

MEETING TRANSCRIPT-BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETNG-4/21/2020

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Today is April.

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Rasham Nassar: The time is 5pm

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Rasham Nassar: All six council members are present with us this evening. Hello everyone. Also with us this evening are a number of participants in our panel discussion tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: Including the city manager Morgan Smith and our city attorney jolla van and I'm hoping everyone else could please introduce themselves before you prepare to speak.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on to item to in our agenda, which is approval of the agenda council members with someone like to make a motion.

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Joe Deets: I moved to proof the agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: Is there a second

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, unless there's any objection to that motion. The agenda is improved via unanimous consent. Councilmember head topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Sorry, didn't raise my hand.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I i

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Rasham Nassar: Think

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We might want to add a quick conversation to the agenda, about the town hall meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Office hours situation.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Only if there's interested in more than me.

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Leslie Schneider: I'll second that.

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Joe Deets: Should I withdraw my motion then

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Rasham Nassar: We can amend the motion on the floor to add an item under city council discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: Which would be city council discussion of virtual council member office hours that sound fair slash town hall virtual town hall meetings.

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Rasham Nassar: And we can add that item as item five

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Joe Deets: Okay, good.

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Joe Deets: Okay.

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Joe Deets: Say you you made that motion. Let's just say because you could do that, and I'll second that.
How's that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Great.

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Rasham Nassar: OK, so the motion on the floor is to prove the agenda as modified

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

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Rasham Nassar: Opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: And Christine or Christina Melanie, are you did you capture that.

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Christine Brown: Yes. Okay. Thank you.

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Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so we've added a new five be item on to our agenda for tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: Moving on to conflict of interest disclosure council members are there any conflicts of interest to disclose related to tonight's agenda.

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Rasham Nassar: No hearing, then we will move on to item three on our agenda, which is the mayor's report mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Thank you.

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Leslie Schneider: So actually there's. I'm going to take a few extra minutes. There's just kind of a lot going on and I I worked on trying to keep it as

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Leslie Schneider: tight as possible. So first of all, I just want to give a warm welcome to Joe Clark. He's our new police chief and he will be introduced a little bit further on.

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Leslie Schneider: By our city manager. But anyway, just very excited to have him here tonight and on the job.

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Leslie Schneider: And then I wanted to just quickly acknowledge that the candidates that have applied to fill the Council vacancy and after being a little worried that the coven crisis might be suppressing enthusiasm for candidates.

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Leslie Schneider: By our deadline. Last Friday, we received 10 applications. So that's a real wealth of experience to choose from. And a big thank you to all the applicants will be reviewing and settling on our selection process later on this evening, and then I want to

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Leslie Schneider: just reinforce the fact that, hopefully, you all know that the great gift is happening today that there's 334 nonprofits that are participating and if you can donate and haven't yet make your move soon because there's less than seven hours to do so.

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Leslie Schneider: Another right now thing is that governor Inslee IS GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE. He had a scheduled one for five o'clock.

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Leslie Schneider: To outline Washington's coronavirus recovery plan.

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Leslie Schneider: I was on a call this Sunday morning, that kind of gave us a preview of some likely components of the plan, but we were not given any specifics on

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Leslie Schneider: Whether the stay home. Stay healthy order would be extended or not. So I don't know, maybe you will know by the end of this meeting if anybody out there is multitasking and wants to give us a an update.

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Leslie Schneider: And then the big one. I wanted to just

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Leslie Schneider: Do more than mention is that Earth Day is tomorrow and for so many reasons. It's that I wanted to point out that tomorrow is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

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Leslie Schneider: So you can go to Earth day.org to participate in it virtually, it just seems like such a heartbreak that it's such an important anniversary. It is

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Leslie Schneider: Just a virtual event, but it looks like they're going to be making that pretty powerful and for context from yesterday's New York Times

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Leslie Schneider: In 1970 some 20 million people across the United States from thousands of schools, colleges, universities and communities took part in demonstrations marches environmental cleanups and even a mock trial of automobiles that ended in smashing a car with sledgehammers

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Leslie Schneider: And it made a difference 20 million Americans was 10% of our country's population at the time in the next 10 years we got the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Environmental Protection Agency, along with an update of the Clean Air Act.

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Leslie Schneider: A 25 year old grad student named Dennis Hayes was the organizer of that first Earth Day. He's now President and CEO of the bullet foundation in Seattle, which funds environmental causes

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Leslie Schneider: The bullet center is considered the greenest commercial building in the world. And it's certified by the Living Building Challenge created by Jason McClellan who lives here on the island.

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Leslie Schneider: I just feel so privileged to live here where so much cannon is happening to heal our planet. The coven crisis has brought so much of our lives and our work to a dead halt.

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Leslie Schneider: Just please know that this council and our volunteer committees.

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Leslie Schneider: Are chomping at the bit to get going on a climate action plan our sustainable transportation strategy and our green building task force to name just a few of our priorities.

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Leslie Schneider: Even with an unforeseen pause due to this health crisis Bainbridge Island, along with so many other cities in America. We are poised to make huge progress towards a more sustainable future. This year, happy Earth Day everyone

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Leslie Schneider: Back to you wish him.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you very much. Mayor Snyder for that reports, we will be moving on to item four of our agenda this evening, which is a presentation.

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Rasham Nassar: Update on coven 19 response activities city manager Smith, I will be handing it over to you.

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Morgan Smith: Thank you, Deputy Mayor, good evening Council, I want to before I start my update to you. I want to pick up on.

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Morgan Smith: The mayor's introduction of Joe Clark our new police chief he's here with us virtually

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Morgan Smith: Or zoom meeting tonight, and I want to give him a chance to say hello and for you to greet him for the community to watching to know that he's here and on the job as of yesterday.

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Morgan Smith: As you remember Joe comes to us after a long and distinguished career with the Norfolk police department 34 years there in a variety of roles brings a great wealth of experience and looking forward to the chance where you will get to know him.

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Morgan Smith: Closer than you are now but know that in the meantime he is digging him and and doing good work at the department. And it's a great time to be here because everybody can use an extra set of hands. So with that, I hope that joke and say hello and talk with you for just a minute.

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Joe Clark: Well, good evening. First, I'd like to thank the Council and the city manager for for this wonderful opportunity. I've had

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Joe Clark: You know, the last couple of days to kind of meet with members of the department and, you know, I've learned that this is a fantastic agency and it's a wonderful community. You know, I'm happy to be relocating here with my family.

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Joe Clark: You know, I found the place here to stay on the island and, you know, it's just been a wonderful welcome so far.

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Morgan Smith: We're thrilled to have you, Chief Clark suffered through the indignity of a virtual swearing in yesterday that we rigged up between our city clerk at one end of the island. My computer balanced on a random desk here and a few well wishers standing 10 feet apart.

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Morgan Smith: We will repeat that in a more formal ceremony. When we can with our judge and relive recapture the moment, but he is legally on board.

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Morgan Smith: And as I said, it was probably the worst swearing in anybody's ever had. But we got it done. Anyway, welcome to Clark. We're thrilled to have you. And we're all looking forward to working with you.

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Joe Clark: Thank you. I appreciate that.

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Morgan Smith: First of all, hand clapping about

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Morgan Smith: Okay, unless there's something else. I'm going to go ahead and share my screen and move into the update portion is that feel like what we're ready to do next. Okay. And how is the volume for me. Can you all hear me pretty well.

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Yes, real quick. Sorry, I don't mean to interrupt Morgan, but I just want to remind her about the microphones. If you're not the one speaking, if you could please mute your mic. Just to eliminate the amount of background noise that's picked up.

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Rasham Nassar: Great, thank you.

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Morgan Smith: Thank you. And as I'm getting my screen ready. I will just remind folks that we actually have sort of a three part update today.

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Morgan Smith: We are going to start with a

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Morgan Smith: Briefing from me and the stage is not with us tonight so it'll just be me stepping through

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Morgan Smith: And just for completeness I included some information in this briefing this part of the briefing.

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Morgan Smith: That is not changed from last week, but just so there's one place where everyone who in the community, maybe who missed some of our previous briefings can have a complete understanding what's going on.

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Morgan Smith: But I'll use our time to focus on the few things that are different this week.

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Morgan Smith: When I'm done. If you have any questions for me. We can take time for that. But then we also have representatives from the kits app economic development alliance Keita

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Morgan Smith: Who will then speak with you next. And after you've had time to hear from Keita, we have the leaders of the Bainbridge Island.

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Morgan Smith: Downtown Association and the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce Jerry and Mickey are here to talk with you about our babies experience. So we have this kind of three part

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Morgan Smith: Update tonight and I'll go first. But know that the other pieces are coming next and I'll try and reserve as much time as we can for those

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Morgan Smith: Alright, so moving into my update as we've said a great resource. We hope everybody is familiarizing themselves with is the city's web page. We try to capture everything new that's happening there.

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Morgan Smith: And these briefings are structured to reflect the ways in which we are spending our time and resources which are focused first on the public health situation.

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Morgan Smith: Essential city and community services, giving you a sense of the actual emergency response to activities talking a bit about economic mitigation, which is really something we will be pivoting towards

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Morgan Smith: In our next phase because while we're still experiencing the closures, there isn't a tremendous amount we can necessarily do in in this space and then I like to end.

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Morgan Smith: By giving everyone a look ahead so that we can be centered on the same page about what the next week to two to three weeks might look like, given our current expectations.

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Morgan Smith: So as we're well aware, we have been working within the stay home. Stay healthy orders from the governor since March 23, those were extended on the second of April and our current

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Morgan Smith: Orders are scheduled to last through May 4 we're very interested to know if whether tonight or at some point between now and may 4 the governor might extend those or refine them in some way.

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Morgan Smith: The schools are closed for the remainder of the year. I don't have any expectation that will change that. That just is, I believe,

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Morgan Smith: As of yesterday. There are 12,000 positive patients in our state and 652 deaths, an important benchmark is the daily COUNT ON STATEWIDE deaths being at or below 20 we've kind of moved into that scale in the last few days. So that's a positive

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Morgan Smith: Also today a strong indication that we're at a manageable point is that for the last couple of weeks, our state's hospital system has been able to keep up with the demand for beds and critical care.

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Morgan Smith: Support there does, however, continue to be a significant shortage of pee pee that folks are beginning to try and problem solve around

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Morgan Smith: on a local level as opposed to relying on state and federal resources.

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Morgan Smith: Looking now within our county, the rate of increase in positive cases this lives significantly. You've seen that if you're watching our daily kits that public health district counts.

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Morgan Smith: Our kids have local capacity remain satisfactory. As of today, the county has 141 tests and we've had

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Morgan Smith: 11 neighbors island residents who have tested positive in the course of the entire testing cycle. So most of those folks, we would consider recovered at this point, and there has been one reported death in our county

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Morgan Smith: I will review this slide. This is just provides a sense of the things we care about the most when we're touching base with our community partners. Everything seems to be functioning well as a community, we are managing this period of very well in my opinion.

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Morgan Smith: And we are taking particular care to make sure that our community sites that are private sector partners are also part of our network and planning and that is going well as well.

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Morgan Smith: Our current planning period until we get more information or guidance from the governor. We're continuing to benchmark around that may 4 date and making sure we do what we can to help support folks in this current phase.

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Morgan Smith: We have answer now north of 50 community resource requests for continuing to check in with the organizations and individuals who had those needs and see what they need today.

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Morgan Smith: As with any kind of successful Community approach what we found in the last two or three weeks is that many of the folks who needed us more the beginning needed us less now.

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Morgan Smith: Which makes sense, it is a sign of well being, because it means that these agencies have found other ways to problem solve for the longer term, which is important for everybody.

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Morgan Smith: One thing I want to make sure you are aware of and that the community is aware of is that, unfortunately, and I'll use that word as my own,

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Morgan Smith: My own perspective, unfortunately, kids up county determined to close down the community based testing site last Friday.

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Morgan Smith: I know that we spoke with you about that either each of our last two updates and that site was largely staffed by Bainbridge Island medical Reserve Corps.

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Morgan Smith: The county determine that they preferred an approach where testing supplies were distributed to local medical providers, rather than being available at this community based site.

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Morgan Smith: We had some concerns about not only whether that was an approach that served Bainbridge Island, but also how it was communicated

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Morgan Smith: So, but we're it's a decision that the county made and it's one that's there's to make. I will share with you that we submitted a request that they consider

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Morgan Smith: Allowing pavers Island to stand up our own community based testing site and we were not supported in a request so

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Morgan Smith: They're taking this approach for now and we'll see where that leads us but know that we're monitoring it. And we care a lot about it, as do all the public agencies and all the first responders and there will be something that happens next. And we'll make sure to keep you informed.

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Morgan Smith: Alongside that I want you to know about the level of demand at the two isolation quarantine sites that the county has set up. One is a pilgrim first and what is it see back

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Morgan Smith: And each site currently has one occupants. So everybody should feel very good about that because that means that they built the capacity for demand in case we needed it, and to this point, we have not needed it as a county

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Morgan Smith: And as we let you know, last week we transition this week so that the city's emergency operations center is now standing back just a bit. So the EEOC is activated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, of course, anybody who needs us can find us at any time.

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Morgan Smith: But in terms of actually having staff dedicated to the UFC that's now three days a week instead of five nine to 1pm everybody's available though should conditions change or should there be some need that emerges that needs a quick response.

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Morgan Smith: check in on where we stand on city own spending at this point we've allocated about \$300,000 worth of city staff time to the emergency response. And we've made about \$100,000 and other direct expenditures

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Morgan Smith: Our best guess at this point is that that there may be as much as \$140,000 of those expenses that would be potentially reversible from FEMA

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Morgan Smith: I'm not going to spend too much time on economic mitigation because that's the purpose of our other speakers, but I just want to emphasize that the city as an emergency response.

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Morgan Smith: Agency is focused for the near term on making sure that our communities residents have the support they need

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Morgan Smith: Particularly with respect to food insecurity and housing insecurity and I want to again let everybody who might be listening know that helpline house is our local agency that's responsible for both of these areas of service.

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Morgan Smith: If you'd like to help them. If you have the capacity to support their efforts. They are definitely

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Morgan Smith: Appreciating these financial support that some residents are able to provide they're using that money. Specifically, and primarily to beef up their food program.

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Morgan Smith: I talked to the director Miriam Metzler and she wanted me to convey to everybody that's listening that while you may have heard of local or nationally, they're being experiences where food banks were struggling

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Morgan Smith: With distribution or having logistical challenges that is not the case with help my house.

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Morgan Smith: They are distribution system and their access to food supplies is working well. So anybody who has a need should definitely come to them and let them know how to help. Please don't hold back on that.

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Morgan Smith: But again, if you'd like. If you'd like to support them in their work. They're also happy to receive your donations

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Morgan Smith: With respect to emergency rental assistance. We've talked at each of the last couple of meetings about

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Morgan Smith: The likelihood that the city would consider increasing our financial support for that program in particular to respond to the Community's additional and extraordinary needs during this time.

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Morgan Smith: As I previewed with you last week at your next meeting on April 28 I will be bringing forward an action item for you to consider to approve additional funding of \$60,000 for them.

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Morgan Smith: Help on house has described how they would use that money and it would be targeted specifically towards island households who are experiencing impacts from the cover 19 pandemic.

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Morgan Smith: She's suggested a couple of what I consider to be pretty modest changes and how the program would offer a compared to how it currently operates and

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Morgan Smith: She believes it's most appropriate to keep the level of median income eligibility requirements. The same as they are for our existing programs. So to retain that at 95%

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Morgan Smith: Median income as it is for the current program. So your packet materials for next week's meeting will have more detail on that. But I wanted to emphasize with you that that request is coming forward.

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Morgan Smith: And that their best estimate, you know, we have to sort of take this week by week with their best estimate is that that amount of funding might

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Morgan Smith: might provide security for islanders for the next three, four, maybe five months. So that will get us a good ways down the road, and we'll have a much better understanding of what our next near term situation is

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Morgan Smith: I also want to highlight something that's come up at a the last couple of meetings, which is that kids that county does have has acquired additional CD big funding.

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Morgan Smith: And is deploying that through to county agencies. One is kids have community resources and though those funds have a more stringent income eligibility requirements. The participants have to be

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Morgan Smith: Sorry, it's either 60 or 65% of the median income. We have fewer islanders who will meet that requirement, but we do have families that meet that requirement.

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Morgan Smith: And so helpline house will be coordinating with their navigator who sits at helpline house and is the point of access to that program and so families, whether it's

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Morgan Smith: families that are working with helpline house or families that are working with HR be who meet that little requirement will be directed towards that program and those funds first so we can stretch our other dollars as far as possible. So I think that's a great way to

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Morgan Smith: Appreciate the court that at our scale of community, it's possible to have that level of coordination among the programs.

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Morgan Smith: And to really make sure that the dollars that we're making available are as impactful as possible. So that's the rental assistance perspective.

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Morgan Smith: I also want to preview that something we talked about a little bit previously that also next week, I will be bringing forward an action item for Council to consider.

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Morgan Smith: That would allow us us the city on the administration side to provide additional flexibility for some of our nonprofit partners who previously were awarded city funding for 2020 events or programs.

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Morgan Smith: And some of those nonprofits may now not be running those programs may not be planning those events.

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Morgan Smith: But if Council would like to do so you can authorize me to approve a change in their scope of work so that they can instead use that funding for

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Morgan Smith: Operating support in general expenses. So again, more details will be in your packet, but I've prepared that item to come to you next week for a potential decision.

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Morgan Smith: And then finally, just for everybody. I want to emphasize that the city is also already has in place for several weeks, some mechanisms to provide additional support for our customers.

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Morgan Smith: A lot of these are in alignment with some statewide programs that have also been put in place related to utility payments and shut offs and late fees.

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Morgan Smith: And so stay tuned for that. We're always looking for different programs that we can also implement that might be helpful to our customers.

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Morgan Smith: In the near term, we are working and relying on our partners who are here with us tonight via the Chamber of Commerce in Kenya in their work to promote and stabilize the local businesses that are able to operate during the closures.

