

MEETING TRANSCRIPT-BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING-5/19/2020

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Rasham Nassar: We have all seen we have six council members PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBER Medina is in route and will be joining us shortly.

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Rasham Nassar: I thought for roll call that since we have a new council member with us this evening, welcome.

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Rasham Nassar: A new board representative council member car.

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Rasham Nassar: That we would take the opportunity to go around if council members wanted to say a few words check in. We could use this opportunity for that. Now I will start off with Mayor Schneider mayor.

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Leslie Schneider: Sure. Well, thank you. I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to Christie car is our newest council member COUNCILMEMBER car. I know that my other colleagues share my excitement and probably a significant relief.

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Leslie Schneider: That you're now on board and we no longer have a hole in our midst and we're confident that you'll hit the ground running.

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Leslie Schneider: Given your deep experience with council and city business from the staff side.

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Leslie Schneider: And I also just want to say you impress me personally with your community engagement in city committees and nonprofit boards on the island going way back. I don't think anyone can diminish your commitment to this city. So, welcome aboard and

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Leslie Schneider: To all of you who are watching tonight. Please know that our intent is to have a traditional photo ops wearing in for COUNCILMEMBER car someday soon when we're able to return to our in person council chambers surroundings. So we're very glad to have you here.

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Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Rasham Nassar: Up unmute COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. We can't hear you.

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Michael Pollock: There we go. How about that.

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Michael Pollock: Better. You don't have to rip lip read now.

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Michael Pollock: Hey, I just wanted to as well give you a warm welcome. Christy, you know, I just thought your we didn't talk about a lot about your qualifications, but your resume is just stellar and

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Michael Pollock: So impressive all the work you've done and I think even more so than that is the support from the community and I just found that the letters were inspiring the really the stars came out to shine for you.

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Michael Pollock: So, so welcome. And I even um, you know, just kind of one of my late nights can't get to sleep things. I actually took all your letters and put them in a in a document and

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Michael Pollock: You know, kids kind of gussied them up a little bit. I just sent that to you. So it's a public record, but I just thought you would want to

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Michael Pollock: Have the outpouring of support in one place that you could look at it and enjoy it something I would have done for myself.

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Michael Pollock: If I wasn't so burned out from running a council race. So I just wanted to give that to you so you can have it. So I mean, went to all of you and I'm giving it to you. I don't want to vote on it, but I'm giving it to you on behalf of all of the Council.

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Michael Pollock: So anyway, thank you. Welcome. I'm so glad you stepped up. I just can't speak enough and and i think you know the the commitment that it involves and you still stepped up so that says a lot about your character so

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Thanks very much.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Hey, Christy Welcome aboard.

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Joe Deets: I will second what my colleagues have said it's such a such a relief frankly to have you on board. You're just, you are such a stellar candidate and in I think

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Joe Deets: You have a good idea of what you're getting into.

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Joe Deets: All of all that is entailed. And so that really fills me with respect that, you know, the hard work and and you stepped up and that is that speaks volumes to to me and and all. All of us here.

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Joe Deets: If I may, I did have one to deviate on something else on check in, since this is one thing council members have is a megaphone and this is I want to just give a shout out to the city support for the business community, I've reached out via the Chamber's

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Joe Deets: Email network last week just letting them know how important the city believes how imperative. It is to the city to do all that it can to support the local business community, and that

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Joe Deets: Reaching out it was a good first step. And I asked if you have concerns questions please reach out to me or really any of us.

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Joe Deets: Because frankly, you know, there's really no better time really now to start working together, the city and the business community. This is it to do that.

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Joe Deets: And really if there's ever a new time to a time to look out consider new ideas and solutions. This is it. So I've gotten some good responses. And so I just want to give a shout out any

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Joe Deets: Business owners out there. The city does care to care help because we're. This is a really tough time. So, signing out.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. Councilmember deets council member had topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Christie. I guess I deserve to be just about last after getting to be one of the first people who who got to ask questions of all the candidates. That was great. I got to ask all my question. So everything I would like to say I think has been said.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm also really excited about having you I'm impressed with your background and your materials were wonderful. Your letter express such

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Commitment to this position in this in this island. I'm so welcome.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I guess I would only add that I hope you know this can be difficult work, and I hope that you'll reach out to all of us and just keep the lines of communication open. I think we all know communication can go sideways on city council and if we all just keep

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Trying to reach out and stay connected to the extent we can within the okay maybe we should do that. So, welcome.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: And council member car.

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Christy Carr: Oh, you want me to check in.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thanks. Thanks everyone for your kind words and I really appreciate being here and

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Christy Carr: Thank you all for your support in selecting me

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Christy Carr: I sort of think I do know what I'm getting into. But of course, can't know for sure. So even given that

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Christy Carr: And how crazy all my friends think I am. I'm still really looking forward to working with all of you and helping serve the community. So thanks again. I really appreciate this opportunity.

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Joe Deets: For

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Rasham Nassar: Sure.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER nisar I'm love everything that's been said so far, really happy to have you on board council member car. Welcome. I'm grateful your

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Rasham Nassar: For your participation and really looking forward to working with you on the city council.

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Rasham Nassar: Just to reiterate, everything that my colleagues have said if you if you ever feel you need to reach out to council members know that we all deeply value.

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Rasham Nassar: Interpersonal relationships, making sure that you feel welcome and introducing you to the Council dynamic here. I'm looking forward to having you on board and thanks again for throw your hat in the ring.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I'm getting I'm getting a little bit of reverb feedback. So I just want to point that out. I don't know if there's

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Rasham Nassar: Just noting that Christine

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Rasham Nassar: We will move on in our agenda, we are on item to approval of the agenda. Do any council members have any modifications for changes to tonight's agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: They'd like to suggest

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. Yes, I would.

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Joe Deets: Make a motion to add to the agenda a discussion of the grow Avenue Safe Streets pilot project and recommendations for next steps coming from the working group.

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Rasham Nassar: And would you

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Leslie Schneider: Council member had colic has seconded that

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Rasham Nassar: Would you propose that under Council discussion.

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Joe Deets: Um,

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Joe Deets: You know, I was wondering, is it unfinished business or is the discussion. I'm

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Michael Pollock: I'm finished.

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Joe Deets: And it's unfinished.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so

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Joe Deets: Good for everyone. He

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Rasham Nassar: 70 okay if everyone's okay we'll add it as a news item 70

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Michael Pollock: I'm just wondering if there is reverberation if everybody mutes that tends to help if not speaking

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Rasham Nassar: Counselor I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. This relates a little bit to what Joe just were Joe put the last item, but I just wanted to note that I think when we were looking at this week's agenda last week. We're talking about trying to put

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Up some of the conversations that we're going to have under item nine earlier so we weren't exhausted but oh well. They're under nine. Um, but could we possibly move the executive session FAQ from the city attorney to the top of that I have to talk with nine

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think it in

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The rest.

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Rasham Nassar: Are you proposing exchanging nine before 9am just change it changing them out.

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Rasham Nassar: Do any council members.

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Rasham Nassar: Have any opposition to that or is everyone amenable to us, exchanging 94 9898 would be FAQ and executive sessions and then the 90 would be the review Council liaison appointments. We're just changing the order of those two topics. Is that accurate. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other suggestions or modifications to the agenda tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: Would like to propose emotion.

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Joe Deets: Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Oh my hand stories I moved to approve the agenda, as amended.

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Rasham Nassar: Their second for that. Councilmember Pollux second did, any opposed to the motion on the floor.

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Rasham Nassar: That motion is approved with unanimous consent. Moving on to the conflict of interest disclosure do any council members have any conflicts of interest to disclose Council ever had topless. Your hand is still raised, but I assume you just left it up. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Seeing then we will move on the third item on our agenda is public comment.

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Rasham Nassar: So the public comment period is public general public comment related to any item on the agenda or any item related to city business.

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Rasham Nassar: Christine, are you facilitating

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Rasham Nassar: People public comment.

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Christine Brown: Yes, yes. Once you call on the person to comment. I will unmute them.

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Rasham Nassar: Some going over to the attendees panel here the right side of the screen. And I see that Sal Dahlia has his hand raised the time will be kept in the chat feature of this meeting room. So three minutes to comments. So whenever you're ready, unmute. And again welcome.

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Sal DeRosalia: Okay, I think I'm unmuted. Is that correct,

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Rasham Nassar: We can hear you.

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Sal DeRosalia: Perfect. Okay, I just. My name is Sandra Rosalia I live on Madison Avenue and I am calling in, because I really would love more of a response for businesses on Bainbridge Island.

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Sal DeRosalia: I just feel like the city has continued to say things like the chamber in the downtown Association are working on things.

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Sal DeRosalia: Sort of like that Bainbridge bucks program. And to be honest, I'm sure they're working on some things, but from what I know.

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Sal DeRosalia: It hasn't helped anybody for the most part it's really I don't think the response that anybody's looking for or needs. And so if there could be some kind of

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Sal DeRosalia: Meeting or something with with people who have a stake like business owners myself people like that.

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Sal DeRosalia: Not just the Chamber of Commerce in the downtown Association because neither of those organizations represent me and one will allow me to be a member

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Sal DeRosalia: So, so I don't like I've reached out to Joe deets. I've had a conversation with Joe deets about business.

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Sal DeRosalia: And basically, I was told to go to the like the kits app site and look at some webinars.

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Sal DeRosalia: And and I need more if the city is going to say that there they care and they're in the process of helping them like I need to see what that looks like. Because it's certainly hasn't been anything that I've seen so far.

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Sal DeRosalia: So, and I speak for myself. I'm sure I can speak for other people, but I want, I'll just speak for myself. And so if anybody could speak to that in a meaningful way. Not a we're trying, or these organizations are. I would love to hear what those things are. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you very much. So are there any other members of the public with us in the meetings, I would like to comment.

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Rasham Nassar: Not seeing any other hands raise. So, we will close the public comment period and move forward in our agenda for the mayor SUPPORT MAYOR Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. This will be pretty quick.

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Leslie Schneider: I just want to share sort of a, we are all in this together story that was brought to my attention by one of our business owners and Winslow ADAM So luck of your bond rugs and he just sent me a

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Leslie Schneider: Just a quick note that says, and I looked it up to validate according to the AP

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Leslie Schneider: A second Turkish military plane took off from airbase near Ankara in Turkey on April 30 carrying medical aid to the United States.

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Leslie Schneider: This was the second delivery of pee pee, including masks hazmat suits and disinfectants and the items were sent in boxes displaying the words of 13th century Sufi poet.

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Leslie Schneider: Rumi and in both Turkish and English which says after hopelessness. There is so much hope and after darkness. There is so much brighter sun.

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Leslie Schneider: So Ankara is about a three hour drive from Adams hometown of Sultan honey and I just thought that it was a lovely way of just showing how much we are all connected.

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Leslie Schneider: And then some news, I'm sure a lot of us are eager to hear. So, Governor Jay Inslee announced new criteria today for that allows

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Leslie Schneider: 10 more counties, including kids up to apply for a variance to move into phase two of the state's reopening plan.

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Leslie Schneider: Instead of the old criteria that only counties have 75,000 population or less good apply the new criteria states that counties with less than 10 new cases per 100,000 residents.

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Leslie Schneider: Over a 14 day span are eligible to apply. And kids SAP has seen only seven cases in the month of May in a total population of 270 1000 which means we have a margin of about 20 cases, however, because a new positive test at a long term care facility just was reported and

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Leslie Schneider: And that might result in further infections that our kits that public health department will delay in applying for the variants, until at least may 28

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Leslie Schneider: So for all the important reasons. Let's keep our fingers and toes crossed that we do not have an outbreak at a facility with highly vulnerable residence. So that's, that's it for me right now.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that Mayor Schneider, I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on, in our agenda to Item five, which is the city managers report city manager Smith.

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Morgan Smith: Good evening Council house the volume on this. Good. Okay.

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Morgan Smith: A couple things I wanted to touch base on today. The first is for you and for community members who may be listening.

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Morgan Smith: Related to the city's advisory groups, as you recall our typical annual cycle is that we have vacancies that come up most of our vacancies come up at this time of year, and we are looking for.

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Morgan Smith: volunteers to raise their hand and express interest in serving on our groups and then those appointments are made to be effective on July 1

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Morgan Smith: And so we've continued to push forward with those recruitment and we've continued to have great success and hear from a number of islanders who are still interested in available to help in various areas.

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Morgan Smith: And so I wanted to let everyone know that that is still moving forward and to also update the Council specifically

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Morgan Smith: On the fact that with a couple of exceptions really only one place that's a concern. We now have enough applicants to move forward and fill all the vacancies.

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Morgan Smith: And so we're ready to have council members participate in the process to consider the applicants and make your recommendations for Council appointment.

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Morgan Smith: So I just wanted to highlight that let you know where that's where that stands and then let you know to expect to hear from Roz last off on city staff to begin to coordinate that process because it does take some time on your part, and with the committee chairs to

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Morgan Smith: Review and and work out some remote 10 minute interviews with the applicants. So stay tuned. I assume that something council does want to move forward with

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Morgan Smith: I also want to just assure people that, as is typical for right now our city attorney is assessing everything that we take up and making sure that it's in alignment with the governor's orders.

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Morgan Smith: So he's reviewed the committee's and the appointments at hand and finds them to be in alignment with the current orders so

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Morgan Smith: I do have to say, and I know this will be disappointing. Some people were not ready to

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Morgan Smith: Say that these committees will be coming to work right now. But what this does is put us in a position so that we have seats filled the committee's will be able to have a quorum, so that when we do get to that phase that we're able to

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Morgan Smith: Bring them back into our work that there isn't this logistical part holding things up. So I think it would be great to go forward with this, and unless Council has objections that will be what's happening next

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Morgan Smith: Okay, so I'm moving on then. I don't know if COUNCILMEMBER her topless. Did you have a question about that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I do. Um, so I know that, you know, part of the one of the exceptions to our being able to do work has to do with whether it relates directly to responding to coven

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is there. Do you imagine opportunity to allow any of the committee's to convene remotely if they feel that there is something that they could be offering for the and I've heard specifically from one committee.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I guess that's really my my big Council question might be a policy question, but in other words not to start up regular committee meetings, but if there were a committee that felt that they had something to offer in that direction. Would that be feasible.

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Morgan Smith: Well, a lot of Islanders are offering a lot of things. And I don't want anything I say next to feel like I'm minimizing that there's a universe of ways in which residents are pitching in. And there are avenues to help

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Morgan Smith: When a city committee meets then that that that just happens. And there's some flavor of a meeting, that's just about emergency response and none of these committees are chartered with

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Morgan Smith: Leading can oversee response that's done by our professional emergency management coordinator or EEOC train staff with a great deal of systems from volunteers. So if there are committee members who feel like they have ideas to lend or

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Morgan Smith: Or energy or resources. There are lots of venues for us to take in that. Good thinking, but we're just not able to support

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Morgan Smith: Turning on a committee for that purpose. And then I would just say without sounding too critical I don't know exactly what's the vision.

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Morgan Smith: But those committees don't have that charter those committees do other kinds of work, none of which were anticipated around this topic, so

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Morgan Smith: I know people are really eager to come back and do things. I feel in my role that I really have to emphasize how much staff is right now trying to do two things at the same time.

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Morgan Smith: And it's not possible for us to invite committees back to work and not imagine that that creates additional work in and of itself. And I want to be ready to do that. Well, before we take it up.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Thank you.

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Morgan Smith: Um, but I know it's important. And we're moving towards that, as well as we can.

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Morgan Smith: The second item I wanted to share, which I think probably many of you are aware of there's certainly been a lot of Community interest throughout the day today. But there's been an incident where a gray whale.

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Morgan Smith: Who is deceased has washed up on Manitoba beach. And so for those of you who are in the right part of the social media universe. This has been a pretty significant topic for the day. And if you're not aware, then this is my time to share that with you.

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Morgan Smith: But for folks who have questions about that. I'm just going to give you an update the remains of the gray whale washed up near Merton cove.

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Morgan Smith: Earlier this morning, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which we know is Noah.

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Morgan Smith: Fisheries is the controlling agency for these events and was notified Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife was also notified and responded to the site.

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Morgan Smith: City police were aware and have been there throughout the day.

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Morgan Smith: Know provided guidance on approved methods of disposal for the carcass. The first method is through natural decomposition

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Morgan Smith: Which occurs over a period of approximately six months at the current location or some other location along the shoreline.

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Morgan Smith: And obviously there are places in Washington state where that works better than others.

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Morgan Smith: The second option is to have a contractor tow the remains to a pre approved location and have the decomposition happen there.

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Morgan Smith: That requires government approvals and also some funding.

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Morgan Smith: So as far as what's happened at this point in the day. We've provided information to Noah to convey that we don't have a different place on our shoreline. That would be preferable to the place that the

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Morgan Smith: Whales remains are now meaning not that we think it's a good place for it to be. It's we don't have some other place up around the bend. That's better. So there isn't an easy right this minute

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Morgan Smith: Response the availability of an alternate remote location is being explored by fish and wildlife and should they find a location. The remains will be towed by fish and wildlife most likely

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Morgan Smith: And the city will be prepared to assist that if, if we can, so we're going to continue to coordinate with those agencies who are the lead in this kind of events and work with them to find a solution.

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Morgan Smith: And as soon as we have more information about what they recommend and plan will be sharing that so

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Morgan Smith: Okay, that's it for my report. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. CITY MANAGER Smith.

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Rasham Nassar: I was entirely unaware of the

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Rasham Nassar: Wildlife event occurring on the island.

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Rasham Nassar: Pretty significant

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for sharing.

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Rasham Nassar: We will move on and our agenda now to future Council agendas and real quick before we dive into this

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Rasham Nassar: Council member car I neglected to

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Rasham Nassar: Tell you that the way that we facilitate these virtual meetings in terms of how a call to call on council members that would like to comment is through your use of the hand raise

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Rasham Nassar: feature which exists in the panelists function of this virtual zoom room. So you would raise your hand, there's a little blue hand it pops up. And then when you are called on you can put your hand down

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Rasham Nassar: Just FYI.

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Rasham Nassar: Future Council agenda is council members, how

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Morgan Smith: So the mayor suggested, since they're quite a number in here that I just walked through generally, and I think that would be helpful because I included

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Morgan Smith: More agendas than we usually do, because I would like council to get oriented towards what we're expect to bring forward in June, so I won't go through these in a lot of detail, but I just want to highlight a few things.

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Morgan Smith: For next week we'll be adding an item which is to set a public asked you to set a public hearing on June night.

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Morgan Smith: And that public hearing would be to consider whether to extend the landmark tree ordinance for an additional six months.

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Morgan Smith: It was currently. It was most recently extended to the end of June.

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Morgan Smith: And the expectation which Council received a briefing on what from the city arborist was that he would be picking up a work plan to bring forward some recommended

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Morgan Smith: Changes, but because of the way the calendar shook out after that point that work did not was not able to happen.

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Morgan Smith: So rather than have the L to expire. We just want to acknowledge that we lost some time on the calendar and have you consider another six month extension to do that identical work plan, but otherwise next week, the highlights are

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Morgan Smith: That the climate change advisory committee will be presenting you with a presentation that they had prepared for March, which is the overview of their climate action plan goals and strategies.

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Morgan Smith: Significantly Public Works has a lot of time place to do the first workshop with you on a Capital Improvement Plan, which is critical for our budget development process.

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Morgan Smith: The Council had previously referred to climate emergency resolution to the climate change advisory committee. And so this is a time for that item to come back for additional Council discussion and to hear the committee is feedback.

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Morgan Smith: And then looking at Section nine. You'll recall that at your march 6 retreat you develop some draft goals for the remainder of 2020

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Morgan Smith: As well as goals for the 2021 2022 budget development and we would have typically brought those to you pretty quickly after that for you to formally approve them. And this is an opportunity to do so.

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Morgan Smith: So that's the last meeting that we are planning to organize a special meeting. And then when you turn to the June agendas at with councils feedback. Those are shaped

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Morgan Smith: As returning to our typical study session business meetings study session business meeting.

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Morgan Smith: So they'll follow. We will do our best to follow the intent of that and to bring action items on business meetings and not on study sessions. These schedules also anticipate returning to the structure where public comment is accepted at business meetings and non study sessions.

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Morgan Smith: All the meetings are planning to start at six o'clock. And the other thing I just wanted to point out was

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Morgan Smith: The focus for June was really the resumption of kind of the Council's highest priority work.

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Morgan Smith: From when we had to step back in March. So the things on here mostly look familiar. And then to the degree we have capacity. I'm proposing to bring forward some of

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Morgan Smith: Our most critical sort of business continuity items in particular, continuing and hopefully completing the conversation on sustainability features for the police court project. And that's on June 2

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Morgan Smith: And then some of our annual roadwork

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Morgan Smith: Road striping and things like that. The other couple of things I want to highlight at the session on June 16

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Morgan Smith: Three topics are planned for that and I think they all three are fairly time sensitive, even though their policy discussions. The first is

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Morgan Smith: Kristin drew the communications coordinator and I will be bringing to you an overview of the communications plan and where it stands after the one year with Coby connects

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Morgan Smith: That was a request from Council that we reassess at that time. And we also really need to hear from you because we need to understand whether you want. Could we connect to continue to go forward.

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Morgan Smith: And at what sort of level of effort and that will help us with the 2122 budget.

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Morgan Smith: Also per Council direction on the 16th. We will return to the self service storage moratorium and talk about your policy direction on that which was

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Morgan Smith: A specific topic in recent meetings and then six be is not quite finessed with the title. So I wanted to make sure you understand what is anticipated that night.

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Morgan Smith: The Council has had a lot of discussion, since the start of the year around different topics, all of which are somewhat related exclusionary zoning.

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Morgan Smith: You're interested in having a different approach with floor area ratio your interest with in having the planning commission weigh in on that topic.

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Morgan Smith: The potential to connect floor area ratio to the transfer of development rates and then also on here. I would say is the Not yet.

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Morgan Smith: On the horizon, but the concept of a Winslow area master plan. And so I feel as if these topics have all been kind of entered at different points in time but but have some overlap.

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Morgan Smith: And what staff is hoping and thinks would be helpful for what the Council and the planning commission and for staff.

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Morgan Smith: Is for us to circle together rather than diving into any one of these and hear from Council on how you see these as being connected

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Morgan Smith: So that we can understand which pieces to pick up in a cohesive way and which you see a standalone exercises that don't need to be attached to one another because

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Morgan Smith: Otherwise I'm worried that, for example, the planning commission will go and do work and develop a recommendation for you on floor area ratio and the Council will be having an exclusionary zoning TD our conversation.

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Morgan Smith: And those aren't completely separate universe. So, so we're going to try and shape that a bit. But on the 16th, I think it would be helpful for us to hear from the Council which pieces of those. You want to be actively working on right now and which pieces you think are separate.

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Morgan Smith: So I can answer any other questions you have on the June agendas.

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Rasham Nassar: I have a quick. I have a quick follow up to that, just to be clear, you what you just out you just outlined and agenda topic for the 16th related to all those pieces and kind of how they fit together. We have tonight on the agenda, the

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Rasham Nassar: Citywide work plan priorities.

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Morgan Smith: In

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Rasham Nassar: My mind those two

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Rasham Nassar: These two agenda items are related, or what you propose for the 16th in this

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Rasham Nassar: Again, so

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I think you know where I'm going with this, I guess.

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Morgan Smith: What I would say is, without any specific topic if Council, the word plan and takes anything off, it would, it has the potential to affect future agenda. So this is the map where we're going.

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Morgan Smith: And I guess.

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Morgan Smith: To your point, though, I just want to highlight the reason that I'm proposing, we have this kind of

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Morgan Smith: Where are we going, circling coordinating conversation is, for example, if I'm just meeting my obligation of finding the things that were scheduled in the first quarter that needs to move forward. I would be working with

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Morgan Smith: Our consultants from exclusionary zoning to bring them back to the table, but I don't know that that's the most productive way to do that, given the

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Morgan Smith: Council has given Planning Commission some direction over here that's related to that. So I do think we need to have an Oregon.

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Morgan Smith: You know, assuming it's still part of our plan. I think we do need to have an organizing conversation about these related topics and get some clarity around how they should proceed.

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Rasham Nassar: OK, I see some nodding heads. I think their support for that. Councilmember I topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. Along those lines, and that's actually two items. I'd like to see coming up that, where are you tracking and they relate specifically NOW TO THIS ITEM ON JUNE 16

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So there's the overarching idea that we were going to maybe have maybe a segment called a subcommittee of both council members and commission members to talk about how we might do some process things differently.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I know that part of the conversation that's bubble up back and forth in retreat on the Dyess here has been the idea of getting them more involved certainly having them involved to present. And did you want to say something we're

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Morgan Smith: Just wanted to make sure you saw that on

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Rasham Nassar: THE 26th of

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Morgan Smith: May. So next week I'm proposed a placeholder to return to the Council discussion about an ad hoc committee on land use review.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, that that's related but not the same thing, but that's okay. We could talk there. This is the process beach. This is the relationship and interaction between us, the two bodies versus the land use review.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But where I was going with this is, I'd be curious to know what how council would feel about having a joint meeting with planning commission

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: At the stage you're talking about on the 16th and so just hear me out a little bit.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Not that they tell us what to do, but that they have a lot of valuable insight specifically about the interconnectedness of all of these pieces that we're talking about.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So getting their feedback and then us having a conversation about how we as the policy making body want to proceed. I think I'd like that advice and input early on. So I kind of want to put that out there for that item on the 16th and then I had something else, but

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: For that

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. Councilmember hi tapulous I think I personally think that's a great idea. I know we've talked in some other capacity about inviting planning Commissioners to join the Council of the table. I think the 16th is a really great opportunity to do that.

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Rasham Nassar: So I'll make a note of that. And unless there's anyone that feels differently.

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Rasham Nassar: Would it be okay to go ahead and looking to city manager Smith to to invite clinic Commissioners to attend that 16th discussion.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I think it would be worthwhile given it would be, it would be

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Morgan Smith: Have some different this to it, even if we were having a regular meeting, but given the remote meeting format. I guess it might be worth a minute for us to talk together about what that might look like, because we do have two other significant topics.

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Morgan Smith: Place for that night. So would you want to think about maybe having a time at the beginning, that was an hour for that conversation with planning commission and then do the other two topics that

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, like a way to approach it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I see some nodding heads. I think, I think we all agree that giving that discussion topic primetime would probably be. What would, what is most fair. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: And then before I go to COUNCILMEMBER DC I see several hands up. I will go to you. Councilmember deets. Next, but I don't want to lose track of the second agenda item.

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Rasham Nassar: Which relates to the committee, the ad hoc committee proposal, I think that was by COUNCILMEMBER Medina and high topless as city manager Smith stated she placed it as a placeholder on that future agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: But it sounds like there might be some difference in approach or intent.

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Rasham Nassar: By COUNCILMEMBER Dina at high top ball is in your proposal of that. So maybe we could just get some clarity on that before we leave this discussion item. I hope you're tracking what I'm saying. Okay. Okay, great. So let's come back to that first council members.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Joe Deets: I'll be quick. I just had two questions, if I may. One is a topic that's been around for a while. That's the Public Safety Committee.

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Joe Deets: That committee last met, I think, in September of last year and then its function essentially rolled over into the full Council late the end of last year, and I think

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Joe Deets: We have yeah Morgan. So I was just gonna ask, When are we going to talk about the public safety committee.

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Morgan Smith: So again, it's not it's not called the public safety committee, we are now making quarterly briefings related to the police department to the full Council, the Public Safety Committee was abrogated

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Morgan Smith: By the Council's action. And so we had a fourth quarter briefing ready to give you in March and then that meeting was cancelled.

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Morgan Smith: And so, and then our new police chief has joined us. So he and I are working together. It's not. I think as

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Morgan Smith: Effective for him to deliver the briefing that was planted by others in first quarter, and we're going to be in the second quarter here now in a minute. So he's planning to bring a briefing to you in July.

