

MEETING TRANSCRIPT- BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL- STUDY SESSION 12/15/2020

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Joe Deets: So mayor Schneider was having some audio problems and she will. There she is. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Mayor Snyder, can you

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Joe Deets: Can you hear me.

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Leslie Schneider: I can't hear anything.

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Joe Deets: Well, well, we can do is is right. Right now, we're just going to do roll call. Call the order roll call and go into executive session.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Joe Deets: It's now 601. So why don't we go ahead and get started and hopefully mayor Schneider's audio.

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Joe Deets: Will be

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Joe Deets: No, she might have stepped out. Okay, well, we're going to go ahead and start this meeting. This is welcome everybody. This is city council Bainbridge Island City Council and study session Tuesday, December 15 2020

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Joe Deets: I'm the Chair Deputy Mayor deets. And we're going to do a roll call.

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Joe Deets: Now, Mayor Snyder. Hopefully we'll come back here and she was having some technical difficulties, I'll start with council member now, sir.

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Rasham Nassar: Hi present. Um, it's really exciting. This is our last meeting of the year, I believe, with the exception of tomorrow night's joint raise equity task force council meeting, but our last official

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Rasham Nassar: Council business meeting of the year. So I just wanted to acknowledge that and I wanted to take a moment to thank my colleagues and city staff city.

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Rasham Nassar: Interim city manager Schroer and city attorney for a tremendous and extraordinary year we made progress on a lot of really

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Rasham Nassar: great and important issues to the community. And I just think it's important to state that, so thanks to everyone and thanks to everyone who's with us in the room and who's watching from home.

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Joe Deets: Right, thank you. Councilmember Nasser COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Joe Deets: Okay, just acknowledged, she's here.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Joe Deets: I mean, you could free everyone's trying to say something they wish.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, sorry. I was frozen up. Yeah, no. Hey. Glad to be here. Definitely mirror. Um, I just, yeah. I think it has been a great year. I just, it is our last meeting and

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Michael Pollock: I just want to, in particular, acknowledge what I thought was something really fantastic that happened last week.

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Michael Pollock: And in terms of the utility advisory committee and sort of their presentation on tertiary treatment.

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Michael Pollock: And really just to give a shout out to to Nancy Nolan Andy Marin and Ted Jones for the work they did and putting that presentation together. I think it's something we're going to be looking at

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Michael Pollock: Next, getting more information next year. So I think it's kind of teeing up for a really super important thing and as as acknowledge the

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Michael Pollock: Oils have been dancing around our, our island and while they're doing that we're pumping pesticides and

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Michael Pollock: It'll be going to heal drugs into the water that they're absorbing so it's something that's pretty important if we're concerned about the environment. And so I think we'll be we'll be looking at them and I'm looking forward to engaging in that issue. And in the next year.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you very much for the those comments. Councilmember hey topless. Would you like to say anything or just if okay that's mayor Snyder well

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Joe Deets: Can you hear

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Leslie Schneider: I can hear you. Thank you very much. Sorry.

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Leslie Schneider: I

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Leslie Schneider: I'm happy to be here.

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Joe Deets: As Mr.

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Joe Deets: Joel the phone and our interim see manager Ellen for. So we are going straight into Executive Session.

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Joe Deets: Pursuant to our CW 42.3 0.1101 G to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for employment or to review the performance of a plot public employee. We are scheduled to be in executive session for 60 minutes at 605 so I guess we could say 705 and

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Joe Deets: City attorney. Are we going to next steps would be

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Joe Levan: As, as always, city council. I'll be sending you an email with a link to the separate zoom meeting for the Executive Session, and then will be joining that you go into the waiting room and I'll

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Joe Levan: join you in through that and then the others will be involved through that as well. So, just leave this meeting and join that other meeting through the other zoom link and then you can join back into this meeting when we're doing these next session.

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Joe Deets: Okay, great. Alright, so we'll all sit here and wait for the invitation from Joe

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Christine Brown: Council has extended the executive session for an additional 30 minutes they now will return at 735

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Christine Brown: Council has extended the executive session for an additional 20 minutes they now anticipate returning at 755

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Joe Deets: Only about an hour late

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Joe Deets: Okay, we're just waiting for

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Joe Deets: For Michael comes from our republic.

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Joe Deets: And then we'll get started.

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Joe Deets: Oh, excellent.

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Joe Deets: Okay, now that COUNCILMEMBER Pollux joined us looks like everyone's here. Okay, so we'll we're just back from Executive Session, and we can resume our open meeting. So, this being a study session and I'm chair. I like to do the subconscious land acknowledgement

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Joe Deets: We'd like to begin by acknowledging that the land which we gather is within the average know territory of the people have clear saltwater.

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Joe Deets: Expert fisherman canoe builders and basket Weaver's the people clear saltwater live in harmony in the lands and waterways along Washington central sailor. See, as they have for thousands of years.

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Joe Deets: Here the people clear saltwater live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the point Elliot treaty of 1855

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Joe Deets: That

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Joe Deets: Next step, we're going to talk about the agenda.

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Joe Deets: And

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Joe Deets: I have something to add.

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Joe Deets: I'd like to add a new item. It'd be a standalone

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Joe Deets: Separate item place at the end of the agenda.

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Joe Deets: It would be titled response to council member Michael Pollux December 10 and 11th emails to the kids at County Commissioners.

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Joe Deets: And should this be approved. I'm going to end this agenda item. I'm going to be moving to admonish COUNCILMEMBER Pollock Michael Pollock for the actions. He took on a matter of substantial importance to the community.

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Joe Deets: So that's emotion to

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Michael Pollock: I'll second that.

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Michael Pollock: I'm looking forward to the discussion.

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Joe Deets: So we have a motion and we have a second

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Nasser

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, it's more a point of order, because it's a study session and we don't take public comment.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm just not quite certain how a domain is with our rules in that we're proposing emotion be put on the floor and and approved on a one touch.

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Rasham Nassar: Basis by the city council and a study session apps and public comment. So I'm not saying I'm opposed to having the discussion. I just wanted to raise that

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Rasham Nassar: Because I just, it's very out of character with our usual protocol for study sessions and given the value of public input to the Council, I just wanted to put that on the record. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: I have no comment on this. I like to speak to other items on the agenda.

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Joe Deets: Oh, okay. I'm do. Okay, so we will, if there's no other comments, should we will have about to add this item to the agenda.

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Joe Deets: All those in favor, say aye.

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Christy Carr: Aye. Any

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Joe Deets: Okay, any post

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Joe Deets: Okay, the item passes unanimously COUNCILMEMBER card. Did you have something else to

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Christy Carr: Do. Actually, I'd like to request to remove two things from tonight's agenda.

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Christy Carr: Item number seven. A and item number seven be

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Joe Deets: Okay, do you

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Joe Deets: Want to provide your reasoning why you'd like them removed.

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Christy Carr: Are you requiring that I do.

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Joe Deets: Now, I just, okay, so there's a request removes those items. Do we have a second

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Michael Pollock: Learning

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Joe Deets: Okay, second COUNCILMEMBER Pollock tree move

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Joe Deets: Okay, all those in favor of removing items, seven, eight and seven be, say aye.

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Michael Pollock: Aye.

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Joe Deets: Any opposed.

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Joe Deets: Okay back carry six. Like, I'm sorry, five to one there's six of us council member NASCAR was, I'm sorry. Did I get that right where you

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Rasham Nassar: Know I I voted, I would have voted to remove the

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Rasham Nassar: Update. But I did. I know that council member cars were really hard on the small lots

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Rasham Nassar: Discussion in the conservation areas and council member car and I have discussed this, and we know how important it is to the community. So I'm just wondering is if what the what you're thinking, is there, is there more work to be done before the Council discusses it or I'm just curious.

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Christy Carr: I think we voted.

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Joe Deets: Well we so we voted to remove the items if I guess if we want to leave it at that.

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Joe Deets: So we

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Joe Deets: We've added one item and we move to

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Joe Deets: Do we have a motion to approve the agenda is submitted.

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Michael Pollock: So,

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: I was in favor, say aye.

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Christy Carr: Aye.

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Joe Deets: Any opposed unanimous. Okay. So, very good.

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Joe Deets: Now, Mayor Schneider, would you like to give us your mayor's report. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, excuse me, colleagues, pardon me, the complex conflict of interest disclosure. Does anyone have a conflict of interest to disclose.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Hearing none, will now go into mayor Snyder's report.

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Leslie Schneider: Right, thank you. So tonight, in all likelihood, we as Council will do our job to choose a new colleague to as a replacement for coal Medina.

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Leslie Schneider: And as of last week's meeting. We were tied in voting for the top two choices both extremely qualified and dedicated applicants.

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Leslie Schneider: Now, Jane Lindley has dropped out leaving Brenda February Johnson as the remaining candidate.

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Leslie Schneider: I will save my comments about right now for the appropriate agenda item. I do want to say here that I'm just made by the circumstances by which Jane dropped out.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm moving on, though, for any of you who might at some point you being the public

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Leslie Schneider: Not my colleagues currently for you in the public who might at some point in the future be interested in throwing your hat in the ring to fill a vacancy for Council, the way that I did the way that COUNCILMEMBER car did. And the way that Jane Lindley

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Leslie Schneider: Randy Johnson and three other great candidates did you might be thinking, why would I ever put myself through what happened this time.

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Leslie Schneider: I can't argue this is not an easy job. And it's not about the hours that going to it.

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Leslie Schneider: I will say, though, even through the divisiveness I have treasured the partnership with my colleagues to understand policy and to create an ambitious agenda for the future of Bainbridge Island. Many of these are some of the best moments of my career.

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Leslie Schneider: My years mayor has had its ups and downs as well. I've enjoyed serving and learning more than I ever thought I

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Leslie Schneider: I'd need to last January Council discuss the

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Leslie Schneider: Pros and Cons of shortening the term of Mayor to one year while I know that it would be within our agreement to be nominated. Again, I want to clear up any guessing and let my colleagues know that I would not accept such a nomination.

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Leslie Schneider: I look forward to supporting our next mayor in any way that I can in any way that I can be of service. The process will take place in the beginning of January.

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Leslie Schneider: And on a final note this afternoon. Councilmember car and I were joined by Jennifer Wieland our consultant for the sustainable transportation project.

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Leslie Schneider: And we ran a virtual conference called infra day Pacific Northwest. The video of our talk will be available soon and I'll post a link to it and others that I found important on my Facebook page.

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Leslie Schneider: Maybe we'll decide to post this one on this sustainable transportation website, they went really well. It was a lot of fun. And thank you. Councilmember car.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, back to you. Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: Thank you so much. Mayor Snyder.

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Joe Deets: Now we're on to item five future Council agendas.

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Joe Deets: Let's see.

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Joe Deets: One in terms city manager. There you are.

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Ellen Schroer: I am

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Ellen Schroer: Thank you, counsel. Um, so there are only two agendas in your packet

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Ellen Schroer: At this time, the fifth, and the 12th of January, I will note, we do have a meeting tomorrow the agenda doesn't appear in this packet which is a joint meeting with the race equity advisory committee and two other kids have organizations.

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Ellen Schroer: Um, the meetings in January. You'll notice are still pretty thin in terms of agenda, but that's not because we won't have a lot of items that are

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Ellen Schroer: That will be populated in here. So, right now there are just a couple of standing updates and then some business items which have been added for the 12th.

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Ellen Schroer: Um, you did just defer a couple of items or remove a couple of items from your agenda. I'm not sure if you'd like to see those on either of these days, or if we should just wait to

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Ellen Schroer: Place those when we have a little more information or if there are other items that you wanted to talk about adding at this time, but I will note that staff has yet to complete the exercise of populating these agenda items as fully as they will be for the fifth of January.

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Joe Deets: Okay, I'm catching them are now, sir, your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah. So one of the items that was removed by counseled tonight is the discussion on the small lots

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Rasham Nassar: Where did it go, and that was proposed by council member car and I'm again going to ask the question, is there some policy reason or some timing reason

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Rasham Nassar: For the removal of that item that is a policy issue item that is a significant important, important to the community. And I think a time sensitive one

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Rasham Nassar: So I'd be very interested in getting it scheduled in either the one of the first of the two meetings in January. If there's Council support for that unless there's some timing reason or some concern by COUNCILMEMBER car that would necessitate a delay of that issue of that item.

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Joe Deets: Comes from our car.

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Christy Carr: Thanks. Yeah, I'm happy to chat about this item as soon as we can have to the first of the year. I didn't think that we had the bandwidth frankly to address this tonight.

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Christy Carr: I'm happy to

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Christy Carr: Bring it up.

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Christy Carr: In the first available study session.

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Christy Carr: Of the new year.

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Ellen Schroer: Thank you. I'll edit.

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Any other questions on agenda.

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Joe Deets: Okay, Ellen. Thank you.

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Ellen Schroer: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Rasham Nassar: Oh, sorry.

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Rasham Nassar: No deputy there. My apologies. And I see the

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Rasham Nassar: And I might have just missed it. Sorry, I'm toggling between screens here and we we had planned to have a discussion about our committee appointments in the beginning of the year. And I'm wondering if that's been scheduled

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Joe Deets: A. That's a great question. Well, maybe once I always felt, maybe, correct me if I'm wrong. I always help once we get our seventh member

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Joe Deets: We can take a time a moment where we examine all our committees and rather than just give the, the seventh member

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Joe Deets: What's left over, you know, this doesn't seem fair as we have a good look at it. So perhaps maybe a good in the order tonight we could sort of talk about that i i would be good for since this is our last official meeting of the calendar year. Maybe we put this in the January study session.

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Rasham Nassar: I would I would certainly support that and and in the past when we've had that discussion item.

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Rasham Nassar: Interim city manager sure you'll recall that we've had attached the worksheet list of all the committee assignments with the Council members that hold those assignments.

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Rasham Nassar: And then we sit and just discuss and debate, who gets what. And if there's trades that that council members are interested in making. So I'd be really supportive of having that discussion in the beginning of the year and then one more thing, if I may.

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Rasham Nassar: The Council retreat has Has any thought been given to when if councils interested in having one in January.

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Rasham Nassar: And when that might be scheduled if it work. That's something that we would just communicate via email over the break or or start planning at the beginning. The first meeting of the year.

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Joe Deets: Good question. Councilmember car, did you want to

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Christy Carr: Add on that subject have another topic.

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Joe Deets: Okay, Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: It was one train. One way to think about that might be to find out what our schedule is with getting a new city manager on board because it does seem like it would go hand in hand with

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Leslie Schneider: A CITY MANAGER getting clear on our priorities. So I think that it would be great to have a session and i and i believe

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Leslie Schneider: Our interim city manager is going to be ready to work with us on work plan items, just to be able to tie things up, but I don't know that we need to, I guess it would be my preference that we wait for

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Leslie Schneider: A chance to work with a new city manager for a retreat.

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Rasham Nassar: That makes absolute sense. Thank you for that. Yeah.

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Joe Deets: That makes sense. Okay, that sounds good. Alright. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I did ask to have one other item removed from the agenda. I like to be able to hold time for any type of discussion.

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Christy Carr: About a multifamily tax exemption that is required to be had by the Council, I think that the joint subcommittee.

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Christy Carr: Provided enough direction to the planning commission and their subcommittee to move that forward. But if there is something that the Council needs to discuss or needs to decide. I'd like to hold time at a future.

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Christy Carr: January agenda.

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Christy Carr: If possible, thank you.

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Joe Deets: So maybe just broadly the two items we removed at your request. We put them in, in January.

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Joe Deets: That would that be right if I have that right

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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02:14:19.680 --> 02:14:22.710

Joe Deets: Any other, any other comments on the agendas.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Well, great. So, we will move on. We have

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Joe Deets: Item six, our North ward council, they can see item six, a selection appointment of the North ward council member

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Joe Deets: Does anyone want to lead off on this.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER NASA

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Rasham Nassar: I moved to a point, Brenda family Johnson to the north ward district City Council position.

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Joe Deets: Okay, okay. Councilmember Pollock second set

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Joe Deets: Is there any discussion.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thank you. I'm going to stand for this from this vote actually

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Christy Carr: I've heard enough from the community and and from my council members that I don't think that

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Christy Carr: We have a process that has been reflective of our community. And I think our process hasn't been

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Christy Carr: Representative of the two candidates who came before us and to me that's really sad. I'm going to welcome Brenda with open arms onto this Council my abstention does not mean that she doesn't belong here. She 100% belongs here.

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Christy Carr: I've met her. I appreciate her community involvement and I look forward to working with her, but I do not feel that our council has had a process that is reflective of the community and I cannot vote.

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Christy Carr: To support it. I will support Brenda, but I'm just really disappointed.

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Christy Carr: In where we have been as a Council, as a community, the emails that I've received personally

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Christy Carr: Are hurtful.

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02:16:23.370 --> 02:16:34.980

Christy Carr: And I don't think that we move very, very important conversations about racial equity forward by sending

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Christy Carr: Emails

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Christy Carr: Like that. So again, I support Brenda and I welcome her to this Council and I look forward to working with her, but I will abstain from this folk

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Councilmember car for the

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Joe Deets: Those very thoughtful comments counselor now. Sorry. Oh, I'm sorry. Counselor high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, I'd like to actually speak a little bit to my decision making, if you guys would bear with me. Just a couple moments because I haven't spoken to this point about my reasoning and my votes and I, this is my one opportunity to do that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The reason I haven't made statements. Up until now, has largely because I feel that when citizens come before us and put them make themselves vulnerable to us, even when they put themselves in the public eye.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To ask to be appointed to something, it's really important to me to avoid saying anything to embarrass or hurt cause any harm. And so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To me, the idea of US arguing about who's the better candidate alone in that just that that invites publicly conversation that I'd really rather not have

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It put me in a particularly difficult situation. In this case, given where the public conversation has gone. We've obviously heard from a lot of people who, I think, very reasonably

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Have wonder why I wouldn't have just immediately put Brenda on Council and I certainly if I were looking from the outside like these people

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With the information that that we have available at the public has available to with with regards to our decisions.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would absolutely feel the same way. So I have absolute empathy and understanding for why we've heard a lot of people in the community who don't understand my vote.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That said, I'm not going to speak to all the specifics right now are there for the same reasons that I just said, I'm not going to evaluate the intricacies of the two candidates. I felt that the other candidate was more qualified. She's not in the current she's not in the contest anymore.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What I do want to state what I wanted to stay all along is that the issues are much more complex than they might appear and for one thing. This is not a one or two issue decision. It's never been

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And one of the most frustrating parts about the public conversation around this decision has been that some folks have tried to cast this as a climate action versus race. Race equity decision.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Those are two of the biggest policy policies issues that we want to tackle as a as a council and I share those priorities.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But we have all a whole range of challenging and complex issues confronting us right now that we're gonna be doing for the next couple of years. And so I have always been voting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In the context of all of the issues and all of the everything I know about both candidates and it's a very complex decision. So that's what I want to say about my votes to this point.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I also want to say that while Brenda wasn't my first choice for this position.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: She was definitely my second choice. And that was you know a lot closer than I've spoken to, and so had had we got into the position we're in today by some innocent.

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02:19:31.980 --> 02:19:43.140

Kirsten Hytopoulos: Random or unintentional action like let's say is literally had pulled out because she realized she just couldn't do this wouldn't didn't want to do it or what have you. I would easily vote today.

