

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

June 27, 2022

WORKSHOPS

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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4:00 - 5:00 pm Endorsement of IBR Modified LPA

Katherine Kelly, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, 360-487-7947

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program and Recommended Modified Locally Preferred Alternative.

5:00 - 6:00 pm Short Term Rentals

Jason Nortz, Development Review Division Manager, 360-487-7844

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Short Term Rentals and the policy issues for Council consideration.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under Public Hearings were also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

Vancouver City Council meeting minutes are a record of the action taken by Council. To view the CVTV video recording, including presentations, testimony and discussion, for this meeting please visit: https://www.cvtv.org/vid_link/34737? startStreamAt=0&stopStreamAt=10726 Electronic audio recording of City Council meetings are kept on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of six years.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Fox, Paulsen, Stober,

Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: None

Councilmember Stober attended the meeting remotely.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - April 11, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2022.

Community Communication

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding Consent Agenda Items 1-7:

- Holly Williams, Vancouver
- Emily Campbell, Vancouver
- Harper Goldberg, Vancouver
- Jaynee Haygood, Vancouver
- Gahlya Auel, Vancouver
- Abigail Wood-Gilson, Washougal, WA
- Kristin Kolasinski, Portland, OR
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Council requested Items 3 and 5 be pulled for discussion.

Council briefly discussed Items 3 and 5 with staff.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Increase to the spending limit on existing King County contract #6166037 to support the purchase of calcium nitrate for the city sewer system

Staff Report: 078-22

To maintain, operate, and decrease degradation of the City sewer pipes, calcium nitrate is added to the system to decrease the production of hydrogen sulfate gas (H2S). H2S is a by-product of waste and causes pipe corrosion and obnoxious odors. The City purchases calcium nitrate through a piggyback contract with King County. The contract has reached the City's allowed purchasing limits and require Council approval and authorization for additional purchases over \$300,000 for the expected costs that will be incurred over the remaining life of the contract, which runs through May 10, 2025. Purchasing via the piggyback contract allows for significant unit price savings due to the competitive bidding of the original King Country contract.

Failure to purchase calcium nitrate will result in H2S build up with the result of significant odor complaints and eventual corrosion of concrete pipes, leading to costly replacement or pipe collapse and sewer overflows.

Request:

Authorize and approve an increase of \$450,000 (\$750,000 total contract) to the piggyback King County contract #6166037 for purchase of Calcium Nitrate from Evoqua Water Technologies.

Eric Schadler, Sewer Engineering Program Manager, 360-487-7777

Motion approved the request.

Professional Service Agreements for On-Call Surveying Services

Staff Report: 079-22

The City Survey Department has not been able to keep up with current needs and has contracted out in excess of \$600,000 over the last five years. With the increase of Public Works and Transportation projects, On-Call Surveying Services will need to be utilized to avoid delays.

The City issued an RFQ 23-22 for On-Call Surveying Services in April 2022 and received nine responses. There were a total of four vendors selected, but three are on hold awaiting a WSDOT overhead rate approval letter. To expedite the process to allow staff to utilize services, staff is bringing forth one contract to Council for this agenda and the three other contracts will come at a later date. After a review of all responses, the evaluation committee selected one consultant for On-Call Professional Service Contracts. The City Survey Department proposes to execute the contract for three years in the amount shown below with a possible extension of 2 years.

Surveying Firm	Contract Amount	Work Categories
Minister and Glaeser Surveying, Inc	\$600,000	Property Boundaries, Mapping and Construction staking

Utilizing On-Call contracts for projects allows the City flexibility in staffing projects during times of peak workload.

Request:

Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Minister and Glaeser Surveying, Inc for professional survey services on an asneeded basis for three years with the not-to-exceed amount as indicated above; and authorize the City Manager to approve any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Glenn Donald, Professional Land Surveyor/Contract Manager, 360-487-7774

Motion approved the request.

3. Federal government relations contract with CFM Advocates

Staff Report: 080-22

In 2008, the City determined that based on the increasing complexity of Vancouver's federal legislative agenda, professional government relations services in Washington, D.C. were required. Through a Request for Proposal process, the City selected Conkling, Fiskum & McCormick (now CFM Advocates), an Oregon-based firm with offices in Vancouver WA and Washington DC, to provide federal legislative services.

As the current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2022, Staff completed a solicitation for this service, RFP 27-22, and received two proposals. CFM Advocates once again proved to be the best firm for the service.

CFM has a very successful track record of assisting in advancing the City's legislative initiatives and securing federal funding. Based on the firm's familiarity with the City's issues and the quality of the services they have provided, it is recommended that the City Council approve a new five-year agreement with CFM for federal government.

Request:

On June 27, 2022, authorize the City Manager or designee to sign a professional services agreement with CFM Advocates for federal government relations services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, 360-487-8612

Motion approved the request.

4. Marshall Park Harper's Playground Plan Cooperative Agreement Staff Report: 082-22

The existing playground at Marshall Park is inaccessible, dominated by wood chips and plastic stair-laden structures near the end of their life span, excludes thousands of children and their caregivers who experience mobility limiting disability from the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor play. In cooperation with the City's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department, Harper's Playground, a nonprofit organization, will build a fully accessible, radically inclusive playground to replace and improve the aging Chelsea Anderson Memorial at Marshall Park, and raise funds to cover the design, construction, and some equipment costs; the Parks Department will invest \$250,000 in equipment purchases. As of May 1, 2022, Harper's Playground has raised a total of \$1,931,800 in cash or pledged donations toward the estimated \$3,000,000 in construction costs. Harper's Playground continues to fundraise through private and philanthropic grant requests, organizational fundraising events, and

grassroots development efforts with the goal of closing the funding gap in advance of the November 2022 project completion.

The Parks Department is implementing Project Play, a vision to strategically place fully accessible playgrounds at parks throughout Vancouver, where people of all ages and abilities can thrive together through play. As part of this initiative, the Parks Department held a public open house on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Marshall Park to review the plans for the Chelsea Anderson Memorial Playground designed by Harper's Playground and to engage in the community feedback process. More than 150 people were in attendance, including City leadership, and provided feedback on playground design concepts and share new ideas. The cooperative engagement with Harper's Playground was initiated because the organization is uniquely situated to comprehensively manage the funding, design, and construction of a natural and accessible park environment that is physically, socially, and emotionally inviting for people of all ages and abilities. The qualifications of Harper's Playground and the vision for Marshall Park was presented to City Council on September 13, 2021.

Request:

Approve and ratify the sole source justification for Harper's Playground pursuant to VMC 3.05.210 and the City's Sole Source Procurements Policy and approve and ratify the Parks Director execution of the Playground Plan Agreement with Harper's Playground for design and construction of the Marshall Park playground pursuant to the authority granted by VMC 2.16.090(7).

Julie Hannon, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director. 360-487-8309

Motion approved the request.

5. Adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between Clark County and the City of Vancouver for the 2022 Recycling Residue Study

Staff Report: 083-22

The City's Solid Waste program and Clark County's Solid Waste and Environmental Outreach Division (SWEO) are mandated by the state Department of Ecology to implement contamination reduction efforts to reduce contamination (i.e. residuals/trash) in the recycling stream. To meet these goals, Vancouver and regional partners are working to target appropriate outreach messages to households and multi-family residents within the City and broader region to improve recycling outcomes.

Recyclables collected within Vancouver and Clark County are delivered and processed under contract with Columbia Resource Company (CRC) at the West Van Materials Recovery Center (West Van) for the recovery of recyclable materials and commodities. In accordance with the processing contract, CRC conducts an annual allocation study in which materials from geographically specific residential sources are processed separately from other sources to determine the breakdown of the type and amount of recyclables and contaminants collected from those sources.

Concurrent with the allocation study, the County conducts an annual residual study analysis of the recycling stream to identify key contaminants outlined in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Appendix P: Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan. The study involves the sorting of residual materials collected by Waste Connections of Washington from single family and multifamily residents in Vancouver and Clark County as part of the regional recycling program.

The primary objective of the recycling residue study is to provide reliable and statistically-sound data about the contamination/residue collected from three sources to help assist regional partners in evaluating the effectiveness of existing recycling programs, and to identify the types and amounts of contamination present in curbside and multifamily recycling streams. This in turn allows for better tailoring of campaigns and programs to most effectively reach division goals and assure high quality materials are sent to available markets.

An initial baseline residue study was conducted in 2016. Subsequent studies were conducted in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Partial studies were conducted in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to time and resource constraints, Clark County SWEO partnered with City of Vancouver Solid Waste to execute the recycling residual analysis study in 2022.

The fieldwork for this study was performed by Community Environmental Services (CES) under contract with the City of Vancouver. The contractor is required to complete a recycling residue study for 2022 that includes conducting an assessment of residual materials from the allocation study for the City of Vancouver Solid Waste and Clark County Public Health Solid Waste from three separated sources: multifamily (regionwide), single family (City of Vancouver) and single family (urban growth area/unincorporated Clark County).

To-date, the 2022 residual waste study consisted of three days of physical sampling at the West Van (scheduled on May 8, June 5 and 12). Random samples were taken from single-family recycling collected from within City of Vancouver limits, as well as, urban growth area/unincorporated Clark County routes, and regionwide multifamily routes were be analyzed and sorted into approximately 39 categories of waste. A final report with analysis will be provided in September.

As per the Interlocal Agreement the City will provide reports from the

contractor along with their invoice(s) for services to Clark County. This Interlocal Agreement would remain in effect until December 31, 2022, unless amended or terminated sooner.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign / adopt the

Interlocal Agreement with Clark County for reimbursement of

2022 recycling residue study expenses.

Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor, 360-487-7162

Motion approved the request.

6. Modification of 2022 Council Calendar

Staff Report: 085-22

On June 13, City Council adopted amendments to its Policy 100-32 to, among other things, allow for alternate approaches to hosting community forums on the last consent meeting of the month. Due to holidays over the summer months, there is only one consent meeting/community forum night each in July, August and September. To assure consistency of the community forum night occurring on the last meeting of each month, as well as to optimize planning and promotion of community forums over these summer months, the Council calendar needs to be amended to set the consent and forum night for August to occur on August 15 instead of August 8. The August 8 meeting will be changed to a Regular City Council meeting. The resulting consent meeting/community forum schedule for summer will be July 25, August 15 and September 26. The normal schedule will resume in October.