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Morgan Smith: And to make sure that all businesses who experienced impacts have a facilitated updated way to access and learn about the support programs that are available.

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Morgan Smith: Also want to highlight that Bainbridge recovers, which is a site that is stewarded by babies prepares is a great place to learn about our local businesses and how you can help and how to make connections.

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Morgan Smith: If there are folks who are still offering services or products that you would like to obtain

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Morgan Smith: So now just switch to the looking ahead part of my briefing. Again, our current planning period is through May 4 until we get

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Morgan Smith: A better direction about what might happen next and when and what it might look like we're just focused on what we know about our current status.

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Morgan Smith: The Community's public health needs have really stabilized in this first round is that's given us the chance to use some of our capacity to go back to the next big project, which is figuring out how how we will

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Morgan Smith: Go through our crawl walk, run period with you and that will begin. So we're working now on the staff side to prepare for those discussions and bring those forward to you. Ideally, in May.

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Morgan Smith: And that would that effort starts with working with you to evaluate and reset our word plans and our budgets for the remainder of 2020

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Morgan Smith: So just to kind of the, the kind of at a very high level, the way we're thinking about this is

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Morgan Smith: This is not a wave a storm that is moving through and then leaving us behind this is

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Morgan Smith: Clearly a situation that we're going to need to learn to operate in for the next 12 1824 months so their way their ways in which the city.

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Morgan Smith: Needs to be different needs to work differently for our staff or our customers. And so we're working on making sure we understand what those are and getting ready for that. And then, as I said, focusing then next on how our word plans might change and how our budget.

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Morgan Smith: Forecast would change.

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Morgan Smith: So City Council is currently holding weekly meetings via this remote platform that seems to be working. Well, a

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Morgan Smith: key topic concern project for us all a community and a council was to work towards filling the South ward vacancy. And I think it's great that we have so much interest and have 10 candidates for you to consider.

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Morgan Smith: I also as mayor Schneider acknowledged, we may be getting news today as soon as today or some information on what might change with our orders from the governor, so we'll keep you posted on that.

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Morgan Smith: And then later tonight when we do our discussion on future agendas. I'd like to work with Council to make sure we have the same expectations for our discussion next week, which is the time that we had planned to work with you on content from a city council meetings.

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Morgan Smith: Some of the most critical topics that will take real time and

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Morgan Smith: Energy for us, will be the selection of the new South ward council member working with you to review and revise the word plan priorities for 2020 review with you our revised financial forecasts for our revenue stream for this current year and laying out what we think is

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Morgan Smith: Most successful a way to approach our calendar for 2021 2022 biennial budget development, which is going to be different than what we outline with you in January.

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Morgan Smith: And then also want to talk with you about how we want to resume planning commission and design review board meetings, as we've

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Morgan Smith: said from the outset that those will be the first wave of additional meetings that we bring back online. And so we're ready to do that. And I want to talk with you about that.

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Morgan Smith: So with that. Any questions or comments you have for me or my part of the briefing. I'd be happy to answer now or we can move forward into the keynote presentation.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, I

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Rasham Nassar: Are there. Sorry, I'm looking at. I don't see any hands raised. Does anyone have any what this time, or is it okay if Morgan just continues on. Okay, okay. Morgan.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, great. So I'm going to step back, I'll stop sharing my screen. And I'll let the clerk and the key to folks take you into their part of the evenings presentation and they can introduce themselves and we'll just go to that next that next segment. Thank you.

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John Powers: Good evening. Can everyone hear me okay

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John Powers: I'm john powers and I serve as the executive director of the kids at economic development alliance and I've been in that role for over nine years.

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John Powers: I live here on Bainbridge Island in the vineyards, not too far from City Hall.

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John Powers: And like you working from home. One of the things that we've adopted here in this community.

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John Powers: Is a 10 for call 10am in the morning and four in the afternoon, people go out on their verandas their porches. Their patios

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John Powers: Just wave to their neighbor to make sure everyone's doing okay and hanging in here together so

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John Powers: Just want to note that, because it is such a warm and welcoming community that we live in.

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John Powers: I'm here tonight with our director of business development Cathy caucus, who has been with our alliance for 15 years

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John Powers: And she is the lead provider of client services to businesses, mostly small some large throughout kid SAP county where we deliver what we call a client based economic development services of business retention expansion.

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John Powers: And recruitment and as you can, will imagine over the last now going on seven weeks we have been keenly focused on our retention efforts to work with our existing business community.

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John Powers: To try and inform them of resources and relationships to assist them in navigating through these very uncharted economic disruption waters that we're all facing

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John Powers: Backing up just for a little bit. I think many of you may know about our alliance. But, and you have two members of your council that serve on our board.

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John Powers: Council member Joe deeds and council member cold Medina and Mayor Leslie Schneider has also served on the board in the past and we stay in close touch with her as well.

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John Powers: But we're a 37 year old, not for profit Washington corporation often described as a public private economic development partnership.

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John Powers: We do that because we have both public support and private sector support, both in terms of leadership and funding that allow us to deliver our services to businesses in a confidential free of charge manner.

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John Powers: But make no mistake about it. Our businesses that we help we help, just like we would a client if you were in other professional field, whether it be an accountant, a lawyer.

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John Powers: Doctor, whatever it might be. So we have a direct relationship with our clients. They're really form the core of our work and mission here.

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John Powers: We are the kids EP county designated affiliate development organization of the Washington State Department of Commerce.

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John Powers: And by contract. We work with commerce on economic development matters. And over the last two weeks, we have been in touch with commerce daily

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John Powers: Governor's Office commerce Congress SBA FEMA, you name it, we have been engaged in not just monitoring the situation.

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John Powers: But taking reliable current information, bringing it into the marketplace through a variety of media tools that Kathy will

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John Powers: Cover in her presentation to make sure that our businesses are well informed feel supported in this work to make sure that

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John Powers: We do our very best to retain the core of our business community today, which is comprised

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John Powers: Mostly of small businesses and we work with businesses based here on Bainbridge Island. We have four years long before this crisis, but during the crisis in an acute manner. We've worked with lots of Bainbridge based businesses to help connect them to resources in this time of need.

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John Powers: I would also mention this relative to the way we come together, we have a large board 36 members of public elected officials, such as Joe and Cole.

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John Powers: As well as private sector leaders that serve on the board. So we really get a good mix of both the public and private working together to do things that

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John Powers: Without collaborating in a partnership we wouldn't be able to do alone. So we're really pleased for the support the city of Bainbridge Island.

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John Powers: Along with the three other municipalities here in the county, along with the county court district transiting agents other public partners.

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John Powers: Help keep us connected to your needs in an informed way on our board and also provide financial support we receive about 60% of our funding from public partners, including Washington State Department of Commerce and

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John Powers: And kids that county and then the other municipalities and other government entities feeling behind that and today we have about 80 private sector investor partners that provide about 40% of our funding.

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John Powers: So that's the big picture on what we do. I'm going to turn to Kathy here in just a moment to tell you in detail what we've been doing over the last six weeks since we closed our office.

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John Powers: On March 6 and as you started work from home and start a new technologies, including the zoom meeting and webinars and we do a great job in that area. Thanks to Kathy's

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John Powers: Ability and Theresa Mandarin, who is our administrator of marketing and media and communications. She does a fabulous job.

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John Powers: And we have a third member of our team merge or as that focuses on small businesses working in government contracting

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John Powers: And every Thursday morning which you'll hear from Kathy she hosts a webinar.

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John Powers: does a great job with this. We've had three of them over the last three weeks. And this last Thursday I highly recommend for you to go back and take a look. It's on our website.

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John Powers: We looked at the pivot and the emotional response from a community and the business community, as we go from

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John Powers: Flight and fear in the recovery in the response to the crisis now calming down looking forward with clarity and creativity.

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John Powers: To do the recovery part of this crisis and we're working hard to make sure we help our business clients do that.

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John Powers: So thanks for the time to tell our story and the story of your small businesses here in kits that county and Bainbridge Island as well and how we help them each and every day. And in particular, through this crisis. So

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John Powers: Why don't I turn it over to Kathy and then at the end of the have questions for either one of us.

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John Powers: Happy to do so. I also want to recognize the other economic development entities. Here the downtown Association and the chamber, both of them very strong

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John Powers: Organizations to serve this community and we're very pleased that they are here, your strategic partners for us in the businesses we serve. Kathy.

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Kathy Cocus: Thank you. Good evening. Again, Kathy coca Business Development Director for Keita, and we wanted to highlight some of the things we've done since this all

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Kathy Cocus: came about. We have a dedicated page on our website for community members and specifically businesses to go to Khattab.ada.org forward slash

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Kathy Cocus: You go to our homepage. You'll see it over on the side and just link down there, you'll find all kinds of information on there. Theresa has done a great job of dividing things in the side column. So there'll be our most recent blog posts which there's three or four day probably

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Kathy Cocus: Really reliable resources business resources government contracting resources public resources. So anything that a business might need is there, we have information on the SBA loans and we'll be updating that as soon as the next phase of that funding is done.

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Kathy Cocus: We can direct people to lenders. We're working very closely with the Small Business Development Center business counselor, they can help folks get ready for their loan application if they are not ready.

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Kathy Cocus: All of our local partners, including governments and chambers, you'll find information on different interesting sectors.

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Kathy Cocus: Government Contracting, which we call key tech procurement Technical Assistance Center where I want to eight centers in this date dedicated to helping small business do business with the government or with the larger government contractors

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Kathy Cocus: So John mentioned our weekly webinars. So this Thursday will be the fourth we've had. And if you go to the colon tab on our website.

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Kathy Cocus: And you hover over it. There is a page dedicated a sub page dedicated to just the webinars. They are posted the recordings are posted on YouTube, where they're embedded on this page.

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Kathy Cocus: If the presenters have had a PowerPoint presentation, you will find that in the archive. So if someone

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Kathy Cocus: Missed a topic or you saw one that you think would be beneficial to a business, you know, this is where you could direct them to find all the information related to a specific past webinar. And this is where you can go to register for the next one.

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Kathy Cocus: This week we'll be talking about finances and we're going to have someone David back actually from Bainbridge talk about what the CARES Act may or may not have changed as far as 401k management.

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Kathy Cocus: gentleman who lives part of the time in Alaska running a venture fund and private time and kids that

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Kathy Cocus: And he's going to split his presentation between if you're trying to launch a start up. What does that look like now. And then what does funding look like for an established business.

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Kathy Cocus: And then Cole Medina will be talking about the impact of funding and what's out there for nonprofits and then you can see the rest of the schedule there.

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Kathy Cocus: So we do a lot of communicating, not just with answering the phone. Teresa is the mastermind behind our blog and our newsletters and the newsletters.

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Kathy Cocus: will alert you to upcoming events or things that we think of particularly timely that we want to make sure

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Kathy Cocus: People know about. I do all the social media posts I feed some of the blog post to her. So together we are making sure that companies that are following us can find current and pertinent information related to this crisis.

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Kathy Cocus: We have been spending a lot of time, the last few weeks as John mentioned with the governor's working Washington small business emergency grant program that was announced, April 7 and April 8 the floodgates opened we had over 1000 applications and or emails related to this.

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Kathy Cocus: We started, we created a fact because we had so many people asking about it.

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Kathy Cocus: We created an online database that would help us process because we didn't see any way without staying up for three days straight to process all of those and then

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Kathy Cocus: We are now in the final phase actually tomorrow or subcommittee will be reviewing our final selections, which was not an easy task to whittle down

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Kathy Cocus: And we are allowed to forward 64 of the applications we received to the Washington Department of Commerce approximately 16 of those that we forward will be funded and the funding will come through Keita

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Kathy Cocus: As part of our ADL contract and that is the way the state can provide the funding is through what was known before. It's a strategic reserve fund.

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Kathy Cocus: And it's the way the state can help small business without giving it directly to small business which is not allowed during under the state constitution.

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Kathy Cocus: So we also are wanting to know what can we do moving forward to help small business. So we do have a survey link on our website.

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Kathy Cocus: And all the staff as John mentioned is working remotely. You can reach us both Teresa and I our

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Kathy Cocus: Office phones are ringing through to my cell phone, she actually has the work phone in our office. And you can always reach us by email.

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Kathy Cocus: So with that, are there questions.

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Joe Deets: Yeah. Hi, Kathy question, how much money have that

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Joe Deets: \$5 million stabilization fund did kids get

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Kathy Cocus: Excited about less than 165 right

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John Powers: Right to crawl across the state. Joe less than 2% of applicants will actually end up being awarded the grant.

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John Powers: It might seem like a small number, but this governor dedicated the vast majority of his discretionary investment.

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John Powers: The governor's to cheek reserve fund for economic development, he had a \$7 million dollar fund there and he took 5 million of it to make it available for a lot of reasons, including a demonstrate to the small business community, which we already know how important they are.

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John Powers: To our economy, the backbone, if you would.

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John Powers: We're hopeful, but don't know for sure that there may be some additional rounds of follow on funding.

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John Powers: Look too early to tell the state as local governments will have their own financial challenges as the as result of this disruption.

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John Powers: BUT IT'S A START. And when you couple that with our advice and guidance. I'm getting SBA products, the PPP loans or the idol loans or other potential resources to keep the financial wheels turning

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John Powers: We're doing our best end with this program. We really were introduced to hundreds of new small businesses through our kits app, we now have a contact with them. We know about their business and we're in a position to help advise and guide them on other matters as well.

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Kathy Cocus: And I will note I just did a quick tally this afternoon to see where the applications come from. And, you know, between the four cities and kids have county 19% of those

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Kathy Cocus: That we reviewed were from Bainbridge, and overall, the majority of the companies requesting assistance where women owned and then one of the questions on the application asked

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Kathy Cocus: How much of a risk are you of closing your company, the majority said medium risk and the lowest was high risk if we can take that as you know semi good news.

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John Powers: final decisions on the awards will be made by the Department of Commerce in conjunction with the governor's office. So we had the first winnowing down did our best to come up with 64

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John Powers: Applicants that we believe are viable and can benefit from this and then they will take it from there. And literally one out of four that we

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John Powers: Send in

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John Powers: Will end up with the award. So putting 60,000 across the state to me hundred 60,000 across kits up 5 million across the state.

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Rasham Nassar: Council members. Just a reminder to use the raise hand feature and the participants function.

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Rasham Nassar: Not seeing any hands raised. Does anyone have any questions for energy on her calendar Kathy at this point.

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Rasham Nassar: And Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Sorry if either of you could just repeat how many applications. Did you get I heard that your for reading on 64 and 16 will get accepted but how many did you receive

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Kathy Cocus: Initially we received us 900

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Leslie Schneider: Boy, what a job.

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Kathy Cocus: Yeah, yeah, that's what we set

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John Powers: Kathy's work very hard to organize this get it all out in a spreadsheet. So we could review it and start to evaluate

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John Powers: And one of the things that the applicant set of do's and tell us about their business, how it's been impacted by the crisis, what they would use the funds for and what their go forward view is, and I tell you

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John Powers: It's emotionally draining to read story after story on hundreds of small businesses that are you know their wheels have been knocked out from underneath them.

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Leslie Schneider: Well, thank you for doing that.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets. Your hand is raised

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Joe Deets: Yeah, thank you. Um, yeah, I just want to echo the the immense work that went into administrating this grant program, I, I know a little bit about it myself. So

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Joe Deets: Really hats off to Keita, yeah. I wish we had more money. And this is where I think we need to get us council members the community get more creative on how we can leverage

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Joe Deets: Support for our local businesses. So this is just one thing that's being done, but there's many others that are in the works.

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Joe Deets: And let me just also add the webinars on Thursday morning 10am really encourage folks have interests in the business community of kits app Bainbridge, please go ahead take part in the webinars. They're mentally helpful.

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John Powers: Thank you. And I did get an update, just for restarts tonight that the House and the Senate did come together, the Senate passed the new expansion of the cares act to include an additional

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John Powers: 470 billion dollars in the relief fund of which 310 will be dedicated to the small business PPP

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John Powers: Basically payroll Protection Program loan that originally went out at 350 billion. Now another 310

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John Powers: will expect that that fun will probably be exhausted fairly shortly as well, but it's another big step forward.

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John Powers: And hopefully with leadership, like we're getting from Derek Kilmer was really working this hard and they have a small businesses.

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John Powers: They'll be yet another tranche down the road and hopefully get all that each taken care of. But it's a very significant and creative program. And now today. Another 310 billion made available.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Rasham Nassar: Saw your hand was raised.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, thanks. I was actually going to ask. JOHN I had seen the news about the new federal bill and I hadn't seen the details that I was going to ask. JOHN If he knew, but he went ahead and answer before I asked. So thanks a lot.

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John Powers: You're welcome, call

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Rasham Nassar: Michael

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I was just saying, Hey, thank you for the presentation, um, a couple of things. One is that there's a chat.

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Michael Pollock: Question from a constituent. I wonder if somebody is going to answer that. And then secondly, the, you know, I'm just reading the papers like everybody else. But there was concerned that a lot of the

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Michael Pollock: Small business loans were kind of going to, you know,

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Michael Pollock: large businesses or or chains and things like that. And that sort of the effect was going to be that a lot of the smaller business owners got run out. And I just wondered if you, you know, if

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Michael Pollock: If you were seeing Matt or a kind of have some commentary. And if that's the case, how we can what we can do to minimize that unfortunate.

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John Powers: Circle so

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John Powers: It did concern as the reports, because our expectation was was going to focus on small businesses now their definition was up to 500 employees.

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John Powers: As a small business here in kid SAP County. There are many, there's a few that employee 500 people or more town and country being one of them.

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John Powers: Port Madison enterprises to calm his tribe. Another but we express concern to both

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John Powers: Derek killers office directly and to center cat roles office. This afternoon I was on the phone with them and they too are concerned about this.

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John Powers: I'm advised, but I haven't read the language in the bill that a guaranteed portion of the next tranche of 310 billion dollars about 50% of that will be dedicated to and can't be competed for with the true small businesses, not the big

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John Powers: You know, publicly traded companies. So that was a surprise. I think a disappointment to Main Street America.