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Morgan Smith: So quarter, as is the case with many other items that would typically put part of our cycle, but we have been tracking that and we are looking forward to bringing that forward in July.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you. And I had another question. And I asked this one. There was something that I was interested in and plus a constituent was asking what was going on with that. So thank you.

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Joe Deets: The second. My second question is a new item, the funding that the city got through the cares act 730 5000 and change. Are we going to have a discussion about

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Joe Deets: Strategies for us, utilizing those monies

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, absolutely. We haven't received that money yet so I don't want people to have the impression that it's here and it's arrived. So once we get a little more shape to it, which I hope will happen soon will absolutely, place, time for Council discussion around that.

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Joe Deets: Okay, thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So you're on mute.

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Mayor Schneider.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: I just had a quick thought and suggested I don't know if the timing would work out. But this is relating back to the previous topic about having a joint

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Leslie Schneider: Planning Commission, Council meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: Would it work to have it on that sort of fifth Tuesday. I think it's June right isn't

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Leslie Schneider: It and I

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Leslie Schneider: And I know there might be lots of other things we'd like to put on a on a fifth Tuesday, but I just wanted to throw it out there if that kind of opens up some breathing room for for something a little bit different.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I guess if you're asking my opinion I wouldn't mind having that on a separate night because it will feel very different and will have a different rhythm. Also, I

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Morgan Smith: Am a little worried that we may have a Civ conversation and need to spill over to a second discussion with you. And then we would have, you know, have time to add that to the 16th. Instead, but it's it's the Council's decision whether you how you how and when you want to structure this

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Rasham Nassar: One one thought and playing devil's advocate.

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Rasham Nassar: City Manager Smith is that if it relates to potentially consolidating the work plan for 2020

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Rasham Nassar: Would it be most beneficial to staff staff for us to have that discussion sooner rather than later. Just put it out there.

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Morgan Smith: We have plenty to do

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Morgan Smith: Whatever it whatever Council prefers works can work for us, but that's that's a good point.

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Rasham Nassar: And do we want some consensus on that right now. Should we kind of

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, for sure. I mean, we are working to relate the materials that go behind these agendas right now so

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so the proposal is to have a joint city council clinic admission meeting related to the variety of legislative topics that the Council's currently

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Rasham Nassar: Undertaking on instead of having that discussion take place on the 16th, the proposal is is to schedule that as a special City Council meeting on the fifth to state of June. What is that June.

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Morgan Smith: 30

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Rasham Nassar: June 30 so that would be a standalone separate special city council meeting for that purpose only how to council members feel about that.

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Thumbs up.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, Counselor policy of thoughts on that.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, you know, it's actually one of the few times that I'm going to be able to get away for field work.

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Michael Pollock: If field work opens up so

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Michael Pollock: I won't be able to attend them.

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Michael Pollock: And I kind of have that plan for a while. I don't know. Are we going to be doing remote meetings at that point in time.

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Morgan Smith: It's quite likely i would i would

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Michael Pollock: Hope. So I'd be able to phone in on it. But I mean, my sense though is is is that sooner rather than later would be

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Michael Pollock: Pretty be preferable for the reasons stated and, you know, just to consider. We can have a special meeting on it on a

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Michael Pollock: Same week or something as well. If we wanted to do it earlier, you know,

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Michael Pollock: An open week as a relatively precious commodity, so I'm a little hesitant to do that. So I just throw that out that I you know that's it's may 19 now so I just prefer to do it sooner rather than later, I guess.

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Rasham Nassar: Council member. I'm going to go to Medina. Councilmember Medina, you've had your hand up and then HIGH CASTLE overhead topless you

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Kol Medina: Asked for the timing of it.

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Kol Medina: I totally get your points there counselor Pollock. I'm fine with it Tuesday or find some other time.

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Kol Medina: My question is just what my question always is about any of our agenda items is

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Kol Medina: What's, what's the purpose. So I just like to have a little more understanding of like what the goal is. Of having us together to talk about what towards what and you're like why

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Morgan Smith: Are you asking for me to clarify why I thought this topic would be useful or for Council of our job was to speak to why have it as a joint meeting with planning commission

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Kol Medina: Yeah, the ladder.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, I'm

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Like I said a moment ago, I feel like part utilizing you know the resource that we have in the planning commission just both in their expertise and experience with the code and these issues.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the fact that they will ultimately receive from us a product or will receive a product work on it sent back to them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Bringing them in when we're making such a fundamental decision is how to prioritize which sections of the code to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To tackle first and they may have ideas about how and why they fit together. And granted, we'll hear from city staff as well as the staff will have an opinion.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I think this accomplishes both a potentially tangible value from them with knowledge and perspective.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: As well as its relationship building that's not the whole reason but that's what they're asking for from us. They want to be integrated into our process.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I'm and I think there's real value in that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I feel like and maybe maybe city manager can explain further what she envisioned for that conversation. But it sounds like a very high level conversation. So we can start to winnow down

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So it sounds like a good time to key into them. And then, as I said, I think we then do have an in

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: A conversation just as a Council about what our priorities are. I'm not deferring to plan Commission how we then prioritize

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But just bringing them in to participate in that. Background conversation. I would hope that whatever structure. The city manager was planning to have staff lead us through

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We could all be led through or it could be minor the minor modifications for that, but maybe Morgan has some perspective on that.

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Morgan Smith: I guess in my

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Morgan Smith: vision of what that topic would look like. It was for staff to lay out that the three or four. And if you include the wisdom masterplan five concepts that sort of touch one another space.

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Morgan Smith: And to see what councils feedback was on whether you see those as being intersecting and should then travel forward in a more coordinated way.

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Morgan Smith: Or whether you could clarify. No, we really just want to work on far right here and we want to do a TR in a different way over here.

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Morgan Smith: So there's no reason why others like the planning commission would benefit from being in the room and hearing all that and seeing and Clara and and you know, to the degree

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Morgan Smith: Council can clarify that for us, then we would all be on the same page. At the same time, I think the question for counsel might be

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Morgan Smith: And we have time to figure it out, how you want to structure it in terms of their participation, are they there to here. Are they being they're invited to encourage their

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Morgan Smith: Absorption of that and they're on their first hand understanding councils direction or they being asked to contribute to the discussion and lend their, you know, vote so to speak to how how and when things proceed.

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Rasham Nassar: Counselor Medina. Does that answer your question.

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Kol Medina: Well, thanks for thanks for coming back to me. It doesn't answer my question. And what I'm really concerned about is the last part of what the city manager said and

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Kol Medina: I will counselor I topless talked about the last part of her comments as well. His decision making structure.

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Kol Medina: I assume that city manager was hoping we would as a council hear the presentation and come to some conclusions in order to move the work plan forward.

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Kol Medina: If the planning commission is sitting there with us when we're supposed to be coming to conclusions.

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Kol Medina: How is that going to work, and I know from our populace. You don't think they should be part of the decision making. That's part of what you said.

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Kol Medina: But, but what does that mean are we gonna, we're gonna have a moment where we say, okay, now it's decision time and we're going to ask them to go. And then we move on to decision making or is it going to be separate meeting or, like, how does that work.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry.

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Rasham Nassar: Go ahead, Counselor hi topless and then counselor Pollock you've had your hand raised for

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Rasham Nassar: I

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Think it. I think it needs to come back to us. So unfortunately this adds an extra step. But that seems like the most reasonable way to to hurt to parcel it out. So I anticipated that we basically would then come back for a shorter conversation as a council.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah.

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Michael Pollock: If I go yeah I would concur with that I sort of like to get going. Sooner rather than later, because

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Michael Pollock: I really think the planning commission has tremendous expertise to contribute to our understanding of how these things are related.

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Michael Pollock: And yeah, ultimately, we make a decision, but I sure would like to get their input on the structure of

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Michael Pollock: And how these are interrelated and then and then have a follow up meeting amongst ourselves. That's what I think makes a lot of sense. I don't that's

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Michael Pollock: COUNCILMEMBER hi populates if that's if that's kind of along the lines of what you're saying, but I think I'm agreeing with what you're suggesting, and I think it's a good, a good suggestion.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so, um, I think we've got one decision point

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Rasham Nassar: Finalized here, which is that when we have that discussion, we will have the planning Commissioners present. I think I hear a majority Council support for that. The next question that we have not answered is, whether that discussion is going to happen on the 16th or the 30th of June.

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Rasham Nassar: I will point out that we are we are may 19 which will be putting this discussion out over a month if we wait until the 30th of June.

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Morgan Smith: So,

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Rasham Nassar: putting that out there.

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Rasham Nassar: And then we just

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Rasham Nassar: Will see where Council falls on that.

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Morgan Smith: Would be to place it on the 16th to have it be the first hour of that meeting. And if we get two or three weeks down the road.

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Morgan Smith: And there's some other amount of content that's building up that we need more Council time for will solve for that. But if that's not the case. I think it's a manageable meeting to do that, and the other two topics on the 16th.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay Council, Mr. Hyde topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think with as many peoples who will be present and it being such a huge issue. And although you know all three or four of those sections of the land use code and deciding how they work together and how to prioritize them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm a little concerned about whether an hour's enough and a standalone meeting for two hours, made a lot of sense me mobilize all those people try to really process. The give good time to process it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So it, you know, if we could find. I don't like I've had two meetings in one week. But if we have to have a second meeting in an earlier week. That's fine. I'd rather do that then put it on to the 16th and give it short shrift.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other council members when I'm comment, especially in light of the city managers last remarks counselor Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Well, yeah.

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Michael Pollock: I think that two shorter meetings would be more productive.

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Michael Pollock: So if we can do to that week. I mean, I don't know about you guys, but most of my evenings are pretty

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, one way or another. And it's the same amount of time. It's just would be spread over two days instead of one.

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Michael Pollock: That's what makes most sense to me.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, well, we can start by looking at availability surveying council members and planning Commissioners for like a Monday.

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Morgan Smith: Of that week or Thursday is probably problematic. But, but we can look at Monday and see what the response looks like and maybe revisit this with you next Tuesday when we have some more information.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great. And Council my head topless. Your hand is raised, are you going to circle back to that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I was going to come back to answer your question about the land use looking we're currently at the at the item. I do think that that's what counts on everything and I were talking about. So that looks fine.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I did have one more item, just for some upcoming meeting that I wanted to throw out there that is not new, but has fallen off.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It goes back to the reforming of the committee's and eventually, you know, opening of them. That is the ethics question.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So whether or not we're gonna make any changes before we the new epic sport is set and begins to work.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I would just point out that there's at least one actual error in the current version. And I think that everyone I've talked about it agrees we have at least one error. And the fact is that Article one is still in there.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm happy to since I'm gonna keep pushing up this. I'm happy to take on the job of trying to bring something forward, doing whatever I can to help with the lifting, but I think it would be strange to receive the planet. I mean, the ethics board and and then potentially

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, three months later, start working on it again.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I just want to bring that back to the table.

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Rasham Nassar: That's member public

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, that's fine. I do we want to talk about that now. Are you just saying let's put it on an agenda item. I mean, can we can we put that on the agenda for next week since we're seeing that be moving along.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Right.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Went to a data item to talk about the timing of it. That's fine. I think the world would be okay with that at least. Yeah.

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Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. And so what can you just

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Rasham Nassar: Quickly reiterate the scope of that discussion counselor head topless. Just so when we take it back to Thursday's agenda setting meeting we've captured the intent.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I don't know, a 10 minute item maybe about 25 minutes but better Newton.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just talking about where, where do we who assessing prior who prioritises. This is something that needs to happen when

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Do we need to do this before we we pull the ethics board back together. Certainly ethics board needs to start meeting as soon as they can. That would be a little strange if they didn't

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So yeah, does that make sense.

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Michael Pollock: Yes.

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Rasham Nassar: I've made a note of that.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, any other council members like to comment make suggestions or changes to feature Council agendas.

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Rasham Nassar: All right.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, moving on to item seven on our agenda unfinished business.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm seven eight is the 2020 fiscal impact on revenue and expenses forecasts and I'm going to turn it over to use the Manage

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Morgan Smith: Your account. So we had a very detailed and hopefully useful conversation with you last week about our current forecasts for the fiscal impacts that we anticipate in

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Morgan Smith: As you'll recall, we roll those up to

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Morgan Smith: Our current thinking, which is that we expect something like a four and a half million dollar impact to our tax supported general funds.

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Morgan Smith: And that is a significant impact, but it's one that we believe we can offset, to a large degree by making a couple of different choices.

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Morgan Smith: About \$1.3 million of that could be addressed by holding most of our vacant staff vacancies.

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Morgan Smith: Open for the remainder of this year, while we wait and see if our forecast is

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Morgan Smith: About in line with what actually happens to low to high, etc. Should we think that's prudent and also sustainable in the near term.

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Morgan Smith: For business continuity, it would not be sustainable long term perspective, as we've talked about, but I think it makes good sense for here. Now we also outline for you a series of discretionary spending decisions that we think would also be

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Morgan Smith: Good to plan for and to to put in our thinking for the next six months. And if those were to go forward. We think that would provide an additional \$1.4 million in offset.

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Morgan Smith: And that would leave roughly about \$1.8 million in funding gap that could be addressed through our available fund balance.

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Morgan Smith: To do so would mean use of roughly 15% of our combined fund balance that we expect to have at the end of the year, but would not yet require us to allocate any of our reserve funds.

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Morgan Smith: So it feels like in an appropriate approach if things shake out at about that order of magnitude. The most important thing to continue to tell you, and the community is unfortunately we just don't know what

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Morgan Smith: What we're going to actually experience over the next six to nine months. I have a lot of confidence in our forecast because we have a lot of insight into how our business typically behaves and where we have volatility and where we don't

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Morgan Smith: But what I can't say with as much confidence is what's going to happen in the world.

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Morgan Smith: Are we going to slowly pivot back to something more like regular business and community activity.

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Morgan Smith: Or are we going to get four, six weeks down the road and experience and other significant shut down instead of restrictions. We just don't know that. And so having that amount of uncertainty in it is important to recognize

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Morgan Smith: But it's also important to build a map for what you do know. And that's what we've done and presented it to you. And I think there's a lot of value in making sure that you feel informed and understand why we have the forecast. We have

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Morgan Smith: And our commitment to you is to come back every month and check in.

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Morgan Smith: And I want to answer any questions you have. But then, my goal is to be for us, whether it's tonight or at some point in the near future.

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Morgan Smith: To have a shared vision of what we think the next few months are so that we can continue to spend our time and energy on the other important decision making this in front of us.

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Morgan Smith: So Elena, and I are both here. Happy to answer any follow up questions you have from last week or discuss anything else in more detail.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that city manager so COUNCILMEMBER. Do you have your hand raised.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. Um, yeah, I really like the work Morgan that you and so on. And all the staff have done on the budget.

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Joe Deets: Analysis. This is immensely helpful and I think in all I speak for all of us that we all feel more comfortable but like you said it. There's a huge degree of uncertainty. A case in point.

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Joe Deets: When are we going to reopen I mean this community, but will they look like and then will we need to retract things we don't know.

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Joe Deets: And and it's that very nature, do you can you advise us when you came with that potential budget losses of 15 to 20% I know in the past. The city has had sort of a optimistic, pessimistic, middle of the road scenario.

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Joe Deets: Did you apply that and if you did were were in that 15 to 20% estimate was an estimating that we would reopen and then not retract. I'm so I just started, I want to ask that.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, no, that's a good question. I think there's a slide where we mentioned that this is our it's our I would say typical for our

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Rasham Nassar: Smith, you're the volume just went a little crazy. You

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Rasham Nassar: Know, we're still getting some fuzzy kind of reverb sounding a little crackled try one more time.

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Morgan Smith: I will just

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Whatever you just said, I think that fixed it. So go ahead and then will I will interrupt you. Again, if it

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Morgan Smith: I will

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Morgan Smith: Do what you did, which was a bunch of hand gestures just broke out on the screen and that helped me know to stop talking.

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Morgan Smith: Um, so what I think I was saying is that it's a good question and I think we labeled our forecast as being conservative. And I think throughout the math and the analysis that we did. We applied. What's our characteristic city.

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Morgan Smith: Setting at this point, which is to be as thorough as possible and to be on the conservative side of things. So

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Morgan Smith: But, to some degree, our setting will have less influence than just the nature of our revenue streams. It is just the case that

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Morgan Smith: Relatively few of our revenue streams are dependent on things like retail sales. And that's really where you see

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Morgan Smith: Sort of the up and down of contractions and restrictions coming and going. And so we took a pretty aggressive look at that line item.

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Morgan Smith: A lot of the other line items, don't move as much in that way. So even if we are way wrong and we end up being shut down for another six weeks in the middle of the summer.

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Morgan Smith: That will be important and will definitely update our forecasting as a result of that, but it will throw all of this off the table.

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Morgan Smith: What really matters to us. Next is not so much 2020 because we, we have a really pretty good intuition about what can happen in six or nine months, but it's like any other event. It's the amplification of what that might mean for the next one to five years. So the important thing is to

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Morgan Smith: I think come to some agreement about what we expect for the next few months, but to then begin to really work on what we think that means for

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Morgan Smith: And really the next five years. And so what will will will really matter is if the experience happens that you described as a hypothetical and we expect it will keep happening for three to five years, or will it always be sort of an 18 month event that we're going to move beyond

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't see any other hands raised. Um, I will point out to council members that there is emotion in our packet

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: Um, I moved to authorize the city manager to pursue the approach proposed as part of this agenda item to address emerging fiscal impacts to the 2020 budget.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollux second that motion any further Council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: All those in favor please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye. Aye.

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Rasham Nassar: Are there any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay that motion passes unanimously. Thank you for that city manager Smith.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, and counsel, just before we leave this, I want to emphasize to my commitment and the staffs commitment that the

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Morgan Smith: Emotion was phrased in sort of broad strokes intentionally. This is a map that I want. And I want you guys to have a sense of why will bring forward certain items as we

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Morgan Smith: Go through the next few months, and why certain items will be set aside and that we have a shared idea that, but to the degree that we see that things it's important for you and for us to change adjust tweak.

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Morgan Smith: Can ramp up need to ramp down, it'll be our responsibility to come to you and I want to re emphasize our commitment to do that so

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Rasham Nassar: Great. Really appreciate those comments city manager Smith and I know that you kind of delve into that last week when we first discussed it

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Rasham Nassar: So again, just a lot of appreciation for you, Deputy city manager. Sure. And the finance department at the city.

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on, in our agenda and this is you again city manager Smith. So we are at items seven be impacts to the 2020 citywide work plan priorities.

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Morgan Smith: Council. So this is our, our, kind of partner discussion and alongside our are the places where we can make spending choices, there's sort of two flavors of impact to the word plan.

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Morgan Smith: One is the flavor that just happened to us. It's just things that we didn't control. We lost time on the calendar. We've lost the ability to do outreach in the way we thought we would. And so, that creates impacts to the to

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Morgan Smith: Our plans and the other is to acknowledge that our capacity is different than we thought it would be when we work together on this roadmap in January and so

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Morgan Smith: To some degree, this is just more of a report out than a proposed plan of action, but it is a report out on where the things we cared about the most for the year currently stand,

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Morgan Smith: And some labeling with the yellow green and red of what what our expectations are for when these things will move to their next steps.

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Morgan Smith: And I think the the importance for my perspective is for us to again have a shared vision in the same way that this original list reflected our agreement about where it was most important to spend city time and resources.

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Morgan Smith: This is still at what the function of this roadmap is. But as you can see some of these things aren't expected to happen for us this year or aren't

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Morgan Smith: Described as being as critical as others. So in packaging forward this look at our next few months I applied my understanding of what we need to do.

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Morgan Smith: What our projects that have our most significant investment and highest level of interest to move forward.

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Morgan Smith: And then I used as a point of reference, the Council's articulated highest priorities as well. So things like green building affordable housing.

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Morgan Smith: The land use review process using using those things which you reaffirmed in March helped me to see what policy topics I'm I expect Council will want to have brought forward to the degree we have capacity.

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Morgan Smith: So again, I'd be happy to answer any questions or my senses, there may be some interest in Council discussing whether some of these should have a more conservative timing or approach.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't see any hands, hands raised. Thank you for that introduction city manager Smith do any council members have any comments or

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Rasham Nassar: And unmute your mic and

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Rasham Nassar: Happens to all

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Yeah.

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Rasham Nassar: Go ahead. I was just curious if, as with the previous agenda item on fiscal impacts and that

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Christy Carr: Kind of coordination with the city manager and the Council and revisiting it if that's the same sort of flavor that this will take on

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Christy Carr: Or if it's those red, yellow, green boxes are more set in stone, and the only example I

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Christy Carr: Would would bring up is that Winslow master plan and both discussing the timing, our approach to that as well as initiating it are both deferred to 2020

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Christy Carr: And I think specific to the agenda item on 16th or the special meeting on the 30th about all those things that are related. Those are really important and would be challenging to discuss outside the framework of the Winslow master plan. So I'm just wondering

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Christy Carr: If again, this is something that we can revisit or if we should change that.

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Morgan Smith: So my perspective is that this is always a map that then becomes a living document as we go through time.

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Morgan Smith: I don't update it with the Council, every month and I wouldn't recommend doing that now because it ends up being more effort to report and less time available for the doing

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Morgan Smith: Typically we report out at the beginning a year end and it mid year, which makes sense. But to your point, if we make decisions about the Winslow area master plan and how that does or doesn't coordinate and there's some tie in to work in

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Morgan Smith: Then the next time you see this which ideally would be in the end of July, for a mid year look it would reflect that.

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Morgan Smith: What I was doing and highlighting that is red is that when this list was first built, which is actually the back end of a two year plan.

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Morgan Smith: When this list was first built in January 2019

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Morgan Smith: There was a very now feels like a very optimistic goal that we would wrap up the island center sub area plan in 2019 and that would TS up to begin the Windsor and master plan.

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Morgan Smith: In 2020 and so that concept is being ready to launch that really biggest of our master plans.

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Morgan Smith: Is why I flagged it as red because I don't expect to that, absent making some really significant cuts in capacity somewhere else that we have an intention or the wherewithal to do that. But that doesn't preclude speaking about it in the context of that other sort of integrated discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: So I think the answer to Councilmember cars question was yes it is flexible, to some degree, but it's also complicated. Yeah.

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Morgan Smith: But I thought I heard a little bit of an allusion to will we be revisiting this on a monthly basis. And that's not my intent.

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Rasham Nassar: Right. Okay. Um, thank you for that. Let's go to council member deeds, you have your hand raised.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, it's just gonna make a motion.

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Joe Deets: I moved to authorize the city manager to make the proposed adjustments to the city's 2020 city wide work plan priorities as described in this agenda item.

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Rasham Nassar: I'll second.

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Rasham Nassar: May your standard seconded, and Mayor center you have your hand raised.

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Leslie Schneider: Sure. I just wanted to say that I, I think this is a good roadmap and, you know, I don't have any huge concerns with it. So I was just giving more or less a thumbs up.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER pollick

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Rasham Nassar: Did you have a hand raised.

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Michael Pollock: I did. I just

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Michael Pollock: I'm in regards to COUNCILMEMBER cars comment I, you know, in my mind, I have a web somewhat tangled web of land use regulations and includes the Winslow master plan.

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Michael Pollock: Transfer development rights see up process, etc, etc, and I'm

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Michael Pollock: It's not just a question of understanding the relationships, but it's understanding where to begin. Right, like, sort of, there's a sequence of interactions in there. Of course, it's kind of circular and so

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Michael Pollock: I guess it just speaks to me that the need that we need to get going out the conversation with the planning commission and really get kind of an understanding of that because

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Michael Pollock: Once we get a sense of what we need to tackle first that is what's related to the next, which are antecedent factors affecting a particular

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Michael Pollock: Land use activity or section of the ordinance that that's going to guide us in terms of what should be a priority, as I see it, so

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Michael Pollock: I think I'm hopeful put it that way that the conversation that we're going to have around the 15th is maybe going to get to that issue of when it's appropriate to tackle the Winslow master plan visa V is some of these other land use issues.

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Rasham Nassar: It hasn't been my job. Alice

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, just to clarify, I don't I'm hopeful. We didn't hear anything, contrary to that from the city manager.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I assume that when you talk about Morgan. When you talk about having to free up significant capacity of for some reason we come out of that conversation and say,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We want to work on a Wednesday master plan and we understand we now have to put all of these other policy issues aside, we can do that, it would just require offsets right

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Morgan Smith: Yeah. And I guess the reason my my eyebrows go up when I think of starting the Winslow area masterplan is a that is a really big significant project that will require more than just city staff and will

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Morgan Smith: necessitate us bringing a large part of our community into the conversation with us. It's a two year project. It's something that, again,

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Morgan Smith: We had high hopes coming out of the comp plan update that councils direction was to start with the island center plan and then the idea was that we would next pick up the Winslow plan.

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Morgan Smith: And if that's what we decided to do I, we will have staff will work with you to shape that and tell you how and when

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Morgan Smith: But, but I want to be realistic. It's not a small exercise and it would require doing some real rework. If we wanted to pick that up in 2020

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Morgan Smith: Now, if we want as part of budget development to envision as we're bringing hopefully knock on Glass. The island center set a plan to fruition this year.

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Morgan Smith: And organizing our thoughts on what the resources and capacity needs to be to, perhaps, and this is Council's decision. I'm not suggesting it but if you wanted to make

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Morgan Smith: Kicking off the Winslow area master plan a priority to begin in 2020 then you know we have a clear runway to do that and make those plans now and build them into the budget and our planning for next year.

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Morgan Smith: By concept of our capacity was if you wanted to bring that into 2020 we would really have to think about how we could do that.

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Rasham Nassar: Customer high top list your hand, the stories that you want to add to that.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other council members like to weigh in.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, really raised for that discussion tonight. I think we have the clarity that we need

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Rasham Nassar: Related to what the motion that we are making means tonight for the work plan.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm glad to hear some reassurance from the city manager that it is flexible on subject to change, especially related to any potential outcomes in terms of new direction that Council might want to pursue from our

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Rasham Nassar: What is that the June 16 meet joint meeting with the planning commission

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Rasham Nassar: So unless anyone would like to make any further comment.

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Rasham Nassar: We will take a vote. All those in favor of the motion on the floor, please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye. Aye.

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Any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay that motion passes unanimously.

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Morgan Smith: Council, I just want to thank you again for both of these topics and you're good discussion and support for them. I just want to acknowledge that we've

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Morgan Smith: Actually kind of executed a mid year mini strategic planning scramble and it was. It's great to have your support in that and to have your insights and thinking, and we'll keep at it. No doubt things begin to feel steadier and more organized but appreciate your support in the meantime.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you, city manager so

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on, in our agenda item seven, see which is the sportsman club new Berkeley intersection improvements grant acceptance and budget amendment.

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Rasham Nassar: Public Works.

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Rasham Nassar: City Manager Smith will crispy joining us in the panelists.

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Morgan Smith: Yes, it may just take us a minute to get those logistics but Chris was Vicki public works director is coming online certainly makes three topics. So I will

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Morgan Smith: Have that Christina. Is that working okay

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Christine Brown: All right. He has a panelist invite. I haven't seen him appear

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Morgan Smith: Yeah. Um, are you want to just sit you need to get to your documents were having some real time meeting drama. Okay.

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Morgan Smith: Call me when you're online, I guess. Okay. However, our structure which Vicki just poked his head in my office and said he's having some computer issues and maybe you guys would like to move on to one of the topics in Section nine

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Morgan Smith: And then come back to his items if that's feasible.

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Rasham Nassar: I would

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Morgan Smith: Or seven either grow Avenue.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, this is council. Okay. Moving seven he up to now, we make it the new 70 and 70 sorry and that topic. Again, as a reminder, was the discussion of the grow Avenue traffic coming safety project.