Request: Approve, as part of the consent agenda, an amendment to the

2022 Council Calendar for August to set the consent

agenda/community forum date for August 15.

Eric Holmes, City Manager, 360-487-8600

Motion approved the request.

7. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 27, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$12,070,995.15.

Public Hearings (Item 8-11)

8. An Ordinance adding Section 3.08.100 to the Vancouver Municipal Code ("VMC"), amending other sections of the VMC to provide a uniform methodology for adjustment of certain City fees and charges pursuant to the consumer price index

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to the annual adjustment of certain City fees and charges to reflect changes in the consumer price index; adopting legislative findings, adding Section 3.08.100 to the Vancouver Municipal Code to provide a uniform methodology for adjustment of certain City fees and charges pursuant to the consumer price index, effective in 2023; amending Section 1.01.080 of the Vancouver Municipal Code to clarify that the City Clerk may update fees and charges to reflect Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments authorized by the VMC, amending Sections 11.60.160, 14.04.090, 16.40.070, 17.08.130, 19.11.040, 20.180.050, and 20.915.050 of the Vancouver Municipal Code to incorporate by reference the methodology set forth in new Section 3.08.100; approving and ratifying adjustment of certain City fees and charges for 2022 to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for 2021, providing for severability; and setting an immediate effective date.

The VMC currently provides several differing and inconsistent methodologies for the annual adjustment of fees and charges to reflect changes in the consumer price index. In addition, the regional Consumer Price Index for the Portland-Salem, Oregon-Washington Metropolitan Area for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) referenced in Sections 11.60.160 and 20.180.050 of the VMC no longer exists. Harmonizing these provisions will ensure consistent application of CPI adjustments in future years. Additionally, implanting the 2022 adjustments in a series of two steps (one in the first fiscal quarter, with a second increase in the third fiscal quarter) will afford City Staff time to communicate these changes to effected businesses.

Request:

On Monday, June 27, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 360-487-8484; Jonathan Young, City Attorney, 360-487-8500

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, provided an overview of the Ordinance adding Section 3.08.100 to the Vancouver Municipal Code.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4376.

9. **2023-2027** Transportation Improvement Program

Staff Report: 086-22

A RESOLUTION adopting the City of Vancouver's Comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2023-2028 and revising the City's Arterial Street System and Classification Map.

The 2023–2028 TIP presents a transportation development program that supports implementation of the City's adopted comprehensive plan. The project lists clearly identify those projects and programs that are intended to receive funding from the sources approved as part of the street funding strategy. The TIP can be amended at any time by Council action, if needed.

The TIP also provides updates to the Arterial Classification Map. The arterial map update includes minor revisions such as revising the classification of some arterials to match development plans. More updates to the arterial map are expected as part of the upcoming transportation system plan update.

This year's update includes several recommendations from the TMC including:

- Changed the names for categories of projects to better describe their intent. For example, changing "multimodal" to "active transportation".
- Updated the scoring for the project prioritization by including transit in the scoring criteria for congestion management.
- Updated the scoring for the project prioritization by creating a graduated scale for pedestrian and bicycle improvements so the more lineal feet of improvements the more points the project gets.
- Included someone from outside the City to help score the projects (a member of the Regional Transportation Council).
- Performed targeted outreach to community-based organizations and partners serving historically excluded and underrepresented communities.

In addition to the changes requested by the TMC staff, also updated the scoring criteria for social equity to be consistent with the City's equity map index. The pilot project prioritization process will continue to be refined as part of the upcoming Transportation System Plan update.

Request:

On June 27, 2022, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the proposed 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program and revisions to the Arterial Street System and Classification Map.

Chris Malone, Finance and Asset Manager, 360-487-7711; Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, 360-487-7706

Chris Malone, Finance and Asset Manager, provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program.

Council discussed the item with staff briefly.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution M-4175.

10. Housing Code Update

Staff Report: 077-22

AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning code text changes allowing for increased options for housing types and densities citywide; amending Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) 20.410, 20.420, 20.810, 20.927, 20,945, and adding new sections 20.815 and 20.950; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Proposed changes are summarized below. All were recommended for approval unanimously by the Planning Commission at an April 12 public hearing, except where otherwise noted:

- 1. Creation of standards for a new R-17 zoning district allowing single family homes on 2,000 to 5,000 square foot lots, subject to access and streetfront requirements, and compliance with existing Narrow Lot standards. Streetfront and access standards would also be applied to existing R-9 and R-6 zoning districts. Requires Planning Commission review and Council rezone approval through public hearing process to be established in specific locations.
- 2. Creation of standards for a new R- 50 zoning district allowing multifamily homes at densities up to 50 units per acre. One parking space per unit would be required in the new R-50 zone, and for new developments in existing multi-family zoning districts. Requires Planning Commission review and Council rezone approval through public hearing process to be established in specific locations.

- 3. Changes to parking standards for multi-family and specialty housing in response to new state requirements. Allows market rate apartments within ¼ mile of transit lines running every 35 minutes, or anywhere in CX zone, to provide 0.75 parking spaces per unit. Allows long term income-restricted housing affordable to households making 60% Area Median Income (AMI) or less to provide 0.75 spaces per unit citywide. Allows senior and disabled persons housing to provide no parking citywide for residents, but adds parking requirements for staff and visitors. Would require site plan review to implement.
- 4. A density bonus for income-restricted housing projects in response to a new state requirement. Allows density bonuses (up to 50% for single family homes and 100% for multi-family homes) for housing projects affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income. Would require site plan or subdivision review to implement.
- 5. New standards allowing cottage cluster developments in single family zones, whereby higher densities are allowed, but with smaller than normal homes with cottage features oriented around common open spaces. Subdivision or site plan review would be required to implement.
- 6. Updated requirements for minimum setbacks between new apartments and existing single-family homes, requiring apartments to be setback five feet from property lines, plus an additional three feet for every one foot of building height above 35 feet, up to a maximum requirement of 15 feet.

 The Planning Commission split 3-3 and thus did not advance a recommendation. Those voting against an updated and increased setback for taller apartments noted that doing so would reduce housing opportunities. The proposed change noted above and included in the ordinance is the original staff recommendation.
- 7. New micro-housing standards allowing apartments with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities without on-site staff.

 The Planning Commission voted 4-2 to recommend new standards allowing micro-housing apartments with shared facilities, but with an added limitation that micro-housing developments not be eligible for the new affordable housing density bonus allowed by proposal #4 above. The two votes against wished to allow eligibility for the affordable housing density bonus if threshold standards were met. Based on Council comments at the May 12 workshop, two ordinances are provided at the June 13 first reading, one allowing micro-housing to be eligible for the affordable housing density bonus, one not allowing eligibility.
- 8. Updated ADU standards allowing historical garages within side and rear building setbacks to be converted to ADUs if they meet all other ADU and building standards and are no taller than 15 feet.
- 9. Although not subject to public hearing review, City staff are also

developing expedited building permit review processes for new single family homes providing features that facilitate aging-in-place.

Public comment through the process has been mixed and varied, with parking and densification being the most common concerns. Comments received prior to the May 16, 2022 Council workshop are summarized in the workshop staff report. Those received since are listed in Attachment C of this memorandum. Development community comments were in favor of the overall project, with concerns about single family home garage width limitations and alley provisions in #1 above, and allowances for larger cottages in #5.

Request:

On June 27, 2022, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve either Ordinance A (does not allow microhousing apartments to be eligible for an affordable housing density bonus) or Ordinance B (allows micro-housing apartments to be eligible for an affordable housing density bonus if thresholds are met).

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Housing Code Update.

Council discussed the item briefly.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- Mark Jolgen, Vancouver
- Terry Ibert, Vancouver
- Siobhana McEwen, Vancouver
- Margaret Milem, Vancouver
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA
- Christine Dickinsen, Vancouver

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Perez seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance A, M-4377.

11. Amendment to a contract with PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (Contract # C-79788) to complete the design, update environmental permitting, and provide construction

support related to the NE 137th Avenue transportation improvement project

Staff Report: 076-22

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract amendment with PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc. (hereinafter "Contractor"), for the provision of design, permitting, and construction support services; providing required Terms that such contract amendment be for a term of not more than five (5) years; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

In 2014, PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (previously HDJ Design Group) of Vancouver, Washington was selected as the most qualified firm to provide professional services to improve NE 137th Avenue project from NE 49th Street to NE Fourth Plain Boulevard through a competitive selection process (RFQ 2-14). The City of Vancouver awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,215,033.75. The contract was intended to use available grant funding and progress the design to the 75% level.

The City of Vancouver requested a fee proposal from PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. for additional services to advance the design from the 75% level to final bidding and construction documents, update environmental permitting, and to provide as-needed support during construction.

PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. provided a proposal and fee schedule for additional professional services dated May 6, 2022 (attached). The additional fee is \$964,695.33, and with the addition of this amendment the total contract price will be \$2,179,729.08.

Request: On June 27, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, 360-487-7706

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, provided an overview of the Amendment to a Contract with PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc.

Council briefly discussed the item.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried 4-3 to approve Ordinance M-4378. Councilmembers Stober, Fox, and Perez voted No.

Communications

- A. From the Council
- B. From the Mayor
- C. From the City Manager

Boards and Commissions Annual Review Update

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on the Boards and Commissions Annual Review.

County-Wide Criminal Justice Sales Tax Proposition

Eric Holmes, City Manager, provided information to the Council regarding the County-Wide Criminal Justice Sales Tax Proposition.

Council discussed with staff at length their position on the draft resolution.

9:28 p.m. Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor Attest: Natasha Ramras, City Clerk



City of Vancouver City Council 415 W 6th Street Vancouver, WA 98660

June 24, 2022

RE: Housing Code Update (Staff Report 077-22 for Council Hearing on June 27, 2022)

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of Ginn Group to express our support for the City's proposed Housing Code Updates.