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John Powers: That it rolled out that way, the first time around. I'm hoping they can correct it. Some extent in this tranche. And then eventually, and yet another phase, really, really get to the small businesses what they need to stay in business.

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Michael Pollock: Okay. And then a follow up is, and thank you, thank you, I appreciate that effort.

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Michael Pollock: As the European model for kind of keeping things rolling along and the this time of kind of covert

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Michael Pollock: Is they're using their paint businesses to keep their employees.

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Michael Pollock: On the payroll and sort of kind of keeping that the economic infrastructure in place. And I just wondered if you could sort of speak to the the model or what the American model is kind of relative to that European model and in when commentary on it.

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John Powers: Well, that was the objective of the PPP loan to keep your employees in place, even in the case where your business might be closed.

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John Powers: To have them on your payroll to continue to access benefits, if you would.

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John Powers: For a two and a half month period in hopes that at the end of that period.

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John Powers: Assuming you kept everyone on board the loan would be forgiven, you'd be in a position to move forward in recovery mode reopening now whether or not that two and a half month period is going to be sufficient.

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John Powers: Anyone's you know conjecture. At this point, but that was the intended purpose of the PPP product. And I think when they do eventually dial it in right and get it adequately funded it will meet the same objectives of the programs are referred to in the European markets.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, yeah, that'll be interesting. I mean, the news that did not know. Shut up. After this, but the news.

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Michael Pollock: You know, from from World Health Organization and other things. Is that really come fall. We're going to be facing and worse epidemic, because it's going to be combined with the flu season and so

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Michael Pollock: You know, I mean, I know it's everybody's guess what's going to happen, but it just seems like we we need to kind of figure out a way to allocate our funds in a way that keeps everybody a flow as much as possible and

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John Powers: There'll be an opportunity to spoke to express your opinion on that.

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Michael Pollock: All right, we'll leave it at that. Thank you. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Any other questions or comments from council members.

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Michael Pollock: Do you want to respond to the the chat room. Questions anyone

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Good.

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Rasham Nassar: If either john or Kathy would like to comment on some of the points that have been raised in the chat. And I think that's appropriate.

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John Powers: I'm not saying Kathy.

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Kathy Cocus: I responded, there was one

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Rasham Nassar: And maybe just just for the benefit of the public that are that are tuning in with us here tonight and Kathy. If you could just kind of reiterate the response that you typed in the chat function Orly would be helpful.

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Kathy Cocus: Okay, so I was just responding to, you know, a small business expressing you know frustration and challenges about

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Kathy Cocus: You know where to find some financial assistance and I noted that I have been researching some other grant opportunities from. There's some big corporations out there that have stepped up.

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Kathy Cocus: And I am putting together a list that I will ask Theresa to post on our blog and then I will share that list on our social media and Keita is an it'll go to LinkedIn.

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Kathy Cocus: Twitter and Facebook, and then it will also be on my personal LinkedIn as well.

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Rasham Nassar: And

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Kathy Cocus: And then I add just reiterated, I hope people get frustrated when you're directed to another organization, but if

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Kathy Cocus: Anybody needs assistance and you know getting other documentation ready for loans or grant questions. The Small Business Development Center is a great resource. And I'm like Kiva its services are at no cost.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so I'm not seeing any

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Rasham Nassar: hands raised from council members and

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Rasham Nassar: We do have Jerry with us in the panel discussion and as well as Mickey. I'm just wondering, either Jerry or Mickey. Did you want to add a few comments, or do you have any thoughts to share, since you're joining us tonight.

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Jerri Lane: Yes, we do. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Great, thank you. Yeah.

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Jerri Lane: To share my screen here.

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Jerri Lane: I think

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Jerri Lane: This one moment turn my back on this and I can't, I can't find anything so

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Jerri Lane: Sure presentation.

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Jerri Lane: That we're trying to open here. Can I hope you all can see this. First I want to really express my appreciation for everything Keita has done.

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Jerri Lane: From the outset we knew that we needed a central focused information dissemination organization and you all have been absolutely magnificent. So congratulations to you and I know you're a small team.

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Jerri Lane: But Theresa Kathy JOHN What an amazing job you've done webinars are so informative and helpful and all the services you're providing are really

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Jerri Lane: Very, very beneficial. So thank you for that also recognize the city as we're for the health and human services and all of the emergency response. I think that's been just something to be very proud of. So congratulations there.

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Jerri Lane: I will dive in and then I've got a brief some brief comments and then Mickey will

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Jerri Lane: Be the cleanup hitter, and then we'll certainly be happy to take any questions that you might have. And forgive me for any fumbles. This is not my wheelhouse here.

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Jerri Lane: Really amazingly difficult

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Jerri Lane: Board meeting this week so

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Jerri Lane: It was not. It was not pretty picture. So this is not looking pretty either, but

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Jerri Lane: I'm Gerry laying executive director of the Bainbridge Island downtown Association Mickey will also be speaking. She's Director of Marketing for the Chamber.

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Jerri Lane: So there's our contact information and I just I'd like for anyone who's, who's listening and some of the Qaeda has certainly filled in a lot of the gaps.

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Jerri Lane: The information gaps and so on. But I think we need to be looking at creative ways that we can provide our, our community, our small business community some assistance.

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Leslie Schneider: I think I forwarded Jerry

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Leslie Schneider: Yes, sorry.

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Leslie Schneider: Sorry to interrupt, but I think you think we're seeing your presentation. And we're not

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Jerri Lane: Resolved. That's, that's a bummer is

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Leslie Schneider: We're seeing a different screen. We're seeing your file manager screen.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, there you go.

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Jerri Lane: You see it now.

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Jerri Lane: Thank you very much. I appreciate that, man.

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Jerri Lane: So I think I'm I'm interested in, in some creative ways possibly that

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Jerri Lane: Our city can provide some immediate assistance to our small businesses in addition to the other things that are out there just be thinking about

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Jerri Lane: I'm not completely familiar and I don't want to speak to some of these, but I think you all can think about it. We do think it's going to be a long and painful recovery and we're hoping that there's some some help on the horizon. I'd like to talk just a little bit about tourism.

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Jerri Lane: Chris Miller is our executive director for visit Bainbridge Island and she's provided this information, but I think all of you are probably aware of the contributor contribution that tourism makes her our economy.

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Jerri Lane: You know, from April during peak season we look to cruise ships and international and visitors from across the United States to filter in and Bainbridge Island is the number one day trip or single night destination from Seattle to King County.

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Jerri Lane: That's due to a lot of relationships that we've been built up that have built up and that supports our local retailers restaurants and so on. So the dive in tourism is a devastating blow for us.

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Jerri Lane: I've done some research. The USTA united us travel industry reports that

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Jerri Lane: Tourism its job losses alone as enough to push the economy into recession.

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Jerri Lane: I spoken with John Densmore the general manager at Marshall Sweets.

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Jerri Lane: As an example, he expects in April. His occupancy and revenue to start to increase. So he was at 38.37% in March 2024 and April. He's forecasting 4.9% for me.

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Jerri Lane: Clearly, this is not

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Jerri Lane: This is not a positive thing. They put a lot of creative marketing efforts out there from providing workspace for people who needed some privacy and extended stays and so on. But even with all of those efforts. They're still forecasting a 4.9% occupancy

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Jerri Lane: I don't have to tell you all about the domestic air travel. We know that there's not going to be a cruise ship this year. It's almost a billion dollars, give or take a few hundred million to our

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Jerri Lane: regional economy and that affects us. I saw recently a Price Waterhouse forecasts that the new normal is quite honestly, extending to

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Jerri Lane: For the tourism business, they're the first to go down the last come back and it's going to, that's all going to depend on testing vaccine and antibodies step therapy so

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Jerri Lane: Here's the, I think this. This is the star report which reports. This is actually a report from the Fed 15 to 28th march 28 March.

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Jerri Lane: This is the total United States, and you see it's it's declined to a minus A percent in such a brief, brief time

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Jerri Lane: So Bainbridge today. So I would say our businesses, except for the essential ones they're observing the stay home order they're scrambling for federal assistance, and again, thanks for thanks to

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Jerri Lane: These services that have helped, but there's still a real need for technical assistance, there are still businesses on the island, who have

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Jerri Lane: Perhaps English is not their first language. They have issues. They don't necessarily understand how to access. Even the assistance so

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Jerri Lane: I think that's that can be bolstered because a lot of people lost out you know what we're saying about the Washington State, they're working Washington grant. Well, we have I personally only heard of one business who was approved for the P P loan.

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Jerri Lane: You all can share with me if you know more, but our businesses, as usual, they're trying to be resilient, they're falling back on your e commerce pickup delivery whatever they can do.

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Jerri Lane: I will say the cares act unemployment provisions is going to be a great boost to the folks at the who are in the most need, if you will. But I think it's important for us to realize these extended shutdowns going to increase the number of our Bainbridge businesses who will not survive.

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Jerri Lane: Got some statistics on that for you. But the variables again goes back to something you've heard I spoke just today with

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Jerri Lane: A trusted resource at the polyclinic and the University of Washington. Both of those are planning to roll out anybody therapies this week.

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Jerri Lane: You dad possibly this week polyclinic next week again.

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Jerri Lane: Does it work, is it effective all of those there's more questions than answers. But those are kind of bright lights. If we're if we're thinking about it. So,

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Jerri Lane: These they both agreed with me. These are the three absolute must that have to happen for us to rehab some kind of a, of a return to what we may call new normal.

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Jerri Lane: Mainstream Association and John I think you mentioned Main Street association in passing, and your comments.

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Jerri Lane: Vida is a member of the mainstream Association, and we are one of 12 designated historic destinations in Washington state, but they did a really cool survey and we just got the results last week.

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Jerri Lane: They there are just a shortcut. You all can read, but there are approximately 30 million small businesses and the needs

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Jerri Lane: Business owners need financial assistance. No surprise there. They need penalty free expense extensions

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Jerri Lane: And the estimate. One of the questions on survey. What if we're closed for two months, three and a half million say we're probably at risk of closing permanently five months. Seven and a half million

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Jerri Lane: That's about 30% and when you look at the bottom number. It's really chilling 35.7 million employees at risk of unemployment.

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Jerri Lane: If this trickle down continues.

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Jerri Lane: And we don't see some some uptick

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Jerri Lane: Here's the second

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Jerri Lane: Report from that survey. It was really on point. So I included several of the statistics 75% there were 50 850 businesses who reported, I believe, who replied to the survey, including Bainbridge Island.

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Jerri Lane: 75% they've had at least 50% year over year revenue declined 57% 75% I spoke with Brendan McGill. I think most of you know him. He owns four restaurants very key.

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Jerri Lane: player in the restaurant and bar scene on our island, and despite all of his creative efforts. He's down 70% in revenue.

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Jerri Lane: And is really struggling to keep his head above water. I think all of you know he's the man who puts together the most creative programs and he's the Facebook guy and he does, he takes full advantage but

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Jerri Lane: So there's there's that I won't tell you his exact words when I asked him how things were going you, it's probably not ready for it to be recorded. But you can imagine it was three words. So I'll just leave it at that.

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Jerri Lane: So this is the third

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Jerri Lane: Result from the mainstream survey that the needs that small businesses are reporting. They need absolute. We all know this financial assistance. I've said this before penalty free expense extensions and

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Jerri Lane: Mainstream really lobbied hard that cares and future funding should prioritize business with with fewer than 20 employees.

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Jerri Lane: Because I think we all saw the fallout from those larger business just going in and scooping up so much of those of those funds. I don't know what the actual number is john may know, but I'm sure it's not 20 or less. I'm sure it's it's greater than that.

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Jerri Lane: And then we had hopes that the new stimulus funding would address not only just payroll but expenses like inventory and rent and so on.

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Jerri Lane: So economic scenarios. This is from a high level report, I got from the McKinsey report, which

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Jerri Lane: And this is just something for you all to think about if we have effective interventions, we're going to have a lot of problems, possibly the worst.

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Jerri Lane: If we have partially effective effective interventions we may have a banking crisis would be avoided and we could partially offset the economic damage and then

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Jerri Lane: effective interventions, obviously, is the highest and best option in these scenarios.

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Jerri Lane: I think what we're seeing now obviously I'm not going to draw any conclusions, but I think we're seeing a massive disconnect in the federal government and our United States.

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Jerri Lane: And so I have a concern about, you know, just with this sharing with this group. I'm not certain, where we fall on this, on this continuum. I'll leave it to you to make your own decision about that.

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Jerri Lane: Horizons for the future. I think for us as a community and for our city council in our city. We need to resolve in the account challenges as best we can. Cash Management critical. Then we get into the detailed work return to work.

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Jerri Lane: Maybe I think there's a small business recovery task forces being formed across industry segments that

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Jerri Lane: Scott James is putting together. So I think there'll be a lot of good good thought leaders, he'll be contributing to some of this.

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Jerri Lane: But we have to reimagine the new normal. I think no matter how much we may wish it. I don't think we're ever going to see a return to business as usual, as we knew it six weeks ago.

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Jerri Lane: And I think we've got to be certainly for our council in our city and for Biden chamber and other

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Jerri Lane: Organizations. We got to be totally clear about what are the regulations and how are we going to manage those

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Jerri Lane: If you're going to have people have to be six feet apart and limited access to our businesses as we start the slow reentry. How do we manage that are there ordinances. I mean, how does this all going to be

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Jerri Lane: Be managed so

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Jerri Lane: Just a couple things. This is a quick thing first and foremost we safeguard our lives.

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Jerri Lane: And secondly we safeguard our livelihoods and prepare scale to recovery and return to work safely how that gets done is going to take a ton of work by our council of my pie to city everybody Qaeda we're all going to have to be a part of these solutions as we move forward and

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Jerri Lane: The new normal. Who knows what it's going to look like. I think

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Jerri Lane: One thing I could mention to you after all of my research and I really wanted to bring something to the table for you also did a lot of a lot of

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Jerri Lane: Work on this. The, the true answer. It could have been one slide with four words on it. No one knows anything at this point, I could have saved you all a ton of time if I had started and ended with those four words because it's so true. At this moment, we do not know.

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Jerri Lane: Anything, and that was reinforced in my conversation today with University of Washington Medical and polyclinic

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Jerri Lane: Once like to flow out there. Before I finish, I'm going to pass this over to Mickey to to step in and talk a little bit about some initiatives that we've been doing

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Jerri Lane: But there's a there's a thought that maybe it could be an interesting thought to for the Council possibly to sponsor or we put together a a proclamation for a by Bainbridge support.

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Jerri Lane: Tomorrow day we've been noodling around with this and we could see that that could be something that would be interesting.

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Jerri Lane: To support the gift card program that Mickey's going to talk about. And, you know, maybe have the Council take a more forward position to the community saying, hey, here we are and we want to support you and here's, here's a way to we think it would be fun to do that.

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Jerri Lane: So that said, alternative Mickey and then we will take questions. So Vicki, take it away.

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Mickey Molnaire: Can you hear me.

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Mickey Molnaire: Okay, well, we've been one of the first things we did was

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Mickey Molnaire: Between both of us come up with a list of where of the status of the businesses.

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Mickey Molnaire: I just started out, we picked it up and share it. We did it together and we try to let the community know which businesses are open, which

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Michael Pollock: Is Mickey Mickey. I'm sorry to interrupt your kind of vibrating. I'm wondering if everybody's muted.

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Michael Pollock: It's, it's hard to hear you.

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Okay.

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Mickey Molnaire: Is this better.

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Mickey Molnaire: Can you hear me.

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Mickey Molnaire: I'm not muted on my end.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, Jerry. Maybe you could mute.

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Jerri Lane: To do that and not stop sharing

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Michael Pollock: Okay, um,

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Mickey Molnaire: I think you

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Mickey Molnaire: Are the host commute and everyone beside me. I'm all right here i am i right on top of my microphone.

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Mickey Molnaire: So we have a list between the downtown association of the chamber of is updated as we can keep it.

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Mickey Molnaire: Of the status of the businesses on the island are not just brick and mortars but anybody who's told us anything about what they're doing. If they're open if they're partially open with such as delivery or curbside pickups and those that are closed completely for the time being.

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Mickey Molnaire: We've also started a gift card program and through the USA Today, which is also the owner of the kiss Epsom and the Islander hidden and has a National Youth card.

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Mickey Molnaire: Directory, essentially, and we have about 40 businesses from members that are on that now.

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Mickey Molnaire: And there's another site coming up. It's still under construction. But it's going to be called Bainbridge bucks, which is going to also continue to have that list of

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Mickey Molnaire: Gift Card list of people who will have gift cards available on their websites or through phone calls and any other crowdsource funding.

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Mickey Molnaire: That's like Kiva or any other own GoFundMe or whatever people are doing on their own for some help. I've also just seen an

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Mickey Molnaire: Article I think it was from Joe about people using the 1200 dollars. They're getting from the government to help local businesses and there's a there's a program going on that as well, which we're tapping into

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Mickey Molnaire: We're helping people on social media. We're trying to promote.

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Mickey Molnaire: Take stories of their successful innovation and pivoting, and let's be up to help other businesses be encouraged.

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Mickey Molnaire: One of the places that takes place is big business connection, which is a unofficial networking group that meets on Friday mornings and now we're we're doing it on zoom

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Mickey Molnaire: And people sharing their successes and failures as far as keeping themselves going and coming up with new ideas and keep this been very helpful in that too.

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Mickey Molnaire: We've been working really hard to keep up with the information about the financial programs from the state and from the federal government as they enrolled and the SBA one change itself about three times before it finally was finalized.

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Mickey Molnaire: And so that it's been it's been amazing to have the key to webinars and also the association of Washington businesses has had a lot of good webinars on the same thing.

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Mickey Molnaire: Most. One thing I wanted to talk about that nobody's brought up yet, except about the unemployment in the tourism industry.