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02:19:44.100 --> 02:19:52.830

Kirsten Hytopoulos: To appoint Brenda, I am actually going to join because we didn't have that happen, we've had an intentional and destructive series of actions that have really corrupted this process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm going to join. Councilmember car in abstaining from voting because I feel confident there will be enough votes to move Brenda forward.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I think it's really important as a kid that as many council members as can vote their conscience today about the but about what has happened to this process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I know I've heard from more than one person that community that they would like us to throw the process out

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think that would be too painful and unfair to the community and the candidates and that's not an appropriate thing to do.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Like what COUNCILMEMBER car said I will absolutely welcome Brenda with open arms with open heart with open mind and all I'm asking from her is that she be an independent a collaborative and strong decision maker, because that's what we need. And that's what the community needs.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'm open I'm open for that and I'm and I'm open for conversation with Brenda Brenda, please contact me so we can

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02:20:44.670 --> 02:20:59.550

Kirsten Hytopoulos: We can talk before we could be convenient in January. But I will say one more thing and that is just that it would go a long way to feeling that that's where we're headed. If Brenda would consider distancing herself from those letters that were sent over the last few days. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember NASA

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, well, I'm quite taken aback. I had to prepare just to see a few wonderful welcoming comments and and congratulate the community and the Council.

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Rasham Nassar: On what would be a really important and monumental decision and. But in light of what I've heard, I do feel that I need to make a couple

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Rasham Nassar: Couple of comments. Number one, whatever is perceived to have happened over email and I think I know what council members are referring to and has nothing to do with Brenda

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Rasham Nassar: I don't understand why we would hold and punish a qualified applicant who did follow the process that was outlined who interviewed before the Council twice, who took the time to engage with the community and who garnered

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Rasham Nassar: You know 70 or 80 or so emails and 16 public commenters

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Rasham Nassar: Why we would sit here and throw all of that out and disregard because of upset between Council members. I mean, I can't even

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Rasham Nassar: I can't even wrap my mind around that and

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Rasham Nassar: I heard COUNCILMEMBER high topless close her comments by saying, Brenda ought to distance herself from those emails what clarify what what

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Rasham Nassar: Certainty do you have that she was involved in those emails in the first place. I guarantee you, that's an assumption.

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Rasham Nassar: So I'm just, I'm really, I'm really disappointed and I'm really upset. I don't mayor Snyder hasn't spoken yet.

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Rasham Nassar: So I don't know where this is going to go. But we can't welcome Brenda with open arms, as has been said, if we don't vote to appoint her first

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Rasham Nassar: And I would hope that those council members all of us could find some resolution could find some strength could find some dig deep and and and tap into our responsibilities and duties to the public and to the applicants that did follow the process.

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Rasham Nassar: And to participate in that vote so that we can get this appointment in

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Rasham Nassar: And move on.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Mayor Schneider.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. So I am going to vote for Brenda, we are going to move on. We are going to welcome Brenda with open arms.

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Leslie Schneider: And I agree that

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Leslie Schneider: The process that we're referring here has nothing against Brenda Brenda did nothing to

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Leslie Schneider: Drag the process down. As a matter of fact, I think it has been a deep disservice to her.

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Leslie Schneider: This has. I can't imagine that she would agree that this ought to have been a one dimensional decision on race alone that does her no service at all and

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Leslie Schneider: I will also say that before. After we posted this position and before anyone had applied.

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Leslie Schneider: I found out that Brenda was in the north ward and I got all excited and I reached out to her and I really encouraged her to

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Leslie Schneider: To run. So the fact that I ended up making a different decision in my earlier votes.

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Leslie Schneider: Means that it's complicated. I mean, I see the same thing that the community sees in Brenda, you know, a super smart person who is accomplished and dedicated and you know will make an awesome council member and

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Leslie Schneider: I am now going to vote for her and my sadness is in the way that we treated this process and in the way that we treated

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Leslie Schneider: Someone else who also wanted this position very badly and has also

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Leslie Schneider: Have amazing credentials, so I'm

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Leslie Schneider: And to Brenda and to all future colleagues.

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Leslie Schneider: When, when I came on council. It was apparently not the culture of council members at that time to sort of reach out to new Council members. I always felt wonderful goodwill from my from my colleagues, but I felt a little isolated and so I just want you to know that.

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Leslie Schneider: And I assume that all of that was well intentioned to that it was out of respect for our autonomy and all of that.

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Leslie Schneider: But I could have used I could use a little more support. And so I'm going to reach out to you, and I'm going to offer you whatever support. I can in the months and in the years ahead, and hopefully

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Leslie Schneider: I mean, if you don't need my help, that's absolutely fine. And I expect that you will be teaching me things as well.

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Leslie Schneider: Also, I've said this before, but I just want to reiterate it that I was elected with a four to vote. It was not unanimous and for two and a half years. I was very grateful to have the the friendship and support of Colma Dita who was

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Leslie Schneider: One of those no votes.

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Leslie Schneider: So with that, I will vote for Brenda as our, our newest colleague

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Joe Deets: Thank you. I'm

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Joe Deets: Customer I suppose your hand is still up

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Joe Deets: Did you want to speak.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, a couple of things. First of all, to be clear, I'm in no way insinuating that Brenda had anything to his letters. My point is that some people might feel that when the, when the appointment.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Came to be because of offensive behavior that they might want to distance themselves from offensive behavior and just and just say something about that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This is not about this is not about hurt feelings or disagreements between Council members. This is about emails that were sent regionally to our

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Our county commissioners who at that point when those letters were sent were potentially the future deciders of this outcome, the outcome of this

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Decision. Should we have remained deadlocked. This is about poisoning them. This is about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Arguably, threatening them with this is what will happen to you if you don't go our way when we get up here when we get to you as decision makers.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: There are, we can talk. I'm not going to get into this right now. We can talk about this in a few minutes. When this is our topic, but there's a major issue here that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That is that is problematic at multiple levels, but most specifically to what we're talking about right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: These letters were a large part of leaving the other candidate feeling battered and abused publicly and feeling that you need to withdraw.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So that's the relevance here and I'm in no way, suggesting that Brenda had anything to do with that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think Michael Pollack wrote those letters and we could talk about that later, but for us to pretend that this to just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: brush aside the fact that the reason we're doing this right now the reason we're not discussing whether we're still locked vote.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is because one person dropped out. And that's why they dropped out. And I think it'd be incredibly offensive. If we were to just pretend that didn't happen and just move on.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Um, I haven't really spoken about this and Michael I haven't seen your hand up. But if you don't want to. That's okay. But I'll just since I haven't spoken of the chair.

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Joe Deets: Me I'm somewhat unique position where I had, as you know, supported both candidates and as it is, I, I had encouraged both of them to run and as it is.

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Joe Deets: I see extremely valid reasons why the two finalists either one of them would have been chosen. What I didn't understand was the emails that I got from I'll just say both sides, depending on where I was attacking me very vehemently, and it was it was sort of this

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Joe Deets: Win at all costs, you know and and that I i know i after three years on Council, I guess I'm sort of used to that. But it was really, really DISCOURAGING THAT IF YOU SUPPORT SOMEONE THAT OBVIOUSLY. That means you're classified as a certain entity and then you

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Joe Deets: And then if you go outside as another entity and I'm the same guy.

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Joe Deets: Was the same person, and I was accused two different things. So I really I think the US and I like to think that the community. We all need to think about how we interact with each other.

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Joe Deets: We're going to have a pretty intense conversation coming up, but I don't want the color.

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Joe Deets: This phone I am wholly supportive of Brandon. I've known her at the race equity Task Force and Brent up, it's going to be challenging it what we are experiencing now you're going to be experiencing all the

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Joe Deets: Difficulties and and the tensions and I'll just say you have all our support and and I totally need that. So,

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Joe Deets: If there is no more comments.

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Joe Deets: Will put this to a vote. All those in favor of

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Joe Deets: Appointing Brenda fair trade Johnson to the northwest district to City Council position, say I

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Joe Deets: A post

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Joe Deets: Okay. And so that was

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Joe Deets: five to zero with one abstention COUNCILMEMBER car. Did I get that right. So, I'm sorry.

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Joe Levan: For her to extensions

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Joe Deets: Although I'm sorry Kiersten excuse me, I'm sorry. Pearson VUE abstained. My apologies. Okay, so four to zero approved.

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Joe Deets: Zero of against to abstained abstentions were COUNCILMEMBER hi topless and COUNCILMEMBER car and I apologize count them over top of this on this that

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Joe Deets: Okay, well let's congratulate our new colleague and I'll give her a call tomorrow.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Joe Deets: We are totally skipping unfinished business because we remove seven, eight and seven be so we're going to go straight into Item eight, a and that is safe for up to up projects introduction caps member car would you like to lead on it.

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Christy Carr: I'm happy to jump into something a little lighter, if you will.

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Right.

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Christy Carr: And I see Paula's hopping in here and I'm hoping Pamela will join us as well.

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Christy Carr: Because this is

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Joe Deets: Are they

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Joe Deets: Coming in to join us in the conversation.

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Christy Carr: Yes, so we will thank you. Councilmember deets Deputy Mayor deets this agenda item is me, bringing forward a proposal from a number of people.

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Christy Carr: Including Paula from squeaky wheels as well as tamla from the Bainbridge Island school district who have now just joined us.

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Christy Carr: In our meeting and I'm essentially going to give it over to them to tell you about this potential project or number of projects and give you the background for that.

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Christy Carr: Hopefully folks had the chance to review the agenda packet, because the

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Christy Carr: slide deck that we have available tonight was provided in the agenda packet. So I hope that we all have some level of familiarity with what we're talking about here essentially

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Christy Carr: A number of people have come together and recognized that

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Christy Carr: Kids are going to be going back to school and they're not going, you know, hello. Yay.

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Christy Carr: But not very many of them are going to be going on buses and so we're going to have a really significant traffic issue our island and there's been a really amazing group of folks who have come together in the community to

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Christy Carr: Dress. This essentially. And so I'm really happy to introduce you to tamlia and to Paula, who are going to tell us about their thoughts and ideas and it looks like we have our department of public works director here to who can help us out here. And then, so I'm just going to

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Christy Carr: Hand it over to these amazing. Ladies, thank you.

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Tamela VanWinkle: Okay pilot. Nice to see you. Would you like to go first or would you like me to go first.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Go first

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Tamela VanWinkle: Okay, so my name is tamla Van Winkle. And for those of you who don't know me. I work for the school district. I'm the executive director of capital projects facilities and operations.

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Tamela VanWinkle: That title covers a number of departments, but tonight. I'm your because of transportation. So as you know, co op ed has really challenged the way that we deliver

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Tamela VanWinkle: education to our students. And in the last many months since March. We've had our kiddos at home.

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Tamela VanWinkle: And we have had times when we thought that the coven numbers were to place that we were going to be able to bring our kids back to school. And that hasn't

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Tamela VanWinkle: Worked we are planning right now, barring any unforeseen circumstances which we know can happen. But right now we're looking at of January.

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Tamela VanWinkle: And we have looked at the routes for school buses. We have rerouted three different times, which is no simple task.

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Tamela VanWinkle: One of the challenges that we had from the beginning is to route every child as though they were going to be on a bus and then we broke those

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Tamela VanWinkle: Areas that children live into bus rideable sections and then that created the AM, PM cohorts that will be looking at. So our kids will be starting school around

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Tamela VanWinkle: Eight o'clock, and they will be staying for a two and a half hours and then they will be having a second start to the PM cohort around 1245. So with that,

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Tamela VanWinkle: A group of people that were concerned because we have sent out a lot of communication to our parents about the limitation that we had originally for transporting our kids.

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Tamela VanWinkle: The health department has given us an exception to ridership so unlike what we're doing. When the kids get to school where we have six foot distance

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Tamela VanWinkle: We do not have that on the buses, we are allowed to put full capacity on our buses, which is what we need to do, because we only have so many buses and so many bus drivers.

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Tamela VanWinkle: So our parents have become quite concerned about that close proximity on the bus and are choosing to drive their kids to school. With that said,

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Tamela VanWinkle: I keep talking about traffic congestion and it is going to be horrendous in those morning times with as you could imagine. So many cars coming into our sites dropping off their kids.

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Tamela VanWinkle: So as this conversation has continued in the community. Paula, who's going to talk here in a minute, really took the

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Tamela VanWinkle: The conversation to the community and invited myself and the city into the conversation and looking for ways that we can minimize the congestion, whether that's

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Tamela VanWinkle: creative ways of finding drop off areas or kids walking or biking. So it's been a very rich conversation and I especially appreciate it, because I'm on the other committee that the city is looking for

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Tamela VanWinkle: Reducing transmissions for air and doing things to improve our emissions and so this is a nice partnership and conversation and I really appreciate

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Tamela VanWinkle: Working with Christie, we worked on the Blakeley project. She's smiling. I'm smiling.

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Tamela VanWinkle: You know, it was, it was a tough project, but it was professional and I think this has been fun for Christina I'll speak for myself, because we're definitely enthusiastic about how we can all work together for this. So I think her for that. So with that, I'll hand it over to Paul A.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Great. Well, I've worked with a number of you before, but in case you don't know me, I'm Paula homes ybor and

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Paula Holmes-Eber: I'm the president of squeaky wheels and I have the pleasure of working with several of you on the gross Safe Streets project. And in fact, that has informed our Hey Joe and Michael and calls no longer here, but he was part of that project.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Anyway, just to give you numbers. Yeah. Christie asked for numbers and and Tema gave them to us. Normally over, was it 1200 kids right the bus every year. No 1800 18

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Paula Holmes-Eber: We're going to have 600 ride the bus this year so 12th 1200 children are going to get in cars every day.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And drive to Woodward and just to Chi and to Ordway into the high school. And if you want to drive into Winslow between 8am and 5pm

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Don't get on a bicycle and ride because it's the only way you're going to get there.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Right. So this is not a joke. It's going to be horrible. I mean, any of you who've tried to get to the high school during high school opening and closing times

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Paula Holmes-Eber: know full well you don't go through the round about. I mean, that's one of the great incentives for me to bike Winslow and back because I just can't deal with all that. So imagine that triples.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Right, so the island is going to be horrible. The businesses are suffering to begin with. And now they have a white round about. And they have

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Paula Holmes-Eber: All these kids being driven to school, we might as well close down Winslow, or eight. We have to do something.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So what I where this came from. Is the PTO came to me and said this is a disaster because no parent wants to spend their whole day driving back and forth, either.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And there's a cat squeaky wheels do something so learning from growth Safe Streets, we decided to do a huge coalition. This time, so we pull together.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: The city we've pulled together. The Scorpion our schools with Pamela we pulled together brain which green ways we had people from the you know the

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Paula Holmes-Eber: sustainable transportation plan. We had parents, we have the PTO we had an enormous coalition get together and saying, What can we do

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And they all. I mean, it was amazing that during how that everybody would spend this time walking and biking the neighborhoods around all the schools we map them out.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And they came up with a huge set of recommendations, some of which have nothing to do with what we're going to ask you to do. That's a very large project.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: But there's a section of the project that was focused on infrastructure. And one thing we learned with bro Safe Streets, is that there's a way to do pop up infrastructure.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Short term reversible infrastructure that could change the patterns of kids commuting by bicycle walking and encourage them to do that. But we don't have to put in a lot of money.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And it could perhaps be a coven response related project to we're asking for you to consider cares funding for it. Now, I don't know, should I share my screen with the slides.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Is, I don't know, or was there a slide someone else is doing.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: I'll just share. I'll go

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Christy Carr: I think

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Joe Deets: Some slides in the packet. If

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Paula Holmes-Eber: That's what you were talking, let me share them so that way we don't have any confusion.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So we got together and actually mark Eckstein as part of this committee and we talked to him. And we said, I hope all of you can see this thing that says Create pop up bike walk lanes and critical locations.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Can you see that

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Yes, I'm just making sure that we all have the same slide because I think I have. And then everybody else says no. And we came up with for recommended pop ups and I've got a little picture here of what a pop up bike lane looks like it's temporary it's easily removed. It's not high cost.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: It has to follow obviously laws and rules about how the structure of the, you know, engineering is for traffic so

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And we're recommending for pop up bike walk links one on grow Avenue and I'll show you the mouse.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: One on day road between Wilkes and call grim one on sportsman club from Ireland church. It doesn't say to wear. But it's to sekai

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And one on the Aquatic Center, which we're bringing you into Dana's trail. So I'm going to bring you down and slide past all these other slides.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And show you what that looks like. So one of the people on the committee, Deborah Vic is like a Google Maps loving person and she created these maps. So this is Woodward Middle School. Can you see my cursor.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Yeah, okay.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Yeah sekai is north of it right here. So one of the plans is that we're suggesting that parents don't because this will be horrible.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Drive down sportsman's club or up sportsman club and everybody's trying to cross each other and drop kids off and pick them up and throw their kids out. God knows where we're asking them to drop their kids in the parking lot of Ireland church so they come in drop them off.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: They leave on high.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: On the three or five, or vice versa. They drive through this way and do it, but we do not have multiple people crossing both ways. So

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Paula Holmes-Eber: The problem is between island church and sekai there is no bike or walk lane. There's just a shoulder. So the request is put a pop up by plane right there. So kids can work safely from Ireland church to the school.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So that's a no brainer. Mark Epstein walk through that and said, it's easy, it's a wide shoulder. We could do that with no effort. The second one is

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Here, I don't know how many of you are familiar with Dana's trail. But there's a trail that goes behind the high school. This is the high school right here.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And the swimming pool is right here and it goes behind the high school through the grounds and it comes back out on new Brooklyn and it allows children to go all the way from Winslow up

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Then they catch Dana's trail go behind and they can come out and then get to sekai so they don't have to deal with the traffic on the roads.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: It was actually built with bike and walk to school finds there's a problem. The kids can't get through the Aquatic Center, because there's parking and driving and it would be a good way to get around it. So that's the second prop lane.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: The third one is grow. All right. We did grow Safe Streets Joe was part of that and Michael was part of that. So if you look at Winslow

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Paula Holmes-Eber: It's all these purple lines are roads that have sidewalks and bike lanes, the entire east side of Winslow has sidewalks and bike lanes, the entire west side of Winslow from grow onwards does not

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Okay, that's fine for me. I'm a cyclist. I'm not scared of biking up grow but if my eight year old is going to buy to grow with no shoulders and some pretty hefty busy traffic. I'm not sending my kids to school by bike. I'm going to drive.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So by putting a pipe up by plane on grow we allow all these feeder roads both Eastern west to to have a drainage channel essentially up to the high school and then from the high school, they could take Dana's trail through to Ordway or to set high and the last one.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Is no, not that one call grin. So unfortunately, both Wilkes and the two elementary school so Wilson playfully

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Have a situation where there's not very much biking and walking as an option. We did everything all the parents looked at everything they could and there's not much option.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: But there's one option for worlds, which is that there's a little trail called green, which is called the color green connector and it goes down all the way the valley.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: But the kids would come out and hit the road, which is not a road that kids should bike them walk, no way. And we put up a pop up by playing there. So anyway, I'm just giving you those four I'll stop sharing now.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And and just say what we're asking, is the Council considered the voting cares funding.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: To pay for creating these pop up bike lanes, because the, you know, obviously, and Chris can speak in here. He's there. I don't know if he's listening. Chris was Vicki.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: I mean Public Works has got enough to do without running around putting up pop up by claims in their budget on their Saturdays. So if we can have funding. Maybe Chris can speak to that, that it would enable the city to be able to do this.