As a local residential real estate developer focused on providing new missing middle homes to the greater Vancouver community, Ginn Group commends the City's initiative to address the housing shortage with revisions to the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) that are designed to encourage more and better housing options for all of Vancouver's citizens. The proposed code modifications are timely and will be effective in helping to address the lack of housing supply across the board, but with particular emphasis on financially attainable and affordable housing options.

We believe the City's proposed zoning code updates will allow for a broader range of product types and wider range of densities and will create more opportunities for development and construction of more missing middle housing. We are particularly encouraged by the new R-17 and R-50 Residential Districts and the new Cottage Cluster Housing provisions.

In addition to endorsing the proposed code changes, we appreciate the thoughtful and inclusive approach the City took in developing the recommendation. We appreciate both the analytical framework, market study – and the public outreach process which included and balanced input from a broad range of stakeholders. This kind of outreach process is entirely appropriate and essential for housing policy which quite directly impacts all of us. We want to thank the City for including Ginn Group in that process.

Again, we support the strategic changes that the City is making through proposed code updates and incentives that will remove barriers and create more opportunities to deliver missing middle homes in our community. We look forward to the adoption of the ordinance that will implement these strategic changes.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Sonnen
Lindsey Sonnen, Principal Planner

Ginn Group, LLC



From: <u>City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager</u>

To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>

Subject: FW: Letter of Support: Harper"s Playground Marshall Park

Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:21:12 PM
Attachments: Letter of Support Caleb Swing.pdf

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From: Marlana Sears Gudgel

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:19 PM

To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager < CMO@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Letter of Support: Harper's Playground Marshall Park

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Marlana Sears Gudgel (she/her)
Elementary Math, Curriculum & Instruction
Evergreen Public Schools

When people say "I hate math" they're saying "I hate my mathematical experience," right? Because math is objectively a beautiful, profound expression of human thought. That is a fact....They're saying "I was devalued in this experience." I hear that. And I say to them, "I'm sorry that's the experience you had, but I'm here to present you with another one. So: Are you willing?" Aris Winger, Rehumanizing Mathematics for Black, Indigenous, and Latinx Students, NCTM 2018

June 27, 2022

Dear Vancouver City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of Harper's Playground at Marshall Park in Vancouver, WA. I am a life long resident of Vancouver, a teacher in the community, and a parent of a child with disabilities. This playground, I believe, will have a huge impact on ALL of our children, especially those that are disabled and do not have access to the typical play structures in our city.

I got involved with Harper's Playground through my son, Caleb. Caleb was a classmate and dear friend of Harper Goldberg at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, before he died in January 2020 at the age of 14. His death was sudden and unexpected, and I will grieve for the rest of my life for my son. Everyone that knew Caleb loved him and continue to speak of the lasting impact his light and love had on them. After his death, family and friends from all over our community and across the country reached out to ask how they could help keep Caleb's memory alive. For the first year, I really had no idea what would be meaningful and wasn't in the place to think about possibilities yet. However, when my mom heard about the new inclusive playground being built at Marshall Park, she had the idea of having a memorial there for Caleb. This idea was the first thing that felt right...the first step in finding some meaning in my life after Caleb's death.

I reached out to Cody and over time we came up with the idea of a memorial wheelchair swing, the first of it's kind in the Pacitic Northwest. Family and friends donated more than \$10,000 towards the purchase of this swing, and we are all so excited to see it in action some day soon.

The pain and grief I feel over my son's death will always be with me. My hope is that visiting this playground will allow me to heal, as I see children like him play on equipment that is designed for everyone to enjoy. My prayer is that the joy that Caleb brought to my life and the life of those around him, will continue to spread in this beautiful playground.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marlana Sears-Gudgel

Vancouver, WA 98663

From: <u>City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager</u>

To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>

Subject: FW: Written Comments - June 27 Vancouver City Council Meeting

Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:35:25 PM

Hi Sarah,

I just found this comment in the junk email folder. Sorry I didn't get it to you sooner. I'll forward any others but I think this is officially the last.

Thank you,

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----Original Message----

From: Micah's Miles

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:27 AM

To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager < CMO@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Written Comments - June 27 Vancouver City Council Meeting

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City Council and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle,

This letter is in support of the approval of item #5 Marshall Park Harper's Playground Plan Cooperative Agreement in the consent agenda on the June 27 Vancouver City Council Meeting.

We serve on the board of directors for a local nonprofit, Micah's Miles, focused on helping build more inclusive communities.

We are grateful for your leadership in developing more inclusive opportunities for Vancouver. This park is an amazing example of that. The power of being able to come together around our children where all are welcome cannot be overstated. When children are able to play together, families and neighbors come together, and communities grow stronger.

Playing at a park is something that many take for granted, but for those who access the world a little differently, a park can be another example of what's not accessible. The plans for Marshall Park empower everyone's access in a safe and fun way.

Harper's Playground has helped positively impact communities around the world. We are fortunate that Harper and the amazing Harper's Playground team live in our community and have helped us bring the next vision for Marshall Park to life.

We strongly support the approval of the plan and cooperative agreement. On behalf of all the children and families in the future that will benefit from this decision - THANK YOU!

Micah's Miles Board of Directors		
Amy Campbell		
Lisa Greseth		
Angela Hood		
Sean Ryan		
Jeff Snell		
Suzie Snell Scott Thompson		
Mike True		

"Housing is on the rise in downtown Vancouver"

The Columbian March 15, 2020 by Will Campbell

Quotes Chad Eiken director for the City of Vancouver Community Development Department ". . . downtown has about three times as many apartments or condo buildings planned or under construction than during the last few decades . . . With more available apartments, rents could fall over time . . ."

"Navalia Apartments to offer 'safe harbor' in Uptown Village"

The Columbian May 24, 2022 by Will Campbell

"... soon to be next to the area's only grocery store ... 73 unit apartment ... is due to be finished in October ... will hold studios, loft studios, one-and two-bedroom units ..."

Peter Van Nortwick

Assessor

May 3,2022

During 2021, property values continued to increase in Clark County. Low inventory continued as an issue pushing residential values even higher.

New construction was strong through the beginning of 2021, but toward the end of the year supply chain issues begun to show an impact on the new construction marketplace.

In 2021, Clark County was the second fastest growing county in Washington State and our population broke the 500,000 mark.

Clark County is second to King County in population density and with the current supply chain issues, I expect Clark County to continue as a seller's market.











Restoring Our Lawful Government ... of the People, by the People, and for the People

The Washington Assembly

We are dedicated to repopulating the original Washington Assembly that has been inactive for over 150 years. We are also committed to restoring the Washington land and soil jurisdiction Common law (public law) court system, which will resolve disputes through truth, justice and honor, under full disclosure. This can only be done by living men and women who are ready, willing and able to properly declare their political status as American State Citizens and accept the responsibilities that come with this valiant commitment.

Perhaps it is time for you to start learning about the benefits of reclaiming your American Birthright. This website is dedicated to raising awareness about the foreign-owned corporations fraudulently masquerading as our government. These foreign entities have infiltrated our schools, our communities, political offices, our monetary system, the military and influential businesses. They have intentionally inverted the government power structure and they have committed massive crimes against generations of naive Americans.

This information is intended to help Washington men and women, learn the truth and what can peacefully be done to take back our country. To get started, you must properly declare your true American political status. This matters more than you realize. When you know who you are, and what you are not, the truth will set you free. (See the "Correct Your Status" page to learn more.)

Your Public Duty

If you don't use it, you lose it! (2:30 minute video)

Do you ever sense that something just does not seem right day-to-day?

Do you ever feel confused or distressed but cannot quite identify why?

Have you considered where this influence might actually come from?

Do you know where to begin looking for answers?



Did You Know...

"US Citizens" cannot own physical land because they are presumed to be tenants not landlords. In all cases where "US Citizens" not 'American Nationals', live in homes or on land in this country, they only have tenant rights, even if they have paid off their Mortgages.

If your Property Taxes (rent forever) are not paid, you will lose your property. Once you have declared on the Public Record that you are an 'American National', it all changes.

'American Nationals' not employed by the government do not have to pay Federal Income Taxes.

That Corporations cannot Address living people unless men/women are tricked into admitting they are artificial persons?

No government, as well as any law, agency, aspect, court, etc. can concern itself with anything other than corporate, artificial persons and the contracts between them."

The Pledge of Allegiance is an undisclosed entrapment into contract ceding authority to represent the individual inhabitants and the American Republic to "the United States of America" similar to what happens when an unwary individual hires a lawyer to "represent" them and "stand for" them in a court.

That Your Identity was stolen at birth via the Birth Certificate that your Mother signed. An infant decedent estate has been established in your ALL CAPS NAME, and has been used to conduct business in your NAME(S)

Are You a US Citizen or an American State National?

United States Citizen		
Civil rights (privileges) granted by the government		
Classified as a franchise / government dependent		
Subject to thousands of corporate statutes and codes		
Required to pay Federal Income Taxes as a government franchise		

American State National		
Natural, unalienable rights endowed by our Creator		
Sovereign man or woman on the land and soil		
Afforded American common law that is guaranteed by the constitution		
Does not pay Federal Income Tax unless they are actually a government employee.		

"US Citizen" Challenge

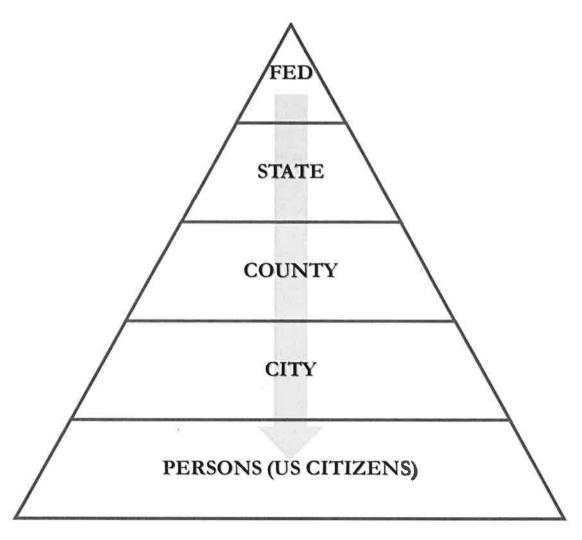
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Do you live in American Samoa, Guam, or American Virgin Islands?		No
Do you work for the Federal Government?		No
Do you currently serve in the Military?		No
Are you in a Political Office?		No
Have you been granted Political Asylum?		No
Are you an African American (not a State Citizen)?		No
Are you a welfare recipient?		No

If you can answer "No" to all these questions, you should correct your political status.