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Mickey Molnaire: The if one of security department of the State says that comparing March this year to March last year the requests for unemployment insurance have risen by 2,677%

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Mickey Molnaire: And they only began funding them this past Saturday on the 18th because they were trying to get their system in place to handle this amazing Whoa they anticipate that the unemployment caused by covert is going to be seven times that of the recession in 2008 2009

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Mickey Molnaire: So as you can see on Christine Mueller is continuing to monitor the tourism information and it's still pretty bleak.

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Mickey Molnaire: We are key by then and Chamber are working out a survey violent businesses, but we really feel it's a little too early to even survey them because they're just working too hard to stay alive.

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Mickey Molnaire: And we are part of this small business recovery task force that Scott James has put together.

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Mickey Molnaire: Chamber has been really busy curating resources and using pieces resources.

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Mickey Molnaire: And we're also starting to focus on people giving presentations about how to remote work from home and how to manage people working from home and how you need to change your thinking about your business to to show up differently when when we live.

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Mickey Molnaire: So that's kind of the

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Mickey Molnaire: Basic business of organization.

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Mickey Molnaire: So I'll take questions if anybody has

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you very much. Jerry and Mickey and thanks again to

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Rasham Nassar: Representatives from Keita, for joining us tonight, this has been really fascinating.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm just really impressed and very grateful to all of you for working so hard to stay on top of this and keep track of it, despite the enormous amount of uncertainty. I know that in terms of community response and what the community is

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Rasham Nassar: Kind of most anticipating and concerned about is the economic impacts especially related to our local Bainbridge Island economy but

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Rasham Nassar: trickling outward and I had a discussion with the city manager this path, I think it was last Thursday morning meeting and Mayor Steiner was president, where we discuss the trickle down effects.

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Rasham Nassar: Of the coven pandemic on a middle class families as well. So it's, we're starting to see the impacts kind of leaking out and and almost affecting us all.

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Rasham Nassar: At some level, some more than others, but I just want to thank you again for the important work that you're doing and for the time and effort you put into your presentations.

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Rasham Nassar: We will now turn over to questions and comments from council members council member deets. You had your hand up for a pink and then we'll go to COUNCILMEMBER Medina and then Pollock.

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Joe Deets: Okay thank you keep happening here and thank Thank you everybody for your presentations. This is incredibly helpful.

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Joe Deets: I've been trying to help Keita as much as I can and lazing with Jerry and Mickey and

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Joe Deets: I think this is what I want to see, we're not voting. Everything tonight, but I want to see the city give some strong emphasis on supporting the local businesses and we can do that.

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Joe Deets: members of council, such as myself can lend a hand because. Let's just face it, our local business community is absolutely essential. Here we have to do everything we can. And there's a number of things we can do.

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Joe Deets: One thing I really enjoy the, the key to webinar last Thursday john and Kathy. I came out of the fellow. He's an expert in sort of crisis management.

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Joe Deets: And he really helped solidify my thinking in as we're moving forward is think of what do you think of what the virus coven has not taken away.

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Joe Deets: Okay, there's some things that we still have and and and I don't want to get into this other than say there's some things that some strengths that Bainbridge has

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Joe Deets: That has not gone away, and we need to tap into that. And so I just want to say I want to give some renewed strong focus on what we can do as a city to support the community.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Thank you. I have two questions. First one is really quick, Jerry. Would you mind sharing your slides with me just email them to me. I'd like to have those stats from that survey to share with others.

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Jerri Lane: You bet. I'll even share the survey with you.

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Jerri Lane: It's very informative, and I, I believe, Christine mentioned that this my presentation would be summer but I'd like I'll be glad to send any of my resources to you just anyone, please let me know and I'll be glad to do that.

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Kol Medina: Thank you.

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Kol Medina: Jerry, you had sent us an email yesterday or sometime recently linking to some ways that other cities are helping or trying to help businesses.

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Kol Medina: And one of those links was two ways city of Seattle is helping and in that list of ways that Seattle City of Seattle is helping his business loan program.

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Kol Medina: Right, that's run through the city. What city funding. I don't know the details of how that works.

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Kol Medina: But I'm really interested in the idea of Bainbridge Island trying to do something like that as well. That'd be really hard for our babies to stand up, because we don't have any staff to do something like that. We're not in the business of doing anything like that.

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Kol Medina: So if we were to do that. I think we have two hurdles. One is, where's the money come from and the other hurdle is who who would implement because we don't have staff on board to implement something like that.

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Kol Medina: So the first one would be a discussion. I think we're starting next week about city finances and what can that look like and I hope this is part of that discussion.

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Kol Medina: The second and I'm just speaking is one council member, obviously, you know, Morgan will be the one to weigh in on this more than me, but

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Kol Medina: I think would require some outside help. And I wonder if any of you on this call as leaders of business serving organizations.

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Kol Medina: Might be able to help us implement a program like that. And I'm not looking for an answer right now. But the question I do have in relation to everything I just said is

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Kol Medina: If the city were to try to do some sort of loan program or some sort of grant program for local businesses.

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Kol Medina: What kind of money, would it take to actually really be helpful.

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Kol Medina: It can, it can someone just spit balling number because we're not talking about \$100,000 we're not talking about a million dollars. I think whatever something much more than that. So like can anyone just like throw out a number

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Jerri Lane: I, not that I will be happy to a two things I'll be happy to reach out to Seattle and get details on how they administer their lawn their loan program.

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Jerri Lane: You know, I cannot. I couldn't give you a number at this moment, I think it might be premature to even know what that number might look like if depending on how long were shut down.

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Jerri Lane: You know, it's a time continuum, as well as a number

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Kol Medina: Sure. JOHN I mean you guys have 1000 applications, you must have some sense of a knee right

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John Powers: The need is unbelievable. Someone mentioned earlier the unemployment claims are thousands of times greater or thousand X multiple

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John Powers: Kathy mentioned earlier, if she's on the line. I think there were two or three dozen

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John Powers: Applications for the governor's working Washington small business emergency grant, not knowing that's just \$10,000 which is maybe a bridge to the next step in someone's response in recovery. It's not a total solution.

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John Powers: How many of the Bainbridge Island apps might end up with an award from Department of Commerce. I don't know today.

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John Powers: But there's a starting point. We know there's 30 or more small businesses out here that have taken the time to sit down and explain the impact on their business. What they would do with that fund.

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John Powers: What their go forward plans are. That's a starting point. But even a 10,000 you'd be looking at 200,250 you know \$300,000. That's a big number for a community of this size and I'm saying it couldn't be done, but

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John Powers: To get it to scale and to serve everyone's needs. And those are just the ones that applied, you know, 10 days ago. How many more would apply on top of that, I don't know.

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Kol Medina: AND JOHN I think I heard Kathy say 19% of the applications were from Bainbridge Island.

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John Powers: Maybe that's what she yeah

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Kathy Cocus: Yeah 19%

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Kol Medina: And so let's let's just use round numbers so 1000 applications 19% that's 190 from Bainbridge all asking for 10,000 each that's basically \$2 million right there.

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Rasham Nassar: Number Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Hey, well, I just wanted to echo the comments. Thank you for the information

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Michael Pollock: I'm going to be really interested to hear about the Bainbridge box. And I know Mickey, you had sent out information about that.

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Michael Pollock: And I spent most of the day today actually looking at the energy costs of food production and really trying to dig into some of the numbers related to to the

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Michael Pollock: Kind of relate local production in this case, food, but about economic activity and the context of what what the energy costs are

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Michael Pollock: Related to local production versus sort of a less local production, you know, overseas or from California and stuff, but the, the idea is really to kind of help develop a

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Michael Pollock: Economy, that would favor local producers and would and potentially also be coincidental with the idea of reducing our kind of collective carbon footprint, so I you know I

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Michael Pollock: And there's not a solution like there but I you know that that's obviously a parent, but it's just as we're kind of trying to juggle with this economic recovery and then the larger question of kind of reducing our carbon footprint. The idea of giving a, you know,

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Michael Pollock: Having a a legal way that to favor local businesses, you know, it struck me that there might be something to work with. There. So we don't. So we do end up helping the small local businesses, more so than the than the chain stores that maybe have a little more economic or financial

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Michael Pollock: Backup. So anyway, just wanted to share that if I can figure out a way to do that. If you have any ideas how to incorporate that kind of thinking into

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Michael Pollock: Economic Assistance that should be interested in hearing more about that.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets. You still have your hand up. Did you want to given you want to go now and again

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Joe Deets: Yeah, why not, because this is important, folks, this is very, very important. We're talking about our community here at really at stake.

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Joe Deets: Thankfully, knock on wood, the medical issue.

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Joe Deets: Is stabilized, but the economic issue is catastrophic and just very quickly. I think my colleague Cole was asking, you're mentioning, kind of, what is the scale of the damage and its many millions of dollars so

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Joe Deets: We will do we should do everything we can to get federal and state assistance, but that is no way where we can get that kind of funding from state and federal assistance here, but we do have the wherewithal within our community. We have a lot of folks.

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Joe Deets: Who are getting 1200 dollars stimulus checks.

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Joe Deets: Who can easily

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Joe Deets: Pledge to spend that money local. So I sent

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Joe Deets: An email to Mike to all of you, just like an hour before the meeting.

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Joe Deets: It's just one thing to start redirecting monies that are in our community to stay in in the community. And so this is all part of to me a new marketing plan that we need to

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Joe Deets: Put in play and we need to do it. I'll say time is of the essence, because the longer this goes on the more businesses are going to fail. So I just, again, want to emphasize, I'm here to do everything I can.

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Joe Deets: And and i think my colleagues will feel the same way. So thank you everybody for everything you're doing but we got a lot to do.

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Joe Deets: And I lower my hand.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you. Councilmember deets. Councilmember Medina. Your hand is up.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, thank you. Hey, I really like a counselor call saying there if we do find a way to

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Kol Medina: Create some sort of city funding program of some variety

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Kol Medina: I'd be very game having a conversation about how we can target that in specific ways to try to facilitate what we think a better new normal would be in the future. So I really appreciate those comments.

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Rasham Nassar: That would certainly be supportive of that as well. And I think Jerry in somewhere in your presentation, you touched on.

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Rasham Nassar: Possible proclamation that the City Council might want to consider passing. Just to give this a little bit more emphasis

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Rasham Nassar: And certainly agree that there is a way to tie it into climate change. I hear a lot from not only our local community, but kind of the more global community.

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Rasham Nassar: Which is saying this is this is really an opportunity for us to make that shift that our world via climate change is asking us to make. And we can do that by making sure that when we make decisions about where to

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Rasham Nassar: Allocate financial assistance dollars that we're doing it to smaller businesses with climate change in mind sustainability in mind and such. So

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Rasham Nassar: I'm Gerry if along with the information and the presentation that you've presented here tonight, submit that to the full Council, I think everyone here would be interested in receiving that and I would encourage us council members to maybe consider

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Rasham Nassar: Thinking about possible proclamation or resolution or or or something. I would certainly be happy to work with one one or two of my fellow colleagues on that.

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Rasham Nassar: Perhaps we can have a quick discussion on that during go to the order tonight or pick it up at our meeting next week, but I'm certainly supportive of that. And again, just want to say thank you to all of the presenters tonight has been very, very interesting and very important discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: So are there any final comments, any of you want to make Mickey Jerry John Kathy. Any last words before we move on from this discussion tonight.

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Jerri Lane: I think we've

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Jerri Lane: Got it. Thank you all so much.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great.

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Mickey Molnaire: Thank you very much.

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Rasham Nassar: Very much. Okay. All right. I'm going to take that to mean we are okay to move on.

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Rasham Nassar: Thanks again, everyone. Let me just pull up

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Rasham Nassar: Still getting used to the dual screen here.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, moving on in our agenda. The next item is item five a

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Rasham Nassar: Process to fill the city council South ward vacancy. I do want to touch and really quickly. I just want to check in with you, council member Hi topless.

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Rasham Nassar: I you'd mentioned prior to the start of the meeting that you might need to leave early. And so I just wanted to

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Rasham Nassar: See if Council might be amenable to switching the order of of our council discussion items, depending on if you if you would like. If you are planning to leave the meeting early tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: And if you can unmute

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, I'm trying to stick it out. I really bad headache, like I said in a fever, but I'm tries to get to the end. So what would we need to switch

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Rasham Nassar: Well, we added an item five be which was an item that you suggested, adding to the agenda and it just

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Rasham Nassar: It just occurred to me that I should have offered that earlier in our agenda because you've expressed that you weren't feeling well and and I just wanted to

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Rasham Nassar: Just want to bring that up so happy you're still with us. And I guess we'll move on to what is our true five A the process to fill the city council South forward. They can see and I'm going to turn it over to our Mayor Leslie Schneider.

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Leslie Schneider: Alright folks, um,

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Leslie Schneider: So we have an attachment in our packet. And I'm wondering, I don't know that I need to try to bring this up. Do I mean we all have it.

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Leslie Schneider: So the bottom line is we now know what we didn't know a week ago that we have 10 applicants, which is exactly what we had the last time around two years ago.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: The there's kind of some quick math in your head that you know needs to happen a little bit to figure out, we're

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Leslie Schneider: Trying the, the proposal here is to have one study session meeting on May 5 that gets us down to five candidates.

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Leslie Schneider: And that's going to be a fairly long meeting, right, because if you have five minutes for each of the candidates and then you have a question from each council member to each candidate that's going to that's going to make make for a long meeting.

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Leslie Schneider: So then we get down to five and then on the second meeting we go through, as you know, as, as many rounds as it takes to come up with

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Leslie Schneider: A majority Morgan. I see your hand. I'll give you, I'll give it back to you here.

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Leslie Schneider: So yeah, let me. Why don't I just turn it over to the city manager. Thank you.

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Morgan Smith: I just wanted to make sure we stay on the same page.

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Morgan Smith: The process for us last time in this outline and the attachment is that you would leave the first round with three finalists, not five. So I just don't want to confuse people there.

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Leslie Schneider: It says

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Morgan Smith: Five. I'M LOOKING AT Attachment and that's the way we did it last time. So I'm glad that we're sorting this out so that we often know what you're aiming for.

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Morgan Smith: We can do it either way. But let's just make sure everybody has a shared understanding of which way you're going and then I also just wanted to contribute.

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Morgan Smith: That I've talked to the clerk quite a bit and her review of last time, which I know many of the folks on this call.

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Morgan Smith: Were around for it seems really ambitious to do 10 candidates in one night, but we did it in 2018 and under four hours, including the Council deliberation. So the math. You can use is that it's it ended up if we're if we're no more chatty than we were two years ago, then

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Morgan Smith: Slides slot for each of the 10 folks.

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Morgan Smith: That part took about three hours and change. And then the Council deliberated for about a half an hour and they came out and just 10 or 15 minutes was able to fill out the balance.

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Morgan Smith: So I know that 10 sounds like a lot. It sounds like, wow, we'll be here all night.

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Morgan Smith: But at least the last time it was able to be a pretty effective, efficient meeting. So I just wanted to throw that out, but we should, as a point of clarification, talk about because the documents. I'm looking at, say, taking three people out

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Morgan Smith: After the first or, you know, moving three people forward from the first round is better way to say that. And I'm not sure. Maybe there's something on the agenda, build a slightly different. So I'll

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, it is.

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Leslie Schneider: It is different on the agenda, Bill, the last bullet under may 5 says top five candidates based on point system or declared finalists.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, um,

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Leslie Schneider: Then we did. We did do that last time we had five

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Morgan Smith: finalists at the misreading it so all of the confusion is in my box.

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Leslie Schneider: No worries.

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Leslie Schneider: So anyway, since we have a lot of folks who were here. The last time around.

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Leslie Schneider: I think it's probably useful to go ahead and ask some other folks. So I've got two hands up here for Michael Pollack Kiersten and call Michael, do you wanna

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, just a, just a quick thing. Um, I think, actually, this came through to Joe that I'm one of the examples I think the sun had offered if he said he didn't want to participate, so that it does not knock us down to nine.

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Leslie Schneider: Me see if it's formal

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Michael Pollock: Okay, okay. Well, he was kind of asking at least what I saw was, how do I, what's the process for formally withdrawing. And so anyway, I just, you know, the math works out a little differently. That's all.

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Michael Pollock: pretty minor point really

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Leslie Schneider: Rush. Am I can turn it back over to you to

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Leslie Schneider: Take questions.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Sounds good. So I guess we're just looking for feedback from council members. I'm related to what we've heard tonight about how to structure the process.

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Rasham Nassar: And you might have already said this, but I just want I want to touch on the on the proposed date to start the process Morgan, didn't we agree that we would start that at the first meeting in May.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, because

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Morgan Smith: That we talked about last week was to do this. If we stick with doing it on one night, which I think is feasible that we would use may 5 and that Tuesday. That's already scheduled for that night.

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Morgan Smith: At this point I have business. I want to bring to you on the 28th. And I business. I know I want to bring to you on the 12th.

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Morgan Smith: But I have the ability, as far as I can tell, to leave the fifth largely open for this work if that's something that you if that's the way you want to do it.

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Morgan Smith: The other thing I would point out, that's really important about this process that I want to make sure our council is comfortable with and supportive of

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Morgan Smith: Is that both nights, the first round, and the second round begin with Council taking action to make a formal motion and approve.

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Morgan Smith: By vote that the process that you outline that's in the that would be in that packet and the draft is here is the process that you'll use

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Morgan Smith: That just gives a lot of transparency and clarity for the candidates in the community about the structure that you're in and how the evening will go forward.

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Morgan Smith: And so we've recreated that in the proposal, it's here with you today, but I just want to highlight that because that's that to me was a really important part of the structure last time, so

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great. Um. Thanks, Morgan. So, um, let's just turn

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Rasham Nassar: Um, I don't know who's Hannah was first, but I'm going to go with the Council of our high top list because you're at the top of the list.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah. So I was just wondering about the the necessity of a one question per council member per candidate versus the opportunity was that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Structured with pre arranged questions so Romans going through the motions of asking questions. Was that ad hoc at what was that mean do we need to do that.

