But I hope I got my point across.

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Joe Deets: As to how you voted on May 5 and the hypocritical comments, you're being a hypocrite here, Michael, you voted one way. On May 5

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Joe Deets: And you're saying something.

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Joe Deets: Totally different.

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Joe Deets: right order.

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Michael Pollock: And you're attacking your personal

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Michael Pollock: Digital

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Joe Deets: Is here.

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Joe Deets: You through a lot of language out here sir you through a lot of language out here. So what do you expect, especially when you see how you actually voted.

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Joe Deets: How you actually voted and then what you're saying now, my god, I can't you know they hit this is this is the model is hypocritical as anyone can be. I'm sorry. Let's look at the definition of that. Okay, you got to live with that. Councilmember Pollock, you gotta live with that I am

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Michael Pollock: Talking directly. I need to respond.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. You're the one who brought up the word height hypocrite.

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Michael Pollock: Specific person so

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. You call this all garbage hypocritical. Come on, sir. You gotta, you got to own up to this, you gotta

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Michael Pollock: Want to talk about it. So,

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Michael Pollock: I put one last one.

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Michael Pollock: Based on the qualifications and I saw and put out a new at that time.

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Leslie Schneider: So I don't have a gavel here. But if I had one I would be using it right

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Now,

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Joe Deets: I'll just say, Brother Pollock is interjecting he has

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Joe Deets: A right

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To solve it.

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Joe Deets: I love it.

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Leslie Schneider: I need you to be quiet. You've had your

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Michael Pollock: I need COUNCILMEMBER geez to stop attacking me personally.

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Leslie Schneider: Well hacking

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Joe Deets: White the lens so funny. You want me to not attack you seriously sir series.

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Michael Pollock: asking me questions.

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Joe Deets: And I'm just gonna say look at the voting record on May 5 you're supporting us

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Joe Deets: Who didn't and then asked, who's being a hypocrite.

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Joe Deets: Saying

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Joe Deets: I will say, I'm gonna

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know what I'm supposed to do here as a chair, except shout over the top of folks but

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. I want you to be quiet.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm council member deets. If you can bring your comments to a close. I think I

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Joe Deets: I would be happy to. And I'm trying to i. So, I want to I, I'm really quite enjoyed enjoyed the

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Joe Deets: Idea is that my colleague COUNCILMEMBER Medina propose, I'm not quite sure how we can do that, listening to the city attorney. So I'll just say I'm not prepared myself to vote on this because I would like to explore

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Joe Deets: Let me just say I didn't get out learn anything on the race equity Task Force. Then we got to make change. Now it's time for change and take bold action, but do it in a fair way.

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Joe Deets: Bold, but fair and so I like that approach of let's introduce an equity lens and let's all step away. Okay. We're all adults here.

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Joe Deets: And let's step away and let's try and do this right for Ashley for Sarah for everybody for all people of Bainbridge Island. So I'm not going to vote for any motion tonight but I accept to explore how can we

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Joe Deets: And I, again, I don't have an answer. But how can we incorporate

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Joe Deets: I'll just say an equity lens, moving forward, whether that includes the race equity Task Force. I thought they wanted no part to play in this particular episode so

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Joe Deets: I learned I heard that loud and clear, but I am interested in moving forward for the time is now. The time is now. And I will not tolerate the tax by a colleague that are really unfounded, because he does not stand for wedding says he stands

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so I think the only person who has not spoken twice is COUNCILMEMBER car. So I would like to

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Leslie Schneider: Give her her time and then I would like to call the question.

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Leslie Schneider: Council member card.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Um, and I just actually needed to address. Councilmember Pollock's comments they may be directed generally toward the Council, but I'm part of this council and I'm deeply offended and what you what you just said to your colleagues is is unacceptable and

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Christy Carr: You. This is an uncomfortable conversation. And we're going to keep having these conversations, but you've made it incredibly more uncomfortable by by you, our approach and Deputy Mayor

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Christy Carr: nisar said that we need to approach this with careful respectful and mature debate and I'd like you to take that to heart because

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Christy Carr: We can't move through this. We can't move through anything if that's an approach that any one of us is going to take. So please I'm asking you, as a colleague to to remember careful respectful and mature debate in the future.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, thank you. Councilmember card for that. Now, there are still hands up, but I would like to move this process forward. We have emotion on the floor and and I'm going to repeat that motion.