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Rasham Nassar: We have a council ad hoc committee that was formed in relation to this topic and I think COUNCILMEMBER deets you propose adding this item to tonight's agenda. So I'm gonna turn it over to you.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Deputy Mayor. Yeah. And thank you for allowing this to come on very quickly and I feel I need to

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Joe Deets: alleviate some concerns in the community that we keep pushing this issue, kind of on announced on the agendas and a bit of a timing issue, frankly,

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Joe Deets: But let me just say we did do the pilot as you now, for I think it was three days where it was through way that grow Avenue was closed for through way traffic and

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Joe Deets: I've we as counsel, including myself, got over 20 email comments as well as squeaky wheels and favorite screen ways got did a survey and got I think was 150 responses. And so the purpose of this conversation was just to briefly update you on the

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Joe Deets: On the comments and the surveys and and then our suggestions for next steps. So I have two colleagues here very welcome to chime in. But let me just go straight to the

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Joe Deets: The survey that was put out in that was circulated to all of you. Unfortunately, that's not part of the agenda item. So any

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Joe Deets: Any citizens wondering what that survey looks like please let me know. I'll set it up to you. But basically, it was, it was pretty straightforward. It's like a

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Joe Deets: Do, are you in favor or not in favor of continuing Safe Streets traffic vision on ground, you know. No, no, timing him. And and intent here with just what I do like this or do you not kind of question and there was 150 responses. The number who said yes was at to the nose.

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Joe Deets: Very interesting.

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Rasham Nassar: We're getting some distortion on your and

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Joe Deets: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Is that better.

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Rasham Nassar: It's better. Yes.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Do you carry on.

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Joe Deets: Do I need to start over.

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Rasham Nassar: No, no, not at all.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, just pick up where you left off. We only lost a few words so

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, probably

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Joe Deets: Not important

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Joe Deets: But anyway, what the

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Joe Deets: What was I think very interesting in the responses is that

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Joe Deets: Those who it was broken down geographically roughly and and folks who live on grow were very strongly in favor of whether the traffic revision. Let me just say that

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Joe Deets: And while those the neighboring streets. We're not you know and and then folks who lived outside of those areas were kind of mix sort of 5050 and they liked it or didn't like it. So,

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Joe Deets: What that showed to, to me at least, was that if you lived on ground fee. This is really nice, very supportive. If you're on love grande maybe less so. And and the concerns that I was able to glean was his love Grande, say for example, going to suffer traffic consequences with this exercise.

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Joe Deets: I didn't see any data or any anyone actually saying that happened.

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Joe Deets: But what I

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Joe Deets: My proposal or my college. My are the working groups proposal would be to let's extend the pilot continue the pilot as soon as started as soon as we can.

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Joe Deets: And up until the time when the Wyatt way road construction begins.

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Joe Deets: And that way, we'll have another chance to do this and longer time period, more folks to comment and then of course, once the construction starts, then we do need to stop it.

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Joe Deets: But this will then give us a chance to really do a full public process of this project. So I'll leave it at that. Because I've talked a lot and welcome to answer any questions.

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Rasham Nassar: That's number high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, considering that we don't we don't expect probably to be back to full traffic flow in that period. Or maybe we do

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm a little concerned about how much good information. We're getting on the impact how many people will be impacted and contact us. As far as public responses.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then I am hoping that this is going at some point towards some sort of a professional analysis of how closing grow to through traffic would impact the the intersection, the Madison and why intersection, for example.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And just generally speaking, how does this, how does this affect our transportation plan, etc. So the kind of mechanical background engineering planning stuff that needs to happen. So I don't know. Those are two questions. One is,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Do we expect that we're going to be having normal you know times like I

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I live in the South.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And and I work on perfect when I work on the island. So that's how I get there, grow.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I won't be doing that and I won't be impacting other intersection. So what are your thoughts about us, not having that information.

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Rasham Nassar: Can I ask a quick clarifying question.

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Rasham Nassar: Either city manager Smith or

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Rasham Nassar: public works director. Where's Becky, when is the white way.

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Rasham Nassar: Route about construction.

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Rasham Nassar: scheduled to begin to we have a definitive date for that yet.

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Morgan Smith: Yes, I'm Chris and I public works director, which Vicki, and I have talked about that. And we've identified June 1 as the day after, which we would not want

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Morgan Smith: The closure to continue because at that point then

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Morgan Smith: Will be within a week or so we think of why it way construction starting so we need some time to communicate with people about what those traffic impacts are going to be for the time that the intersection is under construction.

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Morgan Smith: So my request would be whatever you're considering that we anticipate that it can only happen until June 1

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Morgan Smith: And so to council member Hi Thomas this question about whether traffic will resume to normal. I don't see that we will be back in normal traffic flows that quickly. So that answers the question.

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Rasham Nassar: It does. Thank you. And then, question back to COUNCILMEMBER deets or anyone in the

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Rasham Nassar: In the Council ad hoc committee, are you proposing a recommendation for action tonight, or is this just kind of informative discussion and then we would talk about it next week or

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Rasham Nassar: I'm just kind of wondering what

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Rasham Nassar: If there's if there's any

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Rasham Nassar: Outcome that that that you that either of you are seeking

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Joe Deets: Well thank you well.

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Joe Deets: Actually I'd like action tonight because just June 1 let's just take a look at the calendar.

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Joe Deets: The phone

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Joe Deets: That's the end of next week, pretty much, we have basically less than two weeks to go. So if we did the full process and let's put it on agenda and discuss it and everything. June 1 is going to come and go.

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Joe Deets: Okay, so in some ways, folks, this is a way to give the grow folks a break in traffic while it's slow

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Joe Deets: And before the construction. So it's not the be all and end all of analysis, but it is a way to under this coven 19 to give some folks who live in in an air neighborhood a break from traffic and

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Joe Deets: I frankly think that's a good thing and low cost of the of the folks who are upset about it a chance to kind of, are you really upset about it.

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Joe Deets: I mean, why exactly why do you not like it other than you just don't like it. So, and let me just say if we if this goes forward, and people are upset.

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Joe Deets: It's my fault. I'll take playing send, send the emails to me. Okay, don't send it to Morgan don't send it to squeaky wheel, send it to deets. And I'll take the heat. I'm happy to do that because I believe in doing this. So how's that

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. Councilmember deets. I'm going to go to council member council member Pollock your hand goes up, and then it comes down several times when

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Michael Pollock: I'm anticipating

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I won't call on you. Then what do you want to speak. Come on hand raised.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I mean I'll wait. I'll just point out to other people's comments, but I will want to weigh in.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, welcome back to you then. Councilmember Medina and then council member Hi topless.

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Kol Medina: Cancelled dates. I want to thank you for taking the lead on this. I have not been able to participate as much as I hoped.

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Kol Medina: In all the work. So both you and counselor, Paul, I thank you for the work you're doing and

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Kol Medina: And thanks for saying all emails can go to you. So I hope everyone go ahead and send him a counselor deets. That's fine. But I do want to

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Kol Medina: affirm that I agree with the Council reduced suggested, I'd like to take action on this tonight, not just for the reasons of counselor date said, but for the broader reasons.

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Kol Medina: Climate change is real. It's coming. We are going to have to have changes to our traffic modalities and patterns. It's going to have to happen sometime

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Kol Medina: This is an opportunity to try something on as a pilot project. See how it goes, let people see it in real life and what it functions like and then make some judgments about it.

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Kol Medina: We rarely get an opportunity to do something like this. And I think we should take it and I understand that it causes some people some frustrations.

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Kol Medina: Some people have maybe more than frustration. I get that. But I think it's really important for the future of our community that we take these opportunities to do experiments like this when we can because

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Kol Medina: Hopefully it will build towards some much needed changes down the line in future years. So I'm fully supportive

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Rasham Nassar: City attorney.

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Rasham Nassar: Your hand is raised, did you have something to weigh in here.

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Joe Levan: Yeah, I just wanted to point out, as we pointed out before, because this is a special meeting, you're limited to take an action on items already on the agenda. So it just depends. If this action was part of the action that you already took

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Joe Levan: And contemplated about what was going to happen with this roadway, then that would be okay. But if it's not

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Joe Levan: Then you couldn't take action on it tonight.

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Joe Levan: Because it's a special meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, um,

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know that that we would need a motion. If the majority of counsel were to support extending the pilot project. But, I mean, that's really would be a question for either you were sitting manager Smith.

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Rasham Nassar: But

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Paula, could you want to comment on that.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah yeah actually are.

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Michael Pollock: Specific specifically when we talked about this, and we've got a little garbled we're not really asking for permission.

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Michael Pollock: Unless there's some sort of violent objection with this is just considered it part of the the

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Michael Pollock: The pilot project that we've already agreed to and and so we're really just kind of meant to be a check in, just what we want to do. I didn't, I didn't anticipate emotion or anything being needed for this.

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Michael Pollock: So, but if you know people were just adamant about us not moving forward. I guess what, you know, that's kind of what we run into here.

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Michael Pollock: So,

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Rasham Nassar: Handsome our high topsless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I may remain the lone voice kids this but, and if I don't have to vote, I probably don't have to explain why. But I just want to say

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I love the idea of finding a street or streets in the future on the island to shut down within with intention and planning where we've determined that it makes sense for traffic flow that we can we can save this street for pedestrian and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, other activities because we know we can route traffic this way. And, you know, etc.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If this just doesn't feel very well thought out and it doesn't feel it doesn't feel just harmless, because it is closing off the street during the time we're not going to get any really measurable data so

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because I'm very much the minority, I will be quiet. But I just wanted to say that I do like the idea I'd like to look at the future, but I would want to approach it in a very different way.

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Rasham Nassar: pantomime Medina.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, so, so I just wanted to weigh in on that before. Joe got going too far on the on the legal stuff is that I think

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Michael Pollock: COUNCILMEMBER Medina spoke well and and i'm going to steal a quote from council member of deeds, you know, which is he's adapt or die. And I really think that there's a need to

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Michael Pollock: I hope I quoted you right there and there's a need for us as a as a city as a governmental organization to be able to

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Michael Pollock: Make decisions, a little more quickly. You know government's really cumbersome, as it is so you know i. To me, this has been really interesting to just see all of the

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Michael Pollock: Kind of the sand that gets in the gears of forward progress and yet at the same time. I mean, you can see the graph behind me, which

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Michael Pollock: You know, it shows. We're really heading into some pretty grim climate scenarios if we don't actually adapt and figure out a way to

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Michael Pollock: To reduce our carbon footprint. I mean, we're heading into a climate that hasn't been seen and you know 5060 million years, kind of, kind of timeframe, so

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Michael Pollock: We need to do something and I just view this as that. Come on. We can't just shut down to local traffic only a street for a few weeks. I mean, if we if we can't really do that we're

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Michael Pollock: kind of screwed. So

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Michael Pollock: I just try to give some perspective here there's fairly minor little thing that I hope we could do more of and

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Michael Pollock: And kind of have that flexibility and adaptability agility that that we don't often see in government.

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Rasham Nassar: City Manager Smith. Your hand is raised, or do you want to

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Rasham Nassar: Add some logistical points to this discussion.

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Morgan Smith: ONLY ONES. THE COUNCIL discussion is concluded.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay there. Councilmember hi topless. Your hand is still raised you want to

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Rasham Nassar: Any other council members want to weigh in. Mayor Snyder.

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Rasham Nassar: Now,

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Leslie Schneider: I mean I'm generally supportive. So I'm not, I don't need to take, take the time to speak if I

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Joe Deets: I'll just say that the working group, we were looking at if I Kirsten, I totally respect. You're saying

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Joe Deets: But I, I think some quickness adaptability is in order here under the circumstances. So that's my view and my colleagues view, too.

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Joe Deets: But I have a question to the city manager, as far as when this could be launched again would be say this Friday, perhaps, would that be sufficient Friday. And then, and just before June 1

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I have a couple of comments to make. Um, to answer your question. Yeah, I think that timing could work well that we would follow sort of the rhythm before and put the signs out on Friday afternoon and leave them up.

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Morgan Smith: Until June 1 take them down. The morning of June 1 which is a Monday as we did last time. So it would be a 10 day instead of a four day

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Morgan Smith: A couple things I just want to say clearly so we're all on the same page. I understand the constraints of the special me

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Morgan Smith: And I take to heart. Councilmember Pollux comment about seeing in the gears has as maybe the sand master.

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Morgan Smith: But I also want to say that when we return to regular work. I really encourage council to resume some more of the discipline about when we bring topics up. I know this is a fast moving projects.

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Morgan Smith: But part of why we try to have agenda planning and why things take a little bit of time is because it is no small thing to close a street to through traffic.

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Morgan Smith: It is something that in order to help mitigate people's concerns we try it. We would want to communicate about

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Morgan Smith: So I get that this is different. And it's been something that by its nature was sort of a pop up.

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Morgan Smith: And that's important, but it's also important when we move in June and July and beyond. Back to the work that you're doing.

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Morgan Smith: I hope you'll acknowledge that we do our work better when we can have time to plan together and bring you the most complete information and share what's going on with the community with some lead time

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Morgan Smith: And I think I wanted to say is I think they're a little bit of gymnastics in constructing a world in which this doesn't require emotion. I'm happy to resume the pilot projects without councils direction, but I also

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Morgan Smith: Want to say that I wouldn't typically do so without clear authority from a majority of council members, but I think we all understand

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Morgan Smith: Kind of when that's important and and why that that that's not doesn't need to be an issue tonight so

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Morgan Smith: Last part is I also want to say clearly that the expectations for what staff will do just for the project. I hope can remain as they were for the four day pilot, which is that we will provide communication through nixle and through the city managers.

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Morgan Smith: Friday message, but any other outreach that the advocates want to do. I hope they will feel free to take up and to do will put the signs out there.

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Morgan Smith: We I think have a well organized plan for how that can happen. And if there's anything else that you think you would like the city staff to do. I hope you'll tell me now so that we have time to understand that request. And if not, we'll just do make our contributions as they were before.

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Rasham Nassar: Several hands have gone up. But can I just ask a quick question.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you kind of get you invited this line of inquiry in your comments city manager Smith was there any study or or note of impacts the level

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Morgan Smith: Know, because by design. This was a project that the community advocates developed and city staff were not asked to think about it comprehensively. Nor was their time to do so

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Morgan Smith: What I would envision is that this pilot gives everyone some real life experience with this particular idea, but then presuming the sustainable transportation project goes forward.

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Morgan Smith: I would hope that participants in that project would have this concept front and center is one of the things that they wanted to learn more about in a more technical way and communicate around and more expansive way than was done over these past couple of weeks.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you. I just don't want to leave council had top was out in the cold there. I want to say I absolutely agree with your comments.

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Kol Medina: What you're suggesting about how this should be done is absolutely correct. That is the way it should be done. But for me, for the reasons I explained, I'm willing to do it this way. This time, but I just want to say I agree with you.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. And, and I just want to say the same thing. Here's than we I totally see where you're getting coming from and and hopefully you see where we're coming from so

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Joe Deets: But I just feel. Let's give this let's continue with this I there was enough positive comments that we received I feel it's worthwhile. And look, this is a golden opportunity for us to do this.

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Joe Deets: And it's just for a few days and and and help clarify people's concerns you don't like it. Well, why do you not like it is, where is it very difficult. So it's going to be a real live

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Joe Deets: Case study that I think will provide some very good anecdotal evidence. So I'm really looking forward to it. And thank you, city manager for being so accommodative. And yes, we will apply strong discipline in the future. I promise.

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Joe Deets: So you can count on. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Sorry, just a super quick question. Are we is squeaky wheels going to be renewing the survey, just to make sure that we're capturing feedback.

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know. Okay.

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Joe Deets: That wasn't discussed a we can touch base.

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Leslie Schneider: I think the opportunity, yet again, data would be wonderful. You know, if yeah any any data any more data gathered would be great.

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Joe Deets: But, you know, as we see we're under a big time crunch and maybe we won't have all this data, but we will have a project that

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Joe Deets: People can look back and say, wow, how did that go and and it will help form the conversation moving into the future where we will be more methodical, and I'd like to see inviting other neighborhoods to come to us and say, we'd like this to I'd like to hear that. So,

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Rasham Nassar: Any other Council comments on this topic.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay see manager Smith that clear for you, the Council majority direction there. Thank you. Councilmember deeds for

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Rasham Nassar: bringing this up and COUNCILMEMBER hi topless. Thank you for for for stating your

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Rasham Nassar: Your perspective and your opinions. I do want to acknowledge that we did receive a lot of emails that express concern and they weren't all from inconvenience motorists

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Rasham Nassar: I hope that there is some outreach to the level Ave residents, so we can hear from them as to how they may or may not be impacted by the by the grill closure.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on.

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Rasham Nassar: We are

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Rasham Nassar: Going back in our agenda now to what is it 70

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Rasham Nassar: sportsman club new Brooklyn and intersection improvements grant acceptance budget amendment holic or extractor. Where's Becky's joined us in the room. Nice to see you tonight. Chris, welcome.

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Rasham Nassar: And, the floor is yours.

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Chris Wierzbicki: I apologize for my technical difficulties I came to the office thinking the internet would be better and turns out. Maybe it was better in my guest room than it was in my office. So, lesson learned.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So we're going to talk about sportsman tonight. I will share the presentation with you so that you can

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Chris Wierzbicki: See it

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Chris Wierzbicki: All right. Can everybody see that

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So we're going to be giving update on the support from club new Brooklyn intersection improvement project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: If you remember we last discuss this project at the March 3 study session and the direction that the Council gave at that time was to look at

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Chris Wierzbicki: Other suite of non non motorized improvements, other than around about at this intersection. So we, the Council was very interested in the separate paths and the bicycle and pedestrian facilities at the intersection, but not necessarily interested in the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Improvements that around about what bring and also thinking about what the cost of that project was trying to find ways to reduce the overall cost of the project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So you asked us to do two things. One is to request a grant extension. We have a federal transportation grant for this project that was supposed to have expired this spring.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So you asked us to see if we can extend that and you also asked us to look at a revised scope for the project and determine what that might look like. So we're going to talk about both of those things briefly.

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Chris Wierzbicki: You have to move everybody out of the way so I can see. So the design revisions that we came up with. We worked with tool design, which is a planning and engineering firm out of Seattle.

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Chris Wierzbicki: To help us come up with a revised scope of work and includes a number of different things that I'll just go over briefly and then we can talk about specific questions if you have any

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Chris Wierzbicki: So generally, the intersection geometry stays pretty much the same. Although we would be narrowing up the travel lanes to as a traffic calming approach for as vehicles approach the intersection

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Chris Wierzbicki: We'd be expanding the multi use path and sidewalk extensions, both to the north up towards Woodward and to the east, at least the sidewalk and path would be extended east towards the

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Chris Wierzbicki: North Town woods entrance and then obviously accommodating sidewalks and Ada ramps and crosswalks at the intersection as well, we'd be shortening those crosswalks right now. Some of them are fairly long distance for people to cross the street. So we'd be shorting those distances up

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Chris Wierzbicki: Will also be adding a race crosswalk to the right hand turn lane. As you can see their cars will still be able to use that right turn pocket, but the stop bars, all the way at the end so cars.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We design engineers felt like we needed some more visibility for pedestrians at that particular intersection if there wasn't going to be a stop right before where people cross the street. That's why we have a raised crosswalk there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We be extending the bike shoulders and 500 feet in every direction of the intersection on both sides.

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Chris Wierzbicki: In some places, we already have that extension. So we would be kind of filling in all the gaps within 500 feet.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Adding some lighting and some additional landscaping to the plan and this plan, you'll be happy to hear has very limited tree removal, if any.

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Chris Wierzbicki: There may as we get into the project. And if we identify any trees that might be dead or dying. That would be best be removed. We might remove some but in order to accommodate the improvements you see here. We don't, we're not anticipating removing any trees at this point.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So that is the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Scope in terms of the grant status itself, we were able to secure an extension for the grant and through 2021

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Chris Wierzbicki: That was a, it's a fairly complicated process, the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Care CC's regional project evaluation committee reviewed the scope and the extension and then Puget Sound Regional Council also reviewed and approved it.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We do not yet have approval from wash dot we're waiting for the Council's direction on this project before we approach them, but I'm anticipating that they will also not have a problem with the extension.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The construction contract. In this case, we need to be awarded before the end of the year, which is pretty tight timeline. So we have quite a bit of work to do in order to meet that deadline.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The project cost is total 650,000 that's kind of starting now.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And because the overall project cost has been reduced the grant amount that we're receiving has also been reduced from 703,000 which we had previously for construction down to 400,000

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Chris Wierzbicki: As a result of that, the amount of money that the city will need to put up in order to match the grant has gone up to 250,000 and just to note that if we decide to cancel the project overall will have to pay back about 155,000 and grant funds that we spent on the last design.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So last slide is just about the budget, the project does have city money still remaining in the project about \$123,000 worth. So if you wanted to pursue this project and add the 250 for the match, you'd have to make a motion to amend the budget to add 120 \$7,000 for that to 50

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Chris Wierzbicki: And I think that's where we're at.

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Chris Wierzbicki: I'm happy to answer any questions about anything.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you, public works director. Where's Becky.

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Welcome

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Rasham Nassar: A council members would we do we want a public works director we respect to continue to share his screen, would it benefit our discussion to have that visual of the maybe the visual Chris. If you can go back to the first

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Chris Wierzbicki: I think I did.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah yeah

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Rasham Nassar: Um,

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Rasham Nassar: I'm pulling my participants path terminals slow here.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Schneider, you have your hand raised.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. I'm Chris. This is just so exciting. I, I, if I remembering correctly, you know this, the sidewalk on along new Brooklyn that's been like a big gap right this is something that has just been

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Leslie Schneider: A connection that just hasn't been there. And so we were going to get a lot of really wonderful stuff. I love the narrower vehicle lane to help slow cars.

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Leslie Schneider: And the raised crosswalks

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Leslie Schneider: It made me. I mean, I know there's lots of reasons for doing a raised crosswalk, but it also just made me think, okay, those kids that are going to be crossing that crosswalk just grew

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Leslie Schneider: Up. I mean, they're just going to have that much more visibility because they will be higher than they would have been before. I know it's not a lot, but I think that these things matter. So just super quick.

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Leslie Schneider: I wanted to ask about two things.

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Leslie Schneider: With the with the shoulder extension. So we're, you know, we're adding some shoulder

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Leslie Schneider: Area for bicyclists, is there a way that we can put a little bit of separation on those shoulders, you know, whether it's bollards flexible posts planters just. Is there any wiggle room.

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Leslie Schneider: To do that, and if not now, is there a way that we could plan to sneak that in at some time in the future. And I have one more. But if you want to respond to that one.

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Chris Wierzbicki: If you just give me both and I'll respond to both

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Leslie Schneider: Okay. And then the other one is a little smaller. But I think still significant in that. I think there's a lot of general questions out in the world about whether bicycles are allowed to be on sidewalks.

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Leslie Schneider: And so in this case we're specifically identifying this as a shared use path. And so, can we just make sure that it's identified as such that we were communicating that so that there's no question that bicyclists are coexisting with pedestrians.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Happy to address those. I'll talk about your first one

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Chris Wierzbicki: The wide shoulders from five feet to something more like seven with a visual what we call a visual separation, some sort of

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Chris Wierzbicki: Will be double stripe and potential cones, or something like that in the roadway. I think we can look at that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The only thing that obviously there, there could be, well, there will be cost associated with that and we'll have to figure out what that looks like.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The only thing that gives me a little bit of hesitation, is that I know as you travel west down new Brooklyn, the side of the road drops off pretty steeply on that side.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And we could end up in a situation where we're building fairly expensive retaining walls in order to get that extra two feet.

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Chris Wierzbicki: But we'll keep that in mind. And I think we can look and see where we're in this

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Chris Wierzbicki: Vicinity that would make sense and would

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Chris Wierzbicki: Be able to accommodate it within the budget and we'll kind of see where we land, but I know where you're coming from. And actually we are

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Chris Wierzbicki: As we start to look at more of these projects that are that are kind of basic shoulder projects in the future. We are going to try to start looking towards more of a seven foot standard that includes that two foot separation, so

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Leslie Schneider: And and is that seven foot standard absolutely necessary. Like, you can't sneak some little plastic

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Chris Wierzbicki: Well, if there's something in there.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That would be a five foot lane with a two foot separation or 18 inch separation or something like that. Okay.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Great. And on your second point, we can absolutely add signage about the

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Chris Wierzbicki: Sidewalk being multiuse

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Chris Wierzbicki: It's not really shown on this plan, but there's probably also some alternate materials we can use to designate what's a multi use and what's kind of regular sidewalk.

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Leslie Schneider: Great, thank you very much.

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Rasham Nassar: I have a quick question. And I, and I hope that it's beneficial for the public and the full council to hear public works director. Where's Becky. When is the deadline by which you need to submit a full complete design in order to be eligible for the grant funding.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We are essentially there we've submitted this and we've submitted the extension both have been kind of

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Chris Wierzbicki: Approved. But obviously with you.

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Rasham Nassar: Tonight is pretty much it in terms of feedback on this new design. This is our opportunity to give it and then you'll take the feedback that you here tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: And bake it into what will essentially be a finalized design. So it will not be kind of open for for for feedback or debate after this point is that, am I understand that correctly.

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Chris Wierzbicki: There are some obviously there's some still minor details that we need to work out in the plan, but I not anticipating and bringing it back again for another review before

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Chris Wierzbicki: construction work.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great. Just want to clarity on that. Thank you very much. Councilmember high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I just wanted to say this week. Feels like such a success story and makes me feel good that I was not supportive of the roundabout and I like the fact that I could be not supported around about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But that you guys could come up with something that really reflects what I think the majority, I hope all of Council was looking for. And so we didn't just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Eliminate a project loser grant opportunity we got something really cool. And so I'm really excited about the project and I want to thank staff for the work

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Christy Carr: I just had a question. Two questions quickly, I might have more. There's a number of trees that are marked with orange tape and I'm presuming that those just are marked

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Christy Carr: for some other reason than that there'll be removed. Specifically, so you know where they are. And then my other question.

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Christy Carr: I understand all ages and abilities in terms of bicycling and a goal and having that goal, as well as prioritizing

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Christy Carr: school aged children at this intersection. But I think that this intersection, just like with our auto traffic is a really high use north south.

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Christy Carr: And east west route for cyclists. And so my question is about kind of forcing

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Christy Carr: Cyclists to go from the shoulder and having the only place where they can go is to the the ramp to the sidewalk understanding that potentially, it will be signed.

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Christy Carr: Or materials would would say that that's okay, but I would hope that it also be okay that a cyclist would choose to not go on a sidewalk because

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Christy Carr: Frankly, I don't know how many confident writers, if you will, would choose to do that. And I think that again.

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Christy Carr: I appreciate all ages and all abilities. But that's all ages and all abilities. So we can't forget those

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Christy Carr: More competent writers that probably don't want to hop up onto a sidewalk and kind of go through a crosswalk on on a Saturday bike ride or commute, for that matter. So could you speak to both of those.

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Chris Wierzbicki: As far, there are trees marked all over this intersection on every corner and I have tried to research, who mark them and why and I haven't been able to find out the answer to that. So,

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Chris Wierzbicki: I don't know why all those trees are marked. We certainly this project is not planning to remove any trees so

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Chris Wierzbicki: That's my point on that one. If it will learn something. Maybe somebody watching those who

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Chris Wierzbicki: All the trees.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Secondly, with regard to the all ages, so that you can't see it on this plan. But the idea would be where the bicycle lane transitions to the multi use path.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That the vehicle lane would transition to a Cheryl and kind of the way we haven't Winslow

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Chris Wierzbicki: So bicyclists that wants to stay in the road, certainly can. And the idea is to signal the drivers and that's what's happening at that transition. So, so you really so bicyclists really have the choice to either stay in the road or use the bad

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Chris Wierzbicki: That help answer your question.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER car if you could just run it and

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Christy Carr: Thank you for your response. That's really helpful.