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Joe Deets: Chris, would you like to

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Joe Deets: Respond.

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Chris Wierzbicki: I'll just respond briefly, I think we're planning to come back to the Council, with a little bit more analysis of alternatives in January.

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Chris Wierzbicki: But I do just want to say how impressed I am with the plan. And I think it's great how folks come together to try to solve this problem. I, I'd like to be able to support it. So we'll, we'll talk to you more in January about how to how to best do that.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember Messer

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, wow, this is wonderful. I call it's really nice to see you. Is it Pamela

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Tamela VanWinkle: Is it is it is

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Rasham Nassar: Pamela really nice to meet you. And I just want to thank you for putting this together, this has been something that

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Rasham Nassar: People on Bainbridge have been talking about since I ran for city council and probably a long time before that. And here it is in front of us. It can be actualize it's doable. So

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Rasham Nassar: You've taken a dream and turned it into the first step of what could be our new reality. So this is really exciting.

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Rasham Nassar: In terms of grow. My question was because he, I don't know if you'll notice, but the agenda item following is a discussion about grow. And this is something that I'd asked a council require night actually discussed

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Rasham Nassar: In terms of what the long term plans were for grow and and and really that that kind of conversation belongs in the bubble of the STP, the sustainable transportation plan.

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Rasham Nassar: But I do see that you have targeted grow. And I think that was for the without further pop up bike lanes specifically just okay

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Paula Holmes-Eber: This for that. It's just to put a bike and Chris walked it he said there's room. We don't have. I mean, it would be partly gravel for the walkers and then it would not change the road. They wouldn't move any lines.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: It would traffic Congress because I know grow is very unhappy about the speed and if you put a pop up lane, by definition that road is narrower.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And people are going to be more careful. So you're going to help make grow. I'm sure that grow a resonance will be happy.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And it's temporary so it didn't work. And we don't like it, and the traffic doesn't work. We just take it away, like we did the last one.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So, you know, that's lovely thing about these pop ups. It's a you know a chance for us to try out new infrastructure and get feedback from the community and learn

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Rasham Nassar: That's great. And then I'll just close by saying I am totally 100% in support of this, and thank you both. Again, and thank you, public works director with Vicki as well for voicing and you're offering your cooperation and your assistance and your support. Thanks.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember car and then mayor Schneider.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thank you. I think actually all asked our city manager.

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Christy Carr: Because we do need to have a decision point here. And my understanding is that we need to have Council requests that staff move this forward.

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Christy Carr: As a project. And as you know,

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Christy Carr: public works director respect he is very busy and he has many projects and this isn't yet on his to do list. So we're adding something. And so, my understanding is that council would need to direct or request.

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Christy Carr: That this get added and that is my hope for that at the outcome of this meeting.

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Christy Carr: So that being said, I'll set that aside.

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Christy Carr: But otherwise, I just really want to thank tamla and Paula for your work on this and I really, really want to

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Christy Carr: recognize and acknowledge that this is they are two people that represent many people and I'm really excited.

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Christy Carr: About the number of people that have come together around this project. And I think it's really exciting. And I think that

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Christy Carr: We as a city really need to continue to do these sort of collaborative projects, if we want to achieve our sustainable transportation goals.

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Christy Carr: So I hope that the full council or support staff moving forward with continuing to investigate these projects. I think there's you know clearly money funding, Bob, you know, lots of stuff to consider, but I hope that the outcome of this agenda item is that we

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Christy Carr: Provide

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Christy Carr: Full support of this project.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, mayor, Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. I just have to say how amazingly wonderful, I think, not just the proposal. This proposal is wonderful. But the process is amazing. The fact that parents saw a problem that

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Leslie Schneider: As a stakeholder group squeaky wheels came in to help solve that problem. Got the schools involved, you know, tablas willing to jump in and provide. And then, you know, and then our staff, you know, so created that holding

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Leslie Schneider: That plate that placeholder to listen to everybody and to have these ideas come through. So I just can't tell you how excited I am. And I know a little bit about how much work has gone into this. And of course, our staff has also put in a fair amount of work.

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Leslie Schneider: And I just appreciate it so much. So whatever I will support you know whatever this takes going forward. And I understand that we have, you know, we're planning issues and we have to you know if there's a way that we can fund this so that it doesn't impact what's going on in

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Leslie Schneider: In our public works department. That's great.

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Leslie Schneider: Anyway, thank you very much for everybody's cooperation and process on this. I really appreciate it a lot.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I think I pray to reiterate just about everybody else has said this is really exciting, it's needed innovative. It's very cool. Um,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I really want to hear a little bit more, maybe from the public works director about any issues that he has any concerns, he has, but they don't feel fully

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: fully informed, but if we are not making assumptions, like so, for example, about cares funding because I'm a little concerned about making sure that gets to businesses.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Not concerned right now funding and public works director thinks they can pull off a preliminary look at it. I would really like to support it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I guess the last thing I'll say is I would be great if any other stakeholders are able to participate financially in it as well.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because the city does have a lot of obligations to a lot of stakeholders stakeholders. And so whether this comes from cares funding or it came from somewhere else. And of course, our staff time that's challenging. But anyway, I would really like to hear from from the PO WORKS DIRECTOR

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Joe Deets: And I'm sorry i'll customer car see your hand up. I'll just say something because I haven't yet.

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Joe Deets: I'm really excited. It makes me wish I was in school.

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Joe Deets: And ride my bike. I'll get my daughter. To do this, I promise.

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Joe Deets: Some practical questions, having sort of looked at cares funding. I like the city manager to see the applicability of scarce funding for this USC. I know that there's you how applicable it we can make that argument.

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Joe Deets: To do we have any idea how much money we're talking about

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Joe Deets: Maybe I didn't see a budget doesn't strike me as that much money.

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Joe Deets: So just some anyway. I didn't want to be glib about that.

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Joe Deets: Anyway, I'd like to hear from the city manager, but me. Councilmember car. Your hand is up on what you see

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thank you. Deputy Mayor deets. I appreciate that the intent of this agenda item was actually to send to get councils.

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Christy Carr: Sent essentially by end to send for Council, the staff to answer these questions. So I think that I know that our staff is

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Christy Carr: Willing to answer some questions, to some degree, but I don't think that they have those answers tonight. But what I was hoping that we would have as an outcome of tonight's meeting was that we would agree as a full council to that.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: We would like our staff to

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Christy Carr: Move forward and bring us back.

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Christy Carr: Information regarding these questions.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Tema your hands up.

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Tamela VanWinkle: Um, well, I just want to speak to the financial partnership one thing. And I think if Chris and I had a conversation next week or something.

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Tamela VanWinkle: Chris, we can talk. One of the ideas, the one that is between Ordway and what is being called Dana's trail, which goes up to that area behind the high school

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Tamela VanWinkle: I for a long time. Part of that is where BYU says. And actually my office and cars parked there and they backed up and I have been concerned about that, personally, and so managing the capital project I have looked at that and I

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Tamela VanWinkle: will commit to that particular project. So that's not something financially, I would appreciate

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Tamela VanWinkle: Mark or Chris giving us some ideas of what makes sense. But we would go ahead and manage that and take care of it. It's I'm district property.

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Tamela VanWinkle: So you can take that off. So that just leaves you with the grow. And as far as a you know prioritization the Wilkes one probably serves far

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Tamela VanWinkle: A far smaller group of kids. So that's something that we could look at us. The, the last priority. But if we could do it. That'd be great. But the grow and then the one that comes up from the church to

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Tamela VanWinkle: sekai and Woodward, that would be fabulous because it just it's a small section and we've got roadway there. And we've done in fact in the past that school district in the city and PSC worked on a project there. So we've got a lot of

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Tamela VanWinkle: What I call it safe walk, which is an RC w i want to make sure we're not categorizing. This is safe walks. These are safer walks. So anyway, if we could do that some of those things in partnership. I think we could minimize the cost

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Joe Deets: Paula.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: I don't want to take away from Chris times maybe really quick. But I do want to remind the Council that a year ago.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: squeaky wheels volunteered \$30,000 as a match to the city to help out the Dana's child. So there's funding that's already in the city budget to do that part two. So with with Pamela's

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Contribution from the schools. I think we will be more than covered for that.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: And squeaky wheels is willing to be more flexible squeak Dana's trail is envisioned it's going from sekai all the way down to the ferry on the CTO

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Paula Holmes-Eber: So we can even probably move a bit of the funds to something further underneath help out. So there's funding already there's what I'm trying to say, we don't have to just use cares about me.

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Joe Deets: Great, thank you. Um, let me see. Councilmember car and then COUNCILMEMBER Nasir

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Christy Carr: I'd like to hear from COUNCILMEMBER answer because I've already spoken on this. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I was just, I'm gonna try moving us along here. I think that we have at least the majority Council support haven't heard from COUNCILMEMBER Pollock maybe we've heard from all

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Rasham Nassar: And but in terms of next steps city manager and public works director. Are you looking for explicit direction and a council formal Council.

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Christy Carr: Motion.

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Rasham Nassar: To move ahead with this or how should, how shall we proceed.

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Ellen Schroer: I think that COUNCILMEMBER car summed it up really well when she said that receiving direction that you'd like us to look into it and bring it back in January would be helpful.

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Ellen Schroer: We need to step through all the details and make sure we understand what the process would entail.

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Ellen Schroer: And I just want to say I echo. A lot of the really positive sentiments for the collaboration that I'm hearing about and the great ideas and looking forward to working with Chris and the rest of the city team to bring you back some additional information.

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Joe Deets: Comes from her car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah. Actually, that was my same point really is that can we wrap this up and provide enough direction to the city staff to move this forward and sounds like we have right

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Christy Carr: They doing. Do we need anything.

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Christy Carr: Formally, or

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Ellen Schroer: Their emotional

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Christy Carr: Hang on.

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Joe Deets: I didn't see emotion, but no CHRISTIE, DO YOU HAVE emotion.

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Christy Carr: No, there was no motion. I was, I was just hoping that and please city manager.

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Ellen Schroer: I don't know that we need a motion. But what I would appreciate is just direction that you'd like to have it come back in January and that this is the suite of projects, you'd like us to take a look at, um, so that we focus our time on the right side of things.

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Rasham Nassar: So moved.

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Ellen Schroer: Yeah, thank you.

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Joe Deets: Mayor Schneider your hands up. Oh.

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Leslie Schneider: No, I was gonna make I was going to make EMOTION BUT I'LL JUST SECOND. The one that's on the table now too.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay authorize staff to come back to us with more information that we can make a decision on later.

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Okay.

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Joe Deets: So we actually made motion to have staff. Come back to us.

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Joe Deets: Relating to this really cool sorry biasing school pop up projects. All those in favor, say aye.

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Joe Deets: Aye. Any post

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Joe Deets: Okay. That's unanimous. Six, Sarah. Very good.

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Joe Deets: Any

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Joe Deets: Other. Okay. Is that enough

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Joe Deets: City Manager that you have. Okay great tamla. Good to see you. I remember back in the sky project so solar project.

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Tamela VanWinkle: Rushing you

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Tamela VanWinkle: Nice seeing you to Joe

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Yeah.

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Paula Holmes-Eber: Thank you. We'll be back.

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Joe Deets: Okay, uh, for a related project or related related discussion. Item eight, be grow Avenue traffic considerations council member. Now, sir, would you like to lead off on that.

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Rasham Nassar: Sure. So I am Council remembers back to last week when I requested councils approval to put this on the agenda. Kind of give a summary.

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Rasham Nassar: Of the reasons and impetus behind this. This is coming out of Council's decision to pull the grow traffic coming

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Rasham Nassar: non motorized improvements from this tip and at the time that we decided that it was, I believe it was unanimous consent by the Council that we would

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Rasham Nassar: In light of Timmons bill failing at the Washington Supreme Court that we would the plan was to proceed with those items identified

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Rasham Nassar: That we're in this tip, but to pull them out of the general fund and move them into the neighborhood traffic plumbing program, which then would be funding but funded by transportation dollars primarily

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Rasham Nassar: So in in watching that meeting and recognizing that Council pulled the growth tip item from this tip I've been in communication. I think most council members have received communication from grow neighbors.

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Rasham Nassar: Wanting to understand what is happening with that project. What's the timeline for it and such and

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Rasham Nassar: There's another layer to this and I think public works director respect he will speak well to this particular point. But the reason I asked to add it onto the December 15 agenda is that currently

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Rasham Nassar: The, the city and in light of some council member feedback as well as feedback from grow neighbors has decided to maintain the road closure to through traffic on grow, while the roundabout AT MADISON AND HIGH SCHOOL road is being constructed

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Rasham Nassar: The one of the items proposed in terms of improvements for grow as part of a pilot project that would have been attached to that tip I'm now in the neighborhood traffic coming

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Rasham Nassar: Plans for grow is a some sort of around about or some sort of installation to make more accommodating non motorized traffic on grow and to limit or discouraged through traffic from from using that road as a three way.

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Rasham Nassar: The road closure is maintained right now. It's not open to through traffic, like I said, while the roundabout is being constructed and the one of the reasons for that is that it was thought that and neighbors advocated that it made sense to maintain that closure.

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Rasham Nassar: While the round about was being constructed such that we can work to implement or install parts of the

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Rasham Nassar: The improvements that are being proposed as part of that neighborhood traffic calming measures program so that when the round about is complete.

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Rasham Nassar: And it's lifted and traffic then begins to travel through to why at Madison and why it and then up and down. Madison.

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Rasham Nassar: That the installation would happen kind of along the same time frame as the construction of that round about at Madison and why

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Rasham Nassar: So I hope that provides a little bit of thinking. Sorry, it's a little bit complicated, because it's multi layered and then I'm also thinking

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Rasham Nassar: That Council has also heard about the the grill closures from neighbors as well, and I believe that public works director speak. He is going to speak with that.

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Rasham Nassar: And so really tonight's item is for discussion, only it's just meant as an introduction from here. I was hoping that and I think public works director is hoping that Council will give some sort of direction.

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Rasham Nassar: As to how a majority of Council would like to proceed. But I think now, this is just our time to kind of debate.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Christy Carr: My recollection of our budget discussions was that we actually removed traffic calming measures from this tip and we can, we said that we would revisit it when we talked about

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Christy Carr: traffic calming island wide in 2021

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Christy Carr: That's what I'd like to talk about a traffic calming and grow. That's not. I don't want to talk about tonight. I want to talk about it.

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Christy Carr: Before then, that's what I think our council decided and

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Christy Carr: Folks can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think that grow traffic comment should be considered among many other traffic calming issues on the island.

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Christy Carr: I'm happy to hear from the public works director about the current construction project and how we might address issues with that.

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Christy Carr: But I think that we're talking about two different issues so

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Christy Carr: I'll leave it there.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Um, yeah, I really would like to hear, I agree with your recollection. Councilmember car of what of where I think we were

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And happy to discuss the traffic calming questions later. The ongoing questions. I do want to hear from public works director about the current situation we're getting

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Definitely getting 321 emails by people who don't live on on grow asking why we are making this convoluted contain to retain this convoluted.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Way into town. Obviously, mostly from given the south and because we have very limited options to get in town.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I'd like to hear about that sounds like the policy decision that came out of Public Works was made based on a guess that this is what we would prefer based on what Council has said in the past about traffic and grow.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't think that's what we all think about traffic on grow. And I also don't think the broader community does. So I if it's possible to reopen that policy question.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'd like to open that question and I just want to remind everybody what Paula just said that as soon as the kids go back to school that if you want to get

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Into Winslow between eight and five don't. Right. And so the idea that we're, we're, we're artificially cutting off the most direct route into town. During this this period of time doesn't make sense to me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, um, let me see. Councilmember we'll see

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Joe Deets: We'll count them or car. Your, your hands ups. No. Okay, comes more hotels, you spoke COUNCILMEMBER Nasir your, your

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Rasham Nassar: I'm happy to let public works director was bakey comment.

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Rasham Nassar: On this as well. I did I. There is another layer to this, and this is something that I discussed with the public works director is Vicki, because I'm not a part of this tangible transportation plan.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know too much what's being planned for grow in the future and kind of what the vision is for Winslow, overall, but that's another element to this that I think I would I would really like for the Council to debate.

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Rasham Nassar: Why is it on the agenda, I understand some council members may not want to discuss it tonight but Council did approve that emotion last week.

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Rasham Nassar: With full council members support to have this debate tonight. It's on the agenda. There was no motion to remove it from tonight's agenda so

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Rasham Nassar: We're, we're talking about it and I hope Council will continue to discuss it and the how grow relates in terms of the sustainable transportation plan is something that I did reach out and have the benefit of discussing with one

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Rasham Nassar: sustainable transportation task force member and the plans that that growth that the grow neighborhood.

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Rasham Nassar: neighbors are requesting are consistent with the sustainable transportation plan in terms of the overall kind of direction that the STP might take our neighborhood streets and Winslow

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Rasham Nassar: One of the primary and most fundamental points of advocacy behind the sustainable transportation plan. I think the majority of Council Members will agree with in terms of climate change and environmentalism as well.

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Rasham Nassar: Is that our future plans do not seek to accommodate motor motorized transportation, it seeks to accommodate and prioritize non motorized transportation and the ease and facilitation of bicycling and

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Rasham Nassar: And pedestrian traffic, especially on our neighborhood streets and especially on neighborhood streets that do not currently have adequate.

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Rasham Nassar: Bike lanes and walking lanes. So I'm thinking about all of this in that context as well.

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Rasham Nassar: And again, the timing issue here. And this is a point for Council to debate this is why we have it here tonight, whether or not

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Rasham Nassar: Grow remains close to through traffic is something that the Council should discuss tonight. I hope that we do discuss that tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: But I do hope that we keep an eye out for what the future plans are for grow and that we consider that as a reference point in terms of making decisions now.

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Rasham Nassar: One of the, one of the neighbors to grow commented that until the until why it was closed to through traffic now at the roundabouts being constructed

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Rasham Nassar: Before prior to that, why it was closed so grow up and close to through traffic because the construction was there, which is retrained motorists not to us through through grow as as a three way and the benefit of

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Rasham Nassar: Resolving this or having this discussion and potentially taking action to implement some sort of pedestrian or non motorized

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Rasham Nassar: Safety or mitigation and implementation is is to be consistent with that so that we don't keep changing our minds we we make accommodations for bike lanes and then we pull them back.

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Rasham Nassar: For car traffic and then we pull those back again. So I'm just thinking about consistency and I'm thinking about the sustainable transportation plan. I would really like to hear from mayor Schneider.

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Rasham Nassar: As well on this since your involvement in a single for transportation plan has been consistent throughout the years.

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Christy Carr: What a border deputy dates.

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Christy Carr: Um, I think that this is a will we discuss it. Agenda item. So we have 10 minutes right

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Christy Carr: No.