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Leslie Schneider: I moved to a point, Sarah blossom to position to have the planning commission and for the Council to confirm that appointment. It has been seconded, and all those in favor please say aye.

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Christy Carr: Aye. Aye.

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Leslie Schneider: And all those opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay that passes for two, three. If I saw what I think I saw

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Leslie Schneider: So council member deets vote. It was opposed Deputy Mayor nisar was opposed and COUNCILMEMBER Pollock was opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, we are now moving on and I

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Leslie Schneider: I am going to have to do some consultation to figure out how these meetings can be run because that was embarrassing and

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know what to do. But anyway, so, um, we are moving on to

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Leslie Schneider: For the good of the order and

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Leslie Schneider: There are a number of things that I know we're going to be coming up for that we see great we've got 12345 hands up already. Councilmember Medina, your first

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Kol Medina: Thanks.

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Kol Medina: I guess I'll bring it up during go to the order I just, I didn't want to leave the prior subject without providing some sort of

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Kol Medina: guidance to the public and Miss Matthews and us and everybody on what the next steps are for filling this planet Commission seat so we didn't write any guys, anybody on that and I think we owe it to everyone to provide some sort of guidance on that. So does anyone know what that is.

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Kol Medina: I'm looking at city manager. I don't know who I'm looking at

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Kol Medina: See manager.

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Morgan Smith: I'm happy to speak to what we usually do, at the risk of reigniting some of the previous conversation, but I can only state it drawing from my fairly significant experience here. We worked

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Morgan Smith: In certainly since the last four or five years to standardize our process.

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Morgan Smith: In this particular case, I'll point out, I have not personally seen communication about the resignation. So I assume he has resigned and has convey that to somebody and so that should be shared with the staff so that we can

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Morgan Smith: Have that documentation as well. So what would typically happen in this case we have vacancies open

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Morgan Smith: So we would with Council support, you know, planning commission. We try and treat differently because we try not to have a standing vacancy there.

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Morgan Smith: Because it makes it difficult for them to do their work. So we would normally approach council and say, There's a vacancy.

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Morgan Smith: Would you like us to advertise the vacancy and accept applications. And then we would establish a deadline for those applications.

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Morgan Smith: And then what has typically been the case for several years is that all the applicants, including in the case of returning members who are asking to be reappointed

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Morgan Smith: Are then interviewed. It's a very brief interview and it's typical for the mayor, the Chair of the of the body. In this case, the planning commission and at one time there was an additional council member, but I don't think that's. I'm not sure if that's been what's been happening lately.

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Morgan Smith: So that is who conducts the interview and then a recommendation is presented to counsel and counsel response to that recommendation and makes that appointment.

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Morgan Smith: So that process includes advertising in the local paper and through some of our city.

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Morgan Smith: Channels like our weekly message is really the one that's available to us right now and we have, we take applications on the web page.

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Morgan Smith: Where you can find that information. And you can also learn more about the planet commission itself. If you're interested, I don't know if that

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Morgan Smith: Provided the background, you're looking for. So in this case, I assume, based on a conversation tonight that the Council will want to follow some process. Maybe not that process.

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Morgan Smith: But will want to address this vacancy rather than let it sit. And if you'd like to give us additional guidance on how to do something other than what we would ordinarily do we'd be happy to learn about that and to take that up.

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Leslie Schneider: Great.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Medina. Does that answer your question, are you

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Kol Medina: Well, thank you, you know, might have some follow up. So we have. We are a meeting with the race equity Task Force next week.

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Kol Medina: I would really appreciate their input into this process and what they feel about it. I don't know exactly what the agenda is for our meeting with them next week. So if that can be part of the agenda if they're agreeable. I think that'd be great.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, so

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Rasham Nassar: Um, I would. I mean, I would prefer if you know a formal referral of a discussion to introduce the raise equity Task Force members if, indeed, the Council, the Council wants to raise equity cast for us to discuss this and some

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Rasham Nassar: Oh yes city manager.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I guess, tying back to the original the earlier discussion. Councilmember massara you proposed having an agenda item potentially also next week to talk about how to assess candidates for planning commission and with respect to

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Morgan Smith: In your case, you were talking about their specs, the qualifications in the code and the mayor and council right topless suggested broadening that so I think it would be meaningful to have that conversation. Next week, if at all possible.