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Rasham Nassar: I can. I'll take a crack at that. And then if another council member wants to add that would be, that'd be great to um

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Rasham Nassar: It was mostly ad hoc. So the, quote, as I recall and COUNCILMEMBER Medina might be more adept at answering this question, since you as the mayor at the time he facilitated this process.

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Rasham Nassar: But I do recall just asking the questions that seem pertinent to what to the council member that was posing the question.

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Rasham Nassar: To the candidate and the questions varied across the board, so I I don't recall asking the same question to the same candidate some council members stuck with the same question. Others changed their question.

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Rasham Nassar: To suit the candidate question things related to materials that they enter information they provided in their resume or application.

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Rasham Nassar: And things of that nature. It just gives the, I think it just provides the council members and opportunity to learn a little bit more about the candidate from a, from an angle that they feel is important to their decision as to who they would ultimately like to support and

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Rasham Nassar: I'm happy to call if you wanted to add anything to that, I'm happy to let you do that unless is Carson. Did you have another question that you wanted to get in first before we

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Know, in case I'm not gonna speak again, I would just say, I would advocate for starting earlier than five. Since we probably all can if we're going to go for hours. But otherwise, yeah. I would definitely like to know about like

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I feel like to hear Cole's opinion anybody else's opinion on on how important is that we have, you know, six individual questions per candidate.

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Kol Medina: Oh yeah, definitely, where

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Kol Medina: Your memory is correct or at least I have the same memory. You and I are on the same page.

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Kol Medina: And no cancer. I talk to us, at least not with me there. There was no kind of coordination amongst council members of the questions in advance, and we were all asking our own questions.

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Kol Medina: I think a counselor should feel free to pass if they don't want to. I mean, it is a lot of questions to go. I mean that's 60 I guess it's 54 now questions that will be asked, but personally I'd like to keep that opportunity open for myself.

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Kol Medina: And should I move on to why I have my hand raised.

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, go ahead.

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Kol Medina: I hope we can all i hope you don't have to have a long discussion about how the process is laid out here.

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Kol Medina: I know it's a lot of words and it sounds very complicated, but it actually worked really well. Last time I thought, and we'll have

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Kol Medina: People, it was Robbie last time. I don't know if it'll be Ravi. This time or Joe or Christina, or whoever the whole team there.

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Kol Medina: guiding us through this and making sure we're following the rules, so we don't have to be making sure we're doing it right. Like they'll be guiding us through it and it worked well last time. So I hope we can just all agree to do it the way it's outline

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Kol Medina: My only concern about it is the dates last time I'm, I'm pretty sure we did not do these during regular council meetings, I think we had special Council meetings to do these

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Kol Medina: Are at least one of them, and I would be game to do these I'm just special counsel do them on a Thursday night or whatever and not try to pile it on top of one of our regular meetings. I know that's extra meetings for us all. But I'd be game for that if the rest of your

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Morgan Smith: Can, can I just weigh in on that my thinking on round one was literally, as I said,

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Morgan Smith: In the absence of changes from the governor's order in the work that I anticipate doing with you on the 28th and on the 12th. I think there's an opportunity on the fifth to just make use of that time for this.

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Morgan Smith: If we had a second day to get together to have the Council meeting, it might only be like 20 minutes of the pro forma of the mayor's report and

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Morgan Smith: An update that wasn't very meaningful. So we could do that if you want to really designate the Council vacancy consideration as its own entity. I just want you to understand the right now. The fifth looks really

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Morgan Smith: Now on for round two. I think we can make that call when we get there. I definitely know that there'll be work that I want the Council to be ready to do as a Council meeting on the 12th. So we can think about a different date for round two of the candidates like

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Kol Medina: Yeah, I'd like I think we should just do that. I think there are a lot of important topics that many of us are chomping at the bit to start talking about next month, and I don't want to have that time shortchange because we know we

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Kol Medina: We have this at the end of the meeting. So personally, I just put forward like may 14 I'm just throwing a date out the Thursday after

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Rasham Nassar: And I'm okay with that.

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Rasham Nassar: And I think city manager. I think you're agreeing that we could approach scheduling from that, from that way to maintaining the

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Rasham Nassar: The item on what the fifth the fifth for the first round, and then moving it often normal so

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Morgan Smith: Sorry, I know it's cumbersome that maybe we could just spit ball on availability by a hand raise for that night for that second week, so if everyone gets caught sort of say, what's a, what's a availability for Monday the

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Morgan Smith: 11th.

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Leslie Schneider: Good. Could I just ask a question. If we're going to do a Tuesday, May 5, why not just have again that week. I mean, why do we need to separate it by a week, right, we could come back that Thursday for a special meeting and call it done, or if there was any reason why it needed to

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Leslie Schneider: You know, I mean, we're going to have to stick to meetings in one week anyway.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah.

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Leslie Schneider: Don't need to separate them by time.

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Morgan Smith: For my perspective that works well. I'll let you guys weigh in on that.

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Rasham Nassar: You're going to council members have concerns about that, about having the two. The two meetings scheduled, the first week of May.

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Morgan Smith: Be the fifth, and the night

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Rasham Nassar: I mean not

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Morgan Smith: No, no, no.

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Morgan Smith: Not at all helpful tonight.

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Rasham Nassar: So the fifth, and the seven says that if we can make that happen with the Council be agreeable to that right. Does anyone have any conflicts or anything.

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Leslie Schneider: And I have a conflict with the virtual happy hour at Office expense, but

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Leslie Schneider: I could

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Leslie Schneider: I could find out if I could be

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. All right. So I think, I think we've pin that down pending further discussion. There are a number of hands raised. Joe, we haven't heard from you yet on this. So why don't we go to you.

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Joe Deets: Thank you, Deputy Mayor just everything sounds good. I do have a quick question, unless I missed this. Are we talking about a virtual meeting meeting or a physical meeting.

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Morgan Smith: Virtual we'd have to plan for it to be virtual per the governor's orders for the time being, so

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Morgan Smith: And the other thing I think is worth discussing as you guys go around the table and give feedback is if we accelerate round two into the first week of May and schedule it for the seventh

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Morgan Smith: Would you then want to plan to have the new council member take their oath on the 12th and join you at that meeting, rather than the 19

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Rasham Nassar: Trying to look at everyone's face at the same time it's i get i think i'm reading general agreement.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I topless. Right. Well, having just run you know we like, will they both just ran recently. Um, well, Leslie did do.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I don't know, I think, you know, it's kind of a big deal for someone to get up to get appointed this position, and I mean maybe ask them if they'd like to join the next week or give them another week to gotta get ready and

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Leslie Schneider: I

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Have them. I just wouldn't want to necessarily run them through a boom, boom, boom. Now you're on Tuesday.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If it wasn't needed

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, I mean, this is a big deal. I agree.

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Michael Pollock: And we're representing the entire community and I just kind of want to keep that in the forefront that

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Michael Pollock: There's people that are going to have opinions, there's going to be time for the council member candidates to digested. I mean, it might be

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Michael Pollock: Some of them after one round of grilling from us. They're going to withdraw, who knows. So I don't see any particular benefit to rushing through a process and slamming someone in especially now because we're in in

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Michael Pollock: Covert country, I guess. And so we're not making a lot of big decisions right now. So I would just

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Michael Pollock: I don't want to, you know, obviously we don't want to delay things. But I think that giving a little bit of time to process.

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Michael Pollock: The, the candidates. I think that there's some wisdom in that. So I would, I don't, you know, again, what a delay it, but I don't think that we just need to rush through and have somebody on board before they've even

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Michael Pollock: Whether they really want to do it or not.

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Michael Pollock: Just throw it out there think about

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Leslie Schneider: That COUNCILMEMBER Polycorn, not sure I understood what your suggestion is, is your suggestion to not have those two meetings in that first week of May, or something else.

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Michael Pollock: Well, now that's a good question. I mean, we right we have a Tuesday meeting and then

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Michael Pollock: You know, they're going to be digesting the experience as well as us. And so

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Michael Pollock: I mean, it sort of depends how it goes. I mean, maybe from, you know, who knows who's going to, if anybody else is going to even withdraw or something but

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, it might be that we'd want a little bit more time to let them and us digest the comments and get some feedback from constituents and kind of have it a little bit more of a

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Michael Pollock: Democratic process. You know, we all, we all went through a process that was you might argue with somewhat painfully long but you know we spent months in front of the Community.

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Michael Pollock: Selling our ideas and competing and stuff. So, you know, to me, spending a little bit of time to allow

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Michael Pollock: A little bit more of a public discourse doesn't seem like a bad idea.

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Michael Pollock: That's I don't have like a specific boom boom timeline. I just, it's more of a philosophy, I guess.

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Rasham Nassar: So member, Tina.

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Kol Medina: Just a quick response.

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Kol Medina: I think you're making a good point. Elsewhere Pollock, there isn't really a need to rush it.

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Kol Medina: I'm totally fine. Doing the second meeting in the week of May 12 I'm fine with that.

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Rasham Nassar: How does folks feel at this point I'm considering COUNCILMEMBER Pollux comments.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm I'm feeling like the Council's now leaning towards scheduling that special meeting the second Thursday of the month.

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Kol Medina: Can I, can I just throw out a mini middle idea. Sorry to recognize but

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Kol Medina: It doesn't have to be a Thursday, right, it does seem a little odd to have the first interview on the fifth and then wait till the 14th. I mean, they're having to wait around for nine days. That's a long time.

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Kol Medina: We can do it on the Monday, for instance, like the 11th something in the middle that feels better to people.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That Monday that for what it's worth, sorry.

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Rasham Nassar: How

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Do

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Michael Pollock: I'm just sitting around home most days. So I'm pretty flexible.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so what what if MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, and I discuss

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Rasham Nassar: I'm hearing is councils preferred dates we put it in email and have the city clerk. Take a final

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Rasham Nassar: A final read from everyone.

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Rasham Nassar: As to what did that Monday would work thing that's Monday, May 11 for the second meeting. And then we we would schedule it

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Rasham Nassar: That way. Does that sound okay to everyone.

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Morgan Smith: Could I just make a suggestion. If it seems to me like almost everybody has confirmed, they're available and we'd like to let the candidates know and make sure they can plan their availability.

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Morgan Smith: So if anybody discovers they have a conflict with the 11th, can you please let Christina and I know as soon as possible, but otherwise we'll assume that everybody's good so I work

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Rasham Nassar: What what time would that be are we talking about

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Rasham Nassar: Five o'clock.

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Rasham Nassar: Monday the 11th.

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Morgan Smith: Well, I did that first one to go back to the council member topless. I'm sorry, she's trying to speak. I'll just say quickly.

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Morgan Smith: I agree that you should try and start earlier for that first one, knowing that it will be lengthy, but on the special meeting. I don't know that it will go hours, an hour so

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: So the Tuesday at four and then the Monday at five.

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The 11th.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER high topless. Do you want to add anything

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: No, that's fine. I mean, I go even earlier if we're going to go for it quickly go for hours, potentially be, I don't know, other people's schedules are I mean that goes to release three

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: On the first meeting, but I'm definitely please start at five on the second one that will help with my conflict which would otherwise have me in, zoom meetings like for many hours in a row. So thank you.

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Morgan Smith: Okay, so if you guys are comfortable with this. I'll have the clerk send an email tomorrow that outlines it so everyone can see it in writing and make sure that you're good with it.

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Morgan Smith: But the baseline plan will be that we will devote the fifth of May to round one of the candidates, we will start at 4pm

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Morgan Smith: And then on Monday, the 11th of May, we will have a special meeting for the second round, and the selection of the candidates and that will be starting at five.

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Morgan Smith: And the presumption will be that, then that's the 11th, that the Council member would be sworn in on the following Tuesday, which would be the 19th as planned.

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Morgan Smith: And join that meeting so well lol that in an email. And if you guys could just carefully. Check your calendars and make sure that that works for you. That would be great. So it sounds. Correct.

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Morgan Smith: OK.

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Rasham Nassar: OK, I see a number of hands.

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Rasham Nassar: Morgan. Did you want to add anything at this time or

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: I just had one more question for all of us. I

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Leslie Schneider: I don't care how how we respond, but it occurred to me that as we are going through the different rounds of voting, it is possible that we could

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Leslie Schneider: Come up with

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Leslie Schneider: You know,

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Leslie Schneider: A majority of votes for a particular candidate prior to the, the final rounds here. So I guess my question just to what are the pros and cons of sticking with all the rounds.

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Leslie Schneider: Regardless of whether we come up with a majority ahead of that or not. And I'm fine, whatever we decide. I just wanted us to acknowledge that

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Leslie Schneider: You know, we might rally.

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Leslie Schneider: Around a particular candidate.

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Rasham Nassar: And I think that's good to keep in mind, and it did, it does remind me of a

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Rasham Nassar: Question I had relating to laugh and that we did this and this is a question from the city attorney Joe I recall the last time, and correct me if I'm wrong.

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Rasham Nassar: Color Joe

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Rasham Nassar: We didn't retreat to executive session during which it breaks right from open session.

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Rasham Nassar: To Executive Session. I know this is something that I brought up with the city manager at the agenda setting meeting is that feasible with via this format. Is that something that we're going to be allowed to do virtually

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Joe Levan: We'll have to figure out a way to do that but that allows you to evaluate the candidates as part of the that discussion happens in Executive Session. So maybe we do that through some other ways.

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Morgan Smith: We've given it some thought we we can support with that.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, great.

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Joe Levan: And just, just to answer the question to customer Schneider there the process does contemplate situations where there could be

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Joe Levan: One winner. When Kennedy, the kind of with a number of votes stands out. So it would it would be a process that would be quicker if that happens.

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Leslie Schneider: Okay, so we wouldn't be violating our process. Then if we should land on a candidate sooner than what this process lays out

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Morgan Smith: I think just to clarify what she's asking, Joe, because this came up in our agenda meeting last week. I think what the mayor's alluding to is, if that happened in the first round in the second round.

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Morgan Smith: It's kind of clear how that works.

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Joe Levan: Right. That's right. So it could happen in the second round, but not the first round, because the first round, you're going to narrow down to five.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay Council over here topless. Your hand is raised, do you

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Rasham Nassar: Have any further comments to share

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So what happened. What happens if one person in the first round is our all of our first choice that's kind of are we then trotting people through a process and it in a kind of not

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just wondering

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Joe Levan: Well, I think when just in terms of

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Joe Levan: As Morgan said earlier that the process. The first thing you will do as part of this is to adopt emotion.

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Joe Levan: That lays out the process and that that you're going to go by that process. But if something like that happens.

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Joe Levan: You could have another motion to say, okay, based on what we've done with the votes gone. We're going to revise our process to deal with that. But I mean, that's probably the just, you know, some of the chance that could happen, but it's probably quite unlikely, but if it does that is an option.

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Morgan Smith: And I guess to this came up in our meeting last week. And the other point that I would throw out there is that it aligns with what COUNCILMEMBER Pollock was saying a few minutes ago.

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Morgan Smith: If you want is an important decision if you want the opportunity to see people more than once. If you want the community to have a clear understanding of how you're going to move through that selection.

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Morgan Smith: I think it's, it behooves you to give weight to going through a two step process if it's, if that's what you articulate at the beginning.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, I'm COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: I'm glad we're having this discussion. I think it's a really important point.

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Kol Medina: Morning you raise a good point there.

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Kol Medina: But on the other hand, if there are, if it just magically happens that we take the vote on the first day and all six of us give first place in our voting to the same person.

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Kol Medina: I certainly understand the Bennett. The, the reasons why we wouldn't want to still go to a second round the things you just stated city manager.

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Kol Medina: But on the other hand, is that fair to any of those people to make them go and go through a second round of kind of maybe just humiliation, because they know they're just going to lose at the end of it. I mean, these

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Kol Medina: Things are hard for me to away, but I think we need to have a clear understanding going in, of what what the answer is not just, you know,

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Kol Medina: Kind of make a change, the motion on the day I think we got to have a clear understanding of what it's going to be so I'm glad we're having the discussion.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER had topless.

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Rasham Nassar: Can you

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Try to be good and unmute or mute. I would say that I would not at all feel comfortable asking people to move forward. If we go to that situation. I can't imagine changing my mind about that. I think that would be very uncomfortable for them.

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Rasham Nassar: So what I'm hearing is is

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Rasham Nassar: Is that, sorry. Mayor started this is, I just want to make this point so we can

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Rasham Nassar: Kind of come to some agreement, I think, I think we all agree with that. It makes total sense. It's the kind and respectful thing to do. So if there's some way to

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Rasham Nassar: Frame the process such that if that is the case.

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Rasham Nassar: We can make a decision that night. We won't need to host that special meeting that we've tentatively scheduled for the 11th of May.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm agreeable to that is city manager Smith, you have some words you want to share about that.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I think we could just add a phrase at the bottom of point four on that page that describes that because it anticipates all the way out to if you had a tie for the highest vote getter.

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Morgan Smith: What would happen and we can just add something to that that articulate that if and I'll just borrow the example you use because I think that's probably the only hypothetical that meets this, I hear you saying meets your threshold.

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Morgan Smith: That if

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Morgan Smith: The highest vote getter was by unanimous.

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Morgan Smith: Ballot that that person would would be selected. And if you articulated in this and the motion is as written that these are the processes, the process, you're going to use

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Morgan Smith: Then in the event that you would arrive at that outcome you would have already said this is if that outcome happens, then we're just done. So if that's the scenario that you want to anticipate would mean that you would not go to a second round, we can just write that into this

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Leslie Schneider: And I make it

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Leslie Schneider: A quick point. So I'm playing devil's advocate to myself right now. So yes, let's say that we all have, you know, unanimous consent on a first on a first pick

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Leslie Schneider: In my thought my suggestion is that we not just automatically take that as a decision, moving forward, but that we

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Leslie Schneider: agree amongst ourselves that yes we have arrived at a decision we are comfortable with it. And the reason I'm throwing that out there is

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Leslie Schneider: What if in Council members minds. There's a really close tie between two candidates and of course we have to make a decision to, you know, pick up a one, two, and a three. So there might be

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Leslie Schneider: Two or three of us who, you know, just barely made the decision to vote for one so I'm over complicating things I know I'm I'm playing devil's advocate to my own suggestion, but

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Leslie Schneider: A thought being just that we pause and say, looks like we have a number one candidate by unanimous agreement here. Do we want to

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Leslie Schneider: second guess ourselves and give candidates. Another chance or are we good with our decision.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Medina.