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Christy Carr: And then in terms of the choice for cyclists. It seems like that would be the paint line on the shoulder carry through to the stop line or

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Chris Wierzbicki: The sheriff a bicycle with the two arrows.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Yeah, so that's where we typically were a bicycle lane ends or there's some transition to mingle with traffic. We use that

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Chris Wierzbicki: anymore so that everyone kind of knows that there's going to be there is shared use of the street at that point.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, I just think that's a really important safety.

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Christy Carr: Point, because otherwise, it becomes a complex place which I, from my understanding is where accidents happen right so I'm just looking at this design. I would hope that it would be refined to reflect that.

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Christy Carr: So that there is that option.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for those points and council member car and I certainly agree with you. Thanks for bringing that up.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm going to go on to COUNCILMEMBER had topless. Your hand is raised

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Rasham Nassar: unraced we haven't heard from council member Pollock or Medina on this. So either of you would like an opportunity to speak.

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Rasham Nassar: I can't, I can't see everyone's video right now, which is why I'm just asking. Since we have

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Rasham Nassar: The shared screen.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Hi. Thank you.

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Joe Deets: I'm really excited about this project and I'm so glad that we were able to pivot from the round about design. I mean, we saved.

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Joe Deets: Chris

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Rasham Nassar: What

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Joe Deets: Quite a bit of money. The city, city did by doing this, I can somehow a million dollars comes to mind. But maybe that's a an exaggeration, but we did there was quite a bit of savings that was done by switching to this.

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Joe Deets: Let's just say less obtrusive but badly needed remodel, so I'm totally in favor. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Is that you cool

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Kol Medina: Largest appreciate you asking

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Kol Medina: I have nothing that

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Kol Medina: I'm happy with this and I'm eating my dinner.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm okay. And I will just quickly add that I'm very grateful to you and the public works department at the city.

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Rasham Nassar: Chris for bringing this back. I know that some of the discussions that we have related to the round about were contentious and there were a lot of strong feelings in the community.

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Rasham Nassar: They were difficult discussions and I imagine difficult for you to have to endure and

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Rasham Nassar: From

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Rasham Nassar: What I'm seeing here. You really listened and took the Council on the public feedback and turned it into something that we're all pretty much happy with.

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Rasham Nassar: I took the liberty of sharing this design with some of those members of our community that were very strongly opposed to the round about. And this was received almost unanimously in favor

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Rasham Nassar: The members of the public that I spoke to very strongly support this and are happy to see the Council move ahead with this design. So that makes my job easy

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Rasham Nassar: I just want to express that to you. I'm very grateful and then a quick. A quick follow up point is that I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Picking up on something mayor Snyder said there are some suggestions or maybe some considerations for future improvements minor improvements to create

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Rasham Nassar: An implement more pedestrian non motorized safety features within this design and it sounds like that's certainly an option that the city can entertain at some future date but

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Rasham Nassar: We are in a position at this point to move ahead with this because we are on a deadline. So I think it's safe to say that we have a majority Council support I'm anticipating that will move this ahead, and for those members of the public that wrote in

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Rasham Nassar: Who expressed desire to see more safety enhancements built into the design. I imagine that the sustainable transportation plan discussions and public participation meetings at that committee level will be the place to do that so

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Rasham Nassar: There is emotion in our packet council members if some brave council member would like to make it. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: I seem to be making motions tonight.

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Joe Deets: Okay, this kind of long. I moved to forward for approval with the may 26 2020 CONSENT AGENDA authorization for the city manager to accept a revised federal transportation grant award.

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Joe Deets: For the sportsman's club slash new Brooklyn intersection improvements project in the amount of 400,000 and to prepare a second quarter general fund budget amendment for 120 \$6,756 to complete the required project match.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock seconds that motion. Is there any further discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: All those in favor of the motion on the floor, please say aye.

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Leslie Schneider: Aye.

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Any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: That motion passes unanimously.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you very much for that public works director. Where's Becky and we will move on in our agenda now two items seven

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Rasham Nassar: He I think

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Rasham Nassar: A new item 70

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Rasham Nassar: Which is you again why away reconstruction design professional services agreement amendment number five. Go ahead.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay, thank you. And thanks for the kind words about sports meme that people are happy with it. Hopefully we can meet all it either deadlines required because we are tight schedule so

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Chris Wierzbicki: Moving on to Wyatt, so no slides for this. I'll just give you a brief overview. So as we discussed earlier in your meeting the white way reconstruction project is going to start up hopefully June 8 will be the first day of construction.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We had a Seattle transportation planner engineer slash landscape architect help us develop the plans MIT SVR

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Chris Wierzbicki: Who has helped us with a number of different city projects in the past few years, they're great firm.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We would like to have them on retainer to help us answer design questions and help problem solve issues that come up during construction.

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Chris Wierzbicki: It's very helpful to have the designer on hand when you're building something so that if there's something that's not clearly understood in the plans are there are questions that we can call on them to to help us with that.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So this is an amendment to their existing contract that helped that was primarily for the design of this project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: The amendment is about \$15,000 that will should carry us through the construction phase of the project.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And the reason why it's coming to Council is because the contracts that are over \$50,000 or over the city managers limit anytime they're amended.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Even if that amount is less than 50,000 if the contract is amount is over that amount, the Council needs to authorize that amendment. So I think that's all I have on that happy to answer any questions by

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER dates.

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Rasham Nassar: Go ahead and unmute

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Joe Deets: Okay, sorry. Um, I didn't take my hand down. But let me do this.

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Joe Deets: Since I'm making emotions. I moved him forward amendment number five to the professional services agreement for the White Way reconstruction project design for approval with the may 26 2020 consent agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock second that motion.

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Rasham Nassar: Any further Council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: Or any Council discussion, I should say.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, all those in favor of the motion on the floor, please say aye.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Aye. Aye.

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Rasham Nassar: Aye. Any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: That motion carries unanimously. Thank you again public works director. Where's Vicki, and we are concluding our unfinished business portion of our agenda. Moving on to item eight new business.

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Rasham Nassar: A

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Rasham Nassar: Cooper Creek fish barrier removal grant opportunity and again

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Chris Wierzbicki: Three's a charm. See, I have something to share with you here.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Where is it

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Chris Wierzbicki: Right. Everybody see that

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Chris Wierzbicki: Okay.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Right. So this is a great opportunity for this fish passage improvement.

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Chris Wierzbicki: I'll just jump right to the map here. Everybody overseas. I can see what to say.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So this is a covert replacement that is associated with a non motorized project that is currently on our capital improvement plan.

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Chris Wierzbicki: It is the Eagle harbor drive non motorized improvements which are basically shoulder improvements on Eagle harbor drive starting at the Ben. There were what becomes Eagle harbor and extending

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Chris Wierzbicki: South and then east along Eagle harbor drive along the shoreline there. So that's what we call phase one of that non motorized improvement.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And in order to facilitate that improvement which would mean widening the roadway. We need to replace it covert, which you can see right there in the little yellow bar on the map, which is just to the north of where the green light garages.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That existing covert is a 30 inch metal covert it's

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Chris Wierzbicki: in decent shape we probably would not be, it would not be at the top of the list for for replacement. If it wasn't for this project, but it is a good infrastructure replacement regardless

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Chris Wierzbicki: This is a fish passage barrier. So it needs to be replaced with either a bridge or a simulation what they call a simulation box cover which is basically a concrete box.

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Chris Wierzbicki: That allows for a full width stream bed underneath and by doing so will open up about 6000 linear feet of fish habitat to the west, their

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Chris Wierzbicki: Wild chumps Sam and have been spotted recently in this location and that habitat West Side continues all the way up in through the city's property there at the head of the bay well site.

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Chris Wierzbicki: So this is so we would be replacing this covert in potential in advance of doing their other the rest of the road improvements. If we get this program.

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Chris Wierzbicki: A little bit about the grant itself. So this is the Brian Abbott fish barrier removal board that has set aside about \$26 million for fish passage replacements throughout the state.

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Chris Wierzbicki: We did submit a project screening form on this project to the board and they approve that screen form in April. So they have already seen this project and

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Chris Wierzbicki: Essentially invited us to apply for this grant, whether that means we will receive the money. I don't know. But certainly I think means we have a better than 5050 chance of getting the funds because if they've already seen some of the information

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Chris Wierzbicki: The project cost itself, which is basically the colon replacement plus a little bit of rotor placement on each side of the cover to facilitate the construction

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Chris Wierzbicki: Is about 700,594 of that would come from the grant itself and the city would provide \$106,000 match.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Those match funds are already included in the should say capital improvement plan tip in the year 2023

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Chris Wierzbicki: So if we were to get the grant depending on how the time framework that we mask the Council to move those funds from the outer years and 23 to a year if we were able to get the project done sooner.

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Chris Wierzbicki: This. And just one more note about the tip. So in this up this covert is fully funded so

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Chris Wierzbicki: If we were to get this grant opportunity that is essentially stormwater fund money that we could free up for an additional project so

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Chris Wierzbicki: This is the, this is kind of the best grant application, you can get for money for construction and design for a project that is already on the books.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And that would, you know, it doesn't add more to our plate, necessarily, but get something done we've already been we've agreed to do according to the plan and frees up money for other things for other priorities. So the application is due on May 29 I

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Chris Wierzbicki: Think that's all the information I had. So we are in the process of putting pulling together those application materials in in hopes that you will agree that this makes sense to submit so happy to answer questions about that.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that introduction. I'm personally really excited for this and I'm really grateful for you to bring for you for bringing it forward.

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Rasham Nassar: If you could quickly and share your screen.

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Rasham Nassar: And bring us back. There we are. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Would any council member like to comment on this.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: So this, this is a really great opportunity. Chris, thank you so much.

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm assuming that since this was in this tip for 2023 and I understand that we're not trying to do the multimodal piece of this right now but potentially this could

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Leslie Schneider: Mean, we're not talking about the tip right now but

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Leslie Schneider: Does this make it possible to look at doing our multimodal improvements in a different time frame or

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Leslie Schneider: Or does it just free up money in, you know, in for stormwater

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Chris Wierzbicki: I think it all depends on the timing. I don't think we actually hear about whether we're awarding these funds too late in the year.

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Chris Wierzbicki: And it at that time, I think we would want to have another conversation about whether it makes sense to package all those improvements together and whether because there's probably some cost savings and doing all that work at one time, as opposed to

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Chris Wierzbicki: The two projects there. This project is the non motorized project that's that includes the fish passages also right now on our list for

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Chris Wierzbicki: A federal grant so we submitted three projects for County wide federal funding. There's a meeting. We're having a meeting to discuss those on the 27th and that this project is one of those. So there's a possibility that

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Chris Wierzbicki: We could get federal grant funds for the non motorized piece of this as well. So there's a bunch of different kind of

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Chris Wierzbicki: Things that play as as we, as these decisions come together.

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Leslie Schneider: That's fantastic. I'm very excited. Thank you so much.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS. There is emotion in the packet

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER de

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Joe Deets: ver from the table.

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Joe Deets: I moved forward authorization for the city manager to a block to apply for Brian Abbott fish barrier removal grant to support the Cooper Creek fish barrier removal project for approval with the may 26 2020 consent agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: Counselor Pollock second that motion.

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Rasham Nassar: Any further Council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: I'm not muted. Hey, thanks. I just wanted

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Michael Pollock: To make sure that just if you say 6000 linear feet upstream and that seems like that's over a mile of stream.

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Michael Pollock: And

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Chris Wierzbicki: LOT, DOESN'T IT

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Chris Wierzbicki: Euro there by mistake.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah. And then I think that there might be be if there's tributaries and stuff, but it does seem high and then I mean, just in terms of selling. And I think that you also have the potential for

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Michael Pollock: steelhead and coho maybe

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Michael Pollock: The chum would only use a really pretty. They certainly won't use a mile of it so I you know I don't know how much they care in terms of the qualifications for the grant and stuff, but just from a

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Michael Pollock: You know fact checking thing, but it's really, it's really neat habitat. I've actually walked that stream and there's a lot of potential

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Michael Pollock: In there for some pretty

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Michael Pollock: Good fish activity. So it's pretty nice. So I'm happy to see that I'm a little surprised that it's three quarters of a million dollars for that. And, but, you know, inflation. What are you going to do

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Michael Pollock: And that's that. Also, I think it's worth noting.

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Michael Pollock: That this is

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Michael Pollock: I'm assuming part of maybe some of the reasons that funds are available is because of the settlement with the tribes. The states that amount with the tribes, but there's a sort of been an ongoing commitment to open up fish habitat for

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Michael Pollock: Because the tribes have a right to it. So there's been ongoing dispute about that and stuff. So I don't know if this is related to funds that we're going to use that. But it's just we're all trying to do our part to make sure that fish have access to spotting and and make colors.

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Michael Pollock: So that they're not a barrier to fish. And so it's good to see that that's going on on Bainbridge Island.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

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Rasham Nassar: Anything else you'd like to add public works director. Where's Becky.

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Rasham Nassar: No. Okay. So Ray, take a vote. All those in favor of the motion on the floor, please say aye. Aye.

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Rasham Nassar: Any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay that motion passes unanimously.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: For joining us tonight Public works director. We're specie appreciate you presenting the items tonight. And thanks again for your time and work.

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Chris Wierzbicki: Thank you. See you next week.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay Council, we are at our two hour mark two hour and 10 minutes to just want to check in with the group are any council members interested in taking a quick five minute break. Before we dive into Council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: See one hand raise. Yes, five minutes.

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Rasham Nassar: Counts overhead topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I'm going to that if everybody else wants it. I just wanted to point out that I was, I don't know why I read the agenda wrong as far as moving the the FAQ on executive session up

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I wouldn't have a problem proceeding, the way it was. It actually made more sense and price. I'm going to ask

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just probably come back.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, maybe we could take that up when we, when we come back.

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Rasham Nassar: But for now, five minute break. Sounds good. Everyone, so it's 714. Why don't we go ahead and say that we will resume at 720 so if everyone can be back and ready to go at 720 okay

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Rasham Nassar: See you then.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, welcome back council members.

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Rasham Nassar: We will now reconvene our meeting and move on to item nine Council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: The first item for Council discussion which we amended tonight was to switch the order of item nine, eight and nine be such that the first item nine, a is now FAQ on executive sessions.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER high topless before we took a break you. You said you maybe wanted to share some comments that you thought the reverse order would be more appropriate.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know if we need to go down that route. I don't know if how council members feel if the order of these two topics is

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Rasham Nassar: Is that important.

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Rasham Nassar: Or if everyone's okay we can just move on with the change the order of those agenda items that we approved earlier in the night.

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Rasham Nassar: Council ever had topless. Did you want to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, I just, I asked to change it because I misread the agenda and had reverse items 90 and see and to me it was a logical continuity talked to hear from Joe and then talk about nine. See, but I'm not going to push it. I asked for it. I was wrong.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's not the end of the world. But I think it would make more sense to talk about to keep the original order of the agenda so

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I'm

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Rasham Nassar: I'm picking up on on your point here and I am recalling that in our agenda setting meeting on Thursday, Mayor Schneider, we agreed that we would have items, what are now nine b and c and have

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Rasham Nassar: approaching them in consecutive order and I'm realizing now that we actually shifted it such that the Council Lee is on appointments is happening in between.

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Leslie Schneider: I think if you know I think it makes sense to go with for it in the original order. And I think it's going to be a pretty quick. Quick topic to do the Council liaison stuff. So if that's OK with everyone.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, my apologies for not catching that the. There's a lot of words here and this Council discussion section of the agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: So I missed that one. At the time that we were discussing it earlier, so my apologies for that city attorney. Is there any problem with us just reverting back to the original order.

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Joe Levan: Nobody should

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Joe Levan: Make a motion to to to amended back the way it was just so it's clear for the record.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I will, I will make that motion. Since this is my fault. I make a motion to return to the original order.

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Rasham Nassar: Cycle.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, all those in favor please say aye.

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Rasham Nassar: Aye.

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Any opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Now that that's out of the way, we will begin our council discussion with item nine, eight which is original nine a review Council isn't appointments to Local And City committees mayor Schneider.

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Leslie Schneider: Great. Thank you. Would it help if I shared my screen on these appointments. I mean, you all have it in your packet. So maybe it's easier just to keep the our video and our panelists list steady

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Leslie Schneider: Any requests for me to share my screen. Are we good

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Leslie Schneider: We're good. Okay, so the the context here is just that.

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Leslie Schneider: With COUNCILMEMBER chairman leaving we we had a bunch of slots that we needed to fill for him. We filled some of those slots and not others. And so we're bringing this back right now because we have new council member and

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Leslie Schneider: In red is the are the chairman positions that now need to be filled. And so I'm making an assumption, but you can correct me if I'm wrong, that

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Leslie Schneider: Nobody jumped in, to take these assignments earlier. So in a sense, I think that they would be for COUNCILMEMBER car to pick up if she is willing and able

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Leslie Schneider: And then I had one other agenda item which has to do with an assignment that

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Leslie Schneider: That

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Leslie Schneider: I would potentially be taking if if that's appropriate.

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Leslie Schneider: So maybe I should start with that one.

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Leslie Schneider: Now I have to go find it.

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Leslie Schneider: So the

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Leslie Schneider: On the on the second page, there's the kids app regional Coordinating Council K RCC executive board and

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Medina is on that and then COUNCILMEMBER chairman was a second on that. And typically, it's the mayor, that is assigned to that position and and then I also am on the KR CC transportation policy board. And so I'm happy to take over.

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Leslie Schneider: As the KR CC executive board nominee if everyone else is okay with that.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, I'm seeing lots of nodding, so I'm going to say that that's that's good and and then

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Medina, do we need to do you want to explain the fact that there's this new rotating position that the person on the KR CC board now has an opportunity to lean in on PS RC. And you could probably explain it a lot better than I just did.

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Kol Medina: Sure.

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Kol Medina: So over a PS RC. There are a number of committees and bodies, but the the highest body. If you want to think of it that way. The final decision maker.

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Kol Medina: Is the Executive Board.

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Kol Medina: There we have two kids app county representatives on that board right now it's mirror Erickson, and Mayor potassium porter and mer.

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Kol Medina: Mer Erickson's in the

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Kol Medina: The actually she's actually on that executive board America Tonto is the alternate I'm so miracle Townson when it goes mirror Erickson can't be there for some reason, and she rarely, if ever, Mrs those meetings. I think she said that she's missed one in the last like six years or something.

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Kol Medina: Here at Penn Src created a new committee or something new happen.

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Kol Medina: That mayor baton Sue got appointed to so he's no longer the alternate

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Kol Medina: They believe out of fairness and I agree that I Bainbridge Island representative should be the alternate the position on that board is not representing Paul's more port orchard of Bainbridge Island is represented the small cities have kids F County, so

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Kol Medina: We need they're offering to let us pick the alternate I feel the alternate position with one of our council members.

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Kol Medina: And the way this would work is that we would give a recommendation to the k RCC board and then the care CC board was presumably would accept that recommendation and for that to PS RC.

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Kol Medina: Personally, I think it would make a lot of sense for mayor Schneider to be the one to be in that alternate position just because it's really mayors and do this stuff in there, in the other seats. So I had talked to me or Schneider about it. I think that's it. That's all I got.

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Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So any comments on that.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright, so we will go ahead and proceed. I don't, I don't think we need to take any sort of motion on that. Just wanted to run it by everybody. So getting back to the the main

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Leslie Schneider: work here at hand. Councilmember car. I'm going to

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Leslie Schneider: Send this over to you for a second and just say, are any of the council member chairman positions that are now vacated. Are any of those of interest. Are you willing to take these on.

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Leslie Schneider: And then if anybody else, you know, needs to raise their hand and jump in. I think that's fine too. And we don't have to fill them all tonight. I will also just say there's no requirement. This is not a

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Leslie Schneider: An emergency we just figured that there might be some easy wins here and we could still take up deeper discussions later.

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Leslie Schneider: And I counselor with Pollock. I think you were. Yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: Look at your hand up.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I just wanted to offer to my new colleague that any of the committee's that I'm on right now. I would happily offer them if there's anything that interests you, I'd be happy to. I'm willing, I should say, just

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Michael Pollock: Step aside or invite you to join as appropriate, but I just wanted to make that available to you.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Carpi. Go ahead.

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Christy Carr: Yeah, thanks. Think I unmuted myself.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Councilmember Pollock. That's a nice offer

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Christy Carr: I saw the red ones with former council member Chairman's name on them and I'm, I'm happy to step in and put my name there.

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Christy Carr: I think some of them are far out in terms of spring or summer, summer, fall. So if something changes in the, in the meantime, like you said, Mayor, we can revisit that. But I'm happy to put my name in the slot for now.

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Christy Carr: And then, honestly, I hadn't looked at other folks assignments to see what I might also be interested in doing so I think I'll just leave it at that for now.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you. That sounds great. Thank you for that. I want to also point out that one of those assignments that you just raise your hand for ways. The Human Services funding advisory committee. And so that's a

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Leslie Schneider: You, you would be serving with me this fall, just in terms of guiding that committee through the process of

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Leslie Schneider: Getting grants out to human services.

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Leslie Schneider: Grantees. So, that is, you know, it can be a good chunk of time, but in a very compressed period. So I just wanted, you're probably aware

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Leslie Schneider: But I just wanted to point that out.

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Leslie Schneider: And I guess we would be starting that process fairly soon. Just in terms of

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Leslie Schneider: Ramping up the the outreach and so forth.

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Leslie Schneider: later this summer.

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Christy Carr: But, sounds good.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Christy Carr: Working with you. Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: Um, so let's see.

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Leslie Schneider: City Manager. Is there anything that you need.

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Leslie Schneider: I'm assuming that

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Leslie Schneider: That this document will get updated and and COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Sure the feeling you're wrapping up and I had my hand up. So

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Leslie Schneider: Oh, sorry. Yeah.

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Kol Medina: That's okay. I just want to point out on the intergovernmental work group. I have not been attending those counselor chairman was the primary and I was just kind of an alternate and we don't have two seats on that so

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Kol Medina: I just want to make sure that counselor car you understand that I'm going to be stepping into a primary role in that, and

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Morgan Smith: Say can I wait that's actually not actively meeting right now.

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Morgan Smith: So, and when it was meeting. It had three meetings a year. So just to kind of assess on that, and the other members of the group have proposed maybe recommending that the group meet differently so

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Leslie Schneider: I also had a question. This is not related to

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Leslie Schneider: Council member cars assignments, but just rather one

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Leslie Schneider: It looks like I'm assigned to the Alliance for youth formerly Bainbridge Island healthy youth alliance and

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Leslie Schneider: I'm fine, having my name there. I just haven't heard anything

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Leslie Schneider: You know that's not happening, as far as I know, I just want to make sure I'm not falling down on any particular duty and if anybody else is interested in stepping into that, that's fine too but does anyone know anything about that position.

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Morgan Smith: Christine may have some insight that was a group that I believe council member former COUNCILMEMBER blossom was attached to and it may have been more like a task force, not necessarily a group that was going to meet our ongoing basis.

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Morgan Smith: To your question, Mayor Schneider about what else is needed, I would say, we're good.

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Morgan Smith: The only thing that K RCC alternate sorry the PS RC alternate position you were discussing at the beginning. If that comes to fruition. I hope you'll remember to drop Christina note so she can place that on here as well, just so we can track where those assignments are

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, that sounds good.

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Leslie Schneider: So while we're taking a look at this. Are there any other questions. Anybody might have

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Rasham Nassar: I

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Rasham Nassar: Excuse me, I just want to, I want a second one. Councilmember Pollock said, and just let you know. Councilmember car that

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Rasham Nassar: If you felt like you wanted to take a closer look at other council members committee assignments and felt strongly that you really wanted to take

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Rasham Nassar: One of my council member committee assignments on I would be really happy to dialogue that with you. It doesn't have to be over Council time we could just talk about that over the phone.

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Rasham Nassar: And also I will be in a few months will be approaching some significant calendar changes related to my personal life and are surrounding my family. So I'm might have that discussion with you. Anyways, so

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Rasham Nassar: Just wanted to make you aware

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Christy Carr: Thank you very much. Yeah, thanks.

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Leslie Schneider: So I, I think I can turn it back over to you, Deputy Mayor. I think we're, we're done. Right.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: So, is that clear. Are we just

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Rasham Nassar: We are ready to move on city manager Smith money as the city attorney.

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Did you have

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Joe Levan: One quick question. Did we normally have emotion to make the appointments or we just just consensus.

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Morgan Smith: No, it's typically more consensus.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, moving on.

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Rasham Nassar: To our

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Rasham Nassar: Item 90

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Rasham Nassar: Which is FAQ on executive sessions.

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Rasham Nassar: City attorney. I believe you've prepared some information to deliver to counsel tonight. So I will hand it over to you.

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Joe Levan: Okay, thank you. So, the Council requested its last meeting for me to present general information regarding the executive sessions in a

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Joe Levan: FAQ format. So that's what I'll do tonight and I'll keep my presentation brief focus on four main questions. One, under what legal authority or executive sections allowed

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Joe Levan: Why the state law allow for executive sessions. What types of topics are allowed for discussion and executive session.

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Joe Levan: And what are some possible ramifications if confidential information is disclosed. So in the first question, under what legal authority, our executive sessions allowed

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Joe Levan: That's provided specifically in our CW 4231 10 that's a revised code of Washington.

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Joe Levan: It's part of the open public meetings Act, which I'll refer to as the OPM. A, it's one of those specific provisions of the Act that allows for specifically allows for executive sessions.

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Joe Levan: And so this is a provision that is a specific section of the OPM a that details how executive sessions are to be called and what topics can be discussed. The second question, why does state law allow for executive sessions.

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Joe Levan: The answer and short is to allow the Council to discuss in a confidential setting a limited and specific set of topics that the state legislature has deemed appropriate for this purpose.

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Joe Levan: A good explanation of the the why here have led to what executive sessions is described in a Washington state attorney general opinion.

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Joe Levan: From 2017 so two and a half years ago with the ag oh 2017 number five, which I can email to you all.

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Joe Levan: Tonight or tomorrow, so you can see it but it's instead of me speaking directly on this. I can just, I can tell you directly from what the Attorney General.

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Joe Levan: Has opined about this through an attorney general opinion which and those opinions are legally significant courts look to them for guidance not legally binding, but they are very significant.

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Joe Levan: And they can be legally binding to the court wants to accept them that way. So in terms of that attorney general opinion, the Attorney General did a good job of describing the why.

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Joe Levan: So let me go through some of that all of these following statements will be are from that attorney general opinion. There's just a few of them.

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Joe Levan: And choosing to allow Executive Session. So again, this is the Attorney General speaking on the topics listed in statute, the legislature, presumably made a policy decision that the public interest could be better served by discussion of these limited topics and private rather than public

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Joe Levan: This reflects a legislative effort to balance the public interest and openness against the public interest in conducting a limited set of Governmental Affairs outside public view.

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Joe Levan: The topics that the legislature has chosen to include is permissible subjects for executive sessions have in common to public interest in confidentiality.

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Joe Levan: The legislature has allowed executive sessions on specified topics for the very reason that the legislature has determined that the public interest would not be served.

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Joe Levan: By making public the information exchange on these topics or at least not prematurely. The duty on the part of participants in an Executive Session, not to disclose the information discussed

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Joe Levan: There is part and parcel of the concept of an executive session, we therefore conclude that participants in an Executive Session, have a legal duty under the OPM a

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Joe Levan: To hold and confidence information that they obtained in the course of the properly convened Executive Session.

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Joe Levan: But only if the information that issue is within the scope of the statutorily authorized purpose for what's the executive session was called

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Joe Levan: In terms of what what it's how you define confidential information. The term confidential information.

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Joe Levan: For purposes of our CW 4220 3070 so Part four and I'll refer to that provision again here. Just a minute. It's a different provision, it's outside the OPM a bit applies here.