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Morgan Smith: And then let that inform how Council would like us to proceed on this.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Yeah. And I, and I get that now because we're looking at the seventh when they're going to sit with the Council, but I was

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Rasham Nassar: I was also thinking that they have a meeting on the second so that we're not we're, we're, we're talking about the kettle, the race equity Task Force Council meeting on the seventh and of course Council can discuss along with the race equity Task Force members, whatever.

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Rasham Nassar: Whenever we so choose. And I do want. I, I have a question, though, because I think I heard this and city manager Smith's comments that the member of the planning commission has not formally resigned.

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Rasham Nassar: The, the resignation as

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Morgan Smith: You said about that. So I assume. Others have but I have not

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Rasham Nassar: Is it

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Rasham Nassar: Is it, is it a formal resignation. How is it on is a documented.

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Rasham Nassar: It's, can the Council member answer that.

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Leslie Schneider: I think it's documented.

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Rasham Nassar: Hasn't been submitted to the planning commission and it's just way depending submission to the middle. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Because that's aside from hearing that news for mayor Center. I was not aware that that resignation have been made formal, what is the official date of that client planning Commissioners resignation.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, I have to go back and check for sure, but I think it was as a Friday.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, and are we required at all by law or anything city attorney to fill that position in any amount of time or can that position remain vacant until the Council appoints or confirms that appointment.

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Joe Levan: Can be can remain vacant and so you feel it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. And the reason I'm saying that is because I strongly agree with my colleagues that we absolutely should.

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Rasham Nassar: And we're committed to at this point. Look at the qualifications and the code for planning commission as well as develop this equity lens, but developing an equity lens is not going to happen in a month or two months.

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Rasham Nassar: You know, we're talking about a body of work here that potential require consulting services through Gare

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Rasham Nassar: You know, once you open up this Pandora's box. Every, every systemic racism. It's a pensive body of work. There may be some some way to deliver something that other municipalities have already instituted and that could maybe be proven

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Rasham Nassar: To be effective for our purposes, that we might want to consider applying in the near term.

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Rasham Nassar: But I don't know, I just want I want us to avoid the idea that

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Rasham Nassar: An equity lens is just something that can appear magically appear, and it's going to make everything better. It's, it's going to, it's going to require committed effort on the race equity Task Force members part time potentially work with gear or some other

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Rasham Nassar: organization that provides racial sensitivity training or the like.

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Rasham Nassar: In order to get that body of work done. So I just want us to keep that in mind as we're thinking about this vacant Planning Commission seat, knowing that the planning commission might be down a member

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Rasham Nassar: For some time, and I hope that we're all okay with that. I don't know that the planning commission is necessarily hindered by being a man down we ran a man down for you know what for about three and a half months. So I just wanted to put that out there.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you for that. I think one first step, it's not it's not a full race equity lens, but one first step could be just

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Leslie Schneider: You know, if the race equity Task Force wanted to designate let's say a fourth fourth person to be on the interview team so

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Leslie Schneider: That person could be from the race equity Task Force. Or it could just be designated by the race equity Task Force, but that would be one very straightforward way of

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Leslie Schneider: Having

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Leslie Schneider: Having them.

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Leslie Schneider: Voice

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Leslie Schneider: Representing the confidence of the race equity task force if they choose to provide that

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Well, are we in good of the order of where are we right now.

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Leslie Schneider: We are in good of the order

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Michael Pollock: Okay so great, thank you. And you know, I realize it's a little heated debate and maybe some of you didn't like my language, but quite honestly, I want you to be uncomfortable, you know, I sent out something about white fragility and how people are uncomfortable talking about race.

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Michael Pollock: Race stress is referred to

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Michael Pollock: And so we had a little bit here and maybe I pushed the envelope a little

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Michael Pollock: But I wanted to, I thought. Councilmember deets little, little stunt they're pulling up something is a great example of somebody that

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Michael Pollock: Uses advantage and knows the rules that are the unwritten rules. I didn't know you could get and talk to the administrator and have

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Michael Pollock: Something pulled up by them. So now I know well that's done in our manual anywhere. So, um, and then in response to to that.

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Michael Pollock: That little thing that you pulled up you know we had a process for the appointment of ultimately was now COUNCILMEMBER car we interviewed everybody. And we got a chance to speak.