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Christy Carr: No, if I'm not

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Christy Carr: If I'm

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Christy Carr: I, I'm happy to

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Christy Carr: Not be that, but I thought that this was an agenda item that we were talking about talking about

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Rasham Nassar: Not agenda items that are better to

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Christy Carr: Tell them. We need to have actually excuse me council. I'm sorry. I think I have the floor.

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Christy Carr: I think that we need to make a motion.

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Rasham Nassar: There, there is no motion council member, it's, it's a discussion.

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Christy Carr: What I'm asking for

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Joe Deets: A. Okay, point of order, we, we do not just go back and forth. If you want to speak, you raise your hand and Mayor Schneider actually had her hand up.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So I recognize that we need to the most recent agenda item and this one are separate for good for good reason.

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Leslie Schneider: But I'm wondering if what we just discussed in the previous agenda item is in fact a solution to this one because it does

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Leslie Schneider: Propose and we haven't decided to move forward with it yet, but it does propose to put a temporary bike lane on grow, which would slow traffic.

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Leslie Schneider: And it doesn't make any sense to put a temporary bike lane on grow if grow is going to be closed. So I just think that an experiment here with the temporary bike lane is a way to sort of meet a lot of different needs and

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Leslie Schneider: So I guess I am

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Leslie Schneider: Thinking that we have a compromise way forward. And I would also prefer to look at any permanent aspects of growth, you know, at some point in the future.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, um,

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Joe Deets: public works director us Becky, do you want to give us a sense of where we're at with the project and how if we were going to introduce the, how could we accommodate the interest of the Community grow to

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Joe Deets: Have stay for roads for it by bicycles, pedestrians, while also not infringing on the the the people from the south end. Let's just say we're trying to drive into Winslow, that's a big mouthful but

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Chris Wierzbicki: Thank you, Chris was Mickey public works director

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Chris Wierzbicki: There are a lot of layers to this. I don't want to overcomplicate the issue. I've tried to put them into two buckets. And I do have something to show you that maybe will also help kind of center the conversation.

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Chris Wierzbicki: As COUNCILMEMBER star said originally. This came about because we were thinking about relationships between

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Chris Wierzbicki: Kind of future plans for growth revenue and what was happening with the Safe Routes to School program that you just heard about. And obviously, there's, there's some clear overlap there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: However, I think we are going to have two opportunities in the future to discuss that built in January. It's part of the Safe Routes to School and again as part of the traffic calming program. So I don't want to necessarily belabor that point.

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Chris Wierzbicki: But as your as you'll see in a minute there, there's still some overlap there that we should maybe talk about

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Chris Wierzbicki: As I was saying there's, there's the second part of this is that we have kind of an active what I'll call situation related to the gross revenue closure. We've got a lot of people

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Chris Wierzbicki: In the community reaching out to both the Council and the staff about the gross revenue closure and what it means and what what the options are.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And it seemed to me. Maybe a good idea to maybe just air with this conversation in a public session so that we could

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Chris Wierzbicki: Talk about it and think about it together. I'm not necessarily looking for any direction, tonight on that issue. I think it's

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Chris Wierzbicki: The opening and closing of streets and detours is really an administrative decision and I don't want you to think I'm

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Chris Wierzbicki: shirking that duty and asking you to make that decision for me. I'm, I'm happy to make that decision. I just thought it would be good for us to

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Chris Wierzbicki: All understand the problem and just converse about it. So if that's okay. That's, that's the direction. We'll take for the next two minutes here.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Sounds good.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay, so I'm going to share something with you, just so we can all be on the same page.

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Chris Wierzbicki: As you know,

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Chris Wierzbicki: What can you see now can use. Anybody see a map.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Yes. Oh, good. Okay, so

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Chris Wierzbicki: Stepping back for just a minute before we dive into the map. Part of the reason we're here to be quite honest, is because the way we construction projects behind schedule.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The project had some significant utility works and water main replacement work and valve work that happened early on in the project that we had some some real challenges with and we're continuing honestly to have some challenges with with getting those facilities online.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Because of that, the project was initially thought to be wrapped up kind of right about now, by, by the end of the year and now it looks like we're probably in early March timeframe weather permitting

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Chris Wierzbicki: The city doesn't have a whole lot of ways to control how the contractor does their work and how many people they put on the project, we only have a couple of limited levers to push and pull out with the contractor on that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And we are in the process of that negotiation right now to try to figure out how to get this resolved and get the project done as quickly as possible and I don't want to necessarily get into that, but I do just want to, you know, acknowledge that the project is behind and

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Chris Wierzbicki: We're working to resolve that. So we have a couple of months of this detour routing is still think about and it's in one of the most critical places on the island and Winslow

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Chris Wierzbicki: At the intersection of biomass. That's why we're doing spreadsheet in the first place because there's so much congestion there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So what you're looking at on the screen there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Is good is the current detour routing for the project that little yellow circle. And you can see my cursor, actually. So this little circle here. This is the intersection is where most of the work is going to be happening over the next couple of months.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And all the green lines on the map represent detour routes people coming as it was said primarily from the south end of the island. So coming here a couple on Wyatt.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And trying to get somewhere in town right that's the majority of the pattern we're talking about

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Chris Wierzbicki: And all the green route route roads right now are pretty much open for us for a detour to get between those points A and point B.

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Chris Wierzbicki: This year is Weaver, this is high school road.

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Chris Wierzbicki: You can still take Madison through if you if sometimes they'll be flagging here, but it will be it will remain open. Most of the time, although there is going to be more congestion here and dice go around, around, around about

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Chris Wierzbicki: You can take three to five, you can take Erickson and activity and get around.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The in the next couple of days we anticipate the Detroit route to be changing slightly so that you'll be able to go westbound on why it so people leaving town and want to come up. Madison and make that left

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Chris Wierzbicki: Can can use Wyatt to go back to the cell phone, but not necessarily to come into town and that same route and the red line here represents grow and this is the section where that's currently closed all but through traffic. Right.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So, as was, I think, pretty well pointed out by one of the emails we received from a community member today was that there are, there are a couple of options to consider.

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Chris Wierzbicki: One of them is to is to stay the course right to basically keep the detours in place, let people use the rats, they know to get from the south end to Winslow

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Chris Wierzbicki: The other one might potentially be to only open the lower section where we have a new so people can use this route here.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Going southbound but not necessarily into town.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That, to me, seems

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Chris Wierzbicki: We could save our judgments for the end

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Chris Wierzbicki: Another alternative would be to potentially open up revenue. Obviously, people need to be driving

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Chris Wierzbicki: I don't know if I'd say significantly, but they're definitely driving out of their way to get to town. What if they don't use grow.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So we could potentially open grow through traffic.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And we could potentially do that with implementing some of the traffic coming. Some of the temporary traffic calming measures that have been suggested in the Safe Routes to School plan and maybe a couple additional things and have an idea for for that. And then lastly,

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Chris Wierzbicki: We could just open up revenue as it is an open it to through traffic and leave it at that. I think have a cat walking on the piano in the other room so I apologize for the noise that's happening out there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So those are the kind of options that I see, right. Like, like I said right now grow is still closed.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We've gotten quite a few emails from the community saying that they're concerned about opening it up and what traffic will look like. And there's no doubt in my mind that traffic will be more significant. If we do open it up.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We've also gotten emails from quite a few folks on the south end saying, you know, this is a public street and

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Chris Wierzbicki: You know, it should be open for public use during times like this temporary times when we need to use it for for bypass and I can understand both perspectives. Honestly, it's, it's not an easy decision to make.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So lastly, and then I'll open up for conversation that the what I talked about earlier today with some of our engineers was

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Chris Wierzbicki: A plan that looks maybe potentially like this. If we wanted to go around of maybe doing something temporary on growth, we wanted to open up the try to reduce speeds and maybe

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Chris Wierzbicki: Make a little bit safer would be this what's called a temporary chicane so I've been looking at traffic circles at some of the intersections. There are many traffic circles like you see in Seattle neighborhoods.

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Chris Wierzbicki: But given the our engineer said that there might not be enough safety in the in the shoulders around each of those traffic circles at the intersection to to make that a safe option.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So the chicane is another option, it's been it's been used in lots of other residential neighborhoods, both on a temporary and permanent basis, it basically creates islands where cars that are driving here have to kind of slow down and stop and pass another vehicle.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Same thing with vehicles going the other way, they have, they have to drive around these little islands in the center of the road.

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Chris Wierzbicki: This particular detail that was not done for us but looks a lot like what we would probably do and grabbing already has a blocked off kind of designated

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Chris Wierzbicki: walkway on one side of the street. That's what the Safe Routes to School was already proposing to do

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Chris Wierzbicki: kind of fits nicely with that was an overall plan with the chicanes there does seem to be enough space on the upper section and grow for for that kind of facility. So if we were going to take the compromise route of

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Chris Wierzbicki: Trying you know opening it up but trying to slow down traffic. This would be my recommendation, along with probably some radar feedback science and mobile signs.

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Chris Wierzbicki: It would not be free. We would have to, you know, pay probably a couple thousand dollars we have traffic control contractor on board with a wide project, you could probably help us with it right now from the wanted to go that route.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And like I said, I'm not looking for specific direction or emotion from the Council on this really, really just

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Chris Wierzbicki: Having discussion to see, you know, where folks land on on this particular spectrum of alternative. So with that I'll stop sharing and

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Chris Wierzbicki: anybody has questions about that or comments, happy to hear

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Joe Deets: Great, thank you. A couple of public works director. Councilmember high topless your hands up.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. And when a couple things. One,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: public works director is Vicki. You were talking a moment ago about how we for you showed this slide about how this closing of roads is an administrative

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Act, basically, and you're not shirking your duty and I'm glad to hear that because I do think that that this is this is the kind of decisions that you should be making with your expertise and understanding of the whole situation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But on the other hand, I feel like I was hearing that the reason we have we've we're considering keeping grow close during this immediate need

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is political sensitivity to a minority voice. So I'm just a little things. I just expressing a little concerned about that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We have a whole lot of people who need to get from the south end into town into the ferry into Winslow away, who are we're adding I believe about two miles, and I'd be great if you know the answer that, but two miles to each trip. If you do round trip.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's my little looking at the little math.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Measurements. And so I think as a climate issue here assignment and convenience issue. I mean, we're talking about non motorized not prioritizing cars, but we're adding two miles to every car trip.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I guess my question for you would be both in the short term right now while we have an actual sort of mini traffic crisis where work is being done in this tight area.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What your independent opinion would be about whether grow is an appropriate way to route traffic during the situation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then in the longer term, we can't ignore the fact that we are not gritted out with some, you know, with all of these streets going through

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We have the we have all the impediments of the water non through streets, etc. We have very few routes as we get to find out in situations like we're in

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: From the south side of the island into town and so I'm also just curious, and you may want to discuss the snap and the longer term term. I am going to want to hear from you about whether makes sense to any permanent way.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Make that leave that is not a genuine option and alternative to what really is one only legitimate way into town, which is why. So I hope that my question makes sense, but definitely that short term question about what you as a professional things appropriately during the construction

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Chris Wierzbicki: Yes, happy to address that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: There's really, you know, the use of public streets for a detour, like you said, is it I think administrative had this project gone

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Chris Wierzbicki: A little smoother in terms of the schedule. I think we may not be in this situation, I think part of the holidays and impact on Winslow is kind of also kind of coming into the conversation about this and he backs on that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So,

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Chris Wierzbicki: My, my sense of this is that we, you know, like I said, we would probably wouldn't be there if it, if it hadn't been for that for that delay. But you know, I think that. And the only other thing that gives me pause about

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Chris Wierzbicki: Potentially focusing more traffic on this street as opposed to some of the others is the lack of pedestrian facilities.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The other streets that would get you see in the green routes their day to go around, including you know Erickson three or five and high school all have dedicated either bike lanes and or sidewalks and grow doesn't have either of those. So

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Chris Wierzbicki: If we're going to open it up, which I have to say I'm leaning more towards the the having the common use of public streets in this kind of temporary period.

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Chris Wierzbicki: My suggestion would be that we look at implementing something along the Safe Routes to School recommendation for pedestrian safety.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And something to slow traffic down, whether it's the temporary chicanes or whether it's just the use of radar feedback signs or kind of incremental approach, depending on how things go. That that would be that would be my recommendation.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember car your hands up.

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Christy Carr: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, public works director or specie such a mouthful.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Put that the bottom of my screen now on see

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Christy Carr: A good times, anyway. Yeah, I would love to see grow opened up. Clearly, I am a cell word Council person and I've heard a ton from South word people. So I think that this is clearly a thoroughfare. And I think that they've

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Christy Carr: It's almost a catch 22 because we have realized now from this public input. How much of a thoroughfare grow Avenue really is. So I think that the city council and the public works department needs to take that into effect.

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Christy Carr: In it.

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Christy Carr: In in our future.

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Christy Carr: But frankly, I think that what the city council. Again, I think I repeat myself is what we committed to is to think about traffic calming on grow Avenue, when we talked about traffic calming island wide in 2021 and I'm happy to talk about grab a new

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Christy Carr: In terms of

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Christy Carr: traffic calming but grow Avenue is special, but it's not. And I think that we just really need to

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Christy Carr: Be

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Christy Carr: Aware like we have been made very aware that many, many people other than people on grow Avenue us grow revenue and I would be really enthusiastic to hear more from

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Christy Carr: The public works director about his ideas for traffic coming on grow because I think it is needed. I don't I don't dispute that. But I think we just need to look at it from a more

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Christy Carr: Comprehensive Plan, which we committed to

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Christy Carr: Just several months ago. So thank you.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Um, I don't see any hands up, but I would

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Joe Deets: I would say I like the way you come to public works director use Vicki. You talk about sort of the, the, the compromise. I think there's me there's a space for compromise here where

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Joe Deets: Where we open up first slower traffic to help leave the, the pressure from the south end. And now I live in North End, but I do occasionally go down to the south and I do experiences so I

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Joe Deets: I can imagine having to deal with this every day. It would be a real pain, but so if there's a way of opening up somewhat, but still having the the

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Joe Deets: Safe Routes to Schools. So I think everyone has to give a little bit to get something for everybody and that's where I'm coming from. I think that compromise approach that you you identified public works you Vicki. So that's my comment I'm cups member NASA and your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, public works director is Vicki, just for full transparency and and so I know what next steps are. If you could just reiterate those and then. And if you could answer. Again, I heard you say that

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Rasham Nassar: In terms of opening up grow that there are other mitigating steps or or implementations of traffic coming measures that you would recommend

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Rasham Nassar: And you listed a few I don't I don't expect you to make a decision. Tonight, obviously. But what what what would be helpful to your decision making around that. Just so I just so I'm in the loop, as you know, I've been in touch with the neighbors and that so

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Rasham Nassar: I just want to know, you know, not know what what what is what to say and how to work, you know, on this and keep this kind of an in my spotlight moving forward.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Yeah, I mean I, we've talked about a couple of different measures tonight and there's probably a combination of things are, like I said, and maybe an incremental approach towards having some things laid out over time and see how they work.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Really what we're I think we're hoping what I was hoping to get out of this conversation tonight is just some understanding from the Council about that you know the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Community there on grow revenue and the greater communities the impacts on both and how we want to how we want to handle that. And if we want to try to find a

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Chris Wierzbicki: Compromise through that what I'm hearing is it sounds like we do, and I you know I think there's a number of ways we can do that and cover like probably over the next week and a half or so before the holiday and immediately after will be trying to implement that.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Great. Thank you so much councilman for car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, I just want to point out that I i'm I'm pretty sure that growth has been on the radar of the island wide transportation plan for a number of years, and I don't want to disrespect that and I hope that we would just

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Christy Carr: Look at what we're doing on grow in the context of the plans that we already have.

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Christy Carr: And so I would just leave it to

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Christy Carr: The public works director to implement the plans that we have or grow. And I think that they they're good. So

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Christy Carr: I don't want to do anything other than that. Thank you. Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Um, can you have the common council member, Nessa

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I do have one more question for the public works director in terms of the neighborhood calming streets projects.

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Rasham Nassar: They council members have identified that that Council agreed, it would be a good time to revisit grow.

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Rasham Nassar: In the New Year. What, what's the timeline for that is that is does that relate to this discussion at all. Is that, is that going to kind of be the next step in our discussions of grow. Do you have, you know, do you have any ideas to when we might expect that land on our agenda.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Our plan was to try to bring that back to you in the first quarter we get lots of different requests for people for different types of issues problems that need solving. And so we will plan was to bring back grow as well as some of those others and

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Chris Wierzbicki: before we make any decisions. Do I agree on what the decision making process for those projects looks like because we never really got that far.

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Chris Wierzbicki: In the last round of the program. The money kind of got pulled out from under us before we really got going. So we'll revisit the process, probably in the first quarter. And then once we determine that decide on kind of what kind of projects. We want to implement

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you.

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Joe Deets: Colleagues, do we do we feel we've talked enough on this.

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Joe Deets: Okay, looks like so. Okay, public works director us Vicki. Thank you. So COUNCILMEMBER pug, you

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Joe Deets: Know, okay. All right, I got it. Um, so we're done with this and we're going to take I and I apologize, colleagues, I like to have a we have like to have a break at nine and here it's 930 so I messed up. So let's take the five, five minutes or do we need more

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Joe Deets: Okay, we'll save five minutes, we'll come back at 940

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Rasham Nassar: Council member council member, you're not

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, you're not muted.

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Joe Deets: See

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Joe Deets: Need

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Joe Deets: Okay. Councilmember head topless and just need COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. I know, five minutes. Goes awfully fast. I was tempted when we just say 10 and make it more worthwhile, but

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Joe Deets: So wait a moment for COUNCILMEMBER Pollock TO COME AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE CITY MANAGER as well.

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Joe Deets: While we were talking, I don't know if you guys could hear the

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Joe Deets: Carolyn's truck. The fire truck went by our house. So I don't know if you guys can hear that.

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Rasham Nassar: Has anyone been down to rolling Bay.

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Joe Deets: Well they obviously went down sunrise just now.

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Rasham Nassar: Oh no, I didn't mean the fire truck, but

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Rasham Nassar: And rolling Bay has come together to put on a lights.

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Joe Deets: Display. Oh.

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Joe Deets: I heard that. Yeah, thank you. I you know that's on my to do list.

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Rasham Nassar: Through that

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Joe Deets: List these days.

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Joe Deets: Okay, we will wait another a good city managers here city attorney will just give COUNCILMEMBER politic a moment. Otherwise, we'll see another minute, and then I'll get started.

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Joe Deets: On leading on this next conversation actually the next to conversations. It's me, so

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Joe Deets: Hey, my house, my republics here. Excellent. Okay, colleagues,

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Joe Deets: That was a short break, but hopefully that was worth it for you. So we're going to move on to item eight, see of the agenda discussion of e commerce at alternatives economic recovery Council ad hoc committee.

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Joe Deets: And just so you know, just the Ad Council economic recovery ad hoc committee is mayor Schneider and myself. It used to be cold.

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Joe Deets: Customer Medina, of course, he's got. So I'll just say if anyone wants to join us. I'm all yours. But why, why are we here for this. This is a discussion.