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Joe Levan: So terms of what confidential information means. It means a specific information rather than generalized knowledge.

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Joe Levan: That is not available to the general public on request or be information made confidential by law.

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Joe Levan: Information learn during a properly convened executive session fits within both possible definitions. So getting that camp comes directly from the Attorney General that definition as well as it's within our ethics program. It's, it's the definition that we have for confidential information.

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Joe Levan: So the third question, what types of topics are allowed for discussion in Executive Session, those topics are specified as I'm sure you all know in our CW 4231 10 so part one.

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Joe Levan: Which is why when we make the announcement. Every time we have an Executive Session. It refers to that section.

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Joe Levan: The statute describes a variety, but limited set of topics are about 15 or so general topics.

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Joe Levan: So that shows you, there's 15 TOTAL OF THE of all the different topics in the world that exists, but there's not that many.

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Joe Levan: The following are a few examples of topics that have been discussed by the Bainbridge city council in recent years, these will be familiar to you. So discussing as examples.

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Joe Levan: Discussing with legal counsel matters related to litigation or potential litigation. So we'll discuss that more here in just a minute.

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Joe Levan: Evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. Councilmember car is just experienced that. From there, the Council that discussion Executive Session.

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Joe Levan: Considering the selection of the site or the acquisition of real estate.

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Joe Levan: By lease or purchased when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause the likelihood of increased price. So that, that's another example of a topic that's the Council us discuss recent years Executive Session. So note.

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Joe Levan: Regarding the provision about discussing with legal counsel matters related to litigation or potential litigation.

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Joe Levan: That this provision includes and this is important for the public to know if they don't already know this, that includes discussing with legal counsel legal risks.

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Joe Levan: Of a proposed action or current practice that the city has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the city.

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Joe Levan: Fourth question. What are some possible ramifications if confidential information is disclosed. Let me speak first practically and and I'll speak more legally

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Joe Levan: And so, as a practical matter, such disclosure of confidential information is likely to lead to a serious loss of trust between Council members. That's important to consider.

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Joe Levan: From my perspective, it can also lead to a loss of trust between the city attorney and a council member who has, who would make such a disclosure

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Joe Levan: In that, and that can impact what is discussions each executive sessions, because if there are such disclosures, if that ever happens then.

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Joe Levan: Is city attorney to be careful about potentially what I'm saying in Executive Session, if, if, if you have to be concerned about that being leaked

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Joe Levan: Or not leaked but you know disclosed and openly if that's if it's confidential information.

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Joe Levan: And just kind of as a general matter more practically speaking as well. Do you like in this to any kind of associate when we're talking about media city attorney speaking to you in a second session about

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Joe Levan: Potential litigation or legal risk is similar to any situation. If any of you that have had had retained attorneys in your own personal life.

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Joe Levan: Where you have discussions with your attorney on attorney client, excuse me basis. And it's the same kind of thing. It's

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Joe Levan: The it's in the public interest to allow a city council to be able to have Frank and candid legal discussions with their city attorney and executive session so that you can have the benefit of that information and advice when you make decisions.

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Joe Levan: So regarding possible statutory applications public disclosure of confidential information discuss an executive session can implicate provision. I mentioned before, which is RTW

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Joe Levan: Which relates to certain prohibited acts and also RTW 4220 3050 which relates to certain penalties for violations of those acts.

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Joe Levan: Are committing those acts which violate the state law and, more specifically, the provision. I mentioned before, so it'd be 4220 3070 so Part four provides

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Joe Levan: Know me. This will officer may disclose confidential information gain by reason to the officers position.

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Joe Levan: Nor may the officer otherwise use such information for his or her personal gain or benefit. So that's a specific provision.

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Joe Levan: Which is called the in the 4223 that chapter is the municipal ethics code basically in state law. There's another provision that when I mentioned 42 2305 of which addresses penalties which provides

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Joe Levan: That an officer who violates the provisions of this chapter is liable to the midst to the municipality of which he or she is an officer for a penalty in the amount of \$500

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Joe Levan: In addition to such other civil or criminal liability or penalty has may otherwise be imposed upon the officer by law.

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Joe Levan: In addition to all other penalties and this is part of that statute as well civil or criminal violation by any officer of the provisions of this chapter, or maybe grounds for forfeiture of his office.

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Joe Levan: And then finally, that that AG. Oh, that I mentioned that he oh 2017 number five also states that a governing body could potentially ask a core to enforce

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Joe Levan: The confidentiality of an executive session through a rid of men Demas or injunction pursuant to another provision of the OPM. A which is 4231 30

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Joe Levan: So that's, that's kind of a, an outline of those four questions. Hopefully that's helpful to give you some background on the executive sessions and he willing to take any questions if you have them.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that city attorney love. And that was very educational and informative. I think it went into far more depth than

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Rasham Nassar: than I had anticipated, given that we put you on short notice to have this discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: So thank you, thank you for that. It's really beneficial to touch in on this, on this subject. So again, grateful that we're having this discussion tonight and

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Rasham Nassar: I will turn it over to council member questions now. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Well, hi. And so this is there may be a question here. Or it may also just be a comment based about why I why I asked for this, um,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think that there's a lot of concerns that we've heard from the community about about executive session to kind of reach the high peak right now with certain allegations that have been made in emails about how we arrived at the Winslow at the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: At the amendment to the interim control. For example, I mean, just to be frank, and I think that we need to be addressing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: statements that are made and emails alleging certain things that hit supposedly happened or didn't happen in Executive Session statements that are made alluding to executive session.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I was hoping that if the city attorney come forward and kind of help people understand, you know, or even as a reminder, if they already understand what the purpose of

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This privilege and confidentiality is and why it's beneficial to the community. And so I just want to say in late person to terms and Joe, you can

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Let me know if I'm saying this correctly, but a couple of the real benefits to the community of having the ability for us to be able to have these conversations and to be bound to not talk about them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: include not only the fact that, then our city attorney and any other attorneys that we consult with can feel safe, to be frank with us and give us full advice so that we give full feedback.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: On issues of litigation and potential litigation and other issues and another is that I think I think we all would agree that our community that we have a reputation as a city for pushing the envelope on on land use in particular.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that our community wants that our committee wants us to be courageous in our, in our code and in our process and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If we are, if we are coming out of executive session and sharing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What we were advised. If we were to come out and say here community. Here's what we were advised as to why we should do this or this. What that legal risk looks like.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And what we're actually doing is we're providing that information that the communities advocate, in a sense, to in in the city attorney when he's trying to help us defend our code in our policies.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Is now sharing that information with future potential litigants. That's not useful. And in many, many cases. While some people may not like that some of our decisions. A lot of our decisions, the community. I think wants to be upheld.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I just want to point that out. It's, it's not easy for us to not be able to say the why we get elected. Hopefully, because

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The Community trusts us that when we're given this sort of information we can make wise decisions based on on the communities values as we understand them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But so all that specie there. Would you agree, Joe, that those are a couple of the of the reasons why the community derive value from the fact that they're not able to be privy to the legal advice that we receive

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Joe Levan: Yes, and I fully appreciate the community members desire to want to know what's discussed in Executive Session. Because it, it feels

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Joe Levan: Like it's not transparent. But again, I just hope everyone thinks about it in terms of if they've ever had an attorney or

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Joe Levan: Know about how attorneys have clients. I mean, so my client is the city as an entity. And so my, my, my goal always my duty is to provide the Council with Frank and candid advice.

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Joe Levan: And so that to allow the Council then to weigh that information and consider it when you make decisions and

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Joe Levan: That that advice is as the legislature is recognize and it goes back to actually to constitutional principles of course as well attorney about attorney client privilege.

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Joe Levan: And that's, that's the majority of our of our executive sessions have to do with attorney client privilege discussions.

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Joe Levan: And again, I understand by some members of the public may be frustrated by that at times if they don't have that all that information. But I think part of that is allowing or hope, hopefully, hoping that those members of the community can trust their, their elected officials.

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Joe Levan: That when they elect officials say that we had a discussion.

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Joe Levan: You wouldn't get into any specific information about what you talked about an executive session, but you could certainly say we we did discuss it.

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Joe Levan: This this agenda item and executive session and endure whatever decision has been made is informed by that discussion that your, your constituents and would would trust that you're you're making a decision based on on thinking about those legal considerations.

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Rasham Nassar: Does that answer your question. Councilmember hi topless. Yeah. Okay. And thank you for that city, a city attorney live and

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Rasham Nassar: Real, real quick. I wanted to add, and then we'll go to you, Counselor Medina, something that I'm not sure. You may have said it. Maybe I missed it, but

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Rasham Nassar: It's this. It's this point that the Council can actually, I believe, by a vote of the majority release information that was learned in executive session to the public record.

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Rasham Nassar: I since my time on the city council. I don't know that we've exercised that right maybe related to some aspects of Harrison project as it was moving through 2018 2019

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Rasham Nassar: But I think that's an important consideration, at least from the Council perspective that what is discussed in Executive Session, does not necessarily need to remain in a vault forever.

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Rasham Nassar: The Council can publicize it maybe after some when it is legally advisable to do so. So I just wanted to put that out there.

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Joe Levan: The Council could could take a vote to waive the privilege in a circumstance. And that's why you would do it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Turn. I have two questions for you. So I'm an attorney. Let's say there's a situation where I have for my own legal analysis on something, some question that's coming up before the Council, I have my own opinion informed by my own experience and practice and knowledge.

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Kol Medina: We have an executive session on that topic you present your analysis. And it just so happens that your analysis and my own personal analysis largely overlap.

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Kol Medina: After Executive Session, and my then not able to talk about my own personal analysis. Guess I'll start with that. That's the first question.

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Kol Medina: And the second one is

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Kol Medina: If so, when we have Executive Session. And there's some topic we're talking about and leaving aside all the analysis that gets to the conclusion that your conclusion is the Council taking this action would probably be found to be illegal.

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Kol Medina: Is that conclusion, something that we cannot voice to the public or just the analysis.

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Joe Levan: So taking the first one. That's a good question.

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Joe Levan: Related to potential overlap between how you got your information, I guess what I as a as a note of caution.

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Joe Levan: I would I would expect council members to do is to the extent we're talking about specific legal advice in Executive Session.

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Joe Levan: Even if that matches up with what your, your perspective is because we've just talked about it that way in Executive Session.

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Joe Levan: At that point it becomes specific legal advice. I provided to the Council and executive session. So I wouldn't, I wouldn't refer to it in that manner. I mean, you could you could make some general statement about

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Joe Levan: It. I'll just be very careful about that. I just keep it more general in terms of your conclusions about the legal issues, but I wouldn't get into even if there's that overlap.

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Joe Levan: Because, for example, maybe some others are getting information from other attorneys and it's it's similar or different

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Joe Levan: But if, to the extent that we talked about an executive session I that's me, providing specific legal advice for other attorneys. So I would not disclose that an open session because that would that would violate the privilege.

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Joe Levan: So I just be very careful about that. And you could you could keep it more general and say that I have certain perspective on this and I can say that

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Joe Levan: The general discussion we had an executive session matches my understanding of this legal principle, something like that. As long as you keep it general, but I wouldn't get into specific legal advice.

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Joe Levan: And then the second part about this. So it's about

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Joe Levan: If I advise something that I think something could be illegal. And what what to say. An open session.

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Joe Levan: Again I the touchstone would be related to specific advice that I provided an executive session and not disclosing that specific advice so

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Joe Levan: That that's pretty specific. If we're talking about situation where I said something would be illegal. So I would, I would not

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Joe Levan: I would not that that would not be appropriate to disclose. So instead of be more

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Joe Levan: Keeping a general is related to, I'm going to, I'm going to my vote is going to be informed by the discussion that we had an executive session and I can't go in any details about what we discussed about the legal issues, but

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Joe Levan: Purchase constituents. Keep in mind that that's that's why I'm building this way. So for that, that's helpful. I mean, again, if you look at that definition of what is confidential. It's that reference to

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Joe Levan: Specific information rather than generalized knowledge that is not available to the general public on request or information made confidential by law.

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Joe Levan: That second part is important because confidential by law, the attorney client privilege is one of those is that one of those principles and by law. So that's, that's where I'm coming from on that.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina. Did that answer your questions. Okay. I'm counseling or high topless. Your hand is up again.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I'd be happy to hurt anybody else first, obviously. But if not, I'd like to ask Joe. A couple more things.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Good. Um, so, uh, wherever he went.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, okay. Oh look at him. I'm talking to him so so I actually asked you about a week ago, I believe, whether or not it was acceptable for us to, you know, as we try to figure out these edges of like

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What can be discussed, if it's if it's if it's if it's all right for us to refute things that happened in Executive Session. If it doesn't bring forward legal advice or anything that was said in Executive Session.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And my understanding was that that was that was something we could do. Do you remember that conversation.

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Joe Levan: I do if I don't, for that. That's attorney client privilege discussion. So if you wanted to talk about. You can talk about what you want to talk about, but I'm not going to

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Joe Levan: The advice that I provided

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay, well, because I could ask for. I guess here on the Dyess that's kind of the point of this conversation. So I guess I should ask that question here on the Dyess because I want to, I want to actually refute something that's that's being sent out in the community and do that.

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Joe Levan: So in terms of refuting. I mean, it's as long as you're not talking about specific specific advice was provided an executive session.

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Joe Levan: Correct, yeah. Hot Topic. Yes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Right. And I'm sorry to even have to do it. It's nothing dangerous or anything but i mean i again i really take seriously.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know emails that are going around now CMOS are going around making certain allegations and their number of allegations that I think we should be addressing. And so one of them. That's gone around is the idea that that the amendment that was brought forward for the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The interim control was worked on between the city attorney and some in one or more council members.

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, Douglas. I'm going to call point of order here, and I really sorry to interrupt you, but

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Rasham Nassar: We're getting off topic. This was an FAQ session FAQ agenda item to discuss in general protocols around executive sessions.

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Rasham Nassar: I hear what you're saying and I don't want to discredit the importance of that topic of discussion, but it is a question for the Council that's it seems to me to be its own discussion topic, um,

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I would be happy to either discuss this at good the order make the points I want to make or to ask for a future conversation where we can refute some of the statements that are being made about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Council decisions and certain council members and the city. Either way, I'm fine. That talking about it right now, but I do want to talk about it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, thank you for thank you for offering that and I would personally, I would take you up on the offer to bring it up during good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: And then Council can weigh in. And if there's if it's getting late and council members feel like they really want to dive into that, then

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Rasham Nassar: And there's additional council member support for adding it to a future agenda item, maybe we can have the opportunity during for the good of the order to

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Rasham Nassar: To kind of gauge that level of interest at that point in time. Does that sound. Does that sound fair. Does that sound okay

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Rasham Nassar: And and then with regard to this discussion if there are any other council member questions or comments, kind of on the broad subjects of the FAQ on executive sessions we can continue to kind of engage city attorney as he's here with us tonight on that topic alone.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Thank you. Councilmember Assad Deputy Mayor. This is for for our city attorney.

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Michael Pollock: To me, this is really a great conversation. I'm really glad we're having it.

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Michael Pollock: Because the flip side of Executive Session, of course, that operates as you know underneath under the OPM a the open public meetings act. And so we don't want to disclose confidential information.

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Michael Pollock: That is confidential in a in an executive session at the same time, we don't want to be having conversations that aren't

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Michael Pollock: Covered by executive privilege. I guess that really so we don't want an OPM, a violation. That's what I'm getting at. So it seems like we have to judge those balance those. So, a bit of a long winded up here, but

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Michael Pollock: Then actually have read the Attorney General's opinion fairly thoroughly and Stephen is pretty fascinating. And one of the things that they say is, is that the executive session clause is to be narrowly construed the courts have found that

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Michael Pollock: And so I'm just the question for us was really in regards to the reasons why we can go in and particularly the one you mentioned it's

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Michael Pollock: I think I think litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified one public discussion.

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Michael Pollock: Of the litigation or legal risk is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

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Michael Pollock: So that's something that can be defined quite broadly. I mean, you can you can that covers just about anything. Right. I mean,

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Michael Pollock: Likely to it so. So the question that you know in my mind is how do we decide that who decides that, how do we decide that the the is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence.

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Michael Pollock: Because in that regard.

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Michael Pollock: If anybody Sue's us for anything, whether it's a good lawsuit or not it's going to result in an adverse financial consequence because we have to defend defend it. So,

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Michael Pollock: It seems like we could really say anything that we're talking about any law that law, we're considering we could go into executive session under that

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Michael Pollock: And then on the counter end of it again is is that this, this is to be construed narrowly. So I'm just wondering if there's any kind of guidance legal or Attorney General's opinion you know in terms of how could again. Who makes the decision and how do we how do we make that decision.

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Michael Pollock: So I'll be better kind of have a follow up at all. Go ahead. That's, that's a lot for you to digest. I think it was just one question though.

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Joe Levan: Well, I think. I mean, part of this is I take my my role in my duty understand law very seriously.

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Joe Levan: So when I bring you topics and executive session. So she related to train client privilege topics.

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Joe Levan: I'm very careful to make sure they fall within what's allowed and what's not allowed. So if there's ever a situation and executive session where a customer thinks that

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Joe Levan: That's not the topic doesn't fall into that category. Let's and let's talk about that. But that's, I take that very seriously, and I, I know what the PMA says and what does these provisions state and

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Joe Levan: And also that attorney general opinion which again, I'll send all your council members, you'll see that there's a, it's a really

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Joe Levan: It's really worth reading because it goes into several different topics but narrows and you know folks in on this this particular issue about what

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Joe Levan: About what would you, what is proper and what's not an Executive Session. What is confidential, what's not, and the reason the, the Attorney General wrote the opinion is because it

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Joe Levan: Was kind of a, an issue that existed out there for many years and the attorney general, have never really addressed it specifically and

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Joe Levan: They're not a lot of court decisions on an either in this in that setting. So it's really worth reading. But you'll see that the

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Joe Levan: The Attorney General's very clear. So she in the attorney client situation that there is some, it can be fairly broadly construed in terms of

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Joe Levan: What what what is related to or what, what would be in relation to an adverse impact on the city.

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Joe Levan: But that's that's intentional, because then it gives the Council in your city attorney, the little bit of runway to talk have that candid legal discussion.

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Joe Levan: Related to those legal risks and that's why I made the point about referring to the legal risk because they're doing sometimes there's a perception.

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Joe Levan: By the public that it's only about current litigation or a potential litigation and that that's being over overly that's being read in a way that's overly broad

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Joe Levan: But it as you as I pointed out specifically within the European within this provision and 4231 10 it sub sub one, it speaks to legal discussions of legal risks.

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Joe Levan: But you know it does. As you said, it has to relate also to not just legal risk, but it could have an adverse financial impacts or otherwise on the city and that's that's

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Joe Levan: That's certainly I'll the only kind of topics I've discussed with the Council and Executive Session, since I've been with the city.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, so somewhere relying on your professional judgment than on that really

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Michael Pollock: Yeah yeah

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Joe Levan: My, my, my duty as a

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Joe Levan: As an attorney to uphold the candidate ethics that I'm bound by so

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Michael Pollock: Yeah okay okay that's helpful. Um, and then the follow up is, is this is this. Again, this sort of likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency so that this gets to

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Michael Pollock: The deputy marriage comments of when information can be released and and

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Michael Pollock: I'm just thinking about and we got an email today about an incident that happened a while ago and it seems irrelevant to

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Michael Pollock: Any sort of adverse legal consequence to the agency at this

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Michael Pollock: Point. So it seems like just as an example, that could be talked about. Or it could be released by, I guess I'm sort of asking, you know, what point

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Michael Pollock: Can a council member. I mean, can talk about something, because it's no longer relevant to this adverse legal or financial consequence and

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Michael Pollock: Does it have to be that the city says we agree that this is no longer

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Michael Pollock: Fit for for Executive Session. So we kind of have to release it, or can council members just simply talk about it around, you know, how do we do that and I can, you know, to give an extreme example, I'd say I was on the Council, you know,

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Michael Pollock: I can say like a joke. Back at the turn of the century. Well, if I talked about anything that happened there, you know, arguably, there was no adverse they will consequence to that. So, but, but I'm just trying to look for for sort of handle how to

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Michael Pollock: The guidance on that and for people that are on the Council and that are no longer on the Council right

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Joe Levan: Yeah, I've looked at that, over the years, and there's not some kind of bright line that I can offer in that regard I would think that would, I would be looking at is if it's an issue. First of all, the, the Council to waive the privilege, not a legal issue as legal advice that relates to

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Joe Levan: Anything that's at all.

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Joe Levan: Ongoing with the city.

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Joe Levan: Council with a majority vote to the way of the privilege, so that's that's that's one option.

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Joe Levan: Otherwise the privilege, especially with regard to any kind of matter that is continuing in some form that's been discussed by past councils in recent years.

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Joe Levan: That that privilege would continue to exist, you know, talk, talk about something 20 years ago that no longer is applicable to anything.

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Joe Levan: Directly, that's another issue or not. I don't think we're talking about that at this point.

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Joe Levan: So I don't have a bright line offer you, but that that's it's a fair question, but that's the way that's the way I would look at it if it's something again it's relates to in any way to an ongoing matter that the city is considering

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Joe Levan: That was provided to the second session in a privileged format or based on the privilege that that would contain continue to be privileged unless the Council voted why majority vote to waive that privilege.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: I count. Councilmember hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Adding anything I had two questions before and I didn't ask the other one.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So kind of going back to this idea of the fact that we're dependent on the competence and professionalism of our city attorney, the system doesn't work if we can't count on that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And going back to the the scenario that Cole talked about where he comes in. He's an attorney, maybe he's not an attorney.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And he's developed an opinion. Let's say he's developed an opinion that is contrary to the advice of our city attorney.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: How does that work. How does that work for what, you know, do we have duties to listen to you as council members. Do we have the right to seek other legal opinions on our own.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And to whatever extent you're able to explain that. I think that would be helpful for the public and for counsel to understand where there might be limits on what you know what our roles and obligations are on that front.

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Joe Levan: Yeah, so I mean as city attorney. I'm the chief legal officer for the city. So that was just, you all know my obligation. My duties toward the city as an entity.

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Joe Levan: And so my that that's that's my full loyalty that is to that is to the clients and the clients in this context, is the Council, as well as a city manager.

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Joe Levan: So that, and that's where my soil so loyalty and duty resides with respect to the the city as an entity. So if you get outside advice from other attorneys about different topics.

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Joe Levan: There, you could have situations where they may have some interesting legal information and then

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Joe Levan: To provide to you, but their, their interests are going to be different than than my interest because I'm the only one who's

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Joe Levan: In the seat that I'm in, and I and for me, as you all know i i from I see it as the buck stops with me in terms of the legal issues.

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Joe Levan: I take full responsibility for all the all the legal matters that are that are going on with with the city and I take that responsibility very seriously. So, you know, it doesn't does mean that you can't talk to other attorneys, of course, you can and get other information.

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Joe Levan: But in terms of and in terms of talking about that.

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Joe Levan: If we have a if I'm providing you advice and executive session and you want to talk about some other legal theory. That'd be more than happy to talk about that in Executive Session, or, you know, we can have discussions otherwise.

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Joe Levan: It through phone calls or otherwise emails, we can talk about those those theories and I've had those discussions with some council members, that's totally appropriate

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Joe Levan: But I would just caution the, the Council members.

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Joe Levan: In terms of I guess what I'm, what I'm not not caution, what I what I strive for. As for the to build and I'd make this hopefully cleared all council members when you come on board.

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Joe Levan: And I did this just this last week with COUNCILMEMBER car and when she came on board, like I have with the others.

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Joe Levan: But for me, the, the love trust is incredibly important. So, you know, we may not see eye to eye on every issue.

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Joe Levan: But, but hopefully you you trust that I'm going to provide you with the most Frank and candid legal advice based on my knowledge and experience. And then also all the resources that I tap into.

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Joe Levan: Relates to other attorneys so specialized expertise and whatever the area may be including land use, but other areas as well. And as you know, we have a lot of other attorneys that assist with

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Joe Levan: And do the do the bulk of the work of it to litigation. So you hear from those attorneys directly. So that's, that's kind of where that sits for me in terms of talking about an open session advice you got from some other attorney that wouldn't be advice. I provided to you.

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Joe Levan: If it's if it's legal advice as a client, I mean that the questionnaire is, who's the how, you know, the client for me, as I said, is the is the city as an entity. So if you're

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Joe Levan: You know, would you be the client of this person providing advice and what's that relationship.

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Joe Levan: So that you know wouldn't if there's an attorney client privilege relationship there then as the client. It just said, I don't think that's what you're asking about

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Joe Levan: You'd be getting advice, you know, as a client from that person be probably more from an attorney just stating their opinion based on their experience related to a certain matter.

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Joe Levan: If they did that, and that it was fine with that attorney to talk about that openly, you could you could talk about that an open session because it wouldn't be advice for me.

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Joe Levan: No, that's, that's what I'm saying. In terms of some outside source and you know that that's that's that's appropriate. So what I'm, what I'm talking about is the legal advice you get from legal counsel and executive session related to the city. This the city's advice.

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Joe Levan: That answer your question.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah. Cancer number Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yes. Councilmember hi topless finished. I don't want to her line of inquiry. And yeah, I just I just kind of follow up with that. Those are some good points.

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Michael Pollock: I actually really great source for everybody say for Council number car, but for really heavy. One is the Mrs see website.

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Michael Pollock: Where of course our city attorney used to work for Mr se, but there's a lot of good information there sort of general knowledge, but put some pretty interesting cases and the ag oh opinion was there, there was a whole there's a whole section on

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Michael Pollock: Executive Session. Search for all I know. Joe, but in our city. And then those stuff about vesting. For example, when does besting occur. So there's a lot of good

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Michael Pollock: General Information that I've just found that over the years very helpful. And then I do want to make a pitch for our city attorney. There was a

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Michael Pollock: Interesting story in the Spokane review, I think. And it was an interesting argument about whether to release information and it was just kind of fun to see his name in print and everything but but the interesting thing about it was

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Michael Pollock: In terms of releasing information that the Council could vote, but that there was kind of a interesting sort of ethical issue because council members were speaking, frankly, an Executive Session. Right.

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Michael Pollock: And so they want to be able to do that without worrying that at some point in the future. There's going to be a release of that information and so

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Michael Pollock: You know, there was this sort of interesting.

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Michael Pollock: I guess ethical question, for lack of a better way to put it up. Should it be a majority that allows the boat to go through to open it up, or should it be a supermajority or it doesn't need to be you know unanimity and stuff so

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Michael Pollock: I just, I thought it was kind of fascinating. And like I said, it was just kind of fun to read your name in print.

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Michael Pollock: And to see you kind of involved in that. So I think he could probably look at. I don't know. Executive Session Spokane, or something like that but but that was it was just

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Michael Pollock: It was just sort of some prep. I was doing prior to this meeting. So that's, that's it. I don't know if you want to add anything to that so

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Joe Levan: Yeah, just, I mean, probably some of you know, when I was over the years, I've done a lot of the main focus of my career.

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Joe Levan: As an attorney is not just related to cities but focusing on transparency issues and ethics issues and and the OPM a and I've done training, you know, for decades on that. So this is a this is an issue that's very close to my, my heart.

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Joe Levan: And I take it very seriously. And, you know, in terms of some Mrs C which is an incredible resource and I as customer Pollack mentioned

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Joe Levan: I certainly encourage all council members to to use that resource on a regular basis in terms of getting information, but I can tell you as well. When I worked there, one of the one of the kind of the, the

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Joe Levan: Points that I made when I first came on board there because I had come as from came there after being a city attorney.

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Joe Levan: And I just made clear to them that when I'm providing it's important for those legal consultants, because there's no attorney client privilege with any of those the attorneys that work there, they don't

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Joe Levan: They don't have clients. They don't represent clients they provide legal guidance and I was very strong about that when I was there about that's

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Joe Levan: That's the way it should be referred to as guidance not advice because it's not, there's not an attorney client.