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Michael Pollock: To ask questions, excuse me, and I got a chance to speak and

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Michael Pollock: Christy car had tremendous support, there was a tremendous writing campaign, there was clearly a lot of community support for her so

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Michael Pollock: to imply that I'm somehow a hypocrite because I voted for the person which everybody else did to as their first choice that that somehow means

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Michael Pollock: You know, I'm just a convenient supporter of people of color that's that's that's again gonna reach and i and i think you know that Council number deeds, so I don't mind heated debate, I don't mind a passionate debate.

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Michael Pollock: You know, I try to keep it respectful, but I do, you know, at the end of the day, I'm a bit ashamed of, of how we dealt with this.

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Michael Pollock: Quite honestly, and I understand. Councilmember car, you know I made you uncomfortable. A lot of the comments weren't directed at you but you did vote and, you know, people are going to have to live with their low so

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Michael Pollock: I guess I've got some other things to talk about. It's late, but I just didn't want to do

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Michael Pollock: You know, Joe, I feel like we're going to have to sit down and clear the air on a few things. I'm happy to do that offline and

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Michael Pollock: You know, I think it's good that we're having this debate, I think, Ashley.

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Michael Pollock: Willingness to step up has been really good because now we are having a bait a debate.

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Michael Pollock: And discussion about systemic racism and it's going to be uncomfortable. And this isn't the end of the and the discomfort. So I'm just going to say get used to that discomfort.

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Michael Pollock: It's not going anywhere. And so through that and i just i just want to finish by saying, I know that it's hard to understand. I don't know how many of you grew up in an ethnic neighborhood. I grew up with people of color, I

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Michael Pollock: Didn't think of them at that time, but I three out of my five of our little policy was that my my step mom is Hispanic

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Michael Pollock: So I'm used to at least some exposure to that. And I know from that and from actually speaking to Ashley, that it is so tremendously.

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Michael Pollock: Brave of someone of color to step up and challenge the white power structure and it takes an act of courage and and

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Michael Pollock: We really need to you know you voted the way you voted I obviously disagree with it, but I think we really need to

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Michael Pollock: Acknowledge the tremendous courage it takes for a person like Ashley Matthews to step up and do a community and which is a small minority.

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Michael Pollock: Per person. She's a mess than like said 90% of this community is white. That takes courage and put yourself in her shoes.

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Michael Pollock: In a community put her it's 90% black people and you're going to go up and try to try to get in and they're the ones that are in power, they're the ones that have been controlling

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Michael Pollock: And controlling your, your race for such a long time. So I think we need to acknowledge that and and at least appreciate it. And I just want to say thank you so much. Ashley Matthews for stepping up

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Michael Pollock: You did the right thing. It was a little awkward. The timing was off, but I'm just so so proud of you for what you have done and how you've helped to facilitate this conversation and

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Michael Pollock: You know, I talked to you where you're from New York. I know that you'll bounce back and do some straight up talk and I'm looking forward to talking to you as well.

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Michael Pollock: There's, you know, there's other options to there's elected office to run for and other things. So

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, it's tough conversation. And it's just the beginning. So that would be it for me.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: Well,

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Joe Deets: I have something to say about that. But actually the reason I had my notes for to go to the order something very pedestrian so just bear with me.

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Joe Deets: That I just, I was on the sustainable transportation Task Force and I decided as becoming Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: I just had. And plus, I'm getting involved in business recovery that I felt I needed to step away from that and and just like Christie was

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Joe Deets: Just seemed so dialed in. So I just wanted to let you know I asked, there she is. I asked her if she wanted to take my place and she said yes. So I'm just

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Joe Deets: A different topic, guys, but I just wanted to say you know I hopefully that's okay, my understanding is, this is all usually kind of informal, but we can do this.

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Joe Deets: So I hope that's okay that I

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Joe Deets: Sort of backroom deal if you will.

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Joe Deets: Um, so, anyway.

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Joe Deets: Actually respected, you know, Michael, you just keep you keep doing this, um, you it wasn't just Christy car, you didn't. You didn't pick Ashley Matthews, and having of the choices and that that is the packs that is the data, you gotta live with that, sir, I actually was my number two.

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Joe Deets: That you have to live with your choice. I live with my twice. She was my number two and I encouraged her to move forward. After that, I told her I told Ashley that she demonstrated exceptional leadership.

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Joe Deets: And I encouraged him to move forward. But she was my number two choice and you she was not your number two. She was not near number three, sir. You got to live with that decision. Okay.