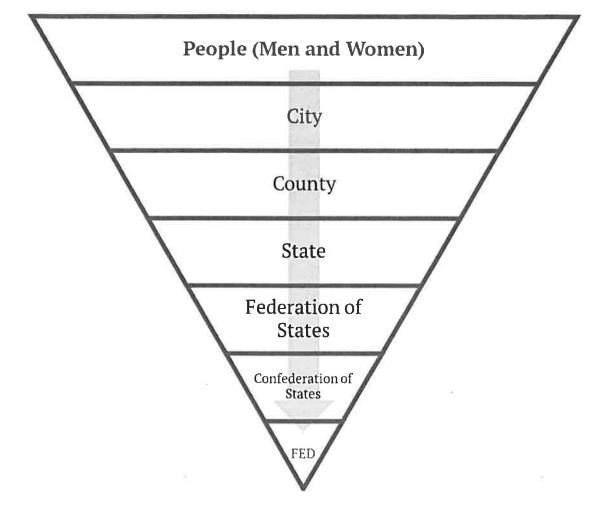
Government Power Structure

The "acting US Government" is a foreign owned and operated corporation and it wants to own you! When the power structure is inverted, a small number of people at the top hold all the power...instead of

Corporate Government Power Flow



Self-Governing Power Flow



What's The Remedy?

Individual Level

- You don't like being lied to/duped and having your identity and assets stolen
- Live Free & Peaceful as a Living Man/Woman on the land and soil as Creator intended
- Don't owe State or Federal Income Taxes
- Discharge all your debt via National Credit, We are the creditors of national debt
- Don't be divided as a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or US Citizen
- · Correct your Political Status to an American State National

Community Level

- Join Your Land & Soil Assembly and step up to Serve as an American State Citizen
- You don't get any above rights protected without other ASC's working for you
- We are not forming a new government, but rather we are finishing reconstruction as it used to be between 1776-1865
- Reconstruct our Lawful Government and Peacekeeping Officers
- Reconstruct our Common Law Courts in the Land Jurisdiction
- Manage our Employees
- Uphold the Public Law and Keep the Peace

The Washington Assembly can help!

What if you were secretly misidentified as an innocent baby on purpose, so someone else other than your real parents could claim to own you? Does that sound far-fetched? Perhaps you should know, most Americans have been intentionally misidentified as a newborn babies. This is when our American political statuses were unlawfully changed. This fraudulent conversion (actually identity theft) drains our life force throughout our lives.

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Additional Learning Resources

- Chart your course
- The American States Assembly
- Anna's Webinars
- Sign-in America
- Anna Von Reitz's Website
- Brent Winters (Common Law)

TO: City of Vancouver Council

FROM: Don and Janie Wilson owners GG's House VRBO 2647698 State of Washington Business License UBI # 604026692 City of Vancouver Endorsements: Home Occupation Business

DATE: June 27, 2022

ATTACHMENTS: 1) First Letter from Jason Nortz Development Review Manager City of Vancouver early 2022 (not dated), 2) Public Disclosure Request item #2 Complaints against Short Term Rentals (STR's)

STR ILLEGAL/NOT ALLOWED VERSES UNREGULATED

The attached letter which is not dated was received by many STR owners in the City of Vancouver sometime in early 2022. This letter states we are operating a STR against the law and must immediately cease operations if we are not a registered Bed and Breakfast to avoid a code violation notice which may result in financial penalties. At that time the only guest scheduled with us for under a thirty-day visit was Dulce Mercado and her family on August 26-29th. A booking for \$640.20. As instructed, I immediately sent her a copy of the letter from Jason Nortz and apologized because I would have to cancel her booking. It was maybe within a couple of weeks that we received a second revised February 4, 2022, letter from Jason Nortz stating his first letter was in error. By the time I got back to Dulce Mercado she had already booked another STR. Considering the cost of gas and the disarray within the airline industry with canceled flights I have not yet been able to rebook these dates. Not only have we lost revenue from the error made by Jason Nortz but we and a lot of the other STR owners are facing the possibility of losing their primary or secondary family home. We would prefer long term renters in our furnished homes but that is not always possible and without the income from short-term stays we would not be able to meet our financial obligations such as our mortgages.

In the second revised letter sent by Jason Nortz we are informed STR's are not currently allowed but Vancouver City Council will be considering changes to the City's Land Use and Development Code to possibly "allow" short-term rentals. Jason organized several groups of eight STR owners at a time to participate in Zoom meetings and there he informed us the reason for the City of Vancouver limiting our furnished homes to only long-term rentals was due to the complaints the city has received concerning parties at STR's creating loud noise, excess garbage, parking, and safety issues. However, in Jason's Memorandum dated June 13, 2022, page 2 in the first full paragraph he can only refer to fewer than six inquiries about STR's and only two community members have called VPD most likely regarding parties or noise. Located on the back of the page with the first attachment letter sent by Jason Nortz is the second attachment the answer to my Public Disclosure Request sent to me on June 15, 2022, states in the highlighted section the City has not received any formal complaints related to short-term rental agreements according to Code Enforcement within the last year. We as STR owners should not be facing sleepless nights and extreme anxiety over time spent fighting this level of financial ruin inflicted on us by our city government when there has only been a possible hand full of inquires or complaints about STR's.

The wording used by Jason Nortz changed from our STR's being "illegal" to "not allowed" and that we are out of compliance with current code requirements. In Jason's June 13, 2022, Memorandum bottom of page 7 he states, "Locally, the City of Vancouver staff believes that STR's do not meet existing Vancouver Municipal Code definition of residential uses and are considered commercial uses. . . STR's are "not allowed" in residential zones, however they "are allowed" in a majority of commercial zones as a Commercial and Transient Lodging use (e.g., hotel/motel)." The belief of City of Vancouver staff does not qualify for the creation of any regulations for STR's. On the contrary there are no VMC's regulating or defining STR's, therefore they cannot be "not allowed" or out of compliance with current code requirements. Whereas the State of Washington RCW 64.37.010 (9)(a) Defines Short Term Rentals as "a lodging use, that is not a hotel or motel or bed and breakfast, in which a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is offered or provided to a guest by a short-term rental operator for a fee for fewer than thirty consecutive nights." As recognized by the State of Washington STR's do not fall into the category of a hotel/motel and therefore cannot be limited to commercial zones nor subjected to the same inspections and regulations as a hotel and should not be subject to operation fees to cover inspection costs.

STR's have been listed within the last 15 years on international websites for rent and have become popular choices of rentals for travelers around the world. These companies such as Airbnb and VRBO are very interested in their good reputation with the cities in which they are located. They are available and willing to accept factual information of any complaints of broken laws lodged with a city government. These companies will then reach out to the owner and guest of the particular rental for their version of events and depending on their findings can either levy restrictions or cancel the STR from using their advertising platform.

If a house next door to you, for example, should have a teenager invite his high school class over for a party while his parents are out of town causing issues of excessive noise, garbage, parking and safety. You could call the proper city department and lodge a formal complaint and there would be possible fines etc. However, this homeowner and teenager would still exist next door with the potential of becoming a repeat offender. With the additional level of involvement by a company like Airbnb or VRBO who can also levy the complete cessation of a STR a city has the capability of eliminating the problem house from their community.

We as STR owners are currently unregulated with only a hand full of complaints over the last several years which does not warrant the level of investigation involving words such as "illegal" and the "not allowed" operation of a STR. Such inaccurate words bring fear to the hearts of STR owners who depend on weekend rentals to meet their financial obligations. We would advocate for the City of Vancouver council to maintain the status quo as unregulated and enforce broken city laws on a complaint basis extending to any remedies offered by the business advertising the STR such as Airbnb and VRBO.

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Dear City of Vancouver property owner,

You are receiving this letter because it has come to our attention that a short-term vacation rental (i.e., stays for fewer than 30 days) is being operated at one or more of your properties located in Vancouver, Washington, which is against the law. print

Currently, Vancouver Municipal Code 20.830 prohibits operation of short-term vacation rentals within the city limits, with the exception of those that have been officially registered with the City as a 1- to 2-bedroom bed and breakfast where the owner/operator also lives on the premises. Any short-term vacation rentals that are not registered as a bed and breakfast are operating illegally.

We realize that you may not have known until just now that short-term vacation rentals were illegal in Vancouver, or you may not be directly involved in this commercial activity at your property, which is why we're reaching out to you with this information. If a tenant is operating the short-term vacation rental at your property without your knowledge, you are still accountable as the property owner.

At this time, we are asking you to immediately cease operations of any short-term rentals that have not been officially registered with the City of Vancouver as a 1- to 2-bedroom bed and breakfast, in order to avoid a notice of code violation, which may result in financial penalties. To learn how to register as a bed and breakfast, contact the City's Land Use Planning Division at (360)487-7803 or cddplanning@cityofvancouver.us.

We understand that this will have an impact on you and want to let you know that the Vancouver City Council is currently considering changes to the City's Land Use and Development Code to possibly allow short-term vacation rentals and is seeking community input on the issue before they take any action on it.

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We encourage you to take our online survey at: www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey <a href="https://www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey <a href="https://www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey <a href="https://www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey <a href="https://www.beheardvancouver.org/VacationRentalSurvey <a href="https://www.