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Joe Deets: What I'm looking for is your thoughts because you have not been in the conversations that I or the mayor have had since what was that October 13 where we approve the RFP for the digital general store. Well, what has happened since then is the the

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Joe Deets: An independent effort has risen totally outside the city that started a digital general store. It's called the, I think the Bainbridge Island General Store and it's got funding from the Rotary Club and they're up and running and and

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Joe Deets: doing quite well I got some statistics over 70 businesses have signed up and I always understood 50 was sort of the

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Joe Deets: Critical mass to make this worthwhile. So we got already in December. Fourth, this went live and in shut such a short time we got 70 businesses signed that have

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Joe Deets: products for sale. I've actually bought something my sister in law in London is going to buy something for me from the digital store.

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Joe Deets: The statistics we won't worry a lot of details, but one important one that I was shared with this by Stephen golby who's

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Joe Deets: Running. This is a has 796 visitors exited the site in one week via one of the local merchant buy buttons. That means a 25% click through.

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Joe Deets: Rate and that is as I was told very high in e commerce, it's typically 5%

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Joe Deets: And it's a 25% click through rate. So this is just my way of saying that the store is showing some good success and anecdotally, we've had conversations and actually COUNCILMEMBER hypothesis was part of a group meeting we had

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Joe Deets: A week ago where some businesses said that, yes, there they are seeing results from this. So, that being the case, you know, we had this RFP to do a digital journal store.

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Joe Deets: And there's one already up and running. So

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Joe Deets: We can discuss

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Joe Deets: To me, this is a happy thing a good thing. Now, they may need some additional funding and what I was told. If they wanted to fund this digital store.

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Joe Deets: for an entire year for 2021 they would need between five and \$10,000 so not a very high investment in my view.

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Joe Deets: So I wanted to share that with you. And the second thing I wanted to share with you is what is that store missing in our original

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Joe Deets: Presentations to you about economic recovery relating the e commerce. This goes back in July, when we presented to you, colleagues, some of the things we can do, and among those was first off, e commerce is growing like crazy. The growth in the last six months has

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Joe Deets: Been what they expected in six years time. So, but a lot of small businesses are being left behind. And this was born out in the, the loss of revenues that businesses are seeing our

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Joe Deets: Sales tax revenues for the city have gone up, but the revenues coming for the businesses have gone down.

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Joe Deets: And so how can we turn this around help businesses obtain revenue and the digital store is, in my opinion, a very good solution, but so is helping businesses in their

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Joe Deets: digitalization you know in their websites in their marketing. And so I just wanted to

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Joe Deets: Share with you. There's, there's some things that are happening there. Very good, and some things that we had talked about in the past that have not occurred and maybe at that I will shut up and I welcome your comments.

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Joe Deets: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. So I'll just quickly throw in sort of my perspective on this, which is that our initial idea about what this RFP would

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Leslie Schneider: Get us to has been partly satisfied by the general store getting funding from Rotary Club.

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Leslie Schneider: The general store is only funded for a short amount of time. So there's potentially a need for additional funding in order to keep it going.

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Leslie Schneider: But the original vision for the RFP was much more than just a general store. It also included providing ways to help businesses that were not already involved in e commerce to give them

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Leslie Schneider: A leg up. One of the ideas was to propose sort of a standard he comment on e commerce solution that a number of web developers on the island might decide to buy into and say, yes, we can deliver

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Leslie Schneider: A, B, and C for set amount of price, which would take away a lot of the scoping issues that maybe businesses can't really deal with because those are the things that they can't figure out those are some of the challenges for getting into it. So my my proposal.

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Leslie Schneider: Is that we don't try to presume we know what the community needs right now in terms of e commerce support.

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Leslie Schneider: Since it's kind of gotten muddled but that we could open it up, saying here were all the things that we initially wanted to see happen, but rather than suggesting that they all come back in one

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Leslie Schneider: Proposal that people could break them up and and different providers could say, well, I'll do this piece for X amount of money and then I'll work with, you know, another

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Leslie Schneider: Than another provider to do another piece. So to create more creativity to create the

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Leslie Schneider: The needs coming from the community as opposed to us trying to assume we know what they are. At this point, I think that we could sort of break up this big RFP and

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Leslie Schneider: Just tell the community. What would, what is a need that we can fund. What is the community support that you can show for this need and how would you do it, how much money do you need for it. So that's, that's my idea.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. Well, I hate to sound like a broken record, but I'm just really not interested in spending more funding on on the store or on other e commerce.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Efforts, I was hoping that that meeting a business owner Saturday would be would be attended by a lot more business owner, so we can hear more than from the usual voices.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But unfortunately, most of people showed up. There were already really involved in this project. So that wasn't super helpful for me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I got a contact from someone to commit. I don't want to say who it is. I didn't ask for permission but she owns a business that's highly affected right now by this

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: By the restrictions and she does not sell items in her business and we talked about what she needs and how she's suffering and how she's you know looking at tapping into retirement and college funds and everything.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And it's money it's any kind of money, we can get into people's hands to pay for rent and utilities and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I think we hit. We did hear from someone that meeting that we were in

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was asking why couldn't be insurance. For example, does it have to be local. But it's the, it's the it's those expenses that aren't going anywhere. And when businesses and isn't producing revenue.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That are causing people to drain their savings and then go into debt and then eventually lose their businesses so I

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Really think that if people want to set up their own website, they have the ability to do that they can do it themselves, they can hire someone themselves.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I don't want to decide that that's what the community wants. I think that most most business owners I've spoken to just want some financial assistance.

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: I i

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Joe Deets: I'm sorry. You didn't find that this that meeting helpful.

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Joe Deets: I thought I found it helpful. But anyway, that's okay.

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Joe Deets: This is not a zero sum game. And as far as the things that we can do.

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Joe Deets: It. And I'll just, I will make the proposition that the digitalization is a good route forward businesses need revenue and any way we can help that make that happen. That doesn't mean

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Joe Deets: I'm hearing about providing money. I mean, that means grants. I happen to be fairly familiar with that because I happen to be married to someone who is with the State Department of Commerce, and presently doing hundreds of grant applications right now.

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Joe Deets: Grants sound great there administratively very expensive.

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Leslie Schneider: When you order.

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Joe Deets: Okay, Mayor cider.

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Leslie Schneider: Off Topic talking about grants right now.

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Leslie Schneider: I guess.

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Leslie Schneider: I would just like us to stay on this.

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Joe Deets: Topic. I'm sorry. My apologies. You're right.

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Joe Deets: Okay, this was discussion of e commerce alternatives.

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Joe Deets: That's what the agenda item was so

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Joe Deets: Doesn't mean we're not gonna talk about other things later but that tonight's discussion. Thank you, Mayor Snyder I stand corrected.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Your hand is up.

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Michael Pollock: Yes, well hey I just again want to thank you for really trying to do something for the business community and nothing else. It's so symbolic that we care and we give a damn about them. Um, but I just want to you know get a sense

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Michael Pollock: In terms of alternatives. Doing this versus doing something like reducing the be no tax if that's something that they might find sort of more uniformly useful than the NES.

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Michael Pollock: That's been a consideration if there's any been conversation around that as an alternative or or addition to, so I guess that's directly at your COUNCILMEMBER dates but anybody else go through and answer.

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Joe Deets: Okay, well that's not a combat. I will reply, because it's a it's a fair question.

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Joe Deets: I just haven't heard that.

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Joe Deets: As a request. And I'll just say I'm trying to hold myself out is available to talk to people.

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Joe Deets: I was interviewed on wake up Bainbridge few days ago, and this was one of the topics.

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Joe Deets: I, I mean we are here, folks, we are here for the business community I attend chamber meetings I so I'm trying to be out there to talk with the business community as to what they need. I'm COUNCILMEMBER NASA

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Michael Pollock: Your hands. I'm sorry. Can I finish up the, the law.

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Joe Deets: Of course,

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Michael Pollock: Yeah. Was it because you know we're talking about, in a sense, with

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Michael Pollock: Questions about equity and and so if there were businesses that wanted to use a be no tax reduction to invest in e commerce station, for example, or a site.

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Michael Pollock: That may be something they could do but then businesses that didn't want to do that or didn't feel they would benefit from it could use that reduction in their expenses.

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Michael Pollock: For something else. So that's all I'm just kind of trying to think about that, there's sort of this complaint that that e commerce only benefit. Some people but

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Michael Pollock: But I you know I mean we're not talking about a ton of money and i think it's it's in, in general, it's a good thing. So I'm just, you know, we're here to discuss idea. So those are those are my phones.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Um, cats for NASA and your hands up.

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Joe Deets: Go ahead, I'm sorry. It's okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I'll start again. First, I do want to thank you. This is lands in our on our agenda, a number of times. And I think we've come to some consensus around some things at some points, but mostly we've been discussing. And I know that

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Deputy Mayor deets and Mayor Snyder, you haven't given up.

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Rasham Nassar: And you still show up a council meetings to represent the interests in the strife of our business community, and I really want to thank you for that.

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Rasham Nassar: So really, thank you. Thank you. And I heard mayor Schneider, a proposal for an RFP in your comments and I'm just want to invite you to

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Rasham Nassar: State that again if you could so that I could hear it and pay really close attention to what the Council might be being asked to make a decision on or give some direction on

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Joe Deets: Maybe it will come summer I suppose header hand up and then mayor Snyder can answer.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just wanted to say as a small business owner myself and Vito doesn't kick into like \$150,000 I think gross revenues and then it's like point 1% or point 01 percent is very, very low.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, and it would only affect people making over 150,000 so it wouldn't probably be very helpful. Just want to throw that out there.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you for that. Mr. Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: I think the gist of my idea is to

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Leslie Schneider: Communicate more or less what we communicated the last time in the RFP. So we still have the list of things that we're interested in having a proposal.

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Leslie Schneider: Respond to but we communicate that it's not necessary that they attack all of those things they could, they could make a proposal on a subset

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Leslie Schneider: Of those items and there would be enough flexibility communicated at all this that if we asked the wrong questions and they had a better idea for e commerce, they would, they would feel free to focus their proposal in a way

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Leslie Schneider: That made the most sense for them. And then part of their response would have to be showing what kind of a need there meeting in the community.

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Leslie Schneider: And so we could then choose to fund those projects that met validated needs in a way that seemed efficient and innovative and so forth. So it's more a question of just kind of opening up the proposal language to allow creative responses and not expect one mammoth

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Leslie Schneider: I'll take care of everything that you're asking for. I don't know if that makes sense. But that's the best I can do with them. Oh.

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Joe Deets: Thank you and

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Joe Deets: May or should I ask for clarification, if you don't mind. When you asked her, I you know you and I have talked about this, but I think I just need to bring this up. When we talk about adding more flexibility, an opening up are you relating to e commerce or opening up to

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Joe Deets: Recovery in general.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I'm trying to, I guess I'm trying to leverage the e commerce discussion. But that being said, I would be prone to support other ideas that come from the community. I think that it might be just a little dangerous for us to suppose that we have the answers so yes and no.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. So part apologies colleagues who a little back and forth.

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Joe Deets: The mayor and I talk a lot about this, but

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Joe Deets: Well, what I'm hearing and I don't see any other hands up. But what I'm hearing is first off interest in helping businesses, number one, okay, I'm definitely seeing a consensus there.

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Joe Deets: And not unanimous support for e commerce, but it does seem like there's enough support on

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Joe Deets: The Dyess but it's also definitely support or how should I say definitely interest in exploring other ideas and I can't agree more.

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Joe Deets: Referring again to that business meeting that three of us attended mayor cider. Councilmember I topless and myself. There was interested in graphs.

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Joe Deets: There was a lot of interests and e commerce in my do my invitations, by the way, did not just go out to my e commerce buddies. They went went out to every business owner, I could possibly think of. And

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Joe Deets: You know, it was, it was I was trying to just cast a wider net. And so this is the folks, we got and I'd love to have more meetings like that. So I think for purpose okay counts more necessary your hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, in terms of e commerce, because I'm looking at the city, city managers memo in the packet and this is dated November 30 so I don't know how relevant. This is

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Rasham Nassar: But it seems to suggest that the digital store is something that the city would take ownership of if we were to provide substantial funding.

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Rasham Nassar: My understanding of the digital store is that it lives outside of the city. And if the city where to find any aspect of the digital store that would be more or less like a subsidy.

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Rasham Nassar: Is that which which one of those two categories as a general store fit into

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Joe Deets: Well, one way of looking at this is there's a spar existing right now.

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Christy Carr: It has nothing to do with the city.

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At all.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Joe Deets: I kind of liked that I always felt that this is something that, you know, we should support and and push but

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Joe Deets: But anyway, I, I don't want to put the CD in the position of like owning the store. I don't think that's our role. It's our role. It seems like because we're interested in economic recovery. Now it's our role to support good ideas all good ideas that we can possibly do so.

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Joe Deets: Customer card. Did you have your hand up.

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Joe Deets: And

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Christy Carr: I did, yeah. Thank you.

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Christy Carr: We had emotion prior to direct folks on staff, I think, to put RFP together.

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Christy Carr: For this though is, I'm sorry, Deputy Mayor deeds are you asking us to

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Christy Carr: Treat from that, or are we, what, what's our action here, help me out.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, no thank you that that was the the motion was to put the RFP together and there is a memo, and the attachment that was well it was from Morgan Smith.

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Joe Deets: Outline kind of where things were at. And this was prior to the store being issued so that we have a little bit of a I don't know gap of things happening. But, um, I guess what I would say is, we're not in any position. I'll just let me just say this of issuing the RFP right now.

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Joe Deets: And hard to imagine why well right right now why we would, on December 15 but however

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Joe Deets: I think once we get through the holidays and we get more data on on how the digital store is has been and then we can, I would like to us to explore mayor Snyder's ideas.

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Joe Deets: For more flexibility, opening up ideas. So an answer to your question. Councilmember car. I think what you can expect from us. Let's hopefully it will be in January. I'll promise you that I can't tell you when. But in January. We'll come back to you with a

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Joe Deets: Beautifully probably some modification of that original proposal.

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Joe Deets: And and we'll be able to explain why.

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Joe Deets: Is that I. Hopefully that's helpful.

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Christy Carr: Helpful to me. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Any more comments colleagues.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you so much. We will

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Joe Deets: Proceed and supporting talking with you more about this next month.

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Joe Deets: The next item is an item that I introduced at the beginning of the meeting.

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Joe Deets: So, I think, to be fair,

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Joe Deets: I'll just say this was entirely my idea. And I'm just going to start off with.

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Joe Deets: Think about an item we added its title response to council member Michael Pollux December 10 and 11th emails to the kids at County Commissioners.

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Joe Deets: That's the title and I'm just gonna start off with emotion and I welcome our discussion.

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Joe Deets: So I moved to Obama COUNCILMEMBER Michael Pollack for the actions. He took on a matter of substantial importance to the community.

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Joe Deets: That COUNCILMEMBER Pollock did not adhere to the core value to act with mutual respect, as set out in the city of Bainbridge Island code of conduct and then sewing did not uphold the highest standards of professional

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Joe Deets: Conduct the ad a domination.

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Joe Deets: Admin so

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Joe Deets: A DOM ish anyway. You know what I mean, will take the form of a verbal non public statement made by made by the Deputy Mayor to COUNCILMEMBER Pollock at a time to be determined later. But in any event, no later than December 31 2020

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Joe Deets: So that's the motion.

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OK.

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Joe Deets: OK. OK.

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Joe Deets: Hands up camp summer camp summer high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I will second this for discussion. I'm not sure about what the action that you're talking about. But I do think we need to discuss this and decide whether we're taking any action. So for that purpose. I would second it

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Joe Deets: Okay, so it's been second in the motion from second for discussion.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER now so your hands up. Yes, thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: So I, I appreciate you sending the motion out ahead of time to council members. Councilmember deets consistent with your request of council members that you've made several times. So

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Rasham Nassar: In light of that, though the motion and the discussion from the Dyess tonight and has not contained the relevant language that council members are referring to

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Rasham Nassar: In discussion of this topic. So what I'm going to do right now is I'm going to read the

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Rasham Nassar: Emails and into the record so that the bet for the benefit of the public so that when the public is witnessing this debate, they have the full context of and the content read into the record of the emails being referred to that council members are reacting to

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Rasham Nassar: This count this email is dated December 10 2020 it was sent by COUNCILMEMBER Pollock with the subject. How good white people derail racial progress.

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Rasham Nassar: No replies pleased to say consistent with open public meetings act. It was sent to the city council. It was sent to kiss up Commissioners and a few the two candidates and as well as

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Rasham Nassar: Our newly elected Tara Simmons, or representative and up in a citizen of Bainbridge Island. Hi Bainbridge Island City Council of County Commissioners.

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Rasham Nassar: Bi Council wannabes in our newly elected rep Tara Simmons. I thought this article below provide some good food for thought regarding race equity housing in the environment, the article below.

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Rasham Nassar: For the public is a an article published by CNN news titled white liberals dangerous hypocrisy on race.

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Rasham Nassar: I have also included the county commissioners in this email so they may well be deciding who our next big council member is since we are deadlocked.

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Rasham Nassar: And issues of race, equity, the environment and housing seem to be where the Council is split and also because these issues, extend into all if kits at County and then I'll pause there and just for the benefit of the public.

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Rasham Nassar: That when council members are deadlocked in a vote for a for an appointment for a Council position.

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Rasham Nassar: If the Council doesn't come to some consensus or or discuss and debate and vote is changed by the deadline and which in this case would have been February 9

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Rasham Nassar: Then the decision to appoint the North ward city council member would have fallen to the county commissioners. So just to provide some context as to why they were included on this correspondence

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Rasham Nassar: Since we are deadlocked on who the select for a seven council member, I would also like to entertain the idea that debate between Miss fan right Johnson and Miss Lindley

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Rasham Nassar: On the issues of race, equity, the environment, housing and climate change.

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Rasham Nassar: It would be something that the Council and the Commissioners could watch and which might help everyone reach a decision as to which candidate best represents the interests of the Bainbridge Island electric

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Rasham Nassar: Also below are links to the two candidates applications, I would also like the Bainbridge Island Council to consider a two hour workshop on race equity housing in the environment in the near future.

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Rasham Nassar: This article touches on some of those issues and form a good basis for discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: Just a reminder to all the open public meeting Act requirements preclude a quorum of unelected body from having an email conversation as that constitutes a meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: So this email is informational only and please do not respond to it. Thanks. COUNCIL MEMBER policy.

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Rasham Nassar: In response to that email, a former mayor of the city of Bainbridge Island responded, and I believe he replied, All and maybe included additional representative

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Rasham Nassar: To that correspondence. It reads Commissioners as you certainly know by now. The Bainbridge Island City Council's currently deadlocked over the appointment to fill the vacancy left by cool Medina's departure from the scene.

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Rasham Nassar: Michael Pollack sent you an email this morning with an attachment, which not so suddenly suggests that the Council members who do not support the Canada see of Brenda fan right Johnson are racist.

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Rasham Nassar: This sort of irresponsible broadside has unfortunately become Pollock's calling card. During his current service on the Council, but couldn't be further from the truth.

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Rasham Nassar: Certainly each council member can make a decision on this appointment for any reason, given the current political climate and the local and national heightened awareness of the racism that pervades our society.

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Rasham Nassar: It is understandable if some might choose to support the black candidate over the white candidate and believe that such an outcome without consideration of other factors serves the cause of racial equity.