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Michael Pollock: No problem.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, let's please let's not have the back and forth. This is for the good of the order

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor, I think you've already had a chance to speak, is that correct during

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Leslie Schneider: For the good of the order, we still got a ways to go.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER D3 we finished.

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Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think what I want to say is that, to me, it is it is just gaslighting to say that the anger that is coming from some of the Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think from some other people in the community and potentially from

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'm going to talk in a second ago in a second about the situation with the planning of the, the Chair of the planning commission

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That what this is is that because Conversations about Race are always difficult that that is where this anger is coming from. And we've had that thrown at us repeatedly and this is gaslighting

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It is distracting from the actual thing that's going on, which is bullying between Council members, which is bullying of our commission chair and that is causing me a lot of anger.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And it's all about our interpersonal relationships. It's not about race and we've had similar situations that have come up

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I fear, we're going to have similar situations that had nothing to do with race. So it's kind of insulting to those of us who have legitimate concerns about process and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Violations and the treatment of fellow council members and commission members, etc. To say this is because, well the reason you're on you're upset is because this is about race. It's no it's about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's about poor treatment of other people from threatening ethics complaints to all of the other things that have happened.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the one thing that I wanted to bring forward and I'm still going to bring it forward, even though it's late because I feel like I feel like I owe it and I feel like our Commissioner Council owes it to the planning commission chair.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's will build Chester is is my concerns. I think that the mayor sent out over the weekend. I think it was this email that came from Michael Pollan to the chair.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I really don't want to have to read the whole thing allowed. I think that's important is that we've all read it. I think it's actually out in the public

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But the bottom line is, is that the way I perceived it and the way the recipient perceived it

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was it was it was suggesting to the chair that he resigned because of his comments just comments were so inappropriate at the planning commission about this subject that he resigned.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I just would encourage if any of you have not actually watched the video of Bill Chester's comments, please do so. And certainly, members of the public, and that is that has both the video and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Exhibition a letter have been posted. I think online as well. And I want to hear on on the open public record apologize.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: On behalf of the Council, even though this was a unilateral action by one council member for that email because I think it was completely inappropriate and it was bullying and it was an attempt to to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm going to, I'm not going to impute the motive. I'm going to say that, as if I were the recipient. I would feel that I was being threatened with if I didn't resign, that I should be prepared to be publicly attacked

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: For being from making insensitive comments and not been being unfit to be on the, on the, on the planning commission

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I just don't think we can afford to treat our commission or committee volunteers this way and it is completely inappropriate for one council member to launch that sort of attack on that person.

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm going to

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to follow up on that, because I did have some prepared remarks that for that. And I also have some deep concerns, as I'm sure you're aware, because of the

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Leslie Schneider: Of the letter that I that I sent out so I'm

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER Pollock, you know, sent these threatening words to a long serving Commissioner held in high regard by his colleagues, saying that he is unfit for public service.

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Leslie Schneider: He sent this is what really concerns me he sent the email privately to the planning commission chair bill.

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Leslie Schneider: Saying that it, you know, it might be time for you to take a break from service. I want to be clear that customer Republic should bring concerns such as these two Council.

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Leslie Schneider: And discuss the with his colleagues. However, the public good is just tremendously undermined when he directs these concerns unilaterally and in private.

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Leslie Schneider: Suggesting that resignation is the appropriate response to his private concerns and then another problem I had with that email is that, you know, in the email he states. I'm not going to rush to judgment without a thorough review of your comments.

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Leslie Schneider: But then he follows that with please know that I left that meeting quite discouraged by your behavior, wondering whether the public

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Leslie Schneider: It's off my screen here, whether the community is really well served by having you on the Commission, so he confirms the second part of a statement in the conclusion, it might be time for you to take a break from public service, so

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Leslie Schneider: I just think that, you know, you can't have it both ways. If you're not rushing to judgment, then act on that, but instead you know you twice suggest that the Commissioner should resign.

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Leslie Schneider: And Commissioner Chester is, you know, was very concerned and hurt by that.

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Leslie Schneider: He

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, he says, I find this email to me from Michael Pollack to be extremely insulting passive aggressive and bullying. And while I'm sending this to you and Kirsten, I will not grace this with a reply.

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Leslie Schneider: So anyway, my specific reason for my concern and bringing it up right now is that I don't know how. Councilmember Pollock can be effective on a joint subcommittee with the planning commission after you know

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Leslie Schneider: After this attack. And then what do we do as a council body. What do we need to do to reaffirm our confidence in the chair, if we agree that this attack has been damaging so anyway.