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Joe Levan: Relationship there, and also the information is provided, it's not you know what's what's different is when I when I provide information and guidance and advice to you. You are such an executive session.

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Joe Levan: It's based on this specific analysis related to the facts that issue. It's not some just talking about general legal principles like vesting. In general, it's talking about

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Joe Levan: A specific situation or situations and specific

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Joe Levan: The specific facts that issue as relates to that situation and the legal principles and how they how I see them applying and that situation that that's a big difference because

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Joe Levan: I knew that I came into my situation all the time. Or I ran into it all the time when I was at MRC where we get questions from council members or otherwise about different issues.

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Joe Levan: And I would provide information that I have. But I tell them always talk to your city attorney.

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Joe Levan: Because they know much more about the facts that issue. And all I know when I was a member. See, I'd say, All I know is what you're telling me.

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Joe Levan: You know i don't i don't know what i don't know, whereas what I try to do with the city of course is trying to know as much as I can about a particular situation.

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Joe Levan: And the fact that issue so that I can provide the best advice. And the other thing.

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Joe Levan: To go back to an earlier point, what I try to do as well as what you've seen me do all of you is try to anticipate legal questions that may come up or legal issues that may come up

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Joe Levan: So for example, if I if I see something coming down the pike related to an ordinance or otherwise.

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Joe Levan: That that I see could potentially raise legal issues parts of the ordinances or different issues related to house an ordinance or resolution health or an action. It's going to be taken.

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Joe Levan: Then that I may, I myself would take the initiative, potentially, to write a provision even emotion.

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Joe Levan: for the Council to consider so that they could then consider that as part of the action because, again, I'm trying to anticipate

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Joe Levan: I don't, I don't want to just provide you and have you on the on the Dyess on the fly, have to make a decision about how to draft emotion that could address that issue instead

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Joe Levan: If I can have a to try to anticipate an issue. And then even provide language to help you address that issue so that you can then consider that when you actually take action. That's my goal to to be proactive in that regard. Well,

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, are there any other council member questions.

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Rasham Nassar: City attorneys or anything, any final words on this. I think we've exhausted this discussion. So thank you for everything you've stated so far. If there's anything else you'd like to add before we move on, now's the time

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Joe Levan: To thank you all. And as always, I'm always available to any of you to have any kind of discussion about any kind of legal issues.

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Joe Levan: We certainly have those discussions at times and executive session, but I'm also, as you all know, available to you individually to talk about any of these issues. So feel free to contact me in that regard as the Deputy city attorney.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that city attorney love and appreciate the offer and thanks again for your time here tonight and providing such a detailed brief on very short notice.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay Council, we are going to move on to our next

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Rasham Nassar: Item under Council discussion which is Item nine see

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Rasham Nassar: Policy for council member communication with the city advisory groups before I pass it over to mayor Schneider, I, I just want to say a couple of things. Number one,

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Rasham Nassar: When we talked about this at the Thursday morning agenda setting meeting Cal mayor Snyder and I, along with the city manager kind of dialogue around organizing a coherent and clear policy related discussion around this agenda topic we workshopped it and we had some dialogue.

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Rasham Nassar: And we arrived at the agenda topic which appears in the agenda tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: In thinking about it over the weekend, I, I wanted to offer what I feel might be some direction to help guide the discussion to towards a potential policy outcome and and i think that

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Rasham Nassar: I, in doing so, and I'll say that in just a moment that I hope I'm capturing the intent of this council members that wanted to add this discussion item to the agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: If not, we can discuss that. And in your, of course, free to offer your opinions and thoughts. But what I arrived that was that.

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Rasham Nassar: In terms of a policy outcome. I think what we are maybe trying to get out or what those who are interested in discussing this, or trying to get at.

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Rasham Nassar: Is a potential, the potential for the Council to consider applying the rule of the liaisons to any other council member attending a committee meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: So I hope that's clear.

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Rasham Nassar: And I, when I say the rule of liaisons I'm referring to the draft that COUNCILMEMBER Medina graciously drafted worked up and that the Council member approved quite recently.

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Rasham Nassar: So I hope that provides some sort of framework to guide this discussion. If we can keep it policy directed and otherwise I'll stop talking and I don't see any hands up at the moment. I'm going to refer it over to mayor Snyder mayor, if you're ready to take this discussion, introduce it

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Rasham Nassar: It's. Go ahead.

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Leslie Schneider: All right, thank you. So

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Leslie Schneider: As the deputy mayor was saying, the policy for COUNCILMEMBER communication with City advisory groups, we wouldn't

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Leslie Schneider: We wouldn't be having this on an agenda if there wasn't sort of a need to talk about it. So there's obviously some some events that have triggered this

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Leslie Schneider: And it was about a month ago when this came up in a in a council meeting that I was chairing and

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Leslie Schneider: I made a decision at that time, just kind of break off that line of thought because it felt to me like it was getting us off track for our particular agenda item, but I also promised at that time that I would bring it back because it did feel like it was an important topic.

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Leslie Schneider: Just maybe not being done justice at that time for our other agenda. So that's what we're doing now we're bringing it back.

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Leslie Schneider: And as the Deputy Mayor is saying, you know, we, I mean, I think this group has had some experiences recently have some very constructive difficult conversations. So if this ends up being difficult. I'm not saying it is, you know, I'm very confident that we will come to sort of

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Leslie Schneider: At least an understanding of what what we want, as far as an agreement on expectations. And so you know i i think i understand what the deputy Mary's proposing in terms of applying policy for

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Leslie Schneider: Council members being liaisons but that's kind of a second conversation. So anyway, I just want to open that up and you know without beating around the bush the conversation that we were having a month ago. What had to do with public comment being made by a council member at a

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Leslie Schneider: At a planning commission meeting so

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Leslie Schneider: If they're so COUNCILMEMBER Medina, I cut you off in that conversation. And so I would like to. If you're interested, give us kind of the first chance to bring back some of your concerns.

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Kol Medina: Thank you, thanks for

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Kol Medina: Taking this up. So I'll go back to customer service point

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Kol Medina: Yeah, I think that should be the outcome of this

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Kol Medina: In fact, I never thought it was a question we developed our I pulled it up here.

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Kol Medina: Council member liaison job description to see if the Council could reach some agreement on how council members interact with our advisory committees and other commissions.

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Kol Medina: When they are they're acting as a liaison. It never occurred to me that we would need to specifically state that that policy applies to any council member whether or not they're the liaison.

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Kol Medina: Because the foundation of this in my mind was no council member can go and or should go and attempt to influence a committee that is working to provide advice to the entire Council.

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Kol Medina: That's just an understanding. I thought we all shared we needed to make a council liaison job description, just to clarify that that basic foundational understanding still applies to liaisons so we need to

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Kol Medina: Pass motion that says of the Council liaison job description applies to all council members rather your liaison or not. I think that's great. I thought we was all soon. But if we need to pass the motion, I'd be happy to make that motion. At some point here.

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Kol Medina: I do think it's beyond that, though, I do think we need to talk about this as a case study because it's not just a question of

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Kol Medina: Having a job description or liaison job description or a policy question. It's also about how we talking about each other and about how we talked to the community about the rest of our council members and how we make decisions. And so I'm happy to come back to that point.

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Kol Medina: At some point, but I think I'll just stop there and see what other people want to say

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Rasham Nassar: Anybody else

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Rasham Nassar: Want to weigh in. I

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember had topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I do agree with Cole, I agree with both Cole and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Amersham that I think ultimately that may be where we go I think that makes sense and I to assume that that was the understanding, but I also do think it's important for us to for two reasons to be able to go through a little bit about what actually transpired.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And in part because it is a little bit more complicated than just one

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, one particular issue, but also because we need to kind of have a chance. I think as individual councils or as a council to set the record straight on a couple of things that were said in a public meeting to to our commission that exists today on the internet forever.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So for those reasons, I think we should. I certainly believe that we're all capable of having a very

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Compassionate and factual conversation. And just because we talked about particular statements that somebody one particular person made in a particular context does not make that personal, in a sense, that is

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: unkind or in civil or inappropriate. It's just kind of the way it is. It's how we learn from things. So all of us. So I support that I'm not just going to say if with your videos first before we start talking about any particular issues.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: So I so I totally agree with calcium overhead topless that it that we do need to reference some specifics, because if we don't talk about specifics, then we'll just kind of leave everything up for grabs in in the future.

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Leslie Schneider: So towards that goal.

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Leslie Schneider: I went back and reviewed the

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Leslie Schneider: The video of councilman republicans at the planning commission in order

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Rasham Nassar: To border.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't think it's appropriate for us to discuss specific council member and to refer to that specific COUNCILMEMBER by name. What they agreed upon course of action by the city council.

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Rasham Nassar: Was that we would add this agenda item as a policy discussion to make best use of this time. If there's a specific outcome. And I do hear that we are making progress towards that outcome.

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Rasham Nassar: That council members would like to advocate for and I heard COUNCILMEMBER Medina and had topless support.

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Rasham Nassar: The proposal that I put forth I would really strongly encourage us to stay on topic for this specific agenda item.

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Rasham Nassar: And pursue continued dialogue on that policy level discussion to take it down so to the level of

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Rasham Nassar: The personal is to take it down to the level of personal. It's a perceived personal attack. And from my perspective and read on the governance manual is a violation of our code of conduct and not

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Leslie Schneider: But how do we have a conversation about

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Leslie Schneider: Specific conduct.

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Rasham Nassar: Let me ask any of the council members that so desired to speak about the specifics of the of the of the behavior that's being referenced here did. Did any of the three council members here dialogue with COUNCILMEMBER Pollock off the record.

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Kol Medina: I am I, I'm sorry, but you just interrupted a counselor as the floor rolling around a border and I appeal your decision. I don't think she's out of order.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, you already have the Council wish to continue to allow this discussion in the manner that Mayor Snyder.

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Rasham Nassar: is proposing.

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Kol Medina: A second for the appeal counselor I top of the second and that

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Kol Medina: And so there can be discussion on the appeal. And if there's no discussion about needs to be taken and if the majority of Council.

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Kol Medina: votes in the negative, it means the Council is overruling your point of order. So if you think that if you council members think that this is a topic that we should talk about

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Kol Medina: Then you should vote no. Because you were voting know that you were going against the point of order, if you if you agree with the chair that this is something that we should not be talking about then vote yes

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so are we taking we're taking about

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Joe Deets: I'm sorry, I'm

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: I just want to make sure, so we're going. This is a motion to appeal the point of order.

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Joe Deets: Right.

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Joe Deets: And if we vote.

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Joe Deets: Yes, the moat the appeal.

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Joe Deets: Passes and we can continue on that thread or is it the other way around.

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Kol Medina: The other way around. If you go yes you're upholding the point of order.

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Kol Medina: Yes, is to uphold the point of order, and know is to rescind the point of order.

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Joe Deets: Also say I'll vote no. But I, in some ways, I'd like if we could just sort of not even use a name, just we can just talk about the circumstance.

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Joe Deets: Try and find a balance here. I think there's a lesson. We're trying to gain from this, but not try and avoid making it personal. So that's just my ask

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Can we have discussion before we call the question please.

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Rasham Nassar: Sure, go ahead.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I'd like to point out a couple of things. One is that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: In a sense, by not by denying us the ability to talk about a specific incident, including a specific Council person, you're basically denying us as individual council members, the ability to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What would otherwise we might do in public comment. And I don't agree that no council. I hope to God.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We haven't said that no citizen can ever come forward and say that they were not comfortable with something

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That a specific council member. Did I hope our rules aren't that strict because if they are

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: No wonder we went up with ethics complaint center article one, we have to be able to the public. So we'll talk about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Specific people specifically the incidents and we have the right to talk about that. And so there's a

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The issue is how you talk about it. If the point of what you're doing. And this is what I believe we agreed to last time is

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If the point of this conversation is to vilify Michael that's not okay. If the conference at the point is to get political points or beat him up or or assassinate his character that's not okay.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But if something happened on the record statements were made that some of us feel need to be addressed. Why would we pretend we're not talking about a particular person particular situation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So i don't i don't think that it makes any sense. I guess we would just be forced them to utilize the good of the order or something.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To talk about what we'd be able to talk about public comment. And I guess the other thing I just want to throw out there is that in watching this Council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Over the last few years. One thing that I think that has been missing is the ability to have Frank conversations that feel uncomfortable that can be specific amongst the council members.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And and lot of things have played it played out in places like the ethics board where they didn't belong, they belonged in a conversation between Council members that is a fair and reasonable conversation. So those are my points for why I would vote no.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: I'm kind of intrigued by it. So why don't we just go ahead. I don't know that we need a verb, I think. Councilmember deeds point is important.

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Michael Pollock: You know, let's do this, respectfully, and you know, don't just mind your P's and Q's, and if there. It seems like there's some some comments that people want to make

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Michael Pollock: I'm I'm confident that the Council members can do it in a non attacking sort of way and stick to the substance of the issue rather than making a personal attack and I think

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Michael Pollock: So why don't we just move ahead with that rather than than sort of this procedural stuff and and you know it is getting on in the evening. So I just like to hear it. And you guys can have your say, and we can decide where to go from there.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted to say that it seems like a number of council members feel strongly about talking about specifics, but I would concur with COUNCILMEMBER Pollock and others that have said, I trust my colleagues to do it in a respectful.

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Christy Carr: Matter that will hopefully lead us

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To a policy outcome.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great. I really appreciate the dialogue here, folks, and I hope that you can appreciate that, as in my role of facilitator, my, my job, which I take seriously is to keep us on track to discuss the items.

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Rasham Nassar: Within the scope that they were presented and approved to be on the agenda. And so my intention and intention and calling point of order was really just that was. It was a process. Check to make sure that we're on track, but I also share COUNCILMEMBER cars eats and Pollux

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Rasham Nassar: Points and affirmations and level of trust in this Council that we can approach this discussion responsibly and professionally and use this time.

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Rasham Nassar: To serve really the benefit of the public. So with that, I suppose, we can move off of the vote on the point of order, and I will turn it back over to mayor Schneider mayor Steiner

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. I really appreciate what you said and I really do have every intent of

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Leslie Schneider: You know, not not attacking because I don't think there's any real need to attack. I think what there is here is being clear and as you will know I was on the receiving end of some warranted criticism.

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Leslie Schneider: Back on my, on my first attempt at at chairing a meeting so

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Leslie Schneider: Know,

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Leslie Schneider: So you're

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Michael Pollock: That is what I want.

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Michael Pollock: To say it's a rite of initiation for a new council member, they have to go through one of these

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, well maybe that's unfortunate that maybe it's true. I don't know. So I guess what I wanted to state here is just

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Leslie Schneider: One thing that sort of came forward to me in, in looking at that video was

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Leslie Schneider: A number of places where

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Leslie Schneider: I know the difference between imply and infer and I'm actually not certain how to apply it in this particular case, because I wrote down, you know, so as not to infer intensive counsel or imply intent of counsel, I really kind of go round and round on that because

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Leslie Schneider: But and and I could get specific about some of those of those statements I have, you know, I have some references. I don't know that they're necessary. So, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: I think that that is that plus there was also sort of a very there there was implying of intent in a very negative way that sort of came back to Council generally and

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Leslie Schneider: So obviously, you know, if we took the liaison policy decision then we just wouldn't have by agreement, we wouldn't have the

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Leslie Schneider: The right to go to an advisory committee and make statements like that at all.

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Leslie Schneider: And maybe we're going to get there. But in the meantime, I'm just wondering about having the discussion about implying or inferring the intent of counsel, particularly in, you know, in a negative tone and I can be specific, but I don't know that I need to

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Any other comments. Councilmember head office.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To try to flush that out and make it and also explain why this is relevant to the general public and are larger issues and not just something petty that in this particular case, what we're talking about is talking about the the motive of the Council to do something that was largely

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That was largely discuss and executive session. And this is why I wanted to talk about executive session to in the same meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So we're talking about the interim control the amendment to them and interim control and I went back and check to be sure I watched I've watched this comment. A couple times to be sure that I am being fair and took very clear notes so that I don't

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Mistake anything and I went back and watched our, our council meeting that was just before this planning commission meeting to make sure I was right about what we said and didn't say

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And the fact is there was not a lot of reasoning given on the Dyess about why we adopted that amendment, it's pretty clear. It was for legal advice.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Based on legal advice. So a lot of the conversation how again happen Executive Session. So when

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That that background and I'm going to actually, I'm just gonna speak right to you, Michael. Let me out of respect to you. And when when when you came to county commission and then you talked about how this was a political decision. You said multiple places.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That it was a loophole intentionally created for the hotel and some of these other things and people can highlight what concerned them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: When in fact, we can't even really defend that conversation, our reasoning.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Or what our what our thought process was behind simply the legal advice because we can talk about what happened that happened Executive Session.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So I think that kind of makes it a particularly difficult situation to hear a council member say to a very important subset of body our commission in a public meeting that this was a political decision a loophole, etc.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: When we can each you know say here. Now, as to whether or not that's what that was but we really are still hampered for what we can say about what really was our conversation and executive session.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So that's what I would say. With regards to the amputation, or the inference or whatever of motive to the rest of Council as to why we voted for it. The only thing that came out on the public record was that we were voting for it because we had legal counsel.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To include the amendment.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thanks, either to man, I think two, maybe three main concerns I have about all this.

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Kol Medina: Well, they've been kind of remarked on and but I wonder mark on them all differently.

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Kol Medina: One of the concerns is what I already marked on a little bit, and that is that all of these advisory committees and commissions.

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Kol Medina: They have is their job and I'm this isn't a lecture for the Council, I'm saying this for the community to kind of put in context of what we're talking about.

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Kol Medina: They have is their job providing advice and guidance to the City Council itself.

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Kol Medina: So that's very much true of the planning commission. Their job is to do the types of work that we as a council and prior councils have set for them to do and a lot of that work results in them, providing recommendations and guidance to the full Council.

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Kol Medina: So in that situation for me. And this is something I had to learn when I started on Council four years ago.

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Kol Medina: It's just really improper for one council member or two or three to go to an advisory body that is providing advice to the full council and attempt to influence that advice before it gets to the full Council.

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Kol Medina: I just really think that's kind of an abuse of counsel power. And I think it's just highlights of trust.

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Kol Medina: Like we all need to trust that the advice, we're getting from our advisory committees and commissions is their pure advice and recommendation, not something that has been influenced by one council member before it even gets to us. So that's part of what's going on here for me.

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Kol Medina: And

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Kol Medina: At the planning commission meeting you repeatedly encourage them to

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Kol Medina: Try to influence our decision making and I won't quote things I could but you did. And I think that's just really dangerous for any committee for any council member to go and do that.

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Kol Medina: So that's one issue for me. And I think it's really important. I think it's fundamental to how our whole process works and a second really important issue.

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Kol Medina: Is the issue of council members talking to other people about why other council members decided, whatever they decided, and again, this is the lesson I had to learn my first year on council. I remember a couple times to end up on the Dyess

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Kol Medina: Saying something like we were in the middle of a discussion and I say something like

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Kol Medina: Well, you know, I'm guessing the rest of the Council feels the same way I do and being cut off by probably Val counselor Thompson.

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Kol Medina: Or it could have been counselor Scott and saying that you can't say that you don't know how I feel. You don't know why I'm voting. The way I'm voting and they're right there right to cut me off and say that. And so when a counselor goes to a body like the planning commission and

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Kol Medina: Tells the planning commission that the whole counsel made a decision based just on politics.

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Kol Medina: You are, you are saying to people on live TV that I made my decision that you know why I made my decision and that you know I'm in my decision. Just because of politics.

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Kol Medina: And you don't know why I'm in my decision. None of none of you know why I make my decisions and I don't know why you make your decisions.

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Kol Medina: Outside of whatever you might actually say about it on the diocese. And I just, I've tried really hard to not go around and impute the motives of any other council member talk about why they made whatever decision they made

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Kol Medina: And if it's a decision I disagree with. I just say, Hey, I didn't agree with it. I'm sure they have good reasons for making it that's that's up to them.

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Kol Medina: And so that's also really fundamental to how we work together and

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Kol Medina: That's why we have our council member Council liaison job description. So those are the two most fundamental points in there for me.

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Kol Medina: And I want to say for the record that my decision making on the internet zoning control had nothing to do with politics. It was all about legal advice that was given to us and aside from that, just basic issues of fairness in our society and good governance.

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Thanks.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for those comments. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. Um,

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Joe Deets: It's a, it's an interesting discussion. It's a difficult one. And I'm trying to write notes because I after being on council for almost two and a half years. I can sort of, you know, we have a particular example, but also, I'm thinking of my you know my own experiences.

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Joe Deets: Principle is liaison because I I don't recall myself going to another committee of which

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Joe Deets: I have no connection with and speaking up but but maybe so as a liaison. You're sitting there listening to a committee or a task force or what have you.

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Joe Deets: And often they're going to ask you, well, what's Why did council do what they did. We don't understand it or whatever, they just say, why did they do and

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Joe Deets: And it may have been a decision that you are in this case, I was not in favor of but so it was very tricky to say

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Joe Deets: Well, that was the decision of counsel of the majority. But it wasn't mine, but that was the decision and then the trick is

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Joe Deets: And I hope I'm successful and doing this is not to denigrate the majority, I try and that was the decision and

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Joe Deets: That went forward. It wasn't my vote. In fact, I often have that conversation for constituents. I just say, Well, that was the majority and it wasn't my vote, but

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Joe Deets: I try not to make a conscious effort not to disparage the majority of the group. So that's, that's a, it's a tough process because you're you're

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Joe Deets: You know, you have your views and you could say you didn't get your way, but you still have to honor the decision of the majority. So I would say just being very mindful of that. And it's not always easy. And if we can all do that in good faith. I think will be won't have these problems.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, this is a little aside. But I think it's important. I, I had spoken to a couple of Council of Commissioners after I had made comments, suggesting that I mean, to be frank, suggesting that their, their

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Recommendation on the interim control had been influenced by Michaels comments. And so I just wanted to clear the right foot on the record right here that after talking to them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And reflecting and looking back at our discussion of proceeding meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't believe I believe that they would very well have made the same recommendation without Michaels comments. So I want to be fair, a to them.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That because again, based on the paucity of information from us. And so much. It happened into executive session conversation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: They were left wondering what is this thing. Why is this drafted this way. So, both to say that I don't know.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That Michael influenced them or they wouldn't have had the exact same outcome. So that's really not what this is about. And that's just something I want to clarify it is really just about this. The, you know, the Council liaison and other members in attendance policy.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I guess you know we're avoiding a lot of specifics and I'm willing to go along with that because I think it would be nice to keep this again as much focused on just moving forward.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I just, I want to say that we are we are avoiding some of the other language that was stated, so forth. It didn't feel so good.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And I would just, I guess all I would ask Michael is to please think about some of the things that were said and and

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I also want to say in case I forget before we're done this conversation, I would like to extend

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: An opportunity to speak with you offline directly. Now, once we were able to do that now because about Kimmy restrictions, we've had the conversation. I would love to have a conversation with you as well as an individual.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Schneider.

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Leslie Schneider: Um,

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Leslie Schneider: I think I am going to bring up one specific and and it's a fairly general statements so

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Leslie Schneider: But it, it just hits it hits home for me so

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Leslie Schneider: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock very happy to have a conversation with you, you know, after this about you know what I'm going to say specifically but

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Leslie Schneider: But it really affected me personally.

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Leslie Schneider: This is a quote that is more or less verbatim that you said something like that. It goes against our core values of transparency and so I just need you to know that that gets in the way of my working with you.

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Leslie Schneider: You know, that, that, that tends to sort of break down trust and and I'm confident that you and I will create that trust again. But it's going to you know it.

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Leslie Schneider: It takes addressing statements like this for me to

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Leslie Schneider: For me to know that.

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Leslie Schneider: What did you mean by that, and what did you mean about me personally when you said that

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: And what sort of responsibility. Are you willing to take in terms of the impact that that had on your audience at that time. So,

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know, it's, it's hard to say something like that. But, you know, when we talk about our core values.

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Leslie Schneider: It's just

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Leslie Schneider: It's just super important. And I'm not even really clear what I'm asking for, but I just need you to know that that is hurtful.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I don't see any other hands raised. I'm COUNCILMEMBER Pollock. Did you want an opportunity to

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Rasham Nassar: Comment further

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Michael Pollock: Um, you know, I just really want to thank everybody for being willing to be candid about their feelings, then it's

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Michael Pollock: It's just great that we can have this conversation in a respectful way and

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Michael Pollock: Show you are. Listen, everything you've said, and

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Michael Pollock: You know, I think we just move forward and and do better as as the mayor point out there have been other instances with other members for the they behave in a way that they didn't want to do, but

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Michael Pollock: I assure you that that nothing. Nothing. I said was intended to be personal directed towards a specific council members. So, you know, just to clarify that. And it's

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Michael Pollock: unfortunate that the that's how it got interpreted it kind of reminds me of the telephone game or about the time you hear something or see something or the context, isn't there.

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Michael Pollock: Always but I agree. I'm looking forward to the conversations with anybody that wants to call and I'm really again just just really kind of heartfelt that

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Michael Pollock: You guys are willing to talk about it. And, you know, let's keep the conversation going and really

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Michael Pollock: What's important to me is that we can work and move forward as a team with the really important issues and really the policies that

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Michael Pollock: I think, I think there's a really great opportunity with this group in that we share a lot of common values and so I think if we can get kind of mission aligned and sort of work through this in a personal stuff.

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Michael Pollock: We can accomplish a lot. And so, you know, I think this is an important step in that process and

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Michael Pollock: I just hope that that helps us to get to move forward and get to where we're having good vigorous policy debates on the important issues.

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Michael Pollock: And so, so to the extent that this facilitates that I think, you know, yay. That was kind of victory and and move forward. So, and please. I think all you have my phone number, give me a call. Anytime I really

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Michael Pollock: I would really love to chat with all of you more and just kind of have that more regular dialogue. So I think that will help a lot with all of this. So that's, that's all i mean i i will listen to everything you said. And now let's just keep the dialogue going so

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Rasham Nassar: You keep those comments council member Pollock just

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Rasham Nassar: Click a I recall having a similar discussion a very difficult discussion, I don't know, back in 2019 COUNCILMEMBER chairman was was certainly with us.

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Rasham Nassar: And I think we all decided to have a second Council retreat, because we realized that the benefit of convening

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Rasham Nassar: In a room together kind of off the Dyess out of that out of the immediate view of the public or recorded obviously allows for that kind of team building interpersonal relationship building dynamic where a lot of these feelings and these interpretations or the the

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Rasham Nassar: The

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Rasham Nassar: Feelings account numbers may have or inappropriate and is by other council members, things of that nature, interpersonal conflict is what I'm trying to say can be really

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Rasham Nassar: Thoroughly and thoughtfully respectfully resolved, and I just wanted to. I thought I'd just take it opportunity to point out that we have any council member on board and

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Rasham Nassar: Maybe as part of Councils re entry into the post pandemic world. We all want to consider that certainly would be in favor of

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Rasham Nassar: devoting some Saturday hours to spending time with you all for those for those purposes.

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Rasham Nassar: So just putting that out there and I will go now to COUNCILMEMBER Medina. Your hand is raised

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Kol Medina: Oh yeah, I just wanted to final points. One is I would like to, if we need to do this formally

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Kol Medina: amend our council liaison job description so that it applies to all council members.

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Kol Medina: So I'm not going to make a motion tonight because that motion wasn't in the packet, but I trust we will come back to that and approve that

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Kol Medina: Sounds to me some comments here that a majority of council would approve that, and second, I just wanted to say for the public.

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Kol Medina: If you're wondering why in the heck are we having this conversation here in the middle of our council meeting, the answer is we don't get to have it anywhere else.

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Kol Medina: We outside, outside of a Council meeting, only three of us can talk about a subject together.

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Kol Medina: Or at any one time. So I we can't all call up Michael or any other council member who we think has done something that we don't like.