It will be available through February 25, 2022 If you have any questions about this letter or the possible code changes, please email Jason Nortz at <u>jason.nortz@cityofvancouver.us</u>

Thank you for your voluntary compliance with current City of Vancouver laws. Sincerely,

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Jason Nortz
Development Review Manager
City of Vancouver
(360) 487-7844

Cc: Chad Eiken, Director, Community Development Department

From: Vancouver Public Records Center <vancouverwa@mycusthelp.net>

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 11:30 AM

To: jwilsonwaesq@gmail.com

Subject: [Records Center] Public Records Request :: C000426-052522



06/15/2022

Sent via email to:

Janie Wilson

RE: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUEST C000426-052522

Dear Janie Wilson:

This letter is an acknowledgement of your records request dated 5/24/2022 8:00:00 AM, for the following:

I am not sure why you quote a paragraph written by Jason Nortz to decide what records I am requesting so here are the two requests I have made:

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1) all the contact information (email and snail mail addresses + phone numbers) for the short term rental owners in residential zones that were sent letters by the City of Vancouver in February and March 2022 which would include all the email addresses of those who participated in later Zoom meetings with Jason Nortz on this topic.

2) any records of complaints in the past year against any residential short term rental owners such as police reports, pictures, phone calls to the City of Vancouver etc for such things as excessive noise, parking, garbage, safety etc.

Here is the contact information for the ZOOM meeting:

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Dean	Montgomery	
Kareen	Mills	

Regarding item 1, our contract with Granicus exempts disclosure of contact information under RCW 42.56.270(11)(b): "(11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that relates to: . . . (b) data unique to the product or services of the vendor."

Regarding item 2, the City has not received any formal complaints related to short-term rental agreements according to Code Enforcement.

If you feel that there are any missing documents or additional types of materials that your request sought, which are not included in the enclosed response, please contact me so your request may be clarified.

This concludes the City's response to the above-mentioned request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Please log into your GovQA account to access these records: https://www.cityofvancouver.us/ims/page/public-records

Sincerely,

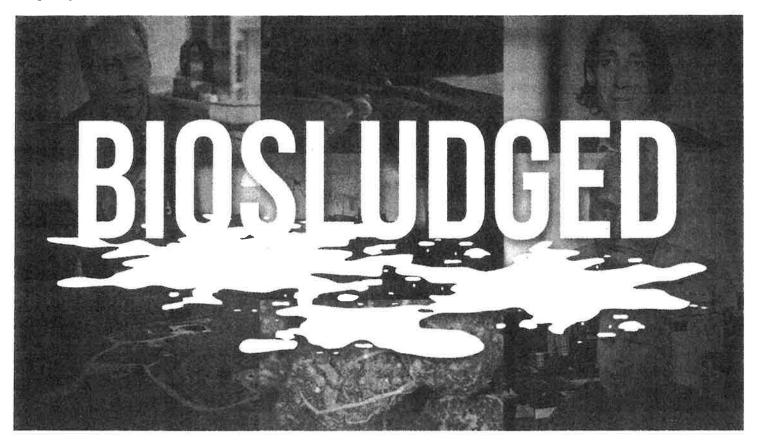
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Public Records Officer

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Thursday, November 29, 2018 by: Mike Adams
Tags: badfood, badpollution, Biosludge, Biosolids, Brighteon Films, documentary, Ecology, environ, environment, goodhealth, goodscience, Mike Adams, movie, sewage sludge, toxins



(Natural News) The *Biosludged* movie that exposes "the greatest environmental crime you've never known" is now available for full downloading and sharing. The film documents the EPA's outright crimes against the environment, along with industry collusion, science fraud and the mass pollution of the U.S. food supply with toxic sewage sludge.

The sewage sludge industry, which **relies on secrecy and lies** to continue its profitable pollution racket, is already in a panic over the release of this film. What they are starting to realize is that rather than restrict the film to theaters or pay-per-view, we planned all along to release the film to the public for sharing and posting everywhere. We even built our own video platform — Brighteon.com — so that YouTube, Vimeo, Google, Facebook, Twitter and other evil tech giants could not censor the film.

Grab the files at this link, and enter your email address there to subscribe to the Brighteon Films announcement list.

You are hereby granted permission to:

- Post the full movie, or snippets of the movie, to your YouTube, Vimeo, Bitchute, Brighteon or other video provider channel.
- · Burn the full movie to DVDs and give them away for free (you may not charge for the film, however).
- · Share the film files on torrent sites or file sharing sites.
- · Download and store a copy on your local computer.
- Share the downloaded files with others using any means you wish.

We only ask that you give credit to Biosludged.com or BrighteonFilms.com, and remember that even though we grant you the right to share the film for non-commercial purposes, we still technically "own" the film and maintain copyright on the film.

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call to action

Some great ideas of how to spread the word about Biosludge

By sharing the Biosludged movie, you join an **underground railroad of activist** citizens who are helping distribute critical information that's being systematically suppressed by industry, government and media. (Yes, all three are covering up the truth about toxic sewage sludge.)

That's why we've put this film out for you to share. Here are a few ideas of how you can get this film into the hands of other people who need to see it

- Burn the movie to DVDs and hand them or mail them to your local city council members.
- Upload the files to Dropbox or another service and share links with your friends on social media.
- Send DVDs or file links to local journalists or news investigation teams.
- · Send copies to your members of Congress.

Sign up for the email newsletter at BrighteonFilms.com to be kept informed of more news surrounding this film, as well as announcements on the release of upcoming films.

Also: We need volunteer translators who can translate the film's captions into Spanish and other languages. Please contact Natural News if you can assist in this effort.

Read Biosludged.news to stay informed about the topic of biosludge and the mass pollution of our soils and our food.

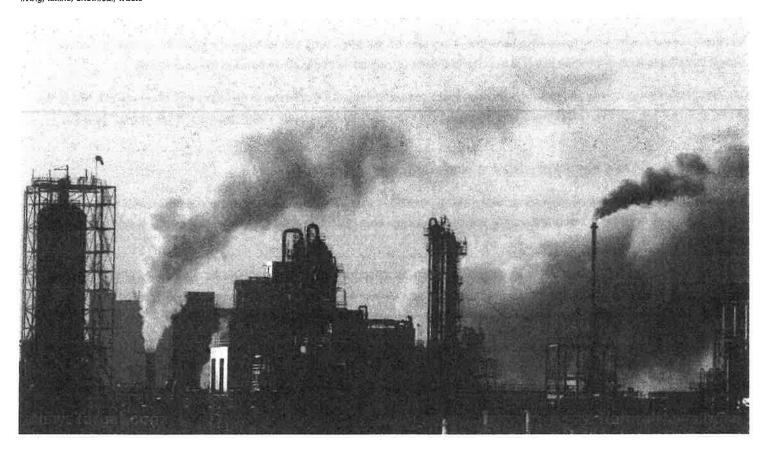
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Electric cars, "sustainability," and other city folk ideologies are a clean energy MYTH – watch at Brighteon.com

Sunday, October 21, 2018 by: Ethan Huff

Tags: automobiles, badclimate, badpollution, batteries, big cities, bio-sludge, cars, cities, Clean Energy, climate alarmism, coal, electric cars, environ, environment, environmental consciousness, feces, green living, hybrids, immoral, Leftists, Liberal Mob, liberals, lifestyle, myth, Prius, science clowns, science myths, sustainability, sustainable, sustainable living, toxins, unethical, waste



(Natural News) Big-government leftists, many of whom live in large cities, are known to tout their electric and hybrid vehicles, social activism, and other "sustainable" lifestyle habits as helping to "save the planet." But much of what far-left liberals love to brag about concerning their alleged support of clean energy and environmental conservation are empty myths that have no basis in reality.

During a recent episode of his *Health Ranger Report* show, available for viewing at Brighteon.com, Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, punches a few big holes in popular liberal mantras that, upon closer investigation, represent little more than "fake news" from the usual suspects involved with the liberal mob.

"People who live in cities think of electric cars as being 'clean,' but really they just export pollution to rural areas outside the cities,"

Adams points out, reducing the "I'm better than you because I drive a Prius" crowd to logical rubble.

"What powers an electric car? Well, you might think batteries. Okay. But let's take it one step further here. What powers the batteries? Where does that electricity come from? Predominantly it comes from coal-fired power plants, which are located outside the cities. And those coal plants, of course, emit some amount of mercury and heavy metals, and they emit carbon dioxide, of course, and particulate pollutants, which then settle on farm lands and forests and rural areas."

Watch this full episode of the Health Ranger Report at Brighteon.com below:

City people, regardless of how "liberal" they are, represent the world's biggest polluters

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Electric cars, "sustainability," and other city folk ideologies are a clean energy MYTH – watch at Brighteon.com – NaturalNews.com

Almost everything about city life in 2018, Adams points out, is far more polluting than activist liberals would have us all believe. Even if every single "gas-guzzling" automobile was pulled from the road and replaced with a Tesla, there's still pollution being distributed somewhere.

"If you have a city where, let's say, you don't even have combustion engines any longer for regular vehicles, all you're doing is you're taking that pollution that used to exist in the city, coming out of the tailpipes, and now you're pushing that pollution out into the countryside," says Adams.

"And that's not the first time that cities have done that. They also do the same thing with sewage: it's called bio-sludge. So all that sewage that people flush down their toilets in the city, that ends up spread as 'fertilizer' on farms in the countryside."

It's a completely unsustainable and unethical situation that ends up leaving all the pollution at the doorsteps of people who live in the country, even as their city folk counterparts revel in feelings of superiority for supposedly taking the moral "high ground" by living "sustainably."

"Cities ... they are polluters, they export pollution to surrounding areas," Adams states.

"They steal resources from the countryside as well – many cities have to steal water from rural areas in order to provide enough water for the city. So they're taking in water and they're stealing resources from the countryside while exporting their pollution back to the countryside."

In Adams' view, country folk are the truly sustainable ones, at least when they're not dumping harmful pesticides and herbicides all over their crops. Their septic systems, as opposed to city sewer systems, are better for the environment, and many of them grow their own food, collect their own rainwater, and all-around treat the environment better than the average city person.

"People who live in cities like to talk about 'sustainable living' and 'green living' and 'environmental consciousness,' but they don't realize that the very fact that they're living in a city is environmentally disastrous and completely unsustainable because they're just polluting the world with their feces and with their electrical usage, which is much higher, per capita, in a city than it is in a rural environment, by the way," explains Adams.

"Rural living is sustainable. In rural environments, you can collect your own rainwater, you can throw some solar panels on the roof ... or maybe you can go off-grid, even. You can grow some of your own food."