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Leslie Schneider: We're going to have to bring this back up at a future Council meeting, and I'm hoping that we will we will take some action on this because this is not the first time that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock has

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Leslie Schneider: He has had he had the public comment at the planning commission a couple months ago, implying that the Council's process had hidden agenda by making big references to our actions as political and

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Leslie Schneider: You know in our discussions on executive committee as being, you know, not transparent and anyway.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm very, very tired.

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm going to, I'm not going to say anything more about that. I did say that I would bring up the issue of the letter from the race equity task force that where they would like to see

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Leslie Schneider: A signature from the mayor on it to send it to the the Bremerton city council and I'm just going to say right here. If you have any concerns about that, please email me directly, otherwise I will plan to get that letter put on letterhead and and sent out

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Leslie Schneider: You know with with Peggy Erickson. With that, I'm going to go to. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thanks, try to keep it short. I just actually raise my hand to say exactly accounts Mariah top of us said earlier, and I'll just kind of reiterate that in a second. But I also want to agree that I think

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Kol Medina: That's for politics email to the planning commission chair to really be inappropriate.

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Kol Medina: Don't think I need to go on about that. I was just going to say in regards consumer quality your comment about conversations about color and racism make us uncomfortable using your word.

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Kol Medina: just reiterate a counselor. I talk with said I don't have problems. I'm not uncomfortable speaking about issues of racism and equity what's made me uncomfortable tonight is you and your comments.

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Kol Medina: That's what's made this all very uncomfortable.

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Kol Medina: You know, we need people on this Council who can have a debate about a very difficult subject and not result to referring to their colleagues actions as a garbage and saying, shame on you and conspiracy theories unfounded about why they did what they did.

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Kol Medina: That's just, this is not helpful. It's not productive, it doesn't it doesn't help anything. I really hope you can find a way to stop doing that stuff, please.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor nisar. This is your second time around. I think for the good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: Oh, I was, I just had some questions about the and i was responding to COUNCILMEMBER Dina's questions about the race equity Task Force and such related the planning commission vacancy. I didn't I, I do have some good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: Ramallah humans, you may I

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Rasham Nassar: I was hoping to not have to make these comments.

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Rasham Nassar: Because I certainly don't want to talk about a Commissioners comments. I think if anyone has an appetite first verse for free speech and for

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Rasham Nassar: being considerate of minority opinions, it's me. You guys all heard me cry and complain across

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Rasham Nassar: About the ethics program and the limitations on constitutional rights, rights to free speech that the article one imposed on which is consistent with the attorneys advice. So I think y'all know where I'm coming from.

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Rasham Nassar: And I'm going to attempt to articulate this as as kindly as I as I can and I certainly don't mean any

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Rasham Nassar: Negativity or disparagement towards the planning commission chair by any means, but you know I just I want you all to consider the fact that there are other opinions out there in the world, aside from your own

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Rasham Nassar: There are people in the community that did take offense to the chairs comments and you might not understand why.

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Rasham Nassar: You might not have access to the information because you haven't talked with the people that did take offense or issue with some of the comments that were made.

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Rasham Nassar: I took the time to watch the comments and I actually communicated with COUNCILMEMBER Medina on the phone today that there were moments.

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Rasham Nassar: In his comments that I personally took issue with. I'm not going to air them here on the record, but you all know that I was mentioned in that private communication that I shared with Commissioner.

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Rasham Nassar: Chester over the phone was paraphrased and Miss represented on the public record and that's okay. I'm an elected official. I understand that those kinds of things happen.

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Rasham Nassar: But again, respect for minority opinion, even if we don't disagree with it. We have to be able to hold space.

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Rasham Nassar: At least to consider that our opinion is not the only opinion and that other people might

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Rasham Nassar: Have been hurt, not just by those comments but by all the comments that there are people that are watching this meeting that feel very differently than you and that may be share COUNCILMEMBER Pollock's opinions and that may congratulate him for being brave enough to say what he said.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't have anything more than that. I really just want to encourage us to

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Rasham Nassar: Be strong being united front but also to respect one another as individuals.

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Rasham Nassar: And at the end of the day, to remember why we're here.

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Rasham Nassar: We're here on the public's dollar on their dime to provide service to our community. And before we approach any discussion. The first question we should ask. It's ours ask ourselves is to reflect upon whether or not what we're about to say is in service of the Community.