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Rasham Nassar: I suggest rather that racial equity exists when race is no longer the determinant of the outcome.

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Rasham Nassar: In the case of the decision before the Bainbridge Council both candidates are qualified Jane Lindley however is clearly the best qualified to fill this position at this time. Jane's involvement in the

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Rasham Nassar: Excuse me in the civil life of the bainbridge community over the past years, including service and advocacy on environmental issues and substantive involvement in the development of the city's comprehensive plan.

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Rasham Nassar: Make her uniquely qualified Miss fan for a Johnson's relatively recent involvement is laudable, and I hope that she continues to invest in her community, but her relevant experience at this point is scant

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Rasham Nassar: Bainbridge Island has taken steps to quote up its game and quote in the area of racial equity and like the rest of the country. It has plenty of room to improve

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Rasham Nassar: Selecting the lesser qualified candidate for this position is not the way to accomplish that.

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Rasham Nassar: Hopefully our council will figure this out on its own. After all, but if not, thanks for taking these comments into consideration, signed by former mayor, they have Bainbridge Island in response council member Pollock wrote again same

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Rasham Nassar: Same to same recipients honorable former mayor of Bainbridge Island. Thanks for having the courage to speak out on your convictions, the key points in the article I sent out

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Rasham Nassar: Attached below are one, that if we truly want raise equity we white people are going to have to turn our overpower to black people and other people of color and

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Rasham Nassar: To we are going to have to provide them housing and an option for home ownership, which is the primary gateway to wealth in the middle class and three

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Rasham Nassar: We are going to have to provide access to good education, which again is a gateway to wealth.

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Rasham Nassar: I grew up with a feminist mother and three older feminist sisters, one who was gay, which at that time was a lot scarier than it is today.

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Rasham Nassar: I was infused with the feminist argument that if we truly wanted equality between the sexes than men. We're going to have to turn over power to women.

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Rasham Nassar: That we needed to break the glass ceiling. They didn't use the term white but there weren't a lot of people of color, meeting the feminist movement back in the day and it was essentially a fight overpower between white men and white women.

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Rasham Nassar: Regarding the Bainbridge Island City Council with for women on the Council and a fifth likely to soon be joining us. I think we can safely say when it comes to women, the glass ceiling has been shattered.

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Rasham Nassar: Not so when it comes to people of color, particularly people who are black.

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Rasham Nassar: As far as I know, in the entire history of Bainbridge Island Winslow, there has never been a black city council member and there have been very few in our administration, particularly in management.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm only aware of two people of color. Color ever serving on the city council Nizam to Louis former city council member and Russia MSR both of Middle Eastern descent.

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Rasham Nassar: So now we have three white women on our city council arguing for putting a fourth white woman on the city council over a black woman.

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Rasham Nassar: View through a race equity lens and given the recent rise of the Black Lives Matter movement. To me, this seems entirely inappropriate.

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Rasham Nassar: In the attached article, I think it makes an analogous point with the feminist movement, just as white men had to give up to white women a seat at the decision making table for there.

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Rasham Nassar: To be greater equity between the sexes white men and white women now have to give up seats at decision making tables that people of color for there to be greater equity between the races.

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Rasham Nassar: Regarding my calling card. It is a willingness to tackle challenging issues and to speak truth to power and doing it with a sense of joy purpose and humor.

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Rasham Nassar: This is perhaps best son summed up by a recent email sent to me by a colleague from election night quoting Molly Ivan's

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Rasham Nassar: With an administration that delights in every form of cruelty. It's easy to believe that the current situation is so grim. The only appropriate way to face it is Brimley

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Rasham Nassar: But if they robs us of our capacity for joy. They've stolen. One of them precious tools of survival and resistance. So on the Samba night.

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Rasham Nassar: In somber times I offer this reminder from Molly Ivan's keep fighting for freedom and justice beloved's but don't you forget to have fun doing it.

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Rasham Nassar: Lord, let your laughter ring forth be outrageous ridicule the free the cats rejoice in all the oddities that freedom can produce

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Rasham Nassar: And when you get through kicking ass and celebrating the sheer joy of a good fight, be sure to tell those who come after how much fun it was and, quote, not for the public benefit was a quote from Molly Ivan's in peace, joy and laughter council member policy Bainbridge Island.

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: And I'll just say thank you for reading that I didn't have a chance to we couldn't have this as an attachment. But anyway, thank you. Councilmember I toplless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yes, I am glad that you read that into the record. Councilmember answer because it is important. People understand I'm surprised that you were able to read some of those passages without without hearing what it is that is so appalling to us.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would say it's one thing, it's really important for the public to understand, too, is that the whole

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The way this message was given and port very important part of this of the message of these emails is the attached is the attached article

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's how Val tollefson came up with the idea and his response that this is clearly a barely veiled accusation of racism against those of us were voting, the way we're voting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I just want to be clear with. I'm not going to read the whole article by any means. I'll read the title in the first paragraph or so.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The title of the article is how good white people derail racial progress.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And it starts off a scene. It was a scene that seemed like it came from another era angry white parents gripping pic picket signs.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: People making death threats and a piece of hate mail reading blacks destroy school systems.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Community panic about school desegregation orders. But this wasn't archival footage of white Southerners from the 1960s.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This took place last year in Howard County, Maryland, a suburban community that prides itself on racial integration, it was there the progressive white parents mobilized with other groups to try to stop.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A school integration plan that would bust poor students who are mostly black and brown to more affluent wider schools.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's just the beginning of the article. And that's what this that's that's the way. Just think of the context of how this was perceived by us.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Who were copied on it, who are who are concerned about it, how we have to assume kind of Commissioners would have received it, how

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The candidates received it. And we know that one candidate resigned after this, about an hour after the second of the second email in the second day

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I want to point out that, you know, I think we're the most offensive couple of

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The most process wise, the most offensive thing here again, was that this was sent to the county commissioners and our state representatives.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, so a we are we are once again, similar to the article that went into the sun over the summer, I believe it was we are brought one council members broadcasting out

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A statement that his fellow council members are racist. That is community is racist if one looks at that article about what we're talking about our community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And furthermore, again, at the time, these went out. We were hung there were, we were stuck. We were three to three.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And there was an actual chance that he was writing to the decision makers, they weren't copy. They were the main intent of recipients

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So whether you are reaching out whether one of us was reaching out to the future to potential decision makers in this situation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To influence them by advocating for our candidate or whether we were sending them a veiled message that if you would like to avoid this sort of harassment.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Then when this comes to you, you better vote the way that we're saying that is how I would take it because that is how I take this sort of messaging.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It is meant to harass, excuse me, and bully us. I'm not going to change my votes on this, but it is painful as Christie said all this stuff hurts, it's disruptive. It makes us unable to function in the work that we got hired to do here. We got elected to do

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I guess the last thing I'd say is that really what struck me of all of this, all of what was in those emails. What really was offensive to me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was Michael talking about the joy that he and the purpose and the humor in all of this. I love Molly Ivan's but what an abuse of that quote I mean to to at any way suggest

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: As the in the intro that I guess from an email from a friend that we are account that we are similar to the Trump administration or anything. We've been dealing with in recent years, the all that pain that we've all been going through

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that that in taking us on to taking on your fellow council members because that's what this is about.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You are doing so with joy purpose and humor. I find nothing humorous about this. There's something humorous about about demeaning and undermining your colleagues either privately or publicly

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And to talk about how and then to sign it and peace, joy and laughter I I just found that absolutely appalling.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, a mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm not sure how

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Leslie Schneider: How to go about this, but my heart just goes out to both of those candidates. I just don't see

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Leslie Schneider: How this could possibly be interpreted as anything but

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Leslie Schneider: A tearing down of our process and tearing down of the candidates in that process. And I'm including Brenda in this. I mean, Jane is the one who decided to withdraw an hour after these emails go out

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: I personally felt intimidated by these letters.

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Leslie Schneider: My mayor's report earlier was trying to reach out to people who might at some point, want to throw their hat in the ring and then to have this be

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Leslie Schneider: What they'd be up against.

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Leslie Schneider: I just

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Leslie Schneider: How, how does it, it just reduces what we're up to as a unilateral process, we will, it's, it's the time to elect a black woman. So just disregard anything else about

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Leslie Schneider: What's, what are qualifications, what are

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Leslie Schneider: Anyway, I don't know. I mean, I'm just, I'm heartbroken. I'm heartbroken for both of those candidates. And I guess that's all I have to say right now.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Mayor Schneider.

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Joe Deets: Don't see any more hands up at the moment. So let me let me speak because I, you know, again, this was

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Joe Deets: My idea. So feel free to yell at me. I've already seen someone yell at me on the email that's okay. I'm fine. You know, the reason I did this.

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Joe Deets: The reason I did this when I'll be honest, there was a couple things. One is, is my colleague reaching out to county commissioners.

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Joe Deets: tactically we should be doing this as a group, saying, if there was any reason to reach out to the county commissioners, we do this, we discuss it and we agree and then what are we going to say

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Joe Deets: Another that happened. It was just done unilaterally and I was in a meeting with a county commissioner who was questioning me like what was this I you know he was kind of joking, and I, I kind of wanted to hide, I'll be honest but leaving that aside, I mean, we all get excited in our

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Joe Deets: Suits of dirt and I'm sure I could probably be accused of jumping in and doing things. So I'm willing to give some benefit of the doubt. However, there

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Joe Deets: Definitely was repercussions there, but there was a particular phrase in the second December 11 email that comes from a republic route that

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Joe Deets: To me was, was egregious and and he was his counselor, Nessa we should read the whole thing. Thank you. But I'll just read it was really the

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Joe Deets: First sentence of the guess that would be the fourth paragraph. So now we have three white women on our city council arguing to put a fourth white women on the city council over a black woman.

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Joe Deets: What is wrong with that statement. What is wrong with that statement is it infers the thinking behind the, the people who were voting.

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Joe Deets: For Jane Lynch. The infers that they were voting her for her because of her race. It's to me. This is where it gets the heart of why I decided to put in this

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Joe Deets: What did I feel my colleague did was, there was a lack of respect when you said no I know why they did this. I know why they did this and I'll say it and I'll broadcast it to the world and you and and an very inflammatory way.

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Joe Deets: Folks, if we're going to work as a team. We got 2021 looking at us. We have a new colleague coming on board.

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Joe Deets: We need to treat ourselves better. And when this doesn't happen. We need to put give our colleagues hold our colleagues to account. So this is why I put this up.

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Joe Deets: It's going to be straight up and down vote. I don't know where it's going to go. But I just, I felt that we needed to hold the line when people

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Joe Deets: Well, because of our, our thinking process. It's a lack of respect and clearly in our core values. There's a requirement that has mutual respect and that did not happen, and that is why I pointed that out in my emotion.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Joe Deets: Does anyone who has not spoken like to speak. Councilmember car.

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Joe Deets: No. Councilmember Pollock. Oh, well, okay, I'll just give counselor Pollock, would you like to speak.

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Michael Pollock: Um, I'll go ahead and let them nurse Schneider speak. I think that's fine. I'd like to hear what everybody has to say and then respond to it since this is kind of a, an attack on me.

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Joe Deets: Okay, a mayor Schneider and then counselor NASA

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Leslie Schneider: So I've already. I've already said my piece about my reaction. And my thoughts about the the emails. This is a process concern which is that I don't know that I can vote for an admonishment when I don't know what that admonishment is so

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Leslie Schneider: I mean, I think this is a valuable discussion that we're having. And I, I would support.

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Leslie Schneider: Holding

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Leslie Schneider: You know, holding up our values and holding people to account for not holding up those values. I just don't know that I could vote for this without knowing what the, you know, what exactly it is that we're voting for.

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Joe Deets: YOU. THANK YOU CUSTOMER NASA

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Rasham Nassar: And offer COUNCILMEMBER Pollock to speak first since I've already spoken.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, well you know i just first want to say that I really appreciate the the honesty in the room, and the fact that everyone feels comfortable to have this debate, because it is really important debate.

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Rasham Nassar: And the fact that we're talking about a debate that was spawned by discussion or an attempt to discuss race. I think is even more valuable because we get to talk about race.

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Rasham Nassar: And the only way to make progress on races to talk about race and I think we've

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Rasham Nassar: We've been through something similar before in the past and you know from experience that they're not easy discussions in fact

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Rasham Nassar: I know. Councilmember high topless and council member deeds, especially sitting in on some of the race equity Task Force meetings.

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Rasham Nassar: Understands that when you start talking about race emotions rise, it becomes very personal becomes very difficult to navigate through which is why the Council's committed to hearing and learning more and getting formal

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Rasham Nassar: Training of some sort. Some capacity. And I think we're doing that tomorrow night, which I think is just great. It's, it's, it's perfect in a really

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Rasham Nassar: amazing way to end the year and to come together and if there's anything that this has has shown me and I really hear you and and understand that I'm a

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Rasham Nassar: I'm the only person of color in the room I my parent, you all know I'm Palestinian American my parents were Palestinian immigrants to this country. So my life experiences are

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Rasham Nassar: Or maybe different or colored by different interactions wins and losses in my life than then then some of you and maybe not. I know that we all share a lot of commonalities as well. But I just wanted to offer that

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Rasham Nassar: That I see and I hear that we're all really trying to do the right thing and I trust each and every one of us up here to really mean that.

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Rasham Nassar: And so I want to acknowledge everyone for that. I want to thank everybody for that and what is apparent to me. And I think this tomorrow night might be the perfect

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Rasham Nassar: venue for discussion of this is that the Council needs to talk about what is a safe space for discussions on race.

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Rasham Nassar: I think that we need to come together and and and arrive at some consensus around establishing some sort of structure or format for when we talk about race, so that no one feels personally attacked that when statements are made about our color.

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Rasham Nassar: Or island demographics that nobody feels insulted by that and and that we all feel free to share our own opinions and and to do so without fear of retaliation

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Rasham Nassar: Because the only way that we're going to set that model and tone to the community that race is a safe discussion to have in our journey and our work on equity and inclusion is to establish that safe space.

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Rasham Nassar: That it's hard sometimes things that are said or written are very uncomfortable but learning to live with that discomfort is part of the journey and we're on that journey.

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Rasham Nassar: Because we've recently just made the race equity task force a standing committee.

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Rasham Nassar: And we are about to undergo gear workshops throughout the entirety of the course of 21 and I think some council members, if not all of us will be

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Rasham Nassar: A part of that. So I would look forward to tomorrow night, and I would look forward to engaging with discussions with my colleagues about how we create that container.

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Rasham Nassar: For discussions about race and then we hold that we hold each other accountable to that when everybody understands and everybody knows what the trigger points are what the sensitivities are

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Rasham Nassar: We can abide by those rules and that we can follow them out of mutual respect, with one another. I think that's the only way that we're going to prevent and avoid these the type these types of pitfalls.

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Rasham Nassar: In the future, taking a council time to to air our concerns and our in our, in our feelings from the diocese.

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Rasham Nassar: And is is to work one step ahead and just structure. These discussions so that we all have full faith and confidence that will make when we have them that they're fair and they're kind. So thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Thank you.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Your hand is still up. So I'm going to go to her hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, first of all, there's a big difference between having a real genuine conversation on race and these emails and the conversation. The giving call it conversation or two that we had over the summer on Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the NB editorial that that Michael published in the in the in the kids have son. They're very different

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the last time we had a similar situation we had a live situation in a meeting. This was the same thing that we were told is that our emotions. We're, we're

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We're on the rise, because we were talking about race. I find that I find that demeaning and insulting to myself and my fellow colleagues colleagues and to genuine conversations about race.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's not what this is, this is using the issue of race to try to get what you want. Just like when you didn't want Sarah on the funding Commission.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I mean, that is a very different thing. It is punishing, it is it is insulting embarrassing. It is publicly, you know, humiliating people

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: There's not there's not much worse that you could be called in this country, certainly for a liberal than to be called a racist, other than maybe a child molester. And I think that's really true. I am perfectly open and capable and happy and welcome.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To have genuine conversations about about race. That's not what this is. So stop trying to diminish. What we're saying by claiming that we're overreacting, because this involves race.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's how that's that was this this situation was intentionally inflamed with the issue in an attempt to accomplish something that has absolutely nothing to do with race.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you.

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Joe Deets: So let me just say a mayor Snyder asked me, it's fair question. Is she had concerns about this.

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Joe Deets: Motion is too. So what would be in the end the statement and then quite frankly, I was if there was interest in this happening. I was going to look to you, colleagues, because

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Joe Deets: Even though I made this motion. And you could say it was my idea. I feel I'm acting on behalf of as an officer of the Council, and so it's not

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Joe Deets: Deputy Mayor coming up with something to say to say Council Republic, it would be, what, what are the if there's we're in favor of making a statement of what our concerns are and that we wouldn't want to see this repeated.

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Joe Deets: It, I'd be happy to hear that. And if I can always wordsmith it and you can trust me. And then, and then we based on that understanding we can vote on this motion. So if that's clear. I hope so. Otherwise,

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Joe Deets: You know this is going to be an up and down vote. And we'll see. So

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Joe Deets: All right, no one no other hands are up. Customer Park, the floor is yours.

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Michael Pollock: Thank you, sir. I'm first day, don't I do want to just do the willingness of people to talk about this. I do feel though that you guys have really impugned my motives here. You're doing the exact thing that you're saying

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Michael Pollock: I'm doing you're reading meaning into the words that doesn't exist.

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Michael Pollock: So I would really encourage you to look back at the comments that you have me these, are these the the comments that I wrote.

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Michael Pollock: And really ask yourself, how much of what you're saying. I actually said, and how much is you putting a spin on it or interpreting it are saying things like, this is the only way to interpret it. This is the

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Michael Pollock: Anybody reading this would interpret it this way. There's apparently lots of ways to interpret these rooms and the way that individuals here that were offended by them. That's one way to interpret them.

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Michael Pollock: But I didn't write them with that in mind.

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Michael Pollock: The

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Michael Pollock: As an example, the comments or I'm just pulling it up.

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Michael Pollock: The search view will raise equity minds and given the recent rise of the Black Lives Matter movement.

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Michael Pollock: To me, that seems entirely inappropriate. So, you know, I'm couch Samson viewed through a race equity lens and if we're talking about racial equity.

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Michael Pollock: And we're also looking at the comments that I summarized in the report, we're talking about something that involves empowering.

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Michael Pollock: People of color in particular, black people. And so it is sharing power, it is giving up a seat at the table and I want to be very clear on

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Michael Pollock: That that racial equity isn't just that all people are colorblind, or I'm colorblind when it comes to people, let's treat them all the same.

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Michael Pollock: It's actually actively engaging in giving people that we have historically oppressed a hand up and trying to compensate for some of the historic ingrained systemic racism that is in our society. So, you know, if you read any of this. If you read, I think, you know, my, my favorite

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Michael Pollock: most informative book is even candies book on how to be an anti racist and in that regard. He really says throws down says, look, there's two

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Michael Pollock: There's two camps, you're either an anti racist or a racist and, you know, there's not a I'm not a racist. It's either you're an anti racist racist. So that's a philosophy of fact it's developing

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Michael Pollock: I'm and I bind in I bought into it. I asked myself, which one do I want to be. I will tell you, I want to be an anti racist and that means actively trying to promote to the basket striving, it's something to strive for is promoting

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Michael Pollock: Opportunity time there's opportunities, promoting and helping to find racial equity and right now we have in equity.