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Kol Medina: Yeah, maybe that's over complicating things a little bit, but I think I like the idea i think i get i get the point of it. I mean, one way we could handle that would be, we add in the sense that city manager suggesting for this hypothetical

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Kol Medina: And a second sentence that goes with that hypothetical could be that you know it. In this scenario, the Council will

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Kol Medina: Break for another executive session to discuss it and then we can we can we can discuss it and we can discuss the very issue you're raising. Are we are actually really comfortable. This person is very much the best person. Let's just do it. Or would we like to bring another one in

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Morgan Smith: I think what I'd like to protect on your behalf, is that everybody who's interested whether it's the candidate, the applicants or the community understands what the likelihood is or what the what might happen.

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Morgan Smith: And so maybe what we'll do is, what if we just added the phrase that describes the scenario. If somebody gets unanimous, you know, the ballot is receives number one.

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Morgan Smith: Ballot by unanimous vote, the Council will consider

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Morgan Smith: Whether that candidate will be selected and voting will end and then you can do just as you described, you can go to Executive Session. You guys can

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Morgan Smith: Do that but then everybody has been it's been forecast that you might make that decision or you might not. And then that leaves you the latitude.

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Morgan Smith: Okay. Okay, I'll try and write that in a way that looks good.

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Morgan Smith: Would you get another look at this next week for under future Council agendas these materials since that'll be what comes forward on the first week of May, would it be worth seeing this again with just that change.

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Rasham Nassar: I, I would prefer that I see some nodding heads. So if that's if that's possible and as an actor too much to your workload city manager. I think we'd appreciate that.

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Rasham Nassar: Great.

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Morgan Smith: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: So are there any other questions, comments, thoughts on this agenda topic.

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Rasham Nassar: Alright, so we will move on.

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Rasham Nassar: At the start of the meeting. We added a new agenda item for discussion tonight. It was proposed by account number hi topless. It's our new item five be and it is a discussion virtual COUNCILMEMBER office hours and town halls and COUNCILMEMBER high topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yeah, hi. Thanks, everybody. I'm I know what I have to be joking about this, but I feel like based on the time that we gave this topic before and the outcome that it seemed like we'd arrived on

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That for just for good counsel management relationships purposes, we should address it and and that is that you know that this that this past weekend. There was another town hall.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I understand that that was. I mean, I haven't seen anything that came out from the council members involved. That was her sham and Michael that called it a town hall.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But the only announcement that I saw that, I think we medical received from wrong Peltier was called it a town hall and had an agenda.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Topic three topics and, you know, again, I don't want to be petty about this, but I think we had a conversation. It seemed like there was some agreement there wasn't a formal vote, but that it was

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: You know the conversation was around the idea that when we call something a town hall and we have I, you know, agenda items, etc.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Especially a time when the full Council is having very little ability to do a lot of work and outreach.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That it takes on a significance that suggests that it's something more than office hours, and it seemed like we'd arrived at a consensus that office hours, made a lot of sense right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But things called town halls should be Council sanctioned and and and and advertised by the city.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: As someone would expect someone who, you know, so this would hear about a town hall. They think it was a city function.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That was city section and planned and I would note that we did receive. Well, I mean, I saw at least probably all saw a response from one citizen to Ron's email.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: asking, well, why is it. Let's see. I actually wrote this down. Why is the city not notifying all islanders of this quote unquote meeting, rather than you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so I, to me at least, that indicates, you know, some evidence of the fact that this is confusing. And I just wondered whether we should have more of a formal

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Question about this where we actually all need to weigh in and buy in or not and know where we all stand on this issue. So that's all

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Rasham Nassar: Okay see number of hands, have just gone up. I'm going to go to council member council member Pollock, because I think I saw your hand shoot up first.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, sure. Well, since we have this

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Michael Pollock: We, we did

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Michael Pollock: I came out as a town hall meeting. I'm not really sure what we're discussing really that has anything to do with the Council, per se.

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Michael Pollock: You know, we have

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Michael Pollock: A constitutional right to speak. We have it's in our state constitution as well as the US Constitution of freedom of association, freedom of assembly, the right to free speech.

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Michael Pollock: And we also have the manual. The city governance that allows for this that actually encourages it. So I think everything that we did was really consistent with just all the levels of

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Michael Pollock: Governance that we have that were to follow. So I'm pretty comfortable with what we did. And the way we did it.

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Michael Pollock: I also looked up the term town hall, it describes exactly what we did. And I also looked up in the city governance manual whether the term town hall was used or defined it was used once and it was not defined. So

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Michael Pollock: You know, we can talk about it all we want, but I have no intention of

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Michael Pollock: Not meeting online with having sort of a virtual fellowship with my constituents, I feel it's important to me to do that, both personally and I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the people that have attended. There's been a lot of gratitude. I'm not asking any other anybody else.

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Michael Pollock: That's doing it that another council member to do it with me or to not do it with me so

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Michael Pollock: You know it's you're all free to do what you want have a zoom meeting or not have a zoom meeting join

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Michael Pollock: The meeting that I'm part of or not. Other Council Members have said, others are welcome to join their meeting, so I don't really, again, I don't really know what we're discussing, other than the idea that we're going to voluntarily. See, the right to communicate with our constituents. So,

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Michael Pollock: That's where I'm at. I'm there's, I can tell you right now. There's nothing. You're going to say anyone that's going to say that's going to convince me to do anything different than what I'm doing.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay I think every council member has her hand up at this

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Rasham Nassar: I'm going to go to. Councilmember Medina next

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Rasham Nassar: But before I do, I also want to note because it was mentioned on the record that council member Pollock held office hours or town hall whatever word was used in the invitation.

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Rasham Nassar: To describe the virtual meeting, but I also I'm aware that council member deep hosted virtual office hours as well. And I think I heard some feedback that another council member join those office hours at one point.

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Rasham Nassar: during that session. So I'm also I'm really excited to hear from COUNCILMEMBER deets. When he gets an opportunity to speak as to how his office hours went feedback for that I've heard from constituents, is that overall virtual council member office hours is a really positive.

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Rasham Nassar: Positive way to meet and communicate with our constituent base so

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Rasham Nassar: We wanted to plug that in. Before we go to council member Medina and then after Medina mayor Snyder, you know, you'll be next.

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Kol Medina: Thanks. I'm

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Kol Medina: Thinking of all the different things. I kind of want to say about this. I guess I'll start with this is complicated. You know, we're kind of muddling our way through some some new ground here, for obvious reasons.

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Kol Medina: One of the strands of thought. I have about this is about myself. So when I started on Council.

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Kol Medina: There was no one doing office hours and I started doing office hours.

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Kol Medina: And the reason why I did it was to talk with people who had reached out to me via email or phone or text.

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Kol Medina: And wanted to talk with me. So I structure and some time when I I would always be available for people who wanted to talk to me to come and talk to me.

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Kol Medina: And then, to a large degree, that was to make it easier for me so that I could structure, the time that I was talking with folks who had some reason to come to me and talk to me.

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Kol Medina: This is very different from that. That doesn't mean it's wrong or bad or anything, but it's very different. And I think the distinction is part of of

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Kol Medina: What causes some of the issues here. This is not just making yourself available to talk with people who reached out to you.

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Kol Medina: This is putting out a public call that you're having a meeting and invited everyone to come and have a conversation with you about very specific topics that you want to talk to them about

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Kol Medina: And so those are those are just very different things. And that's why that's that's a town hall, it's, it's not office hours to just

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Kol Medina: You know, set say you're having a meeting and invite hundreds of people of the public to come and talk about specific items, though. That's just not office hours. So, I mean, if it's that's a town hall, and if that's what you're having scholar town hall.

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Kol Medina: So why, why is that an issue. Why does that matter.

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Kol Medina: I think that it's there are a number of reasons why I've been. I've been thinking about this and I think the main one is what counselor high topless started with. I think it gives people the impression that

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Kol Medina: Some people anyway the impression that this is this is a city council meeting. This is something the city council is doing and the city is doing.

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Kol Medina: In order to have these conversations with people because the City Council wants to go and talk to the public about these issues and the information gathered there is coming back to the city and will work its way into city discussions.

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Kol Medina: I think a lot of people just get that impression and there were a couple emails I saw that showed that people got that impression

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Kol Medina: And that's that's confusing to people and and it's not fair to the rest of us that people would have the impression that that's what they're going to win the rest of us aren't there.

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Kol Medina: And so I appreciate your comments counselor Pollock. No one's here saying that having a town hall meeting is against our governance manual or violation of law and no one's asking you to give up your constitutional rights.

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Kol Medina: I think we're just saying, hey, we all have to work closely together here and you guys are doing some things that, for reasons that maybe we're not very good at expressing

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Kol Medina: We have concerns about and we'd like to talk about it. That's it. It's about our norms and relations amongst ourselves and working well as a team.

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Kol Medina: And if your response to that is I don't really care about that. I'm just going to do whatever I want, then that can be your response. You mean that's, that's fine. Right. I mean, you're, you can have that

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Kol Medina: Response

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Kol Medina: I mean, that's kind of what I just heard, and if that's your response. Okay.

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Kol Medina: So I don't, I don't have a specific point, I guess I'm making. I'm just kind of sharing the thoughts going through my head about this.

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Michael Pollock: Can I, can I respond to that since that was I mean at least quickly that be all right. I don't want to

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Rasham Nassar: But then we're going to just mayor Snyder and then to deets.

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, yeah. Just, just

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Michael Pollock: What you said in terms of not wanting to work as a team. Absolutely. I do want to work with the team and I in your point is well taken that

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Michael Pollock: You know there is sort of how do we work together as a team. So I think that's a valid point. But I just the sense

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Michael Pollock: That we're going to censor ourselves. It's a little disturbing. So the quick let's talk about it and figure out how we're going to do this then. But it's important to me to do it.

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Rasham Nassar: Mayor Snyder.

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Leslie Schneider: Yeah, so, um, I agree this is complicated. You know, before we

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Leslie Schneider: Before we kind of went into lockdown mode. I was about to schedule a watch party at Office ex pats for people who were interested in affordable housing and could come and watch some, you know, some

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Leslie Schneider: A documentary and then have a discussion about it and and then when we went into lockdown. I said, Okay, that's not going to happen.

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Leslie Schneider: So,

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Leslie Schneider: You know, and I'm just realizing that the concepts are related. Right, so it's not necessarily about virtual versus in person. And it's not really about coven versus not coven it's

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Leslie Schneider: It's something else. It's saying, you know, are we allowed to. I don't mean allowed because obviously we're we're allowed it's it's not a legal issue.

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Leslie Schneider: But does it. Are we agreed that it furthers

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Leslie Schneider: Council as a whole.

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Leslie Schneider: If we have these

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Leslie Schneider: Side meetings so you know I'm throwing out there, this idea that I would have these watch parties would that be

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Leslie Schneider: Offensive, or I don't. Would that be, would people feel left out. If I invited one or two council members to, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: Participate in the watch party and then other council members were prohibited from even knowing what happened during that meeting, because that would be a violation of a PMA

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Leslie Schneider: And

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Leslie Schneider: I don't know if we decide that that

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Leslie Schneider: This is okay, maybe there are other ways that we can signal to the public what it is that we are doing that we are not representing full Council, we are not representing

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Leslie Schneider: Business in front of the Council, and then the question is,

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Leslie Schneider: For those of you who are not invited to my little watch party.

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Leslie Schneider: Are you going to be concerned that you have no idea what really happened during, during that time. So I throw it out there as a legitimate just you know topic for conversation.

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Rasham Nassar: I have to go to council member deep. He's been very patiently waiting. So Joe. Why don't you go ahead

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Joe Deets: Thank you. Well, as you know, I, I'm continuing to do my virtual office hours. I've had to so far.

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Joe Deets: And

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Joe Deets: I just see is an extension of what I've been doing for two years, two plus years and I intend to keep doing it.

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Joe Deets: There is a distinction with what I'm doing with what my colleagues are doing one I have no agenda. I never have in two years. I'm there as a representative to meet people and talk, whatever they want to talk about and that's if Michael, you went to my first office hours.

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Joe Deets: Leslie, join me. The second one, so you guys know,

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Joe Deets: You see what it was is it's really no different than when I did it cup. So one no agenda because if I said, I'm here to talk about climate change.

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Joe Deets: That's a little different. Now having said that, I as all the rest of us sometimes you're asked to come and talk about a particular issue that is different. You're invited, but I'm

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Joe Deets: So there's, I think there's a distinction here is what I'm getting at. Folks have said this is complicated. I don't think it's complicated. There were no one's trying to censor anybody

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Joe Deets: But if we if we had a non agenda. We're just here as representatives of the community to hear what they want to see what do they want to talk to us about

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Joe Deets: Have full disclosure, what this meeting is, is it a city because if you have an agenda late and

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Joe Deets: Meeting that suggests folks that suggests it's sanctioned by the city and that's what creates the confusion. So take away the agenda or make it extremely clear and I haven't seen that clarity yet guys extremely clear that this is not a city sanction meeting, it's, it's

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Joe Deets: That disclosure is not happening. So I want to see more disclosure, I want to see more transparency and guys just do what I do, you know, there's no one's trying to censor me. Um, and then you're doing your job.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, thank you. Councilmember deeds and I'm still seeing her hands up. So I'm going to go back to COUNCILMEMBER hey topless next

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Thank you want to be clear, as the person who brought this up that I'm not trying to send to anybody or affect anybody's first amendment rights by any means. I'm not suggesting that people not have office hours.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think what's important is that when we first brought this up with a slightly different agenda at that point more substantive on topics that we were had actually decided formally to pause as a council.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That was more significant more sensitive. I think that I believe the city attorney weighed in on the question of whether at least the spirit of the governor's order was kind of being infringed upon

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: If I put words in your mouth, Joe, I hope you'll correct me. But that was certainly my feeling about it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That was one conversation we had a conversation. We took the time to have a conversation about why this might not be appropriate and and during that conversation. I think what was clearly articulated and we did not hear.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: From any council members. I'm not on board with that was that if we could just call things office hours. Have at it and didn't have a structured agenda.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: No problem. And that's and and if everyone's to be taken at their word. That's all anybody wants to do they want to get in a room on zoom with constituents, and I think that's fabulous.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Like I said, the last our last meeting, I would like to see about having board meetings.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That way, um, but what's changed in this conversation. The reason that this that I think it's worth bringing up

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Meetings. The second thing has happened now and that's more of an issue of counsel trust amongst us whether you call it Council functioning management relationships.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because we had that conversation and whether by directly saying it or buy it acquiescence, and silence, it seemed to me.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That we come to an agreement that hey, these are cool if their office hours and they're not, they don't have an agenda.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then out when in a ML granted not directly from the council members, but from someone to promote the meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: With you know very clearly town hall meeting topic one topic to topic three

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So to me as a council member after that conversation that didn't that didn't feel good, not about being left out of meetings I can have my own counsel, I can have my own office hours.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So about that. It's about feeling like we had a conversation, and it seemed like maybe we come to an understanding of how best to do this right now.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And then an email went out that seemed to kind of spit right in the face of that. And I think that's really good for our relationships. And that's why I thought it was important for us to have an open conversation about it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. And thank you for sharing that counts number high top list and I'm really sorry that you that you felt that way.

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Rasham Nassar: I know that this is one of those emotional type feeling

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Rasham Nassar: Discussions. There's a certain level of upset. We can't feel it because we're not all in the same room, but I'm really sensitized to that. So thank you for sharing your honest.

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Rasham Nassar: Feelings. I know it's never hard to do that in a public format. So I appreciate the discussion being held tonight I'm COUNCILMEMBER Medina and then COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Kol Medina: Was forgot to turn my head off. Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: On. Thank you. And yeah, thanks, everybody, for being willing to share their, their feelings on this.

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Michael Pollock: I'm, I'm really struggling with this. I mean certainly

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Michael Pollock: You know, I listened, the actually the last two meetings, we've had discussions and I frankly have just been somewhat baffled that

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Michael Pollock: We've spent this much time on this subject, which does feel to me, kind of like a bit of censorship self imposed censorship and so

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Michael Pollock: It might feel to you. A question of trust, but it feels to me like sort of censorship and

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Michael Pollock: I didn't agree to anything in terms of that last night, I heard everybody I've listened. I actually just didn't say anything because I was I was somewhat stunned that there would be an effort by other council members to do to again censor.

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Michael Pollock: public meeting when it's clearly outlined in our governance manual that this is acceptable and it's acceptable to have discussions on particular topics, not just office hours so

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Michael Pollock: It's written, it's, it's in there. I'm following the rules and, you know, it felt to me like there was some sort of weird.

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Michael Pollock: Like I said, censorship vibe that we were going to change the rules midstream. And I just, I just don't agree with that. I mean, I'm

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Michael Pollock: I'm looking, I'm reading the rules. You can go look at Section three four or five 3.4 point five of the government's manual and it talks about neighborhood or board meetings.

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Michael Pollock: You can go read a definition of a town hall and talks about reaching out to constituents to talk to them about

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Michael Pollock: specific topics or to hear from them. So I you know I put out a agenda because I wanted to say, hey, these are the things on my mind. Right. These are the things that have come up that I think are important to talk about

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Michael Pollock: And so the meeting with structure I talked about that got some feedback. I thought, got some really great input, quite honestly.

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Michael Pollock: nobody seemed to have heartburn or really a lot of confusion over that. And then there was just sort of a, you know, I just kind of naturally flowed into a

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Michael Pollock: Overall discussion for people brought up whatever they wanted to bring up and you know there was a little bit of challenge. Some people wanted to talk on a bit and it was dominated by a few people. But that's pretty typical for a meeting.