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Rasham Nassar: And maybe we take that home with us tonight and sleep on it until next Tuesday. And we try again.

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Rasham Nassar: It's all

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Leslie Schneider: All right. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER deep saying this, your second time around to

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I'll make it the final because just a couple things. And this won't be incentive Mary I, I promise. Folks, but

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Joe Deets: Then this is the like the third meeting in a row that we've gone past like about 1130 so just

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Joe Deets: Bringing up the facts here, folks. So as deputy the new coming Deputy Mayor. And by the way, my colleague here, Deputy Mayor did an outstanding job for the last six months. So I hope I can do at least as good a job as she

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Joe Deets: That's a high bar for me. But I'll try my best. And one of my pledges is during study sessions, we do not go this long.

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Joe Deets: Okay, so, and I'm going to be talking to you guys about that. How can we keep our meeting shorter. Okay, so just let you know that us. Second is

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Joe Deets: You know, I think this is an indication that we're getting closer to the truth. Whenever I get in heated moments, whether you know like family or colleague or

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Joe Deets: Council members, there's, there's something there that we're getting somehow closer to the truth that we recognize. So I think just sort of accept that folks that

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Joe Deets: Yes, this is difficult. A lot of words of being said and Michael, you know, I didn't mean to point at you and stuff. But, you know, I'll just say

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Joe Deets: It was the heat of the moment. I'm very passionate. You saw me during the protest. I'm a passionate guy and I do carry that through in my life and what you said.

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Joe Deets: You know, I had an opinion about and and you have something to answer to is, I said, so just leave it at that. So anyway, folks, I'm. It was a tough night, but I am hopeful. I'm actually optimistic for the future that we can move forward and really make some historic progress on equity.

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Joe Deets: In our city in our community and I pledge to do that. I'm not going to be on the task force anymore but I pledge as Deputy Mayor and I pledge as a council member to continue that effort. So with that, I'll sign off.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, thanks. I'm starting to beat the Holy Spirit. Just a couple things I I just really want to respond to

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Kol Medina: Counsel, or sorry, I mean, I

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Kol Medina: Think you just kind of missed the point of of our comments about why we feel like that email was inappropriate, then none of us were talking about whether or not

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Kol Medina: The Planning Commission chairs comments were not appropriate. Or maybe we should take issue with them or might have heard someone or didn't hurt someone.

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Kol Medina: We're talking about the proper process for a council member to use to deal with that the proper process is not for an individual council member with our consultant with the Council to fire off an email to the chair telling them they think they should resign in my opinion.

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Kol Medina: That's what we're talking about. If, if someone fills that a chair of a commission or committee has acted appropriately someone on council, then they should take it to the mayor and the Deputy Mayor talk about it.

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Kol Medina: That's what our council liaison policy says, and if Deputy Mayor and Mayor want to elevate that to the Council, they can. That's the appropriate process, in my opinion, and in our liaison description.

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Kol Medina: And as for your last point about how we all approach our job and our decision making here, of course, that's how I approach it.

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Kol Medina: And you know any statement you make like that just kind of someone watching would read into it that you think that's not how the rest of us approach it. But of course, that's how I approached it just for the record.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. Um, I would really like to bring this meeting to a close.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Polycom your hand at

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Michael Pollock: Now, well thank you i i was like you as well, obviously we have some differences of opinion.

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Michael Pollock: And, you know, I'm a big fan of vigorous debate, we get the truth out and, you know, again, I made people uncomfortable and I'm going to continue to do that.

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Michael Pollock: Since you guys brought up the issue of the planning commission chair, though, and it's located me and got you've gone around and

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Michael Pollock: You guys have been slamming on me all night and I just want to want to point out, you know, I'm a white male. I'm a wealthy white male I drive a Tesla and live on the waterfront and now I got a nice bank account.

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Michael Pollock: And I'm being shredded on and I'm okay with it. You know, I'm used to that I've actually used to being in rooms with with powerful people and having them.

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Michael Pollock: Argue with me and I'm not number. So I'm okay with that. But think about it from the perspective of somebody that is not like that is not wealthy. That is not a male. Think about how how you are treating me

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Michael Pollock: And think about how intimidating that one day and think about the fact that I stood up for people of color tonight and I'm now.

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Michael Pollock: Oh, it has nothing to do with that, of course, but I'm being thrashed on so I don't know what exactly is going on with everybody, but I'm just want you to think about how you have treated me tonight as far as Bill Chester goes the planning commission chair.