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Michael Pollock: And so it's really working to do that. And that involves putting people of color in positions of power. There's no simpler way to put it.

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Michael Pollock: So that's my goal. I did achieve the goal and and i'm glad to have work to get the first black woman in black person as a commissioner and excuse me as a COUNCILMEMBER here. So, you know,

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Michael Pollock: I guess I also feel that you know there's campaigns on Bainbridge Island or nasty. For those of you thinking of running

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Michael Pollock: And I think about the campaigns have been I can look at specific people here, and I know that the man asked to campaigns and for them to sit here and say,

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Michael Pollock: Oh my goodness. This was terrible. Oh, this is so discouraging. Well, you know, Anthony Odo somebody that came to mind that was just attacked viciously in the last campaign.

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Michael Pollock: And he doesn't ever want to run for Council again because he just was so hurt by what went on. And there's another campaign for someone ran a

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Michael Pollock: A, A, T shirt showing a foot of somebody looked like wearing a t shirt that was kind of derogatory towards Hillary Clinton that occurred.

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Michael Pollock: When Russia Masonic council member in the sonogram. There was a group of people. In fact, a lot of the same people that supported. One of the council members when they ran a whole big article about how the question whether she even had a diploma.

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Michael Pollock: from UC Berkeley and question her credentials and I was on the cat on the Facebook page. And one of the council members that's here right now. And there was a big discussion on that since been deleted.

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Michael Pollock: So there are some nasty shit that goes on, folks. And you know this compared to all of that is nothing

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Michael Pollock: I'm I don't you know there's little bursts of movement, you know, let's take out the sham this on a person of color, by the way.

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Michael Pollock: So I see that and and you know it's just the reality. People can be hundred hidden in this community. But what I really bothers me and troubles me is how

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Michael Pollock: Blind my colleagues are to what it feels like to be a person of color and to see this double standard. So here we have supporters of a person of color coming out and saying now racing should be a consideration we should be promoting

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Michael Pollock: People of color when we have an opportunity. And that's somehow considered dirty or fighting below the belt or inappropriate.

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Michael Pollock: So there's a new rule set. There's new standard when it comes to getting the person to come in office. So I, I have just no tolerance for that.

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Michael Pollock: And I'm I'm absolutely going to be doing what I can to get candidates and office that are people of color, and this was one opportunity and I'm so that we took advantage of it, collectively to do that.

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Michael Pollock: I think there's a lot of meeting that we all need to do on race on racial equity. I have a green reading list if anybody wants to start, but the responses that I'm seeing

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Michael Pollock: In the council members are. It's described as described in the racial equity literature and it's really frustrating to

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Michael Pollock: People of color and yeah you can drop your jollity one when you are you can read about it. It's really just frustrating to see this kind of behavior again and again and again I'm going to leave you with.

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Michael Pollock: You know that a lot of people are dealing with this issue that America is awakening to this issue of racial equity. I'm going to leave you with something that was just in the local paper that was written by Andrew

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Michael Pollock: Began a very good reporter and he said in the USA Today network and it was in our local K for the Bainbridge Island, and it was called black jurors, excuse me, versus math dealers conviction and in it.

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Michael Pollock: I'll spare you all the details, but there was a ruling that they were trying to have that the judges the Supreme Court made

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Michael Pollock: They were trying to eliminate racial bias in jury selection. So they didn't want black people just getting knocked down because of that and what they said. And this was her comment on racism and their

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Michael Pollock: Decision when they said this is a general rule 37 or 37. That's what it's called. And interesting

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Michael Pollock: Um, but I've just started I said it took issue with the rule in place of the time to ensure people of color are not unfairly cap from serving on juries

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Michael Pollock: Justice is that the old rule recognizes only purposeful discrimination, whereas racism is often unintentional institutional or on conscious

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Michael Pollock: So I think that all of us are many people think of racism as as conscious racism deliberately putting on a flight club or something.

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Michael Pollock: But there's these other ones. There's institutional racism. There's unconscious racism. There's learn racism that you're not even aware about

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Michael Pollock: So when I speak of racism or alluded to it or him to racism, those are the kinds of racism, I'm thinking about as well. Not just this outward. How dare you call me a racist thing. So there's different levels of it. So I really encourage you all to

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Michael Pollock: Take this issue of racism race equity. Seriously, there's an awful lot to learn. You know, you don't have to listen to me and

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Michael Pollock: I do and have studied it and and but I would encourage you to talk to other people that have been involved in a people of color, the race equity Task Force and

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Michael Pollock: Really Learn and dive into this issue because it feels to me like right now, the Council as a whole has a very shallow understanding of the issue.

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Michael Pollock: And they tend to personalize it when it comes up, then they make it about them. And that's again another response that fight people tend to do, there's an issue about race.

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Michael Pollock: And instead of dealing with the race issue they personalize it and make it about them and how hard this is for them to deal with these discussions so

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Michael Pollock: I'll leave it at that. I have thought about this a lot. I think you guys are being a lot more into my email, then than it deserves. So

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That's it.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. Councilmember car your hands up.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thank you. Um,

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Christy Carr: I want to speak directly to COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Christy Carr: Because he talks about not having tolerance and I think that he has shown an utter lack of tolerance, not only just this evening, but in his email.

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Christy Carr: And I don't think that we are going to forward very significant conversations about racial equity if we have intolerance of people who are seen as not 100% supportive of the cause.

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Christy Carr: And you're cutting yourself off at the foot.

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Christy Carr: And I just refuse to be lectured by a self described white male Tesla driving shoreline property owning wealthy man about racial equity, you may have found this recently. I don't think the people that you speaking to have found this recently.

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Christy Carr: You talk about being blind to a person of color who are you to talk about a person of color.

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Christy Carr: I absolutely support COUNCILMEMBER in a SARS notion of being kind and having a conversation about racial equity. I am here I'm showing up. I want to do that.

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Christy Carr: But this isn't about our reading less. This is about us all coming together and having this conversation together. You are personalizing that Council member holic you do it through your words tonight. You do it through your emails to the city council.

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Christy Carr: To all sorts of folks.

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Christy Carr: I'm here with you I extend my hand to you to have a conversation about racial equity. But I asked you to have an actual conversation about it. Don't make it about you. It's not about you.

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Christy Carr: It's about this community is a very real conversation. And what you do is you make people email me with really bad things. And that's not fair.

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Christy Carr: And I think that COUNCILMEMBER high topless council member the mayor, we have taken the brunt of this. And that's just not fair. We need to show leadership, we need to be together, and I hope that you will join me in that because that's where I'd like to go with this community.

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Rasham Nassar: I was just gonna say, I just noticed that COUNCILMEMBER deets is missing mayor Snyder, would you

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Rasham Nassar: Step in his chair.

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Leslie Schneider: I guess I should step in his

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Leslie Schneider: Chair, um,

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Leslie Schneider: Well, this is both his issue and his chairing of it. I feel that we've all had a chance. I mean, helps them ever hi topless. Your, your hand is up. So maybe

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor will be back on. By the time you're done.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I really do need to respond to Michael, I mean, I went to counselor Pollock in about in some

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To say some things I wanted to say the last time we went through this and I'm going to say really clearly now and that is Michael, what you're doing is gaslighting that's all you. That's all it is.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Uses what you do we call you out on the behavior and then you use it as a chance to grandstand on issues to lecture us on race on a race equity.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To tell us that we're personalizing it when the whole reason we're bringing up the issue is because you have personalized it as COUNCILMEMBER car just said, whether it's whether it's a, you know, an article in

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Joe Deets: The sun.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or whether it's these emails or whether it's your statements in a meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You're making this personal and so of course people's emotions are high and of course they're taking it personally. So I'm just got to put that out there because you've been through this before. And then we have to sit and listen to you lecture.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Us and if somebody tuned in at that point.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It would never guess what had come in before that, because when it come in before that was something you weren't even talking about. So I guess the last thing I would say is one thing. There's two things you didn't address it all when you when you talked

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Joe Deets: You didn't address the fact that you

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Reached out

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To our to directly to our

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: City.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or county commissioners in the midst of our process you have an address that at all. I'd love

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To hear your explanation for why that isn't

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Acceptable process choice. And the other thing you didn't address it, even though you spoke solemnly, and as you were lecturing us

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Very different from the tone of these letters. You didn't address the joy and pleasure that you take in doing this to other people. And again, I think, that is that is truly one of the worst things that that you communicated

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'd love to hear how you could justify those statements about taking pleasure in basically battling us

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Akin again to to a fascist system in the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Trump Administration, apparently, how you take joy in that and how you have to do that laughter and joy. I'd like to hear about that. And I'd also really like to hear about how you can justify bringing our county commissioners, as well as our state representatives into this conversation.

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Joe Deets: Colleagues, let me just say this as a Deputy Mayor my zoom failed on me, you probably saw me.

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Joe Deets: Leave. So I'm on the phone right now, but please carry on. I am sorry I missed some part of the conversation, but please carry on.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, I think you and I and I echo COUNCILMEMBER had toplessness comments really more up and down the line. I don't think

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Christy Carr: Deputy Mayor deets. We have votes to do to

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Joe Deets: I mean, I'd like to

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Christy Carr: I'm not going to admonish COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Christy Carr: Because frankly, the way the motion has been presented. I don't trust you to have that non public

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Christy Carr: Conversation with him. And I don't know that that is what is needed here. I think that we're having a conversation about race. And I think that's what's needed and it needs to be in the in public. So I really appreciate you bringing this forward.

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Christy Carr: Deputy Mayor deets. But I'm not going to support your motion or two for an in monastery admonishment

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Christy Carr: Comes my Republic is

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Christy Carr: He can say whatever he'd like it's protected speech. And so, unfortunately, regardless of whether or not my feelings are hurt, he can say it, I just super I'm just really disappointed in COUNCILMEMBER Pollock because he has not treated me culturally

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Christy Carr: And that's a problem for me.

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Christy Carr: But i i'm not going to support this admonishment so if we could please move on. I'd appreciate that.

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Okay, thank you.

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Joe Deets: Well, thank you, colleagues, and I'm sorry I can't see any hands up. So I'm just going to talk. I did not hear one colleague speaking support of this. So I will withdraw.

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Joe Deets: On the other hand, look, sounds like we're having an important I'll be a difficult conversation. So I will, I will drop this and let me just ask because I can't see anybody. Does anyone else want to speak. Are we ready to move on.

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Leslie Schneider: I would like to have

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Leslie Schneider: I'd like to say something quickly if that's all right. And then it looks like. Councilmember Pollock's hand is just come up as well.

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Joe Deets: Okay. Thank you, mayor. Yeah, can you keep an eye because I you hear my eyes. Sure, so

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Leslie Schneider: In addition to the issues that COUNCILMEMBER high topless was asking. Councilmember pilot to respond to

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Joe Deets: At some point I would like to add to

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Leslie Schneider: The

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Leslie Schneider: The fact that the last time we were looking to fill a council members seat and we all voted unanimously for council member who is now our council member car.

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Leslie Schneider: There were second and third place votes and the, the black woman who was the candidate at that time did not get any votes from COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. So I guess I just would like to know why.

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Leslie Schneider: Why your CALCULATIONS AT THAT TIME ARE OKAY THEN AND MY CALCULATIONS now on a very important decision or not. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: So anyway, I'm Council over Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Well, I'm, I'm just as just a process person. I mean, you guys have had. Everybody's had a chance for two comments and

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Michael Pollock: You, you're all you know questioning me and you know my integrity and all that.

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Michael Pollock: Which is fine, but I guess I would like you guys to get the questions on the table and then I can answer them. And then we can move on. I don't want to sit there and respond and then have somebody else.

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Michael Pollock: Has say I have to have to respond. One more time and get it. One more word. So, you know, I'm happy to have this debate and and I'm really glad

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Michael Pollock: It's a difficult debate and it's great to have people speak honestly that's always important. And it's, I'm happy to do this because it's a conversation about race and I think we need to have that it's really important, but I'm process wise.

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Michael Pollock: I'd like you guys to say what you're going to say and then let me finish and explain and then move on. If we can agree to that, I'm happy to continue otherwise.

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Michael Pollock: I'm not gonna answer your

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Questions.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Deputy Mayor

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Leslie Schneider: Take over since I can see hands.

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Christy Carr: Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Please do. I can't see a thing. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thank you. I was going to bring this up at go to the order, but given council member politics recent conduct.

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Joe Deets: And specifically regarding

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Christy Carr: His comments to the public about me.

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Christy Carr: I have asked him to step aside from the joint Subcommittee on land use.

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Christy Carr: That we have with the planning commission and city council. So, um, that's an actionable item I think with the Council that you can consider

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so that's that's a motion on the floor.

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Christy Carr: Sure. Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would second that motion. I just wanted to respond, real quickly to Michael's requests kazmir Pollux request that we delineate our questions before he responds. One more time.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would like to honor that the problem is, is that what we discover, I think, is that then you talk, and then you raise new issues that are very provocative. So I have no more questions, assuming that you don't raise any more provocative statements that require people to respond.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so there's a motion and a second on the floor.

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Leslie Schneider: Are there any is there more debate.

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Leslie Schneider: I personally will support this motion.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: I don't have anything else I emotions on the floor. Second,

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So, all right.

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Joe Deets: Can I just ask. I'm sorry. Can we just repeat what the motion is

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Oh yeah. The mission is to remove COUNCILMEMBER Pollock from a giant land, you said

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Committee.

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Leslie Schneider: Test metabolic

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Michael Pollock: Well, I'm not wasn't actually what she wrote. She said that she would do it on COUNCILMEMBER car asked, and then she said, If I didn't that she would so

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Michael Pollock: Just to be clear, that was what the email was

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Michael Pollock: But

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Michael Pollock: I also guess

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Michael Pollock: You know, you're talking about a punitive action and then I understand you guys are angry and frustrated and such. But you're honestly haven't even stated

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Michael Pollock: Why and and then

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Michael Pollock: COUNCILMEMBER deeds, among other people has said repeatedly

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Michael Pollock: That in terms of our ethics program that

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Michael Pollock: That is being educated educational and I think we're having an educational conversation right now. So, for it to go from educational to punitive on something that's completely unrelated to the topic at hand. I think it's just it's just kind of goofy. It's just not using this so

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Michael Pollock: I would advocate that you don't do that.

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Michael Pollock: And I think that you're you're making a fairly

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Joe Deets: Large mistake here.

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Michael Pollock: When you

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Michael Pollock: Say you want to discuss an issue where you have concerned about an issue and we we discuss it. And again, going back to that, can we create a safe space for the

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Michael Pollock: Racism and recycling and turn from a discussion about that into a punitive measure. And so once the message that you're telling the people of color that if you bring up racial issues there. You will be punished if you are an advocate for racial

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Joe Deets: Equity

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Joe Deets: You will be punished.

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Michael Pollock: So that's what I'm seeing right here and

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Joe Deets: And I really think

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Michael Pollock: All of you would do well.

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Michael Pollock: To spend perhaps a little more time engaged with people of color and get their perspective, we have a meeting.

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Michael Pollock: Tomorrow,

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Michael Pollock: To discuss this. It's a difficult issue. So I don't think that that would be a good place to continue this conversation.

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Michael Pollock: But the message that you are are moving forward with right now is is speak out.

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Michael Pollock: On behalf of racial equity and you will be punished. And I think that's a bad message for our community.

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Joe Deets: Health remember car.

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Christy Carr: That's my Republic, I really take exception to your words, your gaslighting us your it's so ridiculous. It's, it's such a false fallacy.

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Christy Carr: And you know that you're smart person and what my what my motion is about is that I don't want to serve with you. It's not about what you say it's how you say it, and how you choose to say it.

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Christy Carr: It has nothing to do with racial equity and the sooner that you start to understand the shame is not a social justice tool, the better we will all be

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Christy Carr: And I am really, really tired of being lectured by you and you are not not representing anybody other than yourself, and the motion is that I do not want to have you on a joint land use subcommittee, because I do not want to serve with you.

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Christy Carr: It has nothing to do with racial equity. It has nothing to do with speaking out, and I would hope that we could just have a vote on that.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just want to, I just want to echo that this has nothing to do with punitive. It has to do with the reason I supporters. I'm on the committee and I feel the same way, Michael. This is about a relationship. This is about wanting to spend time with you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We have, we are all elected and must spend time together in this

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Meeting in our

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In our regularly scheduled full council meetings, but it's optional at the end of the day, whether we spend time one on one with you. And so that's what this has everything to do with and as Christie said i mean i'm i'm

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I guess it's not even worth responding to. But the idea that you would say that what this that the our action against your behavior. Is it is it is is a message to the community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That that is a discussion of race equity is going to result in punishment. I mean, the irony of that because you're very statement right there.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was using the issue of race to again that beat us over the head. I'm going to tell the community that when people try to address the issue of race on being

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Joe Deets: On the Bainbridge Island City Council, they get punished.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This the same behavior that we're speaking to you about that. We don't want to deal with anymore.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright. Councilmember into, sir.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, I think so.

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Rasham Nassar: Kind of hoping we wrapped it up 20 minutes ago. I think we'd all sleep better tonight if we just stopped talking about this right now. It's late. Nothing good happens after 10pm, but

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Rasham Nassar: Here we are again. And there's emotion now to take punitive action against a council member that was not included in the package.

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Joe Deets: That was

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Rasham Nassar: Just walked on. I have

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Rasham Nassar: Issues about process there and consistency with parliamentary procedure of the debate is now entirely in the realm of ad hominem attacks, where

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Rasham Nassar: The word you is being thrown around and council members are pointing fingers at council members and that's just entirely inappropriate it's inconsistent with

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Rasham Nassar: The parliamentary procedure.

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Rasham Nassar: So I want to call us back to that another thing I'm going to say is that, um, and I stand by everything that I said in my, in my previous comments. I think that we have a lot of work to do. And I think our work.

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Rasham Nassar: To start with, coming to some consensus around how to have these discussions in a civilized and safe manner. I think tomorrow night is the appropriate venue for that very grateful that that scheduled and on the books.

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Rasham Nassar: Second, I'm going to say that with the comments that that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock has relayed that he's stated are not original.

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Rasham Nassar: They're not coming from COUNCILMEMBER Pollock alone. And I know that because I hear them from people

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Rasham Nassar: almost on a daily basis. There's a huge segment of our community that when they watch these debates and then I'm telling you this. I'm not attacking any of you and I want to be clear.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm sharing with you that there are other perspectives out there in the community than your own right now and I'm asking you right now to be open to that.

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Rasham Nassar: And those perspectives are coming from people of color in the community. Why don't we hear more from people of color. Why is COUNCILMEMBER Pollock stating

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Rasham Nassar: These things and and writing these emails and pushing so hard on on on on the issue of race and equity well from the people of color that have communicated with me.

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Rasham Nassar: The number one reason is that they're afraid they're afraid that our city government that our city is not a safe place for them to assert themselves.

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Rasham Nassar: To assertively state their opinions.

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Rasham Nassar: Their faith fear retaliation. They fear consequences.

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Joe Deets: Part of that has to do with

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Rasham Nassar: Witnessing Palestinian American and myself.