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Kol Medina: And each individually have conversations with that council member, because that would be more than three of us talking about it. So we have to do it here and just to explain it to the public in case of curious.

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That's the number of public

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Rasham Nassar: Comments.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, this is final comment because it pertains to what we're going to do next. So it sounds like there's interest in what we

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Michael Pollock: Talked about Deputy Mayor at the beginning, which was to

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Michael Pollock: Make the essentially just modify them liaison what what COUNCILMEMBER Medina just mentioned. And then, but I would add to that that I think we do need a policy debate about that visa v.

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Michael Pollock: The committee chair and stuff because, you know, in some cases, and it doesn't matter about the specifics

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Michael Pollock: Though I've seen a number of times when the committee chair asks questions of the council member. And so I think we just need to be

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Michael Pollock: Sure that we provide some flexibility to the committee chair to run the meeting as sort of the best way they see fit. And if they want information from council members that you know that

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Michael Pollock: The idea is to improve dialogue and to increase

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Michael Pollock: You know, kind of the interaction there. So let's, let's just make sure we include that in our discussion of this issue down the road.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Alright.

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Rasham Nassar: So OK with everyone. I think we'll move on.

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Rasham Nassar: To item 90 resolution on

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Rasham Nassar: And democracy.

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Rasham Nassar: So before I get into my comments on this resolution that I drafted.

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Rasham Nassar: I just want to point out the process related to

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Rasham Nassar: How how this item got on the agenda to honor that so I don't lose track of the fact that I'm and for the benefit of our new council member as well.

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Rasham Nassar: Part of part of the rules and protocol for adding new items for Council consideration to an agenda is that the first time that item appears, it appears, because two council members sponsored it to, to, to be on a future agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: As this item appears now.

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Rasham Nassar: It is, it appears within with an implied motion for the Council to consider discussing this topic. So there's no action pertaining to this item. Agenda item tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: But it provides for the sponsor and the co sponsor to advocate in favor of a majority of Council taking up potential action on the agenda item at a future date. So that's just to provide some framework. So we're all clear. I hope I kind of laid that framework.

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Rasham Nassar: Adequately and clearly for for the benefit of the public and council members as well.
CITY MANAGER Smith.

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Morgan Smith: So this is off topic, but I just want to point out that about five minutes ago. We lost.
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And I just wondered if the clerk.

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Morgan Smith: Had any insight into that and I thought maybe she would just sometimes bump off and then come back on, but I haven't seen her to rejoin

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Rasham Nassar: He usually text. So, and I haven't gone

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Morgan Smith: Out and

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Morgan Smith: She's communicating with either you deputy mayor or with the clerk. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Leslie, do you have any communication from her know

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Rasham Nassar: I'm sure she's just encountered some technical difficulties and if it's okay with the Council, I'll just proceed and introduce the item on the agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: And and if I hear from counselor high topsless all I'll um I'll make sure to interrupt in and figure out a way to get her back in

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so I provided you all a draft of the resolution title coven 19 and democracy, I believe me be his last week or the week before

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Rasham Nassar: I the the the resolution itself contains really all the language that I would reiterate in support of it. It really arose in my mind to the level of

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Rasham Nassar: Or inspired me a draft it for a cup for a couple of main reasons. And the first is before. Before I get into those reasons, I just want to say that I'm

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Rasham Nassar: I'm constantly amazed and inspired by my council colleagues and the dynamic that we that we formed and these the manner in which we all unite to lead.

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Rasham Nassar: Our community on the issues that are important to the community and relevant to the comprehensive plan and the values of Bainbridge Island.

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Rasham Nassar: I know that we all aspire to embody

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Rasham Nassar: The values that are inherent and listed in this resolution to the best of our abilities. We've reaffirmed them a number of times throughout our work on ethics over the course of

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Rasham Nassar: And so I just thought it was really important for me to preface my, my little spiel on the resolution with that note of acknowledgement to you all and appreciation as well. I'm going to stop mayor Snyder, you have your hand up. Is it related to

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Leslie Schneider: Yes. So COUNCILMEMBER hi topless would like a phone number to call in, she's listening to us as a participant, but

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Leslie Schneider: City attorney who are you able to

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Leslie Schneider: Communicate with her and give her a phone call a phone number.

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Joe Levan: Yeah, I think there's city clerk is there also a number for zoom to call

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Joe Levan: On the

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Joe Levan: On the agenda itself and on the zoom invite there's a number several numbers actually

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Leslie Schneider: And that works to be a participant. I mean, like a panelist.

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Christine Brown: If she joins us an attendee I can immediately promoter.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay.

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Michael Pollock: She's already on as an attendee

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Michael Pollock: That's the it's a four to four.

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Joe Levan: Right.

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Michael Pollock: If you look at the top.

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Joe Levan: Thank you everyone.

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12068424030: I will just listening and try to get back on a video.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: That counts.

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Rasham Nassar: Hopefully you heard my prefacing comments but I'm just going to

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Rasham Nassar: Move forward. I'm

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Rasham Nassar: I'm very aware of the time here as well. So I'm going to make this

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Rasham Nassar: make this quick. Um,

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Rasham Nassar: So this that the inspiration for this for me personally really arose out of discussions with community members.

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Rasham Nassar: And relate directly to the times that we're in. I think that Bainbridge Island has been very uniquely positioned city manager Smith has pointed that out to counsel and the public relating to the financial projections

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Rasham Nassar: That the city of Bainbridge Island is very fortunate in a lot of regards relating to the outcomes and consequences of

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Rasham Nassar: And I think this is another area in which we are as well. But some other communities and maybe neighboring communities certainly communities around the globe that are suffering equally or more. So the consequences of

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Rasham Nassar: Are are struggling against unfavorable shifts in political power.

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Rasham Nassar: weakening of civil liberties. I know in some part parts of the world. This is most certainly the case. There have been numerous and news articles that have published on this topic and

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Rasham Nassar: As our island is very well read and very knowledgeable and articulate the this discussion is certainly arisen in my communications with community members.

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Rasham Nassar: Now why draft the resolution and support of the kind of democratic principles, values and reasserts civil liberties for the city of Bainbridge Island and the answer for me is simple.

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Rasham Nassar: Bainbridge Island is a leader.

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Rasham Nassar: And we're not just a leader in terms of our roles as as elected officials to our constituents, but we're also viewed as a leader to our neighboring cities in kids County and around the Puget Sound.

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Rasham Nassar: And in my time as a city council member and my work with other members of other communities that is very clearly the case and

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Rasham Nassar: It's inspiring to our community both local, regional and more broadly.

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Rasham Nassar: To see Council take really strong leadership positions on issues are matters of incredible importance and substance and I've seen this as one of those as one of those incredibly important topics that is deserving of some level of Council time and public spotlight. I'm another reason.

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Rasham Nassar: Is that in light of COPA and the pandemic that we're all in both as a, as a community, and as a global human

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Rasham Nassar: As far as global humanity we are all facing, to some degree, certain levels of change and uncertainty and with that.

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Rasham Nassar: There's a certain level of fear in anticipation and anxiety and I know council member D says relayed some of that and he countered some of that dialogue from his discussions with constituents which shouldn't keep shared with us.

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Rasham Nassar: At the Council level. I've certainly received some of that from our constituents as well. And I'm aware of it, existing beyond think we're all

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Rasham Nassar: In this really uncertain time that is also serving to provide some level of reflection opportunities to look into our pre pandemic days.

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Rasham Nassar: And look also forward into our what will hopefully be our post pandemic days and reflect upon the things that are ought to be left in the past and things that we would like to carry with us and into rebuilding a new

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Rasham Nassar: better future.

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Rasham Nassar: Those discussions are certainly ahead now in my mind when we are afforded that opportunity to reflect and to make those really important decisions. One thing that I think

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Rasham Nassar: The crisis bags of us is an opportunity to pick things from our past that we can bring with us into the future that can serve to tether ourselves, our collective communities and our collective humanity.

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Rasham Nassar: And really to build that future upon fundamental core values and to reaffirm them such that when we do pick up and move on into whatever the future may hold. We are standing on a solid ground of

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Rasham Nassar: mutually agreed upon values that reflect our commitment and our faith in the very values that founded this country.

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Rasham Nassar: In the first place, and

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Rasham Nassar: That's really all I want to say I'm I want to keep my comments brief.

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Rasham Nassar: But

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Rasham Nassar: I hope you all have read the resolution.

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Rasham Nassar: For me, it was really inspiring and educational to write. I hope it was received as inspirational.

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Rasham Nassar: To you all and having read it. I know that with the community members with whom I've shared the document. They felt a tremendous amount of renewal and faith in

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Rasham Nassar: In local democracy democratic values and leadership and hopefully if nothing else, this resolution conserve to promote what we all have

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Rasham Nassar: Held to be one of the highest priorities for the city council in our city government, which is to encourage and inspire public participation in local democracy.

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Rasham Nassar: So if nothing else, I hope you take that I'm just grateful for the time to be able to speak to it. I'm really honored to have drafted it and I want to thank the members of the public that helped contribute to this document. It certainly was not

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Rasham Nassar: Completed by my own efforts and I look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments and answering any questions you might have.

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Rasham Nassar: Forgot a massage chair chairing the meeting. I don't see any hands raised and

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Michael Pollock: All

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I first of all thank you and

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Michael Pollock: I think it's really really well written. And I do think it is inspirational. So, so thank you for writing and i think i don't know who's getting what emails, but certainly a lot of people have weighed in and supported it. So,

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Michael Pollock: You know, I think it's a I think it's good. I think the

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Michael Pollock: The intent is great. It really does.

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Michael Pollock: You know, inspire us and get us to

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Michael Pollock: aspire to, to our values, our core values. So I, I really like it and i think it's it's it's a it's a good document.

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Michael Pollock: It seems like it's a resolution, I don't you know so resolution. It doesn't really do anything but it does seem like an affirmation of our values. So it seems seems like it's very much worth pursuing. Yeah. As for the reasons that you stated

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, I appreciate you bringing this forward and I I absolutely agree with vast majority of what's in there Biophilia need to pass it as a resolution and

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Kol Medina: If emotion is not made to put this on an agenda for actual consideration of passage. And then I'm not gonna speak to my reasoning and I'll just leave it at that.

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Rasham Nassar: City attorney or a city manager.

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Rasham Nassar: I haven't pulled. I don't have the agenda in front of me at the moment I'm working with a single screen here tonight. As you can tell, I'm not in my usual scene. It was their emotion is their emotion in the packet

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Morgan Smith: city clerk. I think the my recollection is it was set up to allow for Council discussion about whether to place on a future.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, that's that that's what, that's what I thought. So, we wouldn't make a motion to put it on a future Council agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: It would just be by by majority if if there were majority interested in that we could

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Rasham Nassar: We could do so. Okay. COUNCIL MEMBER deets.

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Joe Deets: Yeah, um,

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Joe Deets: Well, I think it's worthwhile to have a discussion about and that that's all we're doing tonight. We're not debating this tonight.

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Joe Deets: Right, we're just do we bring this up for further discussion. And I think that's worthwhile. I think there's interest, there's at least two

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Joe Deets: colleagues who are very interested but i i did have a question that I gave to the deputy mayor when this first came up, just the two of us talking via email and

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Joe Deets: Basically said do you can you provide an actual example that democracy local for local government democracy on Bainbridge Island is under threat for the br local government.

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Joe Deets: She didn't provide that. And if this is the move forward. I would expect to see that if you want my support.

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Joe Deets: Because this is written in a way it's not talking about democracy is always under threat, and it certainly is on the national and global level, but Bainbridge Island.

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Joe Deets: I'm not that I'm aware of. And yet it's written in a way to imply that it is locally. So either you change the language to be more aspirational that we are the leaders here already more you provide specific examples where

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Joe Deets: Democracy is under threat locally.

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Joe Deets: So I just want to tell you that that's where I'm that's would be I'll vote for pushing this forward. But that's an expectation that I have

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, thank you for sharing that I council member Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah i don't know i think i think that's well said. Councilmember deed. It just made. I was thinking about, like, Well, technically, how do we do that.

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Michael Pollock: You know, do you work on it and taking it. I mean, because this is sort of in my mind, this is like the fun of having legislation, you know, we get to work through it and figure out something that that we want. So

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Michael Pollock: I'm just sort of procedural Preston really do you now say Okay point taken COUNCILMEMBER deeds. I'm going to work on it. I'm going to give you a call and we're gonna, you know, do it. And then you're going to bring it back. Is that kind of how we would do it.

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Michael Pollock: Because it seems like that would be a good idea would be to be to try to address some of the concerns you might have heard tonight. Are we, I don't wanna. I don't want to put it all on you. I'm happy to help.

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Michael Pollock: And come back into something that would that everybody can support. I mean, I think that's the whole point of the discussion right is to see what it would take to get support. I mean, you don't want to bring up farmers haven't voted down. I mean, that seems kind of silly. So, so anyway, um,

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Michael Pollock: I would just suggest if other people have comments about it, say, hey, what, you know, what would it take to What would, what would you like to see, and then it sounds like pick another take another bite at the apple maybe and bring it forward.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah.

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Rasham Nassar: I definitely, I am I, I appreciate the encouragement to not just for myself, but for the Council to approach this in a collaborative way.

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Rasham Nassar: I don't see this as necessarily my resolution. It can't be. It's a resolution restating

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Rasham Nassar: values and principles that have existed long before I was born. I'm just merely the messenger. I just took the time to coordinate with the community to draft something

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Rasham Nassar: It's certainly not ready for passage. Part of the reason for bringing it up in this way was to give council members the opportunity to

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Rasham Nassar: To weigh in and council member DC and when you and I spoke on the phone. I think I didn't provide a specific response to your query, but

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Rasham Nassar: But the reason for that was because the what I said in in earlier was that the impetus for this was really more global

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Rasham Nassar: And. And that relates to the nature of coven. It's not a Bainbridge Island problem. It's a world problem climate changes on Greenberg island problem. It's a world problem.

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Rasham Nassar: But we rely upon leaders in progressive communities that have the advantage of being uniquely positioned to focus on these kinds of legislation because there's

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Rasham Nassar: Elected leadership's that unite in that value. There's not a lot of push and pull, or or controversy or infighting to set that stage for other communities to follow.

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Rasham Nassar: So that was that's really what I gave most thought and consideration to when I when I drafted it but I hear your comments. I respect them, I will take them into consideration and

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Rasham Nassar: You know, invite you to work with me on on on making amendments and changes to it. We can certainly workshop it if it, if there is a majority of Council that would like to discuss this further at another meeting so I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Kara Mayer Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: As with other council members, you know, I can certainly relate to so many of the the

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Leslie Schneider: ideals and statements in it that's

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Leslie Schneider: I guess I'm

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Leslie Schneider: A. What I'm wondering is, is would it would this be more sort of like a proclamation where we're celebrating something or pointing out that we need to be aware of something in the same sense of

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Leslie Schneider: You know, LGBT Q rights because that's going to come up, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: I think I could support this as a proclamation as a resolution, I have to dive in and figure out, you know, how would this be used

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Leslie Schneider: I mean this is presumably going to be a tool for something. So what would it be a tool for

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know, does that. Does that resonate.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, I'm definitely I hadn't thought about a proclamation, but I do, I do. I do appreciate that that feedback and it's something that I will certainly

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Rasham Nassar: Think about, I think that any any opportunity to celebrate freedom and civil liberties is an opportunity that we should take. So if it makes more sense for this to fall under the heading of a proclamation that I'm totally open to that.

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Rasham Nassar: So thank you for those thank you for those comments, I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Council member Medina and then deets. Your hand is still up. So after after Cole.

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Kol Medina: So again, I think the question here is whether majority of Council wants the Council to spend any more time on this and

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Kol Medina: I personally don't feel like it's the most useful use of our time on Council, we just went through the work plan.

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Kol Medina: And what's coming up and things were going to need to cut out of our work plan and put off. And what I'm hearing races counselor deed says he doesn't see a problem here. So why are we going to spend too much time working on this.

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Kol Medina: So I'll just go ahead and get more specific about why I don't think this is something we should spend a lot of time working on and

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Kol Medina: I will add if this were in the forum proclamation just proclaiming that we agree with these values I would be much more amenable to that. But again, that's taking up Council time and energy.

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Kol Medina: So my first problem with this as written, is I'm not willing to vote on something that includes a blanket seating of power and authority to the Federal Constitution.

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Kol Medina: I'm certainly not willing to vote on something that gives a blanket SEEDING OF OUR CITY municipal authority to the Federal Constitution without some really deep legal analysis of what that means. So that deep legal analysis will take some time and energy and discussion and debate.

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Kol Medina: If there were some need to spend that energy and time discussion in debates, great, but I don't see a need to do that. I don't see the problem in front of us here on the island.

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Kol Medina: And

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Kol Medina: Unfortunately, this seems to be or have become one of these divisive wedge issues that some at least one person in the community has brought forward, I assume.

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Kol Medina: Deputy Mayor that you've seen the email from

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Kol Medina: Former councilman repels here.

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Rasham Nassar: I have not. I'm I'm to be transparent. I'm aware of it, but I have not read it.

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Rasham Nassar: So thank you for asking for stating your assumption as a question. I appreciate the opportunity to respond. Yeah.

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Kol Medina: So, um, this email is part of why I don't want to support this and make it something that Council spends its time on because this shows how

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Kol Medina: At least one person in the community will use this issue so and so this is very relevant to my decision.

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Kol Medina: As to whether or not to vote to move this forward. I just want to quote some of this. So this is an email that went out from former Councilman Peltier to a large group of people on the island.

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Kol Medina: This is how it goes. There's a connection between transparency in city government and the constitutionally guaranteed rights of freedom of speech and freedom of association.

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Kol Medina: You need to look no further than our current city council to see these democratic values under attack motivated by a desire to reinforce group think, and an exclusive club mentality.

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Kol Medina: In response to calls by some members of the city council to censor what other council members say and to restrict their ability to meet with members of the public counselor and a star has brought this resolution forward.

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Kol Medina: All of our city council member sworn oath to uphold support the Constitution of the United States.

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Kol Medina: Contrary to what some members of our city council seem to believe city council members.

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Kol Medina: Don't relinquish those rights to be members of an exclusive club, they're not on city council to please a select few insiders, but rather to serve the community as a whole.

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Kol Medina: That requires honesty, transparency and independent thinking that means, sometimes the would be club isn't going to be like what you say, especially if it contradicts them and exposes their own lack of honesty and transparency.

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Kol Medina: They said the words when I took the oath, but don't seem to understand what the words meant they have an obligation to defend that uphold the US Constitution. There's a whole lot more than that.

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Kol Medina: Those are extremely defamatory comments about every single one of the council members and I'm not going to support something that is used by people in the community in that divisive defamatory way.

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Wow.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Well, I appreciate your

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Michael Pollock: Your perspective.

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Rasham Nassar: And free. Yep.

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Michael Pollock: Don't have reviewed has his hand up.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I was

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Michael Pollock: short on time to respond to every question.

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Joe Deets: No, I am. I think I was gonna, I was I'll, I'll say what I was going to say, but let me just say, oh wow wow that is so troubling to hear. I didn't know

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Joe Deets: Former council member Peltier said that

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Joe Deets: Uh, I find that offensive. And you know what, I withdraw my support for this.

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Joe Deets: If that's the reasoning behind it.

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Joe Deets: I will go for a proclamation. But if that's what was behind this initiative, no.

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Joe Deets: No, let's just say one thing i one thing I want to do, and I wish I brought this up before COUNCILMEMBER Nasser I am interested in a resolution on equity equity in the covet 19 era. I've seen for my in my out with my own eyes, and heard the disparities.

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Joe Deets: On our island.

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Joe Deets: Inequity and that's where I was getting too specific examples of recurrent on our island relating to equity. I would, I would like to do a resolution for that because I know that's happening. But what former council member Peltier said

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Joe Deets: No, I, I'm not I withdraw my support of this resolution, based on that analysis.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I would like to comment to that. But I'll I see some more hands up. So I'll go back to COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, okay. Yeah, I mean, first of all, this introduced to, you know, you don't have to respond to every comment.

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Michael Pollock: And so, look, I think you've gotten some feedback. And that's what we're here for.

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Michael Pollock: I think the equity issue I think Council release makes a good point, yeah equity issue.

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Michael Pollock: Is important, um, you know, and I just know that the Fourth of July is coming up. So I'm, I'm thinking maybe we could pull something together that we can all rally around that is, you know, related to the Constitution and the first. I think you've raised some good issues. And I think, you know,

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Michael Pollock: Spite of the interpretation of some of the some of the things you know we don't get to control what other people say.

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Michael Pollock: They're

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Michael Pollock: Funny.

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Michael Pollock: I just occurred to me like we're talking about free speech and this resolution and and people in the community or exercising a right of free speech. So, you know, arguably, you know, free speech restrictions aren't a problem in the queue.

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Michael Pollock: So, so, you know, let's celebrate that. But I think that we could be a people do have a right to see things what they want.

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Michael Pollock: We want them to behave better but but

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Michael Pollock: That's okay. I'm okay with that. I really would like to do is take this and turn it into a positive direction and that is a celebration of our of our freedoms and our on our constitutional rights because it is pretty special.

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Michael Pollock: I don't know how many of you have spent time in other countries, but there are a lot of countries.

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Michael Pollock: Where there is not a lot of freedoms and so I think it's good to acknowledge it and I think also, if you look at the data actually

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Michael Pollock: And you say how free is our country and we think hey we're America we're super free. Yay, we're actually way down though we're in terms of overall freedoms, I think we're number 52nd where the 52nd free us country by sort of by Freedom House. It's an objective sort of

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Michael Pollock: Third party that looks at these

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Michael Pollock: And then in terms of freedom of the press were number 40 or 42, something like that.

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Michael Pollock: So we about, but according to Pew Charitable Trust Paul we value freedom. The most we value free speech revalue these things more than anything.

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Michael Pollock: So it's this interesting juxtaposition, where we have these high values these aspirations, but the reality is that we're we're kind of fallen behind on that, you know, we're not number one on that so

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Michael Pollock: I think you know my feeling is, it's a good idea. It's good. Let's work on it and let's get something aspirational that we can all support and and

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Michael Pollock: And tie it into equity, which is another important aspect of our of our of our country and I you know I again. I just love the idea of passing on the Fourth of July or near the Fourth of July and and doing something that we all can get behind so

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Rasham Nassar: I'm sorry council. MARINA I have to go to. Councilmember high topless because

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Kol Medina: I, that's what I was gonna say she's

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, sorry, my apologies Council branch off. Let's go ahead

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12068424030: Yeah, I'm so sorry I can't actually see everybody's faces and participate, but I'm still offline.

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12068424030: So for the same reasons that have been expressed by by Cole and I think echoed by Joe. Those would be the main reasons that I can't support this. I actually can't support it in any form.

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12068424030: I don't see any purpose for this other than to draw attention to a suppose a lack of commitment to the bankruptcy and as the person who

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12068424030: I feel at least was being described repeatedly as trying to quash public comment participation recently.

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12068424030: This sounds pretty personal and of course I'm called out specifically in in run filters letter in which there are a number of misstatements which I've already said, I am going to address at the good of the order. But, you know, to me, there is an implication here. I mean,

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12068424030: Russia, I think you said something about that in talking with people in the public, there was a renewal and faith and local democracy, the only reason that there would be any concern about

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12068424030: The only reason to be any impact on the face and local but the democracy of our of our community would be because people have sown.

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12068424030: suggestions that people are trying to close down public comment and free speech, etc. Which is just simply not the case. Again, we had, you know, we had these recent conversations about the forum in which conversations happening whether they appear to be

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12068424030: City sanctioned meetings that everybody should he attended. They're not nobody has ever tried to stop council members from meeting with the public, having office hours, etc.

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12068424030: And so that's that's the context in which this is coming forward. So, this feels very uncomfortable.

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12068424030: And as with regards to Michael you saying that we don't control what other people in the community say that's that's right and Ron can continue to send these emails.

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12068424030: And one, we need to respond to them when when when blatant lies are stated and to if they appear to be in concert with behavior or activities or statements on the Council Dyess and I would hope that council members.

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12068424030: would distinguish themselves from these from these statements and take a position on them themselves because this doesn't look good.

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12068424030: And again, to be very clear. And I guess Cole said that I believe that the tearing long enough, but this email today that we're talking about was sent out to promote this resolution as to why it was so critical that this happened. And so to me.

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12068424030: Passing any form of a resolution or proclamation that says that we believe in the Constitution United States, and we believe in free speech and right of assembly, etc.

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12068424030: Doesn't make any sense because that is what we believe in. Why would we do that unless there was a problem.

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12068424030: We are. There's just no question that our community. So I'm not going to support any form of the such a proclamation because that's simply is who we already are as a people. And I don't see any positive motive for this resolution.

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12068424030: COUNCILMEMBER car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you.

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Christy Carr: I think that it seems in my memory that the Council has done resolutions and maybe more often proclamations to reinforce or reaffirm

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Christy Carr: Values or

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Christy Carr: Policies, either at the national level or local level. And so I don't see that this is contradicts with past practice and certainly

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Christy Carr: It's never a bad thing to reinforce or reaffirm democratic values. So in concept. I don't have a problem with this, I would probably agree with my colleagues that it may make more sense in the form of a proclamation

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12068424030: But

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Christy Carr: I do have some specific issues.

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Christy Carr: Or issues with some specific language that would take some dialogue, I guess, or workshopping to get to a point where I could support it. And frankly, I think.

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Christy Carr: While I understand. These are unprecedented times. I just don't know that we have time to be doing this. So I guess I'm kind of

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Christy Carr: Split minds on

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Christy Carr: On it, but

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Christy Carr: As it is right now. I'm not sure that I can support it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so there any other COUNCILMEMBER comments.

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Rasham Nassar: I just quickly wanted to respond to two points. And then I think we might be done here. But just to put disappointed on the record. The, the problem that I'm that COUNCILMEMBER had topless spoke to, or that the resolution insinuates that there's a problem on Bainbridge Island.

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Rasham Nassar: It.

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Rasham Nassar: The concerns that I that I've heard from members of the community related to that inspired

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Rasham Nassar: The drafting of this resolution or strictly related related to the necessity, the necessity of closing the legislative branch of our governments, which essentially

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Rasham Nassar: was interpreted by a large portion of our of our community and communities outside of our communities.

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Rasham Nassar: To be a pause on democracy and it's not a bad thing. There's no judgment there. It's just that it happened because our institutions, the city had to shift its resources.

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Rasham Nassar: And allocate towards emergency response and it absolutely had to do that but that product that served as the impetus for the reaffirmation of these values.

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Rasham Nassar: I personally like the idea of of this coinciding with the Fourth of July and I'm using it maybe as a celebratory proclamation

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Rasham Nassar: To put on a Council agenda sometime around that time. Hopefully we'll all be meeting in person, then, and it will feel more positive and celebratory I'm I do take to heart, some of the comments.

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Rasham Nassar: And the and the thoughts shared related to some

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Rasham Nassar: public perception or or messaging about this.

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Rasham Nassar: I I assure all of you that I drafted this with the intent that I stated, when I introduce the item, and I still very firmly believe in it, and I still firmly encourage the Council to consider it.

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Rasham Nassar: And above and beyond. How, how that

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Rasham Nassar: Particular citizen email may have portrayed or then the need for this resolution so

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Rasham Nassar: I'm happy to take this back and workshop it to redraft it into proclamation forum and we'll check in with counsel, maybe sometime around June or July.

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Rasham Nassar: In the summer when we're feeling a little more festive and the red, white and blue comes out and maybe we can consider its passage, then so that sound okay to everyone.

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Rasham Nassar: All right.

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Kol Medina: My hands up.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay Council Regina.

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Kol Medina: I don't think I heard a majority of Council say they would like to come to have this come back on an agenda.