Be sure to watch this full episode of the Health Ranger Report at Brighteon.com.

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BIOSLUDGE is a toilet-to-farm scheme that deposits toxic sewage sludge on food crops all across America

Friday, December 21, 2018 by: Lance D Johnson

Tags: <u>badfood</u>, <u>badhealth</u>, <u>badpollution</u>, <u>badscience</u>, <u>bio-terrorism</u>, <u>Biosolids</u>, <u>cancer causes</u>, <u>Clean Soil Act</u>, <u>deception</u>, <u>EPA</u>, <u>EPA fraud</u>, <u>food supply</u>, <u>fraud</u>, <u>human waste</u>, <u>outbreaks</u>, <u>pharmaceutical runoff</u>, <u>soil health</u>, <u>soil poisoning</u>, <u>toxic chemicals</u>, <u>wastewater treatment</u>

(Natural News) There's a reason why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented a Clean Water Act and a Clean Air Act, but NO Clean Soil Act.

A Clean Soil Act would fundamentally change how wastewater is processed and recycled. It would require the EPA come clean about the toxic composition of fertilizers being spread on North American soils. A Clean Soil Act would halt the mass spread of toxic sewage on food crops all across America. It would expose environmental crimes within the EPA itself. A Clean Soil Act would require the truth to come out; that the recycling of bio-solids is a toilet-to-farm scheme that is poisoning America's gardens and farmlands and forcing humans to eat from their own waste.

The bio-solids that are processed and recycled at municipal wastewater treatment plants are sold to homes and farms across the country as "fertilizers." These bio-solids are a chemical nightmare, consisting of a wide array of pharmaceuticals, agro-chemicals, industrial chemicals, household chemicals, pathogenic material, and heavy metals. This toxic biosludge should never come in contact with soils that grow food for human and animal consumption. (Related: <u>The government is lying about the safety of biosludge.</u>)

Documentary exposes deep truths about EPA fraud and the chemical poisoning of soils and the food supply

In the new documentary <u>Biosludged</u>, scientific experts and whistle blowers break down what is happening to North American soils and how this mass pollution scheme is making people chronically ill and mentally lobotomized. In this documentary, former EPA scientist and whistle blower Dr. David Lewis reveals the shocking extent of the EPA's criminal activities and scientific fraud. The fertilizer that people add to their soils is inundating crops with disease-promoting pathogens and a slew of chemicals that wreck havoc on the physiological processes of the human body.

The documentary also warns that the food supply is at grave risk of being used as a vector for terrorist activity. A terrorist can flush massive amounts of chemicals into the sewage system,

only to have it all recycled as fertilizer for use on crop fields. Sewage sludge could also be laced with bio-weapons and microorganisms that cause food poisoning and infectious disease. All the human dung that is deposited on food crops ultimately releases chemicals into the groundwater, too. People across the U.S. are literally regurgitating the toxic composition of their own poop, using water and fertilizer that has been poisoned over and over again. These biosludge chemicals directly affect brain function, immune function, and fertility. All the cancer marches and pink ribbon fundraisers should start to look at what's going on with the food supply, how toxic human waste is re-consumed, poisoning the population into cancerous states.

Watch the full documentary at <u>BrighteonFilms.com</u> and download the full movie files that you can openly share with others. Stay up-to-date on the "greatest environmental crime you've never heard" at <u>Biosludge.News</u>.

New funeral idea: dissolving bodies in lye

Process, in which the residue is flushed down the drain, may meet resistance among public

By Norma Love
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Since they first walked the planet, humans have either buried or burned their dead. Now a new option is generating interest — dissolving bodies in lye and flushing the brownish, syrupy residue down the drain.

The process is called alkaline hydrolysis and was developed in this country 16 years ago to get rid of animal carcasses. It uses lye, 300-degree heat and 60 pounds of pressure per square inch to destroy bodies in big stainless-steel cylinders that are similar to pressure cookers.

No funeral homes in the United States — or anywhere else in the world, as far as the equipment manufacturer knows — offer it. In fact, only two U.S. medical centers use it on human bodies, and only on cadavers donated for research.

But because of its environmental advantages, some in the funeral industry say it could someday rival burial and cremation.

"It's not often that a truly gamechanging technology comes along in the funeral service," the newsletter Funeral Service Insider said in September. But "we might have gotten a hold of one."

Getting the public to accept a process that strikes some as ghastly may be the biggest challenge. Psychopaths and dictators have used acid or lye to torture or erase their victims, and legislation to make alkaline hydrolysis available to the public in New York state was branded "Hannibal Lecter's bill" in a play on the sponsor's name — Sen. Kemp Hannon — and the movie character's sadism.

Alkaline hydrolysis is legal in Minnesota and in New Hampshire, where a Manchester funeral director is pushing to offer it. But he has yet to line up the necessary regulatory approvals, and some New Hampshire lawmakers want to repeal the little-noticed 2006

state law legalizing it.

"We believe this process, which enables a portion of human remains to be flushed down a drain, to be undignified," said Patrick McGee, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester.

State Rep. Barbara French said she, for one, might choose alkaline hydrolysis.

"I'm getting near that age and thought about cremation, but this is equally as good and less of an environmental problem," the 81year-old lawmaker said. "It doesn't bother me any more than being burned up. Cremation, you're burned up. I've thought about it, but I'm dead."

In addition to the liquid, the process leaves a dry bone residue similar in appearance and volume to cremated remains. It could be returned to the family in an urn or buried in a cemetery.

The coffee-colored liquid has the consistency of motor oil and a strong ammonia smell. But proponents say it is sterile and can, in most cases, be safely poured down the drain, provided the operation has the necessary permits.

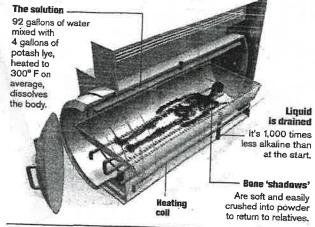
Alkaline hydrolysis doesn't take up as much space in cemeteries as burial. And the process could ease concerns about crematorium emissions, including carbon dioxide as well as mercury from silver dental fillings.

The University of Florida in Gainesville and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., have used alkaline hydrolysis to dispose of cadavers since the mid-1990s and 2005, respectively.

Brad Crain, president of Bio-Safe Engineering, the Brownsburg, Ind., company that makes the steel cylinders, estimated 40 to 50 other facilities use them on human medical waste, animal carcasses or both. The users include veterinary schools, universities, pharmaceutical companies and the U.S. government.

A green return to dust

A three-hour procedure known as alkaline hydrolysis mimics a faster, natural decomposition process, promising a more environmentally friendly alternative to interment or cremation.



Source: Resomation Ltd.

Associated Press

Liquid waste from cadavers goes down the drain at both the Mayo Clinic and the University of Florida, as does the liquid residue from human tissue and animal carcasses at alkaline hydrolysis sites elsewhere.

Manchester funeral director

Chad Corbin wants to operate a \$300,000 cylinder in New Hampshire. He said an alkaline hydrolysis operation is more expensive to set up than a crematorium but that he would charge customers about as much as he would for cremation.

Alameda first Bay Area county to ban fracking

BY DENIS CUFF Bay Area News Group

Alameda County on Tuesday became the first Bay Area county to ban fracking.

groups had worked for more said Kiana Tsao of the Sierra than two years to persuade county leaders to ban fracking and other high intensity oil recovery practices to protect against pollution of local representatives of drilling rights groundwater. The Board of Supervisors approved the ban 5-0.

Fracking uses pressurized water and chemicals to fracture tight underground formations

to get at petroleum.

Alameda County, groups such as Food and Water Watch, the Sierra Club and others say they want to prevent the practice from taking hold in Livermore Valley, where it could threaten wine grape vineyards and tourism.

About 20 people waited for more than four hours through

a Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday to voice their support for a ban.

"It's the only way to protect our environment from the de-A coalition of environmental structive effects of fracking," Club. "Alameda County is a community, not just a commodity for the oil industry."

Some property owners and owners oppose a ban, arguing it amounts to an illegal taking of

their property rights.

The only oil driller in Alameda County — E&B Natural Resources in Livermore — has While no companies frack in said it could live with the proposed ban after it was modified earlier this year to soften sections that could disrupt its 30barrel-a-day operation.

Amy Roth, a spokeswoman for E&B, said Tuesday her company has not fracked at the site.

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A pair of pump jacks at E&B Natural Resources oil wells along Patterson Pass Road. The company, the only oil drilling operation in Alameda County, will be allowed to continue under the new rules.

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Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle

Message:

Greetings City Council,

There is a housing crisis in Vancouver. We are planning to modify our housing codes to include duplexes-quads, homes on reduced 2000 square foot lots and increased ADUs in low-density, single-family neighborhoods to help address the issue. This middle housing is certainly needed. Yet despite this situation we have done nothing thus far to address the spread of short-term rentals in our city. We laud our new Waterfront and the renewal of our downtown core but an offshoot of this vitality is Vancouver is now a destination locale ripe for the spread of STRs. The majority of our current STRs already take away from our housing stock. How many of the new duplexes, tall-skinny houses

or ADU allowed in the new housing code might become STRs instead of the homes we desperately need? We need language in the Housing Code Update to eliminate this possibility. Please address this before the Housing Code Update moves forward.

Thank you, Chris Dickinsen Carter Park Upload a file: From: Snodgrass, Bryan

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Subject: RE: Proposed housing code update: R-17 is not R-17

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:00:09 PM

Mr. Ibert

Thank you for your interest in the Housing Code Updates project. The recommended reduction in allowed minimum lot size from 2,500 to 2,000 square feet in the proposed new R-17 zoning standards as you note was made during Planning Commission review at the end of 2021. It was made to broaden flexibility to allow smaller, typically more affordable homesites.

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The change in the recommendation to allow 2,000 rather than 2,500 square foot lots was noted in the Planning Commission presentation and staff report on January 25. I stated it explicitly in zoom meetings with various Neighborhood Associations this winter and spring. It was explicitly noted in Planning Commission and Council workshop and hearing staff reports after January 25. I apologize for not making the change on the project website as well.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

From: Holmes, Eric < Eric. Holmes@cityofvancouver.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:24 PM

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Mr. Ibert –

With this response I will ask Bryan Snodgrass, our subject matter expert, to provide a more substantial answer.