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Rasham Nassar: Having endured. What I've endured just being on the city council running for city council these experiences are just as real as every other person in this room's experiences and we have to be open to that.

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Rasham Nassar: And and I'm asking you, right now I'm just, I'm really trying to appeal to everyone's better side not emotional I understand were upset.

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Rasham Nassar: I understand we're upset at council member Pollock. I understand that there's points of contention that relate to the procedure in the process of

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Rasham Nassar: Copying Commissioners, we can talk about that I've caught I've communicated with county commissioners before if there's limits on how council members can interact outside of

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Rasham Nassar: County Council of city to our higher officials, then we need to talk about that because I need to know so that I'm not found at what some point in violation of any one of those rules.

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Rasham Nassar: But what I can honestly 100% with accuracy state to you right now is that the the perceptions that COUNCILMEMBER Pollock is shared tonight are not his own

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Rasham Nassar: They are the perceptions of people in our community and especially people of color in the community and that is hard to hear. I understand it. We are elected officials, we hear this stuff we hear worse than

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Joe Deets: This stuff.

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Rasham Nassar: That's part of our duty to the public is to endure the criticisms and to and to broaden our horizons to experience the experiences of our constituents, so that our decisions are well informed and

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Rasham Nassar: I'll leave it there for now, but I am really concerned that if we can't state what some of what Paul said in that email the comment about white women voting for a white woman I'm

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Rasham Nassar: You know I'm. It gives me great positive because I'm nervous. And I'm really sad because I could have written that email.

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Rasham Nassar: Actually, some of the constituents who wrote in in support of Brenda and after Tuesday night wrote in Wednesday morning after watching our debate wrote that to counsel I receive that it's it's out there. This is the nature of

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Rasham Nassar: Discussions about race and the discussion was about race, whether we like it or not, we don't get to control that the Community controls that and we respond

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Rasham Nassar: I do agree that we need to find a way to have these discussions in a more productive manner I stand by what I said before.

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Rasham Nassar: But the assertion that one council member did is so wrong to justify what what I perceive and what others perceive as a calendar bully attack or a

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Rasham Nassar: Group bullying attack against the council member to silence and marginalized, his voice, his voice for racial equity, his voice for diversity in his voice for conclusion inclusion sense of really bad message the community.

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Rasham Nassar: And I'm going to, I'm going to stop there. I will let me just close by saying again. I'm glad we're having this debate, it's difficult. It's hard. You can see it's difficult for me, I acknowledge that

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Rasham Nassar: I hope and I have faith that we can all come together after tomorrow night and pick up and do the work that our community expects us to do, and that we've committed to

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, so I will share a little bit more about this issue, which is that the two Planning Commission planning Commissioner members who are also serving on this subcommittee reached out to me over the weekend individually and told me that they would resign this subcommittee.

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Leslie Schneider: And they didn't even ask me about asking Councilmember Pollock to leave. They just said that they would resign. And so we we are going to have an up or down vote, and if the vote fails. It's possible that we won't have a subcommittee anymore.

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: I would just remind people that this is not the first time this issue has come up

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock sent emails asking the chair of the planning commission to resign and we already had the discussion about how that was

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Leslie Schneider: Inappropriate. So I think that there is plenty of reason out there for people to not want to serve on a committee with COUNCILMEMBER Pollock and

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Leslie Schneider: I will, we're having this discussion, until we stop having it so

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Leslie Schneider: I will put my hand down and go

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Leslie Schneider: To COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Joe Deets: And and I have something to say. But go ahead and cancel the car.

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Christy Carr: Yeah.

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Thank you.

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Christy Carr: I mean I, I'd like to say that I, I really appreciate council member and disarm passion about this issue and I appreciate her words.

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Christy Carr: About

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Christy Carr: A safe place and a safe space.

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Christy Carr: Unfortunately councilman Republic has made this a very unsafe place. And that's the problem. He's the problem and and that's the problem. And I think that, you know, we can't work.

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Christy Carr: That way. And I think that that is why the people who are on the joint subcommittee do not want to serve with him it again has nothing to do with his voice about racial equity and I encourage COUNCILMEMBER Pollock to continue speaking

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Christy Carr: About racial equity.

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Christy Carr: That's great. He's found a voice. Keep doing it and I welcome it. It has nothing to do with me, not wanting to serve with you on a joint subcommittee.

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Christy Carr: That's not it, that's not the issue. And don't make it that issue at all. So that, that's where I am, I welcome tomorrow. Nice discussion I welcome future discussions with this council with planning commission members.

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Christy Carr: And I, we have a long way to go. And I'm here to do that work. And I look forward to it.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay and COUNCILMEMBER nisar his hand is still up. I don't know if that's on purpose or not.

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Joe Deets: My if I raise my hand. I would, yes, go please

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Joe Deets: Go ahead, Deputy Mayor

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Joe Deets: This zoom seems to happen to one of us every meeting.

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Joe Deets: Well,

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Joe Deets: Again on the plus side, this is important conversation to have, on the other, I still am not hearing a connection here.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER polish

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Joe Deets: Your, your entirely and you're very much entitled to your strong views on race and the passion, and I, I, myself, find myself on a journey.

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Joe Deets: But that actually has nothing to do with your behavior with your colleagues.

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Joe Deets: It really doesn't. And to keep looping back to that.

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Joe Deets: The concerns, they're expressing have to do with race is your you're simply looping around and bypassing the question and I find that very, very disturbing, sir.

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Joe Deets: So your passion is is laudable

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Joe Deets: And I think frankly I think all my all our colleagues have that in in to some degree at least

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Joe Deets: So in terms of the emotion of, let me just say I accept the my emotion was didn't carry no one seemed to watch it.

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Joe Deets: And I, I'm sorry for that because I was willing to live. I want to listen. The question came up as to why don't trust what you're going to say, Joe. Well, again, I said.

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Joe Deets: Earlier. This is not for me. I will. I'm, I'm an officer of the Council, I was going to be directed by you colleagues. So, but any case it failed and I accept that I'm moving on. But this this removing of

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Joe Deets: Customer politics from the joint planning commission is I'll just say this is a surprise to me.

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Joe Deets: My new colleagues. If you want to make a motion, please do what I do and submitted early that just makes life a lot easier.

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Joe Deets: But so this was a surprise but i what i was listening for and I heard was, it is this isn't just like a knee jerk reaction. There was planning Commissioner members who

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Joe Deets: Do not want to work with our colleague. So what I'm going to do is I'm going to recuse myself from this vote, because one. I don't like being sprung on

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Joe Deets: momentous decisions, but to I understand the issue, but I if this was going to be done where I would vote, I would want some heads up and some clear

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Joe Deets: information as to why we're voting. So it's getting too emotional now that I understand the, the, what I'm hearing the verbal comments as to why. So I'm going to recuse myself from this book.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, let's have the vote.

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I, I just want to point out that this. I mean, first of all, you guys have been personally attacking me for a good hour now in the letter that I wrote.

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Michael Pollock: I didn't mention anybody by name.

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Michael Pollock: It was very general.

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Michael Pollock: And I sit and listen to this. It's in violation of our rules to do that. But I've listened to try to listen openly.

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Michael Pollock: You know, for deeply offended of some of you are equally deeply offended and concerned that that we can't have a discussion without about race without people

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Michael Pollock: flying off the handle and getting getting wound up and emotional and all that so

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Michael Pollock: No, but that's, again, if you look to people that have been doing this for a while, you'll see that the responses that you're having on pretty pretty typical and inspiring races such a difficult issue to talk about

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Michael Pollock: So,

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Michael Pollock: I think that in terms of practically speaking, in terms of the

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Joe Deets: Land.

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Michael Pollock: Excuse me, the Joint Committee that

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Michael Pollock: It's a committee of three members. And how many of you have the right to attend. And so it's a public meeting so

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Joe Deets: I

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Michael Pollock: I'm going to be attending them.

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Joe Deets: And so

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Michael Pollock: There's nothing to prevent me from doing that. So if you

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05:11:48.060 --> 05:11:50.700

Michael Pollock: Need to have two options. One is just to make it a

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Michael Pollock: Council meeting.

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Michael Pollock: And so it follows the open public me into

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Michael Pollock: The other is just something that

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Michael Pollock: Disbanded um

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Michael Pollock: There's nothing to prevent it Sicilian an honor system. And I feel like you guys are being very dishonorable now.

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Springing this on.

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Michael Pollock: At the last moment doing it out of anger.

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Michael Pollock: And frustration.

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Joe Deets: Springing on that to

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Michael Pollock: Counsel, Commissioners, nobody's talked to me. Nobody's expressed any concerns.

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Michael Pollock: So I think the

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Michael Pollock: First city.

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Michael Pollock: Council member car is opening your mouth like

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Michael Pollock: Like

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Michael Pollock: Are you kidding me, but nobody, no.

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Michael Pollock: No Commissioners have said that and

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Michael Pollock: We haven't even said, Well, what is it,

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Michael Pollock: Why, why they're not even here to speak. You guys are speaking for them. So there's just a number of things that are very, very

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Michael Pollock: Appropriate so anyway I'm you know I it's unfortunate. I think you guys behaviors not great. You think my behaviors not great.

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Michael Pollock: So here we are, we still have to work with each other.

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Michael Pollock: And doing

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Michael Pollock: Actually, I'm doing my best to do that well also.

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Michael Pollock: Addressing some difficult issues.

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Michael Pollock: So,

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Michael Pollock: Really if you're if you're gonna

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Michael Pollock: You can't really remove me from the committee.

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Michael Pollock: Or you have to make it either a public meeting because I'm being clear that I will attend those meetings and or you can simply this family this family.

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Michael Pollock: will join me

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I think we can deal with those

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Leslie Schneider: Technical issues later we have

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Leslie Schneider: We have a motion on the floor. Councilmember I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To just to be clear, Michael, what you're saying is, is that you will not allow for members of the committee to, to, to express to express this concern for the Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To

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Joe Deets: To remove you

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You will do whatever you can.

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Joe Deets: To sabotage that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm assuming we can actually work around that but but you are

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: threatening us

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Joe Deets: That you will undermine our vote on this.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You were saying the Council does not have the right to do

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Joe Deets: This

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And four out of six members of the committee, don't have the right to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Ask you to leave.

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Michael Pollock: I think

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Michael Pollock: The manner in which this is being presented, I'm doing language. I find that again.

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Michael Pollock: It's just inflammatory. There was no other word for it.

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Joe Deets: So,

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Michael Pollock: You know, you guys want to have a witch hunt.

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Michael Pollock: Go ahead, have it. Which one

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Joe Deets: I'll figure out what to do.

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Michael Pollock: But I just

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Michael Pollock: I'm just shocked.

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Michael Pollock: That that you would bring up other other people on the committee and and speak for them.

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Michael Pollock: At a meeting and that we wouldn't have had

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Joe Deets: A conversation.

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About this

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Michael Pollock: Privately

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Michael Pollock: That you're, you're, you're just using other people's words to attack or other statements. So I am. I'm just kind of aghast. I guess at this

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Michael Pollock: I've entered this

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Michael Pollock: You know this conversation this this whole thing was brought up right at the beginning of this meeting kind of out of nowhere.

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Michael Pollock: And I was kind of be dropping evolved into your evolved really into now a punitive attack and

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Michael Pollock: Not really trying to be open and listen to you guys, but but the whole process whereby this is even been presented to us in the community as it was pointed out, there has been no opportunity for the public to weigh in. It's just a kind of late night witch hunt which burning event and

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Michael Pollock: You know, you guys. You guys want to do it it's it's on you know it's it's your it's your record.

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Michael Pollock: And your reputation, so

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Michael Pollock: That's, that's because we're all i go somewhere on that one. All my muse via I'm disappointed and then reviewing particular

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Leslie Schneider: Health and every car.

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Christy Carr: I would hope that we could just take a vote. I didn't intend to make this emotion this evening. I meant to bring it up at the good of the order but witch hunt councilman or holic

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Christy Carr: Come on, I think that your words are inflammatory and I think that I didn't bring up anybody

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Christy Carr: Other than myself, and I did, I did tell you about this last week. So this is not a surprise to you.

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Christy Carr: I requested that you consider stepping off the joint subcommittee. So it's not a surprise. And this has nothing to do with racial equity or your voice for that. And I want to make that very clear.

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Christy Carr: This has to do with me personally, not wanting to work with you on a joint subcommittee. I have an obligation to work with you on the Council and I will continue to do that.

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Christy Carr: But I do not have to work with you on a joint subcommittee. So I would like us to stop talking about this and take a vote up or down.

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Michael Pollock: Well, you're, you're

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Michael Pollock: Ensuring

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Inflammatory all night.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm going to just say that the chair still gets to

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Leslie Schneider: Pick on who

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Leslie Schneider: And remember Pollock. I'm going to give you the last word. And then we're going to take a vote.

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Okay.

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Michael Pollock: Thank you. Yeah. And thank you for keeping decorum in a difficult

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Conversation.

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Michael Pollock: Is to COUNCILMEMBER car, I would say, since we're breaking protocol and speaking directly to each other. It is that if you can no longer work with me on the committee, I think it really is appropriate for you.

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Joe Deets: to resign and their letter.

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Michael Pollock: Said exactly that, that if I didn't

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Michael Pollock: You would

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Michael Pollock: And so yes, this is a surprise that you're going to make a motion and try to bully your way of a bully me off the community and keep yourself on so um you know it is a surprise, it's a it's attacking yet does feel like a witch.

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Michael Pollock: And so you're mad or frustrated. I don't really you don't even haven't explained it say it's not about race equity or the comments, it's just

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Joe Deets: You don't want to work with me well.

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Michael Pollock: You haven't actually

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Michael Pollock: Explained yourself in terms of anything that's happened that I've done other than this statement here and it all this

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Michael Pollock: Emotion. And all of this upset and this all occurred after I wrote that letter. But, you know, a number of people have read that and maybe they see nothing wrong with it. So, you know, you're trying to

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Michael Pollock: I think parse things and say, oh, it's not it's not related to raise equity is not related to this.

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Joe Deets: Has nothing to do with it.

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Michael Pollock: Well, it's just happy coincidence that I yes i think you know

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Michael Pollock: I think it's, it has everything to do with race equity and

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Michael Pollock: It's unfortunate to see you.

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Joe Deets: Have

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Michael Pollock: Took a punitive approach to this rather than engage in the in the topic in a constructive way so

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Bit of a disappointment.

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Leslie Schneider: Hey, I think with that, we're going to take a vote so towards the decision of

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock serving on the race equity task force.

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Leslie Schneider: All those in favor,

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Joe Deets: Mayor, excuse me, you know you you gave the wrong committee I so I totally did.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER car is suggesting that we vote to remove COUNCILMEMBER Pollock from the subcommittee between Council and the planning commission

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Joe Deets: All those in favor,

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Leslie Schneider: please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: All those opposed.

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Leslie Schneider: I see one council member of post

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Rasham Nassar: I'm the recusal

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Leslie Schneider: And we have to

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recusals

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Joe Deets: That's correct.

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Leslie Schneider: Um,

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Leslie Schneider: So it seems as if we have a majority, but I don't know that we had a majority of Council voting so

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Leslie Schneider: City attorney. Do you know what the

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Leslie Schneider: What the result is here.

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Joe Levan: So who you had three voting for.

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Leslie Schneider: We had

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Joe Levan: We had to recusals Heather still see if you needed majority would be for. So if you don't have for you don't have a majority.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so this motion did not pass and we will now move on. Um, we are now at

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Joe Deets: I just want to point out that if the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: People who said that they would seek to resign will in fact resigned from that committee, I will resign as well because the committee will be worthless. At that point, some very key members would resign. So I guess we'll just see how that plays out between now and our next meeting. Right.

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Joe Deets: COUNCILMEMBER nisar

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, just to follow up. I have a separate item.

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Rasham Nassar: But to council member had topped this point. I don't know if there's a way to inform the full Council, since we're about to go on a pretty long holiday.

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Rasham Nassar: And I think we're taking up committee assignments in the new year. But I think there's there's probably some interests and maybe

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Rasham Nassar: Certainly myself and perhaps the new council member our planning Commissioners to fill any vacancies that might develop between now and January 1 or whatever. The first meeting of the year so

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Rasham Nassar: And if there's some way city manager that that could be relayed through you to the full council. I think the full council would appreciate knowing that

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Ellen Schroer: You happy to provide that information.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. And then my, my good of the order. I know, I know. It's so late, I really want to end the last Council meeting of the year on a good note.

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Rasham Nassar: And I want to share with the Council that I had the pleasure of sitting in on an indigenous indigenous nations.

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Rasham Nassar: Viewing of a rights of nature documentary that was out of Ecuador and that spoke of the rights of nature movement and it's really taken off and building

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Rasham Nassar: A lot of support down in South America, particularly around preservation of the rain forest rights of nature is something that I propose and I know that

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder and Deputy Mayor deeds will recall that we discussed it at least once or twice on the Council, I believe in 2019 if it wasn't

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Rasham Nassar: But

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Rasham Nassar: In light of the fact that we have such a such

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Rasham Nassar: enthusiasm for climate change and such enthusiasm for island preservation of our natural resources. I was hoping that the Council would consider revisiting that in the new year. However, it, it ended up developing whether read by resolution or by ordinance.

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Rasham Nassar: I want to thank my colleagues again last meeting of the year, and I'll see y'all tomorrow night. I want to thank the community.

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Rasham Nassar: I want to thank the city manager and the city staff team for a wonderful year

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Rasham Nassar: Our list of accomplishments is very long. I know that a lot of it goes unnoticed because it either doesn't get printed in the paper or it's just not doesn't seem as important or significant as it is the interim zoning control.

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Rasham Nassar: Measure for example is one highlight that I can think of Climate Action Plan. Thank you. Councilmember high topsless in deets for

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Rasham Nassar: For standing behind that and on and on. So I know that we've had a lot of rough patches. This year, but we've had a lot of wins.

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Rasham Nassar: And I'm heading into the holiday season feeling very proud of the work that we've done really looking forward to 21 looking forward to continuing our search for city manager. Looking forward to seeing my colleagues.

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Rasham Nassar: Tonight, and then again in the new year. So thank you everyone to everyone who's still with us and to everyone who's watching at home happy holidays.

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All right, thank you for that. Councilmember car.

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Christy Carr: I appreciate council member and a SARS good note there.

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Christy Carr: And extend the same wishes to our community and staff.

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Christy Carr: But to councilman Pollux point I did tell him that if he did not

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Christy Carr: Step aside from the joint subcommittee, I would. And so I just want to make it clear to the city council that I will no longer be serving on the joint subcommittee, so we can talk about that and figure out who will be after the first of the year.

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Christy Carr: All right, I don't see

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Leslie Schneider: Any more hands Deputy Mayor, would you like to do this.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. So thank you, Mayor and yeah, thank you so much. Mayor Snyder for stepping in. This is, this is what teamwork is, I don't know what happened, you know,

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Joe Deets: Zoom bug. So anyway, colleagues, this was a difficult evening we

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Joe Deets: I think it's important for us to talk and just keep talking and

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Joe Deets: Try and listen and and I apologize for my stupid zoom, but the mayor quickly pick things up.
So I'm with that I think we call this meeting adjourned.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you all. Appreciate it.