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Kol Medina: That's the point of our discussion tonight we put our agenda setting process decide if we want to have his comeback on an agenda.

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Michael Pollock: Well,

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, that's fine. I think that's a good point, if I understand your with your withdrawing it so we don't have to discuss that. And you're going to work at. So that's what I'm hearing. So I think, I think we're done with the conversation. I hope we are. And, you know, you

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Michael Pollock: reformulated and welcome to bring it back and see, as I suggested.

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Michael Pollock: In a form that everyone a majority will support. I mean, there's, there's nothing to prevent anybody from doing that. So,

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, I just need to bring up a process point here. So first of all, this has been on the agenda, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: It's supposed to be for 10 minutes and we're supposed to discuss it and

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Leslie Schneider: This is kind of a new thing for us. So I'm not casting any any blame or anything, but I think one way to make it work, so that we can honor

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Leslie Schneider: A short amount of time for us to talk about stuff like this is to have somebody call the question, you know, at a certain point towards that the end of that 10 minutes or whatever.

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Leslie Schneider: So I guess I would agree with COUNCILMEMBER Medina that we're not sort of keeping the door open to have this come come back again.

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Leslie Schneider: So I'm not saying that you couldn't propose it but I'm just saying that to have my, you know, to put it on the agenda for another discussion like this, you probably want to work up you know

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Leslie Schneider: Some support with a minority of counsel, so that you would have a much higher chance of getting a majority of counsel, you know, if and when you brought it back.

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Leslie Schneider: So that anyway just a process question if it feels a little uncomfortable to me, where we're, we're leaving this

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Rasham Nassar: I can't remember deeds.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Um, well, you know, I already spoke about how I felt about it in its current state, but so i what i took was

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Joe Deets: Russia, you're just going to you got all this feedback. And so you know where that's going and and then it's up to you. You know, if you want to have a very just inspiring only no back end criticism and in embedded in the language because we can see that

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Joe Deets: And it's like democracies important Fourth of July, we need all pulled together kind of proclamation

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Joe Deets: That sounds great. Okay. But anything that has other motives that I that has been displayed is not going to fly so I so just take that to heart and endless move on. If it's late.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, thank you very much for the discussion tonight. I think I have what I need. So I'm happy to. It was on

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Rasham Nassar: Item 10 on our agenda is committee reports.

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Joe Deets: You have any

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Rasham Nassar: Any council member have a committee report or a want to share a briefing from a

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Rasham Nassar: virtual meeting that may have been attended by more than one council member

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Rasham Nassar: Council member dates.

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Joe Deets: Oh, well I just been having. I don't really have anything to say. I have been having my virtual office hours and

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Joe Deets: I've had colleagues calm. I think Michael, you were there once. And Leslie, you were there another time. And so I'm still doing it just ad hoc I believe I'm doing and I'm Saturday.

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Joe Deets: It seems like it has sort of a power of its own, where even if I don't intend to I have constituents, call me and say, Where are you, Joe It's 10 o'clock.

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Joe Deets: But so i don't i don't really have any we don't have agendas in my meetings, so to speak, but and I don't really have

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Joe Deets: Anything to share off the top my head, other than it's just been really nice talking with some folks and getting to hearing what what's on their mind. So I just want to let you know that's continuing on my part. And if something important comes up, I'll let you know.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: So I

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Leslie Schneider: towards the goal of transparency and kind of coming up with some new policy. I have had office hours, a couple

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Leslie Schneider: Not this week, but last week where I invited soon to be council member Christie card to come on to my office hours and I had a couple council members drop in for for short periods of time. I didn't set any agenda and I have nothing to report, I don't think that it's

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Leslie Schneider: I can't say that unless we decide as a policy. I can't say that I will be reporting this on a regular basis. But I just want to be clear that

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Leslie Schneider: This is what I do. And maybe I'll do it again. Then

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Leslie Schneider: It's just

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Leslie Schneider: Letting people come to me with their agendas. I'm not sitting one

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Rasham Nassar: It. Thank you for that Mayor Snyder and I take your point. I hope I did not mean to infer that it was a requirement for council members report, but

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Rasham Nassar: And I'll get to this in a minute. But I do want to go to council member Hi topless. First, there is a provision in our government's governance menu which does require council members to report if they have hosted or attended

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Rasham Nassar: Meetings of a of a of a certain type which I disclose to the Council in the public last Tuesday and asked Council when on the agenda Council would like me to report and committee reports was what was agreed to. So I'm ready to do that tonight but

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Rasham Nassar: Wanted to just clarify that we've not. There's no requirement. I know that was a sticky point for some council members, and I certainly don't want to debate that again, my apologies of my comments inferred that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Council member had topless. Yeah, I just wanted to recognize the fact that, as you all know, the planning commission that for the first time in a long time on

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Last Thursday, since we last met and they had a good meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I'm hopeful I'm hopeful. They're going to feel good about being invited as we've chosen to invite them to that joint session. I think that's going to be good for their upcoming work. I don't have much to report, other than it was a good meeting and they're back at work.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: So I'm going to keep my committee report.

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Rasham Nassar: rather short just with respect to the time we are pushing 10pm.

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Rasham Nassar: And the majority of what I wanted to submit to the record. I'd already emailed out to members of the Council, so you got that attachment unfortunately rather close to the five o'clock starting time for this meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: Because again, I've been experiencing some technical difficulties and managed to squeeze that through about 10 minutes before start time, so my apologies for that.

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Rasham Nassar: But you do have in your inbox is a, I think it's a PDF a four page brief that I put together which summarizes the summary of the discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: And discussion that I'm referring to is coming out of my may 8 2020 virtual community meeting is what I titled it

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Rasham Nassar: And it was to discuss the Winslow hotel permit approval project. Like, I called it lessons learned and the idea and the inspiration for me, reaching out to community members to invite their participation on that topic was to start to generate some feedback related to potential policy.

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Rasham Nassar: Guidance that the Council might be interested in learning about I've

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Rasham Nassar: Put all of that into, I think the second half of the document I titled the discussion items for legislative action. I just want to point out here that

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Rasham Nassar: I'm, I'm really proud of our community. I had about 35 members of the public attend the discussion was incredibly positive very productive and fruitful the public's knowledge of the permit process for this particular project was

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Rasham Nassar: pretty extraordinary. I was I was humbled and taken aback at how closely. Some members of the public actually followed this project through the permitting approval process.

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Rasham Nassar: Enough to be able to point out some specific points of concern and potential topics for future city council discussion related to potential

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Rasham Nassar: legislative changes to the code, the first portion of the of my brief to you all is kind of a summary of the of the meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: There's a little summary about the project itself. We're all very familiar with it I included this really for the benefit of the public to that.

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Rasham Nassar: requested that I provide them with a summary of the discussion as well and

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Rasham Nassar: The concern. There's a list of concerns here and I do want to say that I know some of this, especially in light of some of the discussion we've had tonight can be very difficult to read.

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Rasham Nassar: But I felt an obligation as an elected official to relay directly and as truthfully, the concerns of the community. And this is coming from.

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Rasham Nassar: what I consider to be a very large and engaged portion of our community some very real, honest and blunt perceptions

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Rasham Nassar: On that relate to the process, the permitting process for this project. So I included that for the benefit of my colleagues as well and hope that you can receive the benefit of having access to that information as well so

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Rasham Nassar: There's really no purpose in me, providing this to you, except that I do hope again and inspire some interest in my colleagues to really take a focus look on the second portion of this brief, which is the discussion items for legislative action.

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Rasham Nassar: I spent a lot of time discussing with the community and getting really clear on what focus items would be important for Council.

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Rasham Nassar: Discussion and going back in time to 2018 when the Council did take a very in depth look at the permit approval process and make some significant changes.

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Rasham Nassar: To that I've included all of that in here. I hope that you will take the time to read it and I hope that it inspires

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Rasham Nassar: An A future Council discussion and that we start to make some of the changes that our community desperately is asking for and I know that the planning commission as well wants to see

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Rasham Nassar: So it's late. I'm not sure we're ready to do that tonight, but I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Just shaking heads. Now, okay, just wanted to put that out there. So COUNCILMEMBER high topless. Your hand is raised

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just want to point out that I unless I misread this we got this like 10 minutes before the meeting. Right. I just make sure I didn't mess up not seeing that. So I haven't had a chance to review it. I just wanted to make that clear.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, and i and i and i thought that. And then I started by saying I was having technical difficulties so sorry it to y'all so late, but it's definitely a read worthy of some time focus time because it's really tricky stuff we're getting into the nitty gritty code language.

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Rasham Nassar: And but I think

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Rasham Nassar: I think I think it'll be good for it for counsel to consider discussing at a future date.

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Rasham Nassar: So thank you in advance.

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Rasham Nassar: There any other council member car.

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Christy Carr: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you for this. It's obviously really detailed and you and those community members did a lot of work. And I think that

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Christy Carr: The city doesn't always take the time to look backwards. But I think it's really important work to do. So all the answers aren't in here, I'm sure, but they certainly raised the question. So I just wanted to

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Christy Carr: express my thanks to you in the community members. He took the time to really do a deep dive, because I think that if we can't learn lessons from these past projects. Then we probably aren't going to learn them. So just thank you

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you, appreciate those comments.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other comments on this topic accounts overhead topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I just want to say one thing, having no knowledge really of what's in the memo yet.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I do want to put the record because I don't want to miss the opportunity that this Council has determined that the that the main reason if not the reason that we wound up with it with the hotel.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was because our code, it doesn't work. It's, it has to be amended. And so I just want to be clear that we're all we're all have embraced that we've changed our priorities to make sure we get on that we've passed an interim control.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: To try to stop it from happening again. In the meantime, so I just want to reassure the community that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What, you know, while there may be other things to learn from how it felt for the community go through this and a lot of other things like that. The primary reason we got where we got was our code and we are. We've just we've prioritized

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: adjusting it to make sure it doesn't happen again.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Did I do like disappear.

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Rasham Nassar: You froze. Right. Thank you. Thank you for those comments counselor had tople. Councilmember deeds to do you want to know. I thought I saw okay I'm COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I, I really just want to echo what a council member Hi tabula said

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Michael Pollock: You know, we're aware of the problem and it is there are some really good insights. I attended the meeting, I

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Michael Pollock: I love feeling kind of stupid, you know, I mean, I just can't. There are people that really know

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Michael Pollock: things a lot better than I am. And this kind of the good thing about marriage and the annoying thing about being rich is that there's usually somebody on the island that's smarter than you, on any given topic so

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Michael Pollock: I just want to say it was really good well written document, a lot of good insights in there. And I just thought that the spirit of the people and never ever proponents and opponents, by the way, at the meeting so

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Michael Pollock: You know there were, it was, it was a good max.

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Michael Pollock: But the spirit of the people to really, you know, they really want to roll up their sleeves and solve these problems and and they're counting on us to do that. And I think we're again a team that can do that. So I'm excited to to address these issues and

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Michael Pollock: And and keep reaching out to them because they're going to have have pretty good insights into into how to fix this. So anyway, thank you. Councilmember and Assad for hosting the meeting i a lot of good positive comments from people on that and

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Michael Pollock: So I was glad to be there. And I guess share basket in your in your inquiries speak reflected glory. Anyway, I'll set up.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Anything else for committee reports.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, we will move on to for the good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: Any burning desires. Councilmember deets.

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Joe Deets: I know it's late. I'm sorry, but hey, this is important. Okay, bear with me.

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Joe Deets: I had a very I forwarded some a couple reports medical reports to all of you. A few days ago, I don't know if you had a chance to look at them but it stemmed from a conversation I had with to medical specialists.

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Joe Deets: That deal with infectious diseases and they

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Joe Deets: Drew a concern that

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Joe Deets: Like Michael said there's some people way smarter than well certainly me and when it comes to medicine, that's for sure.

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Joe Deets: Where when this with the summer on God coming up. And it's true. It is of course it's whether it's going to be at warmer. We're going to get

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Joe Deets: Larger traffic of folks on the fairies coming over here. That's good. But also it's disconcerting because Seattle has a higher infection rate than Bainbridge, so we're going to have

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Joe Deets: folks coming over with a higher infection rate than this island I Bainbridge has done exceedingly well I maybe Morgan knows, but last I heard we hadn't had a case positive case and 3536 days.

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Joe Deets: Which is pretty amazing. So the concern is, is how do we prepare so that he knows what these doctors to Joe What's, what's your city's plans.

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Joe Deets: For the summer and and mitigating or trying to reduce this risk and I had to say. At least I am not aware of a plan. So I'm highlighting here. Go to the order that we

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Joe Deets: We need to think this through. And I'm sure maybe Morgan has some thoughts on this and and let's age. But one thing the doctors recommended was the wearing a mass

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Joe Deets: Even just common mass of homemade mass can have a significant positive impact of the transmission of the of the virus. So

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Joe Deets: I'm just saying summers coming. We can't stop it, whether it's coming. We're going to have people come. We better start preparing, we may wish to consider the wearing of mass

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Joe Deets: So that's my point.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER hi topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Willing to spend just a second on that before I talk about what I want to talk about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Don't forget to that cruise ships are coming back online. I believe in June, which is just mind boggling.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: They're not. Oh, I heard tickets were being sold. So maybe Morgan's got better information than I do because I was going to say, if we're getting cruise ship of visitors over here, which are pretty standard for us. That would be very

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Morgan Smith: My information. I mean, there may be some, I don't want to say that I know completely, but the large majority of the cruises if I canceled.

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Morgan Smith: So,

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Morgan Smith: Kirsten you're frozen. So I don't know if you can hear that. But I will follow up a little more specifically, but

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Morgan Smith: It doesn't mean that we won't have people out in public and COUNCILMEMBER deets. To your point, I think we began, you know, at least in the city managers message.

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Morgan Smith: And in our updates. We've been advocating for people to be very mindful of social distancing and wearing personal protective equipment.

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Morgan Smith: For months now and highlighting that that's the thing that we can all do and contribute doesn't mean that everyone is doing it.

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Morgan Smith: But it does mean that it's part of the message that we've been working hard to promote and encourage I think the question you are bringing to Council as weather Council wants to take up something more.

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Morgan Smith: Formal in terms of guidance or expectations for the community. And I think that's a question to work through one of the things that

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Morgan Smith: I'm interested in is what happens. Regionally, because both Seattle and King County are much larger communities.

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Morgan Smith: A lot more resources. And I think this is a real time conversation that people are having and and I'd like to see where that lands in the next week or two.

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Morgan Smith: But we will continue to do our best to advocate. Exactly as you have here that that is a decision that that I would like to see all islanders make for themselves, that when they are certainly in a retail establishment.

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Morgan Smith: And maybe in some circumstances when they're just out in public generally that they consider wearing a mask.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I'm counselor hi topless. Are you going to comment on this or you have something else.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I had something else. Did anybody else want to talk about this. I hope we talk again about masks, but I'm not going to talk about right now.

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Rasham Nassar: But council member Medina, you have your hand raised. So if you wanted to add to that, and then we could change subjects.

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Kol Medina: Yep, thank you. I think COUNCILMEMBER dates. Remember your email correctly, you're actually suggesting, or those people were suggesting that

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Kol Medina: The city.

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Kol Medina: Pass an ordinance requiring mask use in the city. Is that right,

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Joe Deets: There was some care because I they one of the doctor said that kits that public health was not recommending that and and you know I think we want to work with our

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Joe Deets: You know who our medical leaders are so, so there's that that issue, but it is what they were bringing up was, quote, The, the medical advice that mass are effective.

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Joe Deets: In reducing the risk of the transmission and we are going to be experiencing a higher risk of catching the

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Joe Deets: Virus with boatloads of people coming with the summer. So you get to see the increase in the risk coming, there's something we can do.

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Joe Deets: Then they're turning to me city council members, saying, you know, you may, you may want to consider a more formal approach so

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Joe Deets: I'm not a medical expert. I'm just simply listening to folks who knows a lot more. But I want to bring this to all of you. And of course, the city manager analysts age.

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Joe Deets: I think it's worthwhile other communities have Langley Washington on Whidbey they've they've done all visitors coming to Langley have to wear mass other towns as well. So we are not an outlier, but we have a particular risk here because of the ferry.

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Kol Medina: So I'm going to modify this follow up and say that it looks like the health board is going to be meeting within the next week.

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Kol Medina: To respond to, or think about or talk about the the governor's chain and criteria for potential early opening. So I'm happy to commit to y'all hear that I'll raise this issue there at the health board meeting and see what the health, our health officer has to say about it report back

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Joe Deets: Okay, great.

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Rasham Nassar: City Manager.

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Morgan Smith: It just to close out this. I think it's an important opportunity to have a message I take your point about visitors from Seattle, but as we move into phase one and phase two potentially

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Morgan Smith: Where our real, immediate risk is is that our, our population is moving around and interacting in a much

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Morgan Smith: More significant way every day and it doesn't really have to do with people coming from Seattle, it just has to do with a higher level of activity and a higher level of proximity. All of us together so

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Morgan Smith: personal decisions to really embrace social I guess is the wrong word is embrace commit to social distancing and commit to wearing a mask gloves, whatever you feel is important for you, giving your particular risk.

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Morgan Smith: Assessment that really needs to be happening now. It's not about some future version where there are more tourists.

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Morgan Smith: We have people coming over the bridge back and forth every day. And we're moving among one another. We have not had a report of case in several weeks but but it's absolutely the case that there is coven 18 present and moving in a community transition in the island. So

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Rasham Nassar: Are we okay to wrap up that discussion and move on. Okay, thank you for bringing that up. Councilmember deeds.

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Rasham Nassar: Customer had top list. We're going to go back to you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I'm going to pray regret doing this just because I have a very big, big connections breaking and breaking. So I hope I don't

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Hoping it through this, but like I said that there's there's three points that I would like to refer to in the email that's been discussed today statements that that I feel are patently false. And the reason I think it's important to correct them is because again the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You can't hear me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You can hear me now.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, you're good.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You'll have to wave at me again because you were all looking fine. I'm sorry.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: What I was saying is the reason I think that we need to address these statements that are going out and emails to many, many community.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Community members, is that going back to what somebody said, and I think it might have been you, Michael. But, you know, we are aligned on so many important policy issues we have work to do. We have to travel as much trust as we can.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Oh, am I not audible

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Keep going. I am audible. Is it just Leslie is her

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Sorry, guys.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Anyway, so the couple. These are the three statements that I just want to pull out real quickly and say this is just simply not true.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: One statement was that the City Council made a decision at the meeting when we, when we restructured our meetings in order to decide what we could do, pursuant to the governor's order.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This email states that the decision was made by the Council not to take up its discussion of climate change.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: There was no specific reason why this discussion had to wait. But that's what a majority decided

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That's pretty inflammatory because we were very clear that we all are very committed to continue to talk about climate change.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that it was because of the governor's order that we were not able to continue our business. At that point, you guys are all frozen. So I may just not be able to do this. Thank you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Um, so to be clear what was important about that was that what was then stated was that what we had what I had said is that members of the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Council. We're not allowed to discuss climate change at that point because we weren't discussing climate change going forward during coven that's absolutely not the case, obviously, what we talked about was the fact that the issue was whether or not was appropriate for to invite the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Climate Advisory Commission committee to bring forward their PowerPoint meant for the entire Council to be processed by just a couple of council members.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Very different from not being able to talk about climate change, please go forth and talk about climate change constantly. And then the last one was that apparently there's an allegation that other council members.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: work behind the scenes with a city attorney to craft an amendment to the ordinance effectively exempting the Winslow hotel.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That is simply not true. And that's what I was alluding to, when I said that when we were discussing

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Executive Session, with Joe that I wanted to address this being able to refute things that did or didn't happen.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: in executive session that aren't related to legal advice or statements that were made.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Our attorney, provided that amendment, he drafted it for the reasons that he stated earlier about what what he tends to do with his position, which is to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Go ahead and draft motions for us to help accomplish what his legal advice is so I want to clearly refute and if anybody has any other evidence to the contrary.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That the account that no council member participated in the drafting of that amendment that was brought forward by our city attorney. And again, I think that's just so important for the community to

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Not have this impression that there's a secret meetings going on behind the scenes. I'm trying to orchestrate things like this. That's just not the case. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, any other COUNCIL COMMENTS for go to the order. Councilmember Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, sorry guys I know it's super late, but I, there's a couple things I wanted to bring up. We all got an email from

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Kol Medina: Constituent within the last couple days, I think, or last few days anyway. And he was suggesting that

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Kol Medina: The city council, consider the city, consider setting up and I'm just reading from the email setting up a volunteer advisory group that can put together an Options analysis with possible solutions for a long term 12 to 24 month time period for how our island can best survive.

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Kol Medina: This coordinating crisis economically and socially. So basically I'm hey should the city put together an advisory group of people to help with some long term recovery planning.

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Kol Medina: For the city. I just think that's an interesting idea. I don't know if that ideas on anyone's agenda anywhere and I'm looking at the city manager.

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Kol Medina: I personally i mean i see pros and cons to that I'm not here saying yes, it's definitely do that. But I wanted to just bring it up and see if anyone had any thoughts about it.

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Rasham Nassar: I thank you for bringing that up. I COUNCILMEMBER Medina, I note I noted that email. I think I forwarded it to city manager Smith and

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Rasham Nassar: And our emergency management coordinator

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Rasham Nassar: I trust that you receive that city manager and

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Rasham Nassar: I don't know how it fits in with the city's current response or future plans in terms of dealing with the pandemic, but

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Rasham Nassar: I'm certainly interested in hearing feedback on that. I don't know that now is the time. But are we expecting another coven update agenda item I don't recall what we had planned for next week, but perhaps a good fit in.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I wasn't planning to provide an update on that particular aspect. If I, if there's one I was figured out a time. The next update for some information when and if the governor's pivoting towards face to

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Morgan Smith: With respect to an advisory group. It's typical that the Council decides to create an advisor group because you feel like there's a dimension that you

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Morgan Smith: To a topic that you'd like to hear from residents on the city's response is grouped essentially into two areas that I can think of right now, maybe three

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Morgan Smith: One is to inform you on the financial impacts and support and leave the financial planning for the city, the municipal organization and the second is to

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Morgan Smith: Develop and lead the changes required for the city, the municipal organizations workspaces, which are pretty significant. And then the third is

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Morgan Smith: To have our emergency response. Generally, led by our emergency coordinator who, as you know, we're unique among kids have cities and having the benefit of a paid full time.

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Morgan Smith: Emergency coordinator and we have our own independent emergency management function. I think if the Council is interested in developing an advisory group of residents.

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Morgan Smith: It would help to begin with what you would like the residents to inform you on and advise you on and what areas.

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Morgan Smith: I am not sure the three areas I just outlined are ones where having residents unless they have a specific background and municipal finance or in

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Morgan Smith: Emergency Preparedness or in the workplace coven issues. I'm not sure that would be useful to us in those areas, but I think there are probably other places where you would like to hear from residents and so

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Morgan Smith: Rather than looking to me to take up that suggestion and provide feedback. I really think it falls to counsel and understanding where the city staff is already working. Where are other places you would like work to be happening if that makes sense.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina, did you want to respond to that or

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Kol Medina: I just wanted to bring it up and see what people thought I agree that the city manager said

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Kol Medina: I don't think this person was talking about emergency preparedness. I think this person was talking about long term economic recovery.

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Kol Medina: And social recovery, as he put it, and I don't think that was in the list of things that senior managers talked about, I think the EEOC focuses on that.

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Kol Medina: So if that's something that the City Council thinks the city should spend some time and energy and effort, focusing on then.

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Kol Medina: Then we should talk about that at some point. And again, I'm not pushing it. I just thought I was interesting. I wonder, bring it up. I do have another thing. Also, if we're done with that.

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Rasham Nassar: Number. Do you want to comment.

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Joe Deets: Well, just very briefly, I know it's late, folks, but

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Joe Deets: I've been working on putting on myself to try and help on economic development with helping our small businesses, working with the kids have economic development alliance and

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Joe Deets: And I know there's a lot of interest among different citizens I somehow that message I missed that that call that you mentioned but but I know there's been other citizens who started up their own little groups. So there's a lot of threads. So I guess it would be nice.

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Joe Deets: To consolidate

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Joe Deets: But, but things that maybe the city is not doing, perhaps, so I'm certainly open to those thoughts. I appreciate bringing it up but but there's a lot of folks who are sort of jumping into the pool in different sections of the pool and and sometimes that's not always helpful.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER head topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just wanted to say that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think that we do need to talk. Not tonight but at some point about what our role will be, if at all in supporting economic

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: An economic plan like this and it sounds like this person would be better directed to the private sector ultimately

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I think people are looking to us for some sort of leadership role. I don't think we can do it in house. We don't have the

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know, we don't have a department for that or the expertise. So the capacity, but we may have some sort of a

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Some sort of a role in helping to pull people together. And if it's very talking about Joe, but I don't want to lose track of this thread and it's sort of like what what Santa Rosa Rosa Leo was saying earlier today and public comment about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Where do I go, I don't know if that's still not clear, maybe to a lot of people where to go. So

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Hope that makes sense. I don't think this is a city function, but I think we might have some sort of role to play.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Got one more thing, so it's it's along the same lines of how can the city help with the business recovery or supporting businesses or economic recovery.

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Kol Medina: Some constituents email string started with an evil of whole counsel or just me. I don't remember, but I'm having a discussion with them about an idea.

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Kol Medina: And I'm just going to put this out here. You know, I'm not looking for a bunch of discussion tonight. I'm not necessarily pushing this but I just want to float the idea out there so people can hear it.

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Kol Medina: And the idea started with them asking about the city's bond rating the city's really amazing. The good bond rating and is there some way that that can be put to use here in this situation to help businesses.

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Kol Medina: In a way that theoretically I'm not an expert in this stuff, theoretically.

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Kol Medina: A city could do something here would be to

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Kol Medina: Use our bond rating to borrow some money that

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Kol Medina: Are to have some money on tap to borrow if needed. And that money would be used as a loan loss reserve, so we'd enter into a partnership with private financial institution and that partnership that financial institution would provide

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Kol Medina: loans to local businesses with probably really good terms to help them get through this crisis and stay afloat.

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Kol Medina: And the city's role would be to provide a loan last reserved, so that one's what some of those loans don't get repaid, because the businesses end up failing.

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Kol Medina: The city covers out those loan losses and the city could cover those long losses, with some potentially borrowing and a really great rate using the city's bond rating.

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Kol Medina: So again, I'm not, I'm not pushing that I've asked these folks if they really they think this is a workable idea to to bake that idea and bring it to us.

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Kol Medina: And at that point I would decide if it's something that I personally would want to support. I did have a conversation with

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Kol Medina: A representative of the county last week, and this happened to come up and he told me that a few years ago, the candidate this very same thing are very similar with repower initiative.

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Kol Medina: Where they worked with a permanent private financial institution and provided alone last reserve. So theoretically, it can be done. I just wanted to put that idea out there for people not looking for any action or anything.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Yeah.

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Joe Deets: Did it did these folks talk to any businesses, the ones I've talked to are not interested in any more. Dad, so I don't want to squash the idea but great idea but I suggest talking with businesses and ask them what they want. The ones I hear they're not interested in more debt.

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Kol Medina: This, this is a business owner who came to me. But that's a very good point. Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: That's not a topless.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember deets. Your hand is still raised. I'm assuming you left it up.

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Rasham Nassar: So is there anything else for for the good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: Now I just want to congratulate COUNCILMEMBER car on your first council meeting at a five hour one at that.

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Christy Carr: Thanks very much.

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Rasham Nassar: To all the council members city manager city attorney city clerk all of the attendees and members of the public that joined us here tonight and those that are still watching

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you very much council members if there's nothing else city manager Smith wants the last word. Are you saying bye

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Joe Deets: Bye.

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Rasham Nassar: I looks like a hand raised. My bad.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Definitely matter.

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Joe Deets: Everyone give me

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Rasham Nassar: Healthy and

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Christy Carr: Good night.

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Night.