Thanks for your patience.

Eric J. Holmes | City Manager CITY OF VANCOUVER P: 360.487.8640

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To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>

Subject: FW: Testimony for Harper's Playground
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:23:26 AM
Attachments: CPNA minutes 3242021.pages

Hi Sarah.

Please see the attached comment for the 6/27 council meeting.

Thanks,

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From: Bruce Watson

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For consideration by the City Council:

I am Norma Watson, secretary of the Central Park Neighborhood Association. I am attaching the minutes from our meeting of March 24, 2021 to show the motion to support Harpers Playground with a \$500.00 donation.

The boundaries of Central Park Neighborhood Association include the Marshall Recreation Center and Chelsea Anderson Memorial Park, so lots of our neighbors have taken their children and grandchildren there over the years. The consensus from our discussion is that it is time for an upgrade. After hearing and questioning Mr. Goldberg when he visited our meeting, they feel the spirit of the Chelsea Anderson Memorial Park will be integrated as promised. We mention the playground in at least 3 of our newsletters to keep everyone informed and because it will be a highlight for our neighborhood.

Norma Watson

From: <u>ssilvey643@aol.com</u>

To: <u>City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager</u>

Subject: comments for Council June 27 meeting code changes

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Dear Sirs,

Per the recent receipt of email"

The Housing Code Update project aims to update City codes to allow for different, smaller and more affordable types of housing choices. Vancouver is a growing city, with a desire and need for new types of housing that would allow residents to live more affordably while also maintaining neighborhood livability. Many of the code changes are recommended in the Affordable Housing Task Force report (2016) and many are similar to what is allowed in Clark County and other Washington cities nearby and statewide.

The issue I have is that the above statement mentions livability.

What is that definition, is it that I as a person cannot have a car, or my independence due to not enough parking?

Does that mean that if I am allowed a car it must be under 12 feet in length.

Does that mean when I have a function at my home all people must arrive by Uber or a taxi as there is no parking within the area?

As a resident of this city going on nearly 25 years, I have experienced the planning departments views, errors and non caring for livable neighborhoods. I have experienced the catch 22 of not my problem when confronting them with codes, building permits missing, lies on occupancies permits which all lead me to think there is a bit of winkwink in the various departments, and that these new rules/ regulations shall only lead to more confusion misinformation and winking allowing builders to skip their due diligence and moral responsibility. Yet further to winking in the planning and building departments.

When in fact they were not capable of inspecting properly the building of homes, in the past and allowing construction of structures without a permit how is the new code going to be enforced, applied and regulated.

When in fact someone is allowed to build to a height of 4 stories 10 feet from the fence line or plant a tree with a 25-foot canopy spread 3 feet from the fence how is that livable to a person, that was there, as it now encroaches on their property and their expense to take care of. When in fact the fire Marshall for years objected to building more units due to egress and exit to a property area, due to one entrance exit, but the new chief allows what changed, are people now expendable?

When a traffic study was done by an independent engineering company, and admits that their study did not include the 75 plus units to the south on the same road, and the city traffic engineer states it does not matter, why? Why was there an expense, and why does it not matter? In the case of a fire is the city now on the hook for liability due to negligence?

It is great that the city is trying to think ahead, but as I have learned it takes 1000 at-a-boys to take care of 1 oh S**T.

I have attached a PD with comments to a report recommendation by Erik Holmes.

I would vote no at this time to all,

Steven Silvey
Vancouver, WA 98668

Questions and response in RED

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Eric Holmes, City Manager

DATE: 6/27/2022

SUBJECT Housing Code Update

Key Points

 Like many communities, Vancouver faces a housing affordability crisis, reflected in the 2016 Vancouver Affordable Housing Task Force report and ongoing increases in the cost of housing citywide.

- Eight zoning text changes are proposed, most allowing housing types currently allowed in other jurisdictions in Clark County, and focusing on middle income housing. Two are state mandates targeting housing affordable to individuals and households that earn below median income, and specialty housing types. If changes are adopted, most subsequent development proposals to implement them would require at least one public hearing or administrative review with notice to be implemented. Is this meeting going to be properly posted, and ticketed to all residences, or as has happened in my neighborhood is the sign up than down and put back up after the meeting, so that it is not posted continuously for its 30 days?
- Proposed changes were adopted following a two-year process, with 10 City Council and Planning Commission workshops, eight neighborhood association meetings, two neighborhood umbrella meetings, and four developer meetings.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal 6: Facilitate the creation of neighborhoods where residents can walk or bike to essential amenities and services – "20-minute neighborhoods" Does this mean work in that 20 minute area, this means mix use is there parking? When are delivery trucks allowed? Is this as the crow flies or by existing roads, is this based on a mile per 10 minutes or mile per 20 minutes.

Goal 8: Strengthen commercial, retail and community districts throughout the city

Present Situation

Proposed changes are summarized below. All were recommended for approval unanimously by the Planning Commission at an <u>April 12 public hearing</u>, except where otherwise noted:

 Creation of standards for a new R-17 zoning district allowing single family homes on 2,000 to 5,000 square foot lots, subject to access and streetfront requirements, and compliance with existing Narrow Lot standards. Streetfront

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- 4. A density bonus for income-restricted housing projects in response to a new state requirement. Allows density bonuses (up to 50% for single family homes and 100% for multi-family homes) for housing projects affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income. Would require site plan or subdivision review to implement. Hopefully one understands that these hosuseholds have multiple workers whom both may have a vehicle to get to work.
- 5. New standards allowing cottage cluster developments in single family zones, whereby higher densities are allowed, but with smaller than normal homes with cottage features oriented around common open spaces. Subdivision or site plan review would be required to implement.

6. Updated requirements for minimum setbacks between new apartments and existing single-family homes, requiring apartments to be setback five feet from property lines, plus an additional three feet for every one foot of building height above 35 feet, up to a maximum requirement of 15 feet. Has anyone gone out and looked at these? Visually and talked with folks, talk about changing livability, and so forth,

The Planning Commission split 3-3 and thus did not advance a recommendation. Those voting against an updated and increased setback for taller apartments noted that doing so would reduce housing opportunities. The proposed change noted above and included in the ordinance is the original staff recommendation.

7. New micro-housing standards allowing apartments with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities without on-site staff.

The Planning Commission voted 4-2 to recommend new standards allowing micro-housing apartments with shared facilities, but with an added limitation that micro-housing developments not be eligible for the new affordable housing density bonus allowed by proposal #4 above. The two votes against wished to allow eligibility for the affordable housing density bonus if threshold standards were met. Based on Council comments at the May 12 workshop, two ordinances are provided at the June 13 first reading, one allowing micro-housing to be eligible for the affordable housing density bonus, one not allowing eligibility.

- 8. Updated ADU standards allowing historical garages within side and rear building setbacks to be converted to ADUs if they meet all other ADU and building standards and are no taller than 15 feet.
- 9. Although not subject to public hearing review, City staff are also developing expedited building permit review processes for new single family homes providing features that facilitate aging-in-place.

Public comment through the process has been mixed and varied, with parking and densification being the most common concerns. Comments received prior to the May 16, 2022 Council workshop are summarized in the workshop staff report. Those received since are listed in Attachment C of this memorandum. Development community comments were in favor of the overall project, with concerns about single family home garage width limitations and alley provisions in #1 above, and allowances for larger cottages in #5.

Advantage(s)

 Expands housing density, size and type options citywide, particularly for smaller and lower cost housing. In a practical sense cost is based on supply and demand of building materials and labor and land. Since it appears they want cheaply built homes, than in time they shall be very cheap as they fall down in a simple sense. Having lived in a building that was built by a local builder now part of a larger organization I can attest to the lack of care, inspection and permit process. In talking to a foreman of the same organization a few weeks ago it now appears they currently document and inspect on their own all steps to possibly avoid issues with buyers.

- Facilitates change that is likely to be modest-paced rather than rapid.
- Complies with recent state mandates. Is the state correct?

Disadvantage(s)

Does not address need for additional housing flexibility in existing single-family zones which constitute the largest designation by area citywide; this will be addressed in future action through the forthcoming comprehensive plan update process.

Budget Impact

No significant impacts anticipated.

- 1. so the city is not responsible for roads, sidewalks
- 2. Allow units shall be HOA?
- 3. No police or fire protection?
- 4. No electricity and or gas, water or sewer?
- 5.

Prior Council Review

Workshops or communications discussions on May 16 and March 21, 2022, and in September and June 2021, and March 2020. There was also discussion at the June 13, 2022 first reading. In response to questions, the following additional information is provided:

- R-17 minimum lot size. The proposed minimum lot size was reduced from 2,500 s.f. to 2,000 s.f. at the request of the Planning Commission at the end of 2021, and noted in Commission workshop staff report and/or presentation materials and discussions beginning in January 25, 2022, The change was made to allow more smaller and typically lower cost housing units. What constitutes lower cost?
- Ownership incentives. Like almost all existing Vancouver zoning code provisions and those of other jurisdictions, the proposed changes under the Housing Code Updates project are silent on ownership versus rental status. However, several of the changes facilitate smaller housing units that are typically owned, such as smaller single family lots and cottage cluster lots. Other proposals facilitate multi-family housing that is typically rented, particularly in light of current condominium liability laws. However, condominium laws are in flux and ownership of multi-family housing may be more likely in the future. Adequate supplies of affordable or below-market rental

- housing can facilitate future home ownership by reducing rental costs and allowing renters to accumulate sufficient funds to enter homeownership.
- Potential concentration of affordable housing developments. Most of the proposed changes target workforce or modestly below level market housing. Those changes that target affordable housing projects, such as reduced parking or increased density allowances for affordable housing, are likely to be implemented in the multi-family and commercial zoning districts where there is already ample conventional apartment and commercial development. The affordable housing project incentives are proposed to be applied more broadly than state law requires, with affordable housing parking reductions allowed citywide and affordable housing density bonuses allowed for any parties and not just faith-based organizations, which also limits the likelihood of geographic concentrations. Staff will monitor the siting and implementation of the proposals closely.