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Michael Pollock: You know, I guess I would suggest that rather than try to try to sort of control what is or isn't said or what is or is not put out and

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Michael Pollock: I would invite any or all of you up to, you know, again, three of us can attend Joe's running some meetings, I'm running some and with with

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Michael Pollock: The sham. We don't have to be at the same meeting, I would just suggest we don't participate and and see what it is. So kind of keep an open mind on this and

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Michael Pollock: You know, as far as the official sanctioning I think we can make it very clear. This is not

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Michael Pollock: I mean, that'll just make it more exciting to people unsanctioned council member and sex and yeah I'm happy to say that this is not an officially sanctioned meeting by the city.

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Michael Pollock: So I'm willing to leave it at that make it clear that this is unsanctioned meeting and and go from there. And again, really warmly and honestly invite you all to to attend.

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Michael Pollock: One of the meetings and and I think it's a great opportunity to reach out and I frankly would just love it if some of you would, because

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Michael Pollock: I think it's a good opportunity for us as council members to interact a little bit in a more informal session setting and have some feedback from constituents.

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Michael Pollock: And then the last point is there is something that I didn't and far as the rules that I have not been following because

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Michael Pollock: It's been a kind of a little murky on this but but if we do have these meetings. We actually have an obligation, according to our governance manual to

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Michael Pollock: Download or to convey to the other council members what occurred. So this gets back to mirror Snyder's point, which is that I mean the rule. So I've got them right here.

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Michael Pollock: Let me see if I can find. But essentially,

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Michael Pollock: Yeah, says council members who attend such meetings is this again. They're called neighborhood meetings shell report issues or conclusions to the Council as such meetings occur. So I do think that

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Michael Pollock: We have an obligation to report to you sort of the, the nature issues that come up. I'd be happy to do that at good of the order and kind of, you know, give everybody some feedback in terms of

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Michael Pollock: What the issue is work. What's on the minds of council members and or excuse me constituents. So,

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Michael Pollock: It seems like a really good healthy thing to me to be interacting and and sort of whether there's an agenda or

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Michael Pollock: Whether there's one or up to three council members. I just all feels good to me. And I, I don't have any problem with any of you.

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Michael Pollock: Up to three, obviously, because there'd be a quorum having a meeting doing it. I don't need to be invited. I'd love to be invited am okay not being invited, it's all, it's all great. If we're getting out and reaching out to constituents. So I just would, you know, like to hear back

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Michael Pollock: how it went. So Leslie, go ahead and and and have that party and let us know how it went. And I'll do the same.

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Rasham Nassar: Remember her topless.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: So, I mean, to be clear, again, I don't have any problem with you people having meetings and that's wonderful. And we keep returning to the idea that somebody trying to suppress these meetings.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: This is about what the meetings are called now you know council members can't go out and decide unilaterally to have something called a Council meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: I think we could all agree on that. So what we were talking about when we talked about this last meeting when we talked to the mini for whenever we talked about it.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Was whether or not a couple of council members to get together two or three councillors to get together and create a town hall meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And put it out there called a town hall meeting have an agenda, etc.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We didn't go as far as having to take a vote on the question of, is that OK for a couple of council members to do that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Because it seemed like we'd come to some sort of a casual consensus. That's what I would say. And maybe you can weigh in on that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That, hey, let's just have office hours is not have an agenda, it seems pretty clear to me after we left that meeting, we weren't going to have any more town hall meetings.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Doesn't mean we're not going to have any two hour three hour whatever zoom meetings with up to three council members talking about anything. People want to talk about

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That would be censorship to just to say that can't happen. And it would be an appropriate to discourage it. And yes, we should all be very glad that people are doing this outreach is wonderful.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And yes, I'd like it a download on it and I think you're right. I did look at the governance mandolin that's the case.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I think it's a question for the Council as to whether or not the word town hall meeting because we're not acting as private citizens were acting as council members, whether or not we want

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Council, the town hall meetings to be something that we as a Council set. We're going to have a town hall meeting. We're gonna have a series of town hall meetings.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: But I just want to get that back to the issue at hand, which is what it's called. And how its message to the community and whether there's confusion with the community about what this is.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Versus whether meetings are good or whether the content of the meetings has been great. I've heard great things about the content of the meetings. I don't have any problem with that.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Just want to get back to that point, which is a council question that a council management how we do business question.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Can I and I it's 730

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Rasham Nassar: And we've been on this for 2025 minutes I'm unless someone would like to lead this to some conclusion I'm really inclined to just move us on I'm hearing the concerns that are being raised

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Rasham Nassar: The issue with the word town hall. Maybe someone would like to propose a suggestion that council members not refer to their office hours where their virtual meetings as town hall meetings.

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Rasham Nassar: And Council ever had topless. I did actually walk away from that council meeting with a very different understanding of where we landed than you.

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Rasham Nassar: But I was inspired and prompted to look up the meaning of a town hall meeting to make sure that it was being appropriately used

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Rasham Nassar: And the definition of a town hall meeting isn't informal public meeting between citizens and public figures.

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Rasham Nassar: So implied in the definition of what a town hall meeting is it is that it is not the official business of the legislative body or the Council body as a whole, but that it's an informal meeting between the elected and his or her constituent base.

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Rasham Nassar: Now I hear that there are some that would like to debate that further and maybe someone would just like to propose something if so that we don't

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Rasham Nassar: This doesn't appear on an agenda again, I'd like to reach some level of agreement or consensus coming out of this tonight. And if we could do it in the next 10 minutes. That would be really great.

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Rasham Nassar: So a number of hands, have been raised again I'm gonna do my best to go down that list in the order that I saw them appear COUNCILMEMBER Medina, your next in line.

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Kol Medina: I'll try to keep it short. I appreciate what you're saying.

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Kol Medina: Deputy Mayor. I don't think we're going to come to a conclusion tonight. I think some some kind of clear lines have been drawn in the sand.

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Kol Medina: And that's okay.

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Kol Medina: I guess I just want to add that

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Kol Medina: I really wish we stopped talking about censorship, no one's trying to censor anybody here.

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Kol Medina: I can understand why it might feel that way. But that's not what anyone here is certainly not what's in my mind.

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Kol Medina: There are some kind of logistical reasons practical reasons that have been raised that cause concerns for some of us around this. And that's what we've been talking about.

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Kol Medina: But there for me that I guess there's a deeper concern and I have a hard time expressing it. I've been trying to figure out what it is.

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Kol Medina: And I, and I guess the closest I can come to express in it is this

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Kol Medina: Doing this is by its nature divisive

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Kol Medina: I've worked really hard for my time on Council to make sure the Council didn't become divided and divided up into different kind of small groups.

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Kol Medina: That we were a team we were all work together on everything as much as we reasonably can. It's never perfect of course

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Kol Medina: And by its nature, a couple of council members, two or three going and doing this on their own. It's just divisive because I heard you just say hey, like, yeah, we should all come and join you. But the fact is we can't, we cannot come and join you.

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Kol Medina: Period. And so by definition it's dividing the Council, and if that's that's important to me. Maybe that's not maybe what's more important to you is being able to do these meetings. And if that's true, great. I mean, you have that you have that right

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Kol Medina: And so i'm not i'm not demanding anything. I'm just trying to muddle through this and share my feelings about it, you know, with you guys and

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Kol Medina: That's probably all I have to say about it.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: And then deep. I appreciate all of that and I certainly none of this is intended to be

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Michael Pollock: divisive and it's really an opportunity to reach out to the community. So I don't see

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Michael Pollock: Other members. Again, I mean, I can only speak for myself. But if any three of you want to have up to three of you want to have a meeting of some sort. I don't have a problem with that. I feel like if the obligation to

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Michael Pollock: Report back anything substantive and say here's what happened. The, you know, these meetings aren't like there's two or three of us getting together and making some sort of decision. It's really just an opportunity to interact and debate issues. So it's not it's not like we're for me.

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Michael Pollock: I wish we could make it as is inserted, but it's really just kind of, they're more like brainstorming sessions kick around some ideas get some feedback. So nothing in it is, is it all intended to be in any way divisive or

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Michael Pollock: You know, causing Rift and it kind of honestly, it makes me a little bit sad that it's that it's somehow viewed that way that that reaching out and and and having this this

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Michael Pollock: Sort of fellowship with the with some of our constituents is somehow viewed as divisive and and i just i again. We'll just leave you with.

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Michael Pollock: The thought that if you experience it and spend time talking to people online or in at a meeting. Live Meeting, we hope, eventually, we'll get there.

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Michael Pollock: I think you'll see that it's a positive thing and it's it's a source of unity in the community as a whole. So that's just my take on it. I'm, I'm, I'm, again, kind of baffled that were that there's something in here. This perceived as divisive or

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Michael Pollock: Worse, but

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deets.

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Rasham Nassar: unmute. There you go.

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Joe Deets: Um, apologize. My cat has been very territorial

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Joe Deets: Anyway, we mostly get along well I honestly feel

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Joe Deets: There's an easy way an easy fix here and it's it's up to

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Joe Deets: Michael Rashad whether they wish to take it do what I do to have virtual open office hours, call it that.

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Joe Deets: And do that. I mean, no one's I haven't heard any critique of Joe, don't do your virtual office hours and all the things Michael that you've brought up reaching out to people censorship.

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Joe Deets: Got. So the question is, do you want to resolve this or not and a way of resolving it is to do what I'm doing. If you don't do that.

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Joe Deets: Things will just continue and we, I think we know where that's going to go. So the choice to me is very clear.

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Joe Deets: And

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Joe Deets: I don't know it. To me, this is not complicated. You can do what I'm doing. And the problem goes away.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Councilmember hi topless.

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Rasham Nassar: Can you please unmute. We can't hear you.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: We can also have take a vote as a Council as to whether or not it is it is acceptable to have town hall meetings that we don't plan for from the Dyess as town hall meetings, I mean that

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: The governance manual does not authorize is neither one I guess it's silent as to how they come about, it would never have occurred to me that it would be something that we would just

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: That someone would just create on their own without coming forth to their council and when I was on Council before now that you wouldn't come forward and say, I'd like to plan a town hall meeting.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And so we can certainly we certainly have the ability to decide whether or not town hall meetings or something that we

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Schedule as a council or reschedule individually.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: And that's the

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Rasham Nassar: City attorney. Can we turn to you on this because

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Rasham Nassar: I mean I think to some degree, we're arguing the word town hall and the implications of that of that verbiage of what that word means essentially what is

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Rasham Nassar: being promoted is a meeting of a non quorum of council members and those council members, bringing topic ideas forward.

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Rasham Nassar: Because personally for me. That helps me structure my office hours, it helps provide some sort of framework.

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Rasham Nassar: And backbone to how I structure and hold virtual office hours in this new time in this new phase of life that we're all experiencing trying to trying to do the best that we can. And work with the cards that we've been dealt. And so where I am.

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Rasham Nassar: Or I grow concerned and where I think COUNCILMEMBER Pollock might be

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Rasham Nassar: Using the word sensors sent to censor or to censor colleagues for me I interpret that as the imposition of limitations.

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Rasham Nassar: On individual elected officials right to creatively approach their duties and responsibilities.

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Rasham Nassar: As an elected official to the public and remember their utmost our utmost responsibility and professional duty.

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Rasham Nassar: Is to the public is to our constituents base, of course, interpersonal relationships amongst us matter. And I think, again, I agree with COUNCILMEMBER Pollock when he says he sort of sad or disappointed.

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Rasham Nassar: In the dialogue that we're that we're having that it's being approached from the negative

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Rasham Nassar: Because another way to view this is in total support and encouragement of each and every one of us taking the lead and exercising our leadership.

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Rasham Nassar: In the manner in which we best see fit, and to support each other in doing that because the ultimate goal is to serve the public and the public needs us right now.

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Rasham Nassar: In the midst of a legislative ban where Council is not conducting regular business in the midst of economic uncertainty tremendous economic uncertainty reaching across all financial

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Rasham Nassar: Populations and pockets of our island and beyond. People need elected officials to remain open and to remain available and remain willing to meet

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Rasham Nassar: And to that end, Mayor Schneider, I would absolutely support you putting together and hosting those types of virtual meetings, I would not take issue with how they were

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Rasham Nassar: Framed if you were to include an agenda or call it a town hall meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: My inclination is to just be very supportive of that because I see it in the best interest and especially for you, Mayor Snyder as the mayor to remain accessible to the population in this time of need.

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Rasham Nassar: I'm okay with that I will stop and city attorney can you provide any comments. You've heard the discussion of the Council tonight. I'm hoping that you can kind of help kind of help move us along

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Joe Levan: But just a couple quick things. One, I think.

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Joe Levan: The there's maybe some

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Joe Levan: Confusion or just kind of it gets a little bit

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Joe Levan: Cloudy, to the extent about the neighborhood means or word meetings just because there's a history least as far as I know databanks over years.

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Joe Levan: Where there were these word meetings that happened and they were advertising word meetings and

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Joe Levan: The cork advertise them as such. And they were, they had a certain function and because of the certain situation as it is now, that's not happening.

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Joe Levan: These aren't considered you know word meeting. So that's just in terms of the reference of the governance manual, the neighborhood means or word means that they are a certain thing.

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Joe Levan: That the Council in the past is done. And this Council may pick up again. So there may be some confusion about that in the to the public and then just the whole thing about town hall. I mean, I think.

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Joe Levan: It the there's there's different definitions for that. I mean, I, for example, I think about it like in terms of the

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Joe Levan: State state legislators or congressional legislators, they often have town hall meetings where they have you know they they sponsor that I think the difference here. Maybe they're

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Joe Levan: Not just the Council of seven six people. And if it, if the term town hall is us. I think the concern. I'm hearing is that it causes confusion in the community about that being kind of a Council sponsored

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Joe Levan: Meeting. So, I mean, I just think that one way to handle this would just not call it a town hall just call it a remote meeting or join office hours or something else that instead of calling it a town hall.

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Joe Levan: That, that seems like I think that's what counts. Remember her topless of saying don't put words in your mouth. I think that's what you're saying and then

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Joe Levan: Then, there wouldn't be any confusion and whatever the people in the public want to call it, you can't control that.

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Joe Levan: And you know, you can't control each other. What you're going to call something I think you're just trying to reach an agreement about what makes sense for

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Joe Levan: How you present this to the public and how you work together, so I I think that'd be one easy solutions. Just don't call it a town hall, call it a

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Joe Levan: joint meeting or a joint, you know, our office hours, whatever you want to call it, but just don't call it a town hall, because it wouldn't create that confusion.

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Joe Levan: And just one thing I want to clarify with the customer how toless you you earlier reference to something that I had said.

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Joe Levan: The only implication, the governor's order related to business would be if a councils doing business. So you know that two other points that have been made.

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Joe Levan: I mean, it is the reality that based on the OPM a you can do these remote meetings. Now, which is a new thing, you know. Didn't happen before the governor's order and the clarification relate to that.

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Joe Levan: But, but as soon as you get a majority of or more of you involved in that, that, you know, constitutes a meeting so

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Joe Levan: There are limitations that relate to that. So that's what I was talking about in terms of if it was something to be done as a meeting.

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Joe Levan: Then it wasn't essential or routine unnecessary than that. That's what the government or talks about, I don't know if that helps. But that's, that's my thinking.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you, city attorney. I'm okay. We are now at 40 minutes for this agenda item. I guess we all miss our council meetings. Don't wait.

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Rasham Nassar: Um,

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Rasham Nassar: I have a quick proposal. Sure. Thanks. Thank you, Mayor center, please.

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Leslie Schneider: So, all right. Hear me out. What if we didn't worry about language right now, call it whatever you want.

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Leslie Schneider: But what if we did agree that we didn't advertise multiple council members hosting

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Leslie Schneider: Whatever it is, whether it's a town hall or office hours or whatever, that doesn't mean that they can't join up to three, it, it doesn't mean you can't invite

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Leslie Schneider: You know, one or two other council members to come. But I think if it's advertised as multiple council members, it starts to take on

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Leslie Schneider: More gravitas, you know, more like, ooh, I better get to that meeting, if I miss it. You know, I'll miss out on almost half the Council talking about stuff. So if there's uncertainty and

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Leslie Schneider: Fuzzy this about whether other council members will actually be there or not. And if you don't know who they are, then it pretty much feels like it's just

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Leslie Schneider: The gravitas of that one. Councilmember whatever that happens to be. And I just wonder if then we could call it a town hall. If you wanted to call it a town hall, you know,

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Leslie Schneider: Just sort of narrowing down what we agree on as a restriction is that an acceptable sort of a compromise for right now. And then we could revisit this in, in, you know, six months or something.

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Rasham Nassar: Appreciate the suggestion mayor cider, but I'm seeing some some know nodding your heads in the know directions can go ahead

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Michael Pollock: Can I mean I'm trying to make a way forward on this. And so, um, yeah. Crazy. Um, how about I mean, last time I thought we task the Marin Deputy Mayor to come up with the word meeting. So I mean, why don't we just have board meetings and and

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Michael Pollock: And kind of give people an opportunity to say I got the dogs in there right in the background. Keeping it real.

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Michael Pollock: Why don't we plan on that and and then we can have these meetings and we can have to board meetings, our neighborhood meetings will call them have

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Michael Pollock: Three council members each, and we could do that. We could do that next next Saturday. I mean, I think that'd be wonderful. So that's the way forward a way that embraces the idea that we are having meetings and we are attracting people in

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Michael Pollock: Because there are going to be a number of council members so i don't know i

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Michael Pollock: Mean I know you guys have said don't use censorship. But, I mean, it does feel to me like censorship and I'm saying. I'm saying it's not. But you're saying don't use these words don't call it this. Don't tell people what's on your mind, or what you want to talk about. So to me, you know,

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Michael Pollock: I don't, I don't see that we're going to resolve this tonight.

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Michael Pollock: I think you guys are given some food for thought and, you know, why don't we circle back and pick it up. Next meeting if people feel strongly about it. That's about that's about all I can.

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Michael Pollock: I feel like I'm following our manual. It seems like you know if somebody wants to

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Michael Pollock: gym together resolution modifying our manual. We could do that. But I just, I'm using language is common usage for terminology for terms.