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Michael Pollock: We had a conversation before that. And there was a number of things said on that and admittedly my

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Michael Pollock: Letter to him was not just what he said in the meeting, but the conversation before and it was a straight up conversation.

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Michael Pollock: He had a lot of words to share with me and I listened, and I said, Bill, and I'm glad that we can have a straight up conversation and that you can be straightforward and I hope you don't mind if I do the same.

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Michael Pollock: So I felt like we had a situation where we can be clear with each other. And I told him what I think. And with regards to the letter. Yes, I said, I will review the tape.

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Michael Pollock: But my initial impression was that he was pretty out of touch with the the concerns of race and race equity and he said as much that he

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Michael Pollock: Said, he's an old white guy. I don't know very much about these things in reference to race equity. So I said that

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Michael Pollock: But I said I would review the tape and when I made the comments or when I wrote the letter I had talked to two people of color that were quite insulted by what he said.

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Michael Pollock: They were insulted by John Quick Slims comment to about will if we do

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Michael Pollock: Get Ashley Matthews on board if she's elected will bring her into our culture. So that can be taken a number of different ways. But the way that people of color.

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Michael Pollock: Took that was as if they were some foreigners some foreign object that needed to be brought into our ways as if they were some feral patent or something that needed to be brought in and civilized so

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Michael Pollock: You may disagree with that characterization. I'm sure a lot of people do I know I'm sure John did not mean it like that.

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Michael Pollock: But the language we use and how its interpreted by other people from other cultures is something we really need to think about

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Michael Pollock: I'm certainly going to think about what I wrote to build Chester. I called him and apologize.

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Michael Pollock: And said that the how it was inferred. And I understand how he how he took it.

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Michael Pollock: And it could have been phrased better. But, you know, that was what was in my heart and mind at the moment and and based on comments that I got from other people.

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Michael Pollock: Since then I've talked to a number of other people, people that I respect tremendously. And they said, I read that and I didn't see any problem with it.

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Michael Pollock: Either I listened, excuse me, I listened to what Bill Chester had to say and I didn't see any problem with it.

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Michael Pollock: And, you know, coincidentally, all the people who didn't have a problem with it or find the people that did where people of color and actually a couple, couple of white people.

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Michael Pollock: So, you know, it's really, to me, it's really interesting that that something like that is inferred so differently. So we do have different lenses that we we view things and

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Michael Pollock: I'm I'm trying to bring forward. Some of them and I and I you know I think I admit I could work on my language and use less inflammatory statements.

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Michael Pollock: And I'm Joe is nodding his head, an agreement.

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Michael Pollock: A lot of the time I'm really good. But this issue is something I care about. It's affected people close to me, people have suffered people died because of discrimination. So, as we know, in the paper. So I know you all have good hearts.

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Michael Pollock: I truly believe that. I don't think any of you are intentionally in any way racist and I'm not implying that at all. But I think that we have

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Michael Pollock: Do have this issue of systemic racism, we're not aware of the extent to which is incorporated into our daily lives as as white people and so

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Michael Pollock: Really, I just asked that we take this moment to look at ourselves and look at our behavior, except the fact that other people may view things differently than us.

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Michael Pollock: So I've tried to carries forward some of these arguments. I appreciate that you guys might be a little mad at me right now. But, you know,

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Michael Pollock: You. We had some discussions. I've had much more heated discussions and walked out the door and how to bear with people afterwards. So I fully intend to do that.

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Michael Pollock: With this group of people with all of you. And you know, I think you're a great group I care about you all and

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Michael Pollock: We're going to disagree, in the future, and maybe some harsh words or words that you think are inappropriate. I'm going to happen again. But that's how it is. I think we got to have the conversation. And we're going to continue, no thank you all for tolerating me and

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Michael Pollock: I'll leave it at that.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: Bill Chester called me earlier today. And he told me that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock hit called him and that he had started off with an apology. But then he also proceeded

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Leslie Schneider: Bill Chester's saying that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock continue to push his agenda. After, after an apology and, you know, and Bill said that you know he did not feel comfortable having that conversation. And he said that to you a couple times so

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Leslie Schneider: Anyway, I want to just take this opportunity to

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Leslie Schneider: Thank the Deputy Mayor for her service for the last six months and

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Leslie Schneider: With that we are adjourned.