Action Requested

On June 27, 2022, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve either Ordinance A (does not allow micro-housing apartments to be eligible for an affordable housing density bonus) or Ordinance B (allows micro-housing apartments to be eligible for an affordable housing density bonus if thresholds are met).

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946

ATTACHMENTS:

- Presentation
- Ordinance A
- Ordinance B

From: Snodgrass, Bryan

To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>; <u>Delapena, Amanda</u>

Subject: FW: Housing Code Updates - Letter in support for City Council Hearing

Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:28:07 PM

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Housing Code Updates Letter 6.24.22.pdf

Sarah – Passing on this letter of support on housing that is addressed to the Mayor

From: Lindsey Sonnen

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:03 PM

To: Snodgrass, Bryan <Bryan.Snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us>

Cc: Phil Wuest <phil@ginngrp.com>

Subject: Housing Code Updates - Letter in support for City Council Hearing

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Good afternoon Bryan -

I've attached a letter in support of the City's proposed code amendments. Please pass it along for the upcoming City Council Hearing on Monday (6/27).

We appreciate the time and effort staff has devoted to the housing code updates.

I hope you enjoy the sunny weekend.

Thanks,

Lindsey

Lindsey Sonnen | Principal Planner

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Building Something More

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From: <u>Delapena, Amanda</u>

Cc: Holmes, Eric; Dollar, Sarah; Kelly, Katherine; Kennedy, Rebecca; Lande, Aaron

Subject: FW: Letter to Mayor and Council re: IBRP

Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:11:51 PM

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Good afternoon Council,

Attached please find a letter from the Port of Vancouver regarding Monday's workshop on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program and your consideration of a draft locally preferred alternative resolution.

Amanda Delapena | Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers



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From: Michelle Allan

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:07 PM

To: Delapena, Amanda < Amanda. Delapena@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Letter to Mayor and Council re: IBRP

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Amanda, thank you for providing the attached letter to the mayor and council in advance of Monday's workshop.

Enjoy your afternoon and the anticipated warmer weather this weekend!

Best,

Michelle

Michelle Allan, MS PHR (she/her)

mallan@portvanusa.com | www.portvanusa.com

Leadership | Stewardship | Partnership



June 24, 2022

Madam Mayor and Members of the Vancouver City Council,

Thank you for your leadership and partnership as we work together as partner agencies to advance the necessary replacement of the Interstate 5 bridge spans across the Columbia River.

As part of the City of Vancouver's IBR endorsement resolution and related materials, the City of Vancouver posted for the June 27th, 2022 meeting, we noticed in your Conditions of Approval, number 43 states that the project should "Preserve freight access in a manner that is safe, efficient, and does not negatively impact community design or character."

As the project is expected to not only preserve existing freight access, but also greatly enhance and improve current deficiencies in the system, we respectfully request that the city adjust the language in this section to reflect the anticipated improvements. For example, the language could be clarified to read as follows:

"43. Preserve and enhance freight access in a manner that is safe, efficient, and does not negatively impact community design or character."

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership as we do our part to advance this critical project in a manner consistent with our mutual goals and values.

Respectfully,

Julianna Marler Chief Executive Officer

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Port of Vancouver USA

Julie Hannon
City of Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Vancouver, WA 98668

Dear Julie:

As a former member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission representing Evergreen Public Schools, I was always appreciative of the collaborative approach undertaken by the City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation department on projects. Whether it was the thoughtful acquisition of new park land such as the Fenton property; to the development of new parks such as the Vancouver Waterfront or Nikkei parks; or the refresh/upgrade of existing facilities such as the neighborhood Crestline and Dubois parks, the work has always been balanced to ensure access for as many constituents as possible, while leveraging time, energy and donations from community members, and honoring the past while ensuring sustainability for the future.

The proposed Harper's Playground at Marshall Park maximizes the use and expenditure of public resources by enhancing an existing centralized well-used location while providing upgraded and additional amenities. In adding accessibility features, it further opens the park for children and adults of all abilities to the wonder of play and recreation – which also honors and calls attention to another amenity of the existing park – the Chelsea Anderson Memorial Play Station. By working with the Harper's Playground non-profit, the City of Vancouver receives the benefit of experienced accessibility planners, as well as the financial and fund-raising assistance of the group as well as other partners. This adds considerable value to the final design while providing a substantial cost-benefit to the City of Vancouver and its residents.

As a long-time resident of the City of Vancouver, former Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission member and frequent user of many of our city's fine public venues, please convey to our elected officials and staff of the continued appreciation of the collaborative, inclusive and progressive thinking of the proposed Harper's Playground at Marshall Park. This project will serve to further call attention to the City of Vancouver's commitment to serving all residents of our community.

Sincerely,

Gail Spolar

Vancouver, WA 98683

From: Robert
To: City Council

Subject: Submission: City Council Contact Form Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:58:38 AM

Attachments: letter from robert wallis to vancouver mayor and council 2022-06-22.pdf

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City Council Contact Form

Submitted date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 - 8:58am

Contact Information

First name: Robert
Last name: Wallis
Email address:
Street address:
ZIP code: 98663

Inquiry Information

Subject:

Recipient:
All of Council

Message:

Please accept this letter regarding the Local Preferred Alternative recommended by the IBR. **Upload a file:**

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Mayor and Council City of Vancouver Vancouver, WA

RE: Interstate Bridge Replacement Local Preferred Alternative

Mayor and Council:

I am writing to encourage you to delay voting on the IBR project's LPA per the recommendations of the Just Crossing Alliance.

For those of you who do not know me, I am a consulting engineer who has assisted cities throughout the Northwest with transportation projects for 45 years. For 40 of those years, I worked in downtown Vancouver. I live just north of downtown. It is very clear to me that the project has been moving too fast. It needs to slow down. The LPA decision should be delayed.

Please keep in mind that the failed CRC project included a number of deeply flawed design concepts, partly because the City was not able to give the project the attention it warranted. If the CRC project had not failed, those design flaws would have had significant negative impacts upon the City. Slowing the IBR process down will give you and your staff the time you need to get the project right.

Also, please keep in mind that the IBR project is being led by state highway departments who are very much biased toward creating more highway capacity. Despite the efforts of the their superb public relations team, the WSDOT highway engineers and their consultants are not sensitive to the impacts that the project will have on Vancouver's future. I strongly suggest that you listen to the Just Crossing Alliance. They offer the perfect balance to the biased perspective of WSDOT and their IBR consultants.

Finally, please keep in mind that Vancouver's downtown and surrounding neighborhoods have only recently recovered from the decline that was largely due to the construction of the second bridge over the Columbia over 60 years ago. That project diverted traffic from downtown, while setting the stage for an ever-increasingly wide barrier between downtown and the neighborhoods to the east. City leaders and staff were blindsided by that project. This appears likely to happen again. Please take your time with the LPA. Doing so may prevent WSDOT from kicking the City in the teeth a second time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 360.977.8007.

Sincerely.

Robert Wallis, PE

cc: Casey Liles, PE, Acting Program Development Manager, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program casey.liles@interstatebridge.org

Just Crossing Alliance, JustCrossing.org

From: Bob Ortblad

To: <u>City Council; City Council</u>; Planning

Commission; Kennedy, Rebecca; Holmes, Eric; Kelly, Katherine

Subject: IBR"s "Two bridge Option"

 Date:
 Monday, June 20, 2022 10:39:28 AM

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Vancouver City Council

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Many are worried about the impact of the IBR's "Two Bridge Option" on downtown Vancouver.

https://twitter.com/BOrtblad/status/1538563319136538624

Respectfully	
Respectfully Bob Ortblad MSCE, MBA	
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From: <u>City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager</u>

To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>

Subject: FW: Protest in protest of the upcoming ordinance

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:18:31 AM

Good morning Sarah,

Please see the public comment below.

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----Original Message-----

From: Elspeth Feb <sorainflight@icloud.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:45 PM

To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager < CMO@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Re: Protest in protest of the upcoming ordinance

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Dear Council members,

My sincere apologies! My last letter was based on false accusations I thought to be truth. I am very glad that your recent act passed and very much in support of it. Thank you for working to end stalking and buying in Vancouver.

Sincerely, Elspeth Ediliah

Sent from my iPhone

- > On Jun 6, 2022, at 10:06 AM, Elspeth Feb <sorainflight@icloud.com> wrote:
- > Hello,
- > My name is Elspeth Feb, I am a 15 year old resident of Clark County. Hearing about the recent news on the upcoming ordinance being decided tomorrow, I feel the need to share my thoughts on the matter. Please, do not let this happen! If freedom of speech means anything in this country, in this county, it means this: The people's voices matter. Not just white, straight, Christian people. The black, queer, indigenous, everyone matters! If change is to take course, we need to rise up. The first window broken during the protesting of George Floyd was by a white man, dressed all in black. He got in and he got out. He was not caught. But mothers who are peacefully holding banners and signs get tear-gassed by police and religious militia. This is wrong.
- > Do not let fascism take over America. Please.

>

>~Elspeth Feb

>

> Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager</u>

To: <u>Dollar, Sarah</u>

Subject: FW: Public comment to Mayor and City Council re tree canopy/Urban Forestry

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:54:12 AM

Hi Sarah,

Please see the comment below. Not sure it applies to the agenda but would we include this with the next meeting?

Thanks.

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From: Jean M. Avery

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 7:32 AM

To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager < CMO@cityofvancouver.us>

Cc: Ray, Charles < Charles. Ray@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Public comment to Mayor and City Council re tree canopy/Urban Forestry

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FYI, I tried the online comment form, but it didn't work today.

To Mayor and City Council:

As you recall, on 6/6, City Council voted down adding specific references to tree canopy in the CAP Early Action Plan. A friend asked, "does this mean that the city is breaking their promise to bring the canopy to 27% by 2030?"

As I stated to Urban Forestry at their 6/15 meeting, it would "add some teeth" to the City's tree canopy plans if UF included specific recommendations from the Climate Action Plan.

Thank you for your work, Jean (Avery)