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Michael Pollock: There's not anything special about them. They're not defined anywhere in our, in our resolutions or ordinances. So, you know, and, and, specifically, I didn't call it of word meeting because that does have a specific column usage so

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Michael Pollock: You know, I guess I can, if it's really important for people not to call it a town hall meeting, I call it a neighborhood meeting.

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Michael Pollock: Or call it a forum or something. I'll come up with something, but I, you know, it just feels like we're having a to me it seems like a relatively trivial argument over the use of terms Joe shoot myself in the head.

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Michael Pollock: With his fingers, though.

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Rasham Nassar: I

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Michael Pollock: Just I'm again kind of baffled that we've spent this much time on this issue. So I guess I'm done.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that. Councilmember Pollock. And if council member Pollock.

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Rasham Nassar: Is agreeing not to advertise it as a as a town hall, but to come up with some other term perhaps forum.

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Rasham Nassar: Would that be agreeable to those council members that took issue with the terminology and then we can perhaps

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Rasham Nassar: Move on.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Yes.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: It's that simple.

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Kirsten Hytopoulos: Thanks.

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Rasham Nassar: All right, great.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so we're gonna move on.

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Rasham Nassar: Turn my screen on again, it's been

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Rasham Nassar: Dark here.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, we are at future

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Rasham Nassar: Council agendas city manager. I don't see anything attached to the agenda, Bill. So do you have

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, I have. I have a couple things I wanted to use this time to talk with you about

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Morgan Smith: One is just to make sure we're on the same page with your expectations for what happens together next week.

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Morgan Smith: So we've talked about a couple of items in the context of my update there'll be a request for you to consider decision related to the emergency rental assistance program.

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Morgan Smith: There'll be a request for you to consider a decision related to providing flexibility for not local nonprofits who want to repurpose some of their funds towards operating expenses.

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Morgan Smith: And so I'm going to see both of those up. If you're comfortable with it as you having the ability to make those decisions. Next week because they're fairly time sensitive and we've touched on them once or twice before so

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Morgan Smith: You don't. You don't have to make that as a final decision next week, but will draft motion as if you could. Does that seem feasible.

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Morgan Smith: And then we have two public hearings scheduled for next week. So next week's meeting will be the first time that we will introduce into this format.

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Morgan Smith: The opportunity for people to make real time oral comments, the way they could in a traditional meeting.

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Morgan Smith: So the way that will work will be similar to tonight. People will join as attendees and we've worked with the mayor, the Deputy Mayor to set sort of a

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Morgan Smith: Cheat Sheet that people will work off of for how mechanically, it will happen and how the clerk will support that in the background where people will be called on.

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Morgan Smith: And then there'll be a muted. And then they will be muted and there'll be and that will be that, so there won't be the opportunity for back and forth and theoretically we've worked on this and practiced it enough times

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Morgan Smith: That the management of that will not be too cumbersome. I don't necessarily think will be overwhelmed with people who feel the need to make

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Morgan Smith: Live public comment. Of course, people can always write into as they usually do, but we're ready to support that.

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Morgan Smith: And then another question was since we're going to have that dimension in the meeting for the each of the two public hearings. Would you also like to offer a time at the beginning of the meeting for just general comments on any topic, I will just say that my

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Morgan Smith: Suggestion I don't feel strongly about it one way or the other. But we don't have an agenda. Next week that has a lot of controversy in it.

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Morgan Smith: And so I think that needs to be part of our regular business meetings when we go back into may with like more typical structure around our meetings and ideally more typical topics and content.

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Morgan Smith: We can have it as part of next week's meeting I don't I don't personally feel like it's a complexity that we need to add at this point, but I want. That's your decision.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so did Council kind of catch on to the question in there, related to public comment. I think that's the first big one and

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Rasham Nassar: That Morgan's looking for feedback on whether or not we allow general public comment at the start of the meeting, the way that the meeting is structured right now is that they're to public hearings and of course the city.

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Rasham Nassar: Through

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Rasham Nassar: The zoom platform is prepared to take public comment for both of those public hearings, but the question for us is, do we want to also open the meeting to general public comment at the heart, which is typical of our business meeting structure or not. So council members. Oh.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER deeds.

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Joe Deets: Thank you. I'm

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Joe Deets: Just very quickly, I would be in favor of

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Joe Deets: Doing that doing as much as possible, as we did in the past so

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Joe Deets: I'd like to give it a try and see what my colleagues thing. But that's, that's my view.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: You know, I'll just put emotion on the table. Having that this

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Michael Pollock: Is over so move what council member deeds is proposed for a second.

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Rasham Nassar: Second,

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Rasham Nassar: Second. Second.

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Rasham Nassar: And okay, so does everyone understand the motion.

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Rasham Nassar: No. Councilmember Medina, shaking his head. So, I believe.

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Morgan Smith: I just need to know if that's how you want to do like

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Rasham Nassar: I know I think it just helps us a city manager to expedite

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Rasham Nassar: This part

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Rasham Nassar: Of the agenda.

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Michael Pollock: Little Emotional. Emotional

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Michael Pollock: The emotion, the emotion on the table is to allow for a general public comment at the next meeting on subjects unrelated to a public hearing

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Kol Medina: And when I say, know what I mean is, I don't understand how that would be accepted. How would people be giving public comment.

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Morgan Smith: So let me answer that we would

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Morgan Smith: Have an item on the agenda, the way we would have typically it's still going to be a special meeting because I'm still suggesting that we start at five o'clock, so it just that just makes it a special meeting.

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Morgan Smith: So it's not a business meeting, but it's on the calendar. When a business meeting would have been held, and so for business meetings. We have a time on the agenda labeled public comment.

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Morgan Smith: And that's time to hear from anybody who wants to talk about something.

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Morgan Smith: That is doesn't have to be on the agenda and they have three minutes. And so we would mechanically. And the same way. We're going to be managing the public comment during the

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Morgan Smith: Public Hearing. We would then use that same approach mechanically to allow people to be and which is the clerk would assist with the mayor or the deputy mayor who was chairing a meeting would call and people in the order they raise their hand, they would

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Morgan Smith: Have three minutes to speak. The clerk would assist with timekeeping on that. And then at the end of their three minutes. They would essentially unless they wrap it up, be muted and their hand would be lowered so

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Morgan Smith: So you can provide that opportunity for general public comment.

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Kol Medina: Do you mind if I just follow up. So are we setting up the meeting, the same way that we come on as panelists and other people can watch it and basically a webinar format.

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Kol Medina: And then if someone wants to make a public comment. They can be put on the panel, they can make the comment and they can be taken off the panel, are you talking to you guys at it.

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Morgan Smith: Yeah, so that's what I said. That's what I, when I say the clerical be assisting with mechanics, there will be two layers of how that happens. So

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Morgan Smith: Let's go ahead and

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Morgan Smith: Whether you want that to happen.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, so everybody ready to take a vote or Council mayor Snyder, would you like to add some comments in before we do that,

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Leslie Schneider: I'm in favor of allowing public comment.

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Leslie Schneider: I would like it to be of a particular section so that we don't just sprinkle in public comment throughout the meeting. I don't think it's really about appropriate in this case, but it would just be nice to have a clear section for open public comment. So yeah, I'm in favor of it.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay and city manager Smith that that does happen through granted just write it creates the public comment section at the start of the agenda bill for the business meeting.

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Rasham Nassar: It'll be their

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Morgan Smith: Usual where it happens. But we'll get in there.

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Morgan Smith: So I just want if you guys want to vote on this. Go ahead and finish your voting, and then I have

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Morgan Smith: Some other things I want to

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Morgan Smith: mention to you.

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Rasham Nassar: Perfect. Okay, so there's emotion on the floor. All those in favor please say aye. Aye.

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Aye.

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Rasham Nassar: Opposed.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay. Christine That motion passed unanimously and then we'll turn it back to you as city manager Smith.

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Morgan Smith: Okay. So while we're on that topic. There was a little bit of some process that happened today that I don't encourage because what we're going for is to recreate to the degree possible the way public comment works.

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Morgan Smith: In your regular meetings. So we had one of our participants engage in dialogue via chat with one of the attendees, we, we really just want to encourage you, this

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Morgan Smith: This new platform is great has a lot of technological benefits. One of the things it does, though, is it sort of naturally enters you in like a conversational back and forth mode.

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Morgan Smith: And that's not the way our public comment typically works. So I believe we have the ability, and maybe we just didn't do it tonight. Or maybe it had to do with sort of educating our participants.

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Morgan Smith: But I just want to call out that we won't be offering that chat function to attendees and I also encourage you to remember

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Morgan Smith: That the way we structure our meetings. Somebody makes public comment. But it's not typically a Q AMP. A there's not back and forth, necessarily. It's not a time to then answer those questions.

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Morgan Smith: You guys sometimes make your own decisions on, that's fine. I just wanted to kind of mention that, what will be going for is recreating the way public comment works in our regular meetings.

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Morgan Smith: In this zoom platform. So just kind of be mindful of that, and how that dynamic might feel a little bit different. As we get used to doing it so

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Morgan Smith: Okay, so that's that. Thank you, that was helpful. A couple other things. If I could have your thoughts on

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Morgan Smith: One is that you may have seen and I'm just going to share my slide will share my screen real quickly, if you don't mind.

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Morgan Smith: If that's working it. There we go. So I want to go back to this slide from earlier.

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Morgan Smith: And what I'd like to do is plan to spend time with you next week.

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Morgan Smith: To talk about how these topics would get placed. They're not in any particular order get placed across our main meetings. We talked a little bit about the South ward council member selection earlier today.

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Morgan Smith: But these are the topics that I think matter most to us.

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Morgan Smith: And then Council could use other, you know, throw an additional thoughts and use time next week to see what other things you think you have capacity for and may and how you want to approach that, but I'm going to be starting with the things on that list.

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Morgan Smith: And making some suggestions about which may meetings. Those might slot into

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Morgan Smith: So if that meets your expectations for how we're going to spend our time talking about agendas. Next week, we'll have that almost as a discussion topic is that feel useful.

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Morgan Smith: And then along those lines. I want to suggest that we create an agenda a different distinct agenda item for something in particular because it affects whether we need to build time in May on something.

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Morgan Smith: That I'm not sure Council really needs or wants to do additional work for. And so I'm just going to throw this idea out now.

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Morgan Smith: But I don't need feedback from you tonight, but I'm going to suggest that we plan to have a discussion next week. And that's the moratorium for self storage facilities.

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Morgan Smith: Is set to expire at the end of May. If Council is interested in extending that then we need to work into one of our main meetings, time to talk to you about that make a plan for it and get all of that.

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Morgan Smith: Housekeeping accomplished in time to extend the moratorium before the end of May.

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Morgan Smith: If Council is not interested in extending the moratorium, we don't need to go through those hoops. So my suggestion is that we plan to have a discussion item next week where you indicate clearly by vote if necessary.

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Morgan Smith: whether you'd like to proceed with work in May on extending the moratorium, or whether you are supportive of just letting it expire. So, is that okay with you if we place, time for that on the agenda. Next week just it helps me with the housekeeping from a

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Rasham Nassar: Yeah, not not ahead. So let's go ahead and plan for that.

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Morgan Smith: Morgan.

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All right.

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Joe Levan: We're good on that front. Just, just to clarify for the Council, because just looking at the calendar and just the way that the way that the notice works for hearings, because it would

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Joe Levan: entail a hearing, potentially, and also the way that counts the ordinances are effective, they're effective five days after publication. So the way the calendar works that that's

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Joe Levan: The current

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Joe Levan: Or the moratorium that runs without would expire on May 26 which is a Tuesday.

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Joe Levan: So the way that the calendar would work is

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Joe Levan: The if you if the Council were to set the public because the public hearing you have to set that when you 10 days notice for that.

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Joe Levan: So basically the calendar would work that the set the public hearing on that if a council chose to do that would be done next week and on the 28th for a public hearing on the 12th.

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Joe Levan: And the reason is if the is this kind of depends what the Council wants to do, but just so you know everyone's clear on this.

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Joe Levan: To adopt an ordinance would just would be on a regular basis, which would be effective, five days after publication. That's, that's four votes.

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Joe Levan: But to adopt it on emergency basis that's don't take five votes. So if you waited. So for example, if it was adopted on the 19th of May, there wouldn't be time after publication for that to be in effect.

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Morgan Smith: Okay. So Joe, you and I will work on what we put in the packet for next week. What I wanted to clarify with the Council tonight though.

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Morgan Smith: Was to help them understand that this is a decision, it's helpful for us to get some direction from you next week. So we understand how much effort, we need to plan for in May.

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Joe Levan: But the way we may have to do that though is actually have it as an agenda item to set the public hearing and then they can discuss right

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Joe Levan: Whether or not even to take it up, at least, we'd have it on the agenda, then, to take it up that way.

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Morgan Smith: Yes, but I think we can work on it so it doesn't inadvertently signal to the community that we plan to move forward with an extension, we can have it as an as an alternative

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Morgan Smith: Will work on. Okay, okay.

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Morgan Smith: Thank you. Then the last thing I just wanted to mention isn't necessarily an agenda item, but I wanted to check in, we have

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Morgan Smith: All of our annual vacancies for the various advisory groups which has dozens of seats that are up for consideration.

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Morgan Smith: And we've had really slow response so far and Fridays. The deadline.

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Morgan Smith: So on the staff side, we'd like to recommend extending the deadline for two more weeks and doing a really great now that people are sort of in a calmer mode. Maybe we can get some attention on that and the vacancy has been

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Morgan Smith: You know, we have our applications in for that. So I wonder if Council supportive of us.

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Morgan Smith: extending the deadline for all of the you just across the board for all of those advisory committee posts.

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Morgan Smith: By two weeks, and we'll do our best on this side to get the word out and shake the tree and make people aware of those opportunities. So I wondered if you could give me some feedback on that idea.

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Rasham Nassar: I think that sounds good to everyone.

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Rasham Nassar: Alright, so that, does that include the

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, Morgan real quick. Does that include the committees that have already interviewed for just the ones that

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Rasham Nassar: Have not because I know that like ethics board weren't there interviews that were held for the ethics board and

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Rasham Nassar: Prior to the coven

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Morgan Smith: I yes I think the mayor and other council members will have to remind me where that one is this is the ones that were recruiting for actively. So I think Ford was on a different

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Morgan Smith: Timeline because there wasn't an original intent to populate that board back in February.

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Rasham Nassar: Oh, okay. So that might have been the only one that was kind of out of the

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Rasham Nassar: Out of the other interview processes. Okay. Sounds good. And I'm seeing that there's general agreement on the council. Does anyone have any objections to what city managers proposing for that. Nope.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, anything else. Morgan.

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Rasham Nassar: That tells the number

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Rasham Nassar: And then

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Michael Pollock: After that, I appreciate you want to wrap things up.

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Michael Pollock: I just wondered, for those people that did apply and did meet the deadline.

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Michael Pollock: Are they going to move forward or are you suggesting that we

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Morgan Smith: Force. Yes, we will always hold those and we're talking about two people.

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Michael Pollock: Okay, well,

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Michael Pollock: Thank you for that clarification.

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Morgan Smith: I don't want people misunderstand quite a few people have applied for salary Commission because we've had that one posted for a while to get

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Morgan Smith: The right you know to get to the number of applicants that we have chairs to fill

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Morgan Smith: So I don't want to you, but that one aside. We have lots of other opportunities. So, okay, thank you. I'll work with the mayor and Deputy Mayor on Thursday morning to kind of finesse this all into an actual agenda, but that was helpful to get your feedback on a couple points.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you for that city manager.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, we are now moving on.

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Rasham Nassar: To go to the order. Does anyone have anything for her to the order

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER dates.

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Rasham Nassar: Thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Jerry unmute

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Joe Deets: I didn't want to hear any browser anything um well i i hate to mention this from our

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Joe Deets: Station. Yeah, but I just wanted to say I'm going to continue to have my virtual office hours, calling it virtual open office hours doing that again this Saturday, and I haven't posted in my counsel web page. And lastly you joined last time Michael you joined the time before so

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Joe Deets: I'm just being transparent. This is what I'm doing. And yeah, just let you know and

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Joe Deets: I'll just leave his dad.

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Rasham Nassar: COUNCILMEMBER Pollock.

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Michael Pollock: Oh, thank you.

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Rasham Nassar: Your hand was up and then it went away.

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Michael Pollock: Oh yeah no I I took it down.

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Rasham Nassar: Sorry, go ahead.

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Michael Pollock: That's okay. I just wanted all of us to recognize this new councils about 100 day and this is about 100 day

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Michael Pollock: Anniversary, give or take. And I really just want to do extend gratitude in particular to to our mayor who I think

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Michael Pollock: took this job on and I remember having initial conversations with her about whether she wanted to do it. And I think when she said yes. I don't think this is what she imagined. And so, you know, you actually run through what's been a fairly rocky period.

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Michael Pollock: You know, we have

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Michael Pollock: The ethics board resign. We have a council member resigned, we had the whole covert virus explode. And then of course you know you've had to deal with me. So, I mean, I think you've got some

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Michael Pollock: You really had to work cut out for you.

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Michael Pollock: But really, I just, I think he handled it well and I'm just really impressed and your, you know, your, your words.

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Michael Pollock: At the right time have been certainly important to me. And so I just wanted to extend my my gratitude and and really to all of you on the Council for

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Michael Pollock: Just really moving forward in a way that's, you know, with the best of our abilities to be a functional and cohesive group and and boy, it has been a challenge. So, so again, but THANK YOU MAYOR. I just appreciate your leadership.

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Rasham Nassar: Okay.

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Rasham Nassar: Anyone else like to contribute anything

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Rasham Nassar: To for the good of the order

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Rasham Nassar: Okay, with that, I'll just say thank you all and congratulations to all of us for another successful virtual meeting and

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Rasham Nassar: With that we are adjourned.

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Rasham Nassar: Have a great week. Everyone and looking forward to seeing you